



North East Open Karate Championships

Walker Activity Dome, Wharrier St, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 3BR

Sunday 11th May 2025

Doors open 08:30am, 09:00am start

We have fantastic awards
for 1st, 2nd and joint 3rd position

Closing date for entries Sunday 4th May

Strictly NO ENTRIES on the day – entries will be capped so please get yours in early

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2025 Dates

3rd August; 9th November





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WELCOME

On behalf of the organising team, I would like to welcome you to the North East of England for our first 2025 North East Open Karate Championships. I hope you get to see some of the amazing local sights during the championships weekend (take a look at visitnortheastengland.com for some inspiration).

I'd like to highlight that the North East Open CIC is a non-profit company, set-up and managed by Hartlepool Wadokai, our non-profit Karate club. Every penny raised gets reinvested back into the sport and the wider community. We have invested significantly into the event infrastructure in recent years and that is only possible thanks to the continued support of athletes, coaches and parents so thank you very much.

2025 sees us moving to a new venue, and a new city, taking advantage of the international airport (& more hotels) that Newcastle boasts of.

Good Luck to all athletes and coaches and thank you once again for the continued support.

Yours sincerely

Carl Jorgeson
Tournament Director



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KATA CATEGORIES

KA1	KA1 - Pee Wee Kata - Open Grade (7yrs & Below)	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA2	KA2 - Beginner to 7 th Kyu inc (9yrs & Under)	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA3	KA3 - 6th Kyu to 4th Kyu inc (9yrs & Under)	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA4	KA4 - 3rd Kyu and Above (9yrs & Under)	Any Kata, Min 2 Kata, can repeat alternately
WK1	WK1 - Wado Kata - 9yrs & Below - MALE	Any WADO Kata, Can repeat
WK2	WK2 - Wado Kata - 9yrs & Below - FEMALE	Any WADO Kata, Can repeat
KA5	KA5 - Beginner to 4th Kyu inc (10-11yrs inc) - MALE	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA6	KA6 - Beginner to 4th Kyu inc (10-11yrs inc) - FEMALE	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA7	KA7 - 3rd Kyu and Above (10-11yrs inc) - MALE	Any Kata, different Kata each round
KA8	KA8 - 3rd Kyu and Above (10-11yrs inc) - FEMALE	Any Kata, different Kata each round
WK3	WK3 - Wado Kata - 10 - 13yrs - MALE	Any WADO Kata, Min 2 Kata, can repeat alternately
WK4	WK4 - Wado Kata - 10 - 13yrs - FEMALE	Any WADO Kata, Min 2 Kata, can repeat alternately
KA9	KA9 - Beginner to 4th Kyu inc (12-13yrs inc) - MALE	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA10	KA10 - Beginner to 4th Kyu inc (12-13yrs inc) - FEMALE	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA11	KA11 - 3rd Kyu and Above (12-13yrs inc) - MALE	Any Kata, different Kata each round
KA12	KA12 - 3rd Kyu and Above (12-13yrs inc) - FEMALE	Any Kata, different Kata each round
KA13	KA13 - Beginner to 4th Kyu inc (14-15yrs inc) - MALE	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA14	KA14 - Beginner to 4th Kyu inc (14-15yrs inc) - FEMALE	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA15	KA15 - 3rd Kyu and Above (14-15yrs inc) - MALE	Any Kata, different Kata each round
KA16	KA16 - 3rd Kyu and Above (14-15yrs inc) - FEMALE	Any Kata, different Kata each round
WK5	WK5 - Wado Kata - 14 - 15yrs - MALE	Any WADO Kata, Min 2 Kata, can repeat alternately
WK6	WK6 - Wado Kata - 14 - 15yrs - FEMALE	Any WADO Kata, Min 2 Kata, can repeat alternately
KA17	KA17 - Beginner to 4th Kyu inc (16yrs +) - MALE	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA18	KA18 - Beginner to 4th Kyu inc (16yrs +) - FEMALE	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA19	KA19 - 3rd Kyu and Above (16yrs +) - MALE	Any Kata, different Kata each round
KA20	KA20 - 3rd Kyu and Above (16yrs +) - FEMALE	Any Kata, different Kata each round
KA21	KA21 - Veteran's Kata, Black Belts (35yrs & Above)	Any Kata, different Kata each round
WK7	WK7 - Wado Kata - 16yrs & Above - MALE	Any WADO Kata, Min 2 Kata, can repeat alternately
WK8	WK8 - Wado Kata - 16yrs & Above - FEMALE	Any WADO Kata, Min 2 Kata, can repeat alternately
KA22	KA22 - Pairs Kata, 9yrs & Below	Any Kata, Any round
KA23	KA23 - Pairs Kata, 10-13yrs	Any Kata, Any round
KA24	KA24 - Pairs Kata, 14-15yrs	Any Kata, Any round
KA25	KA25 - Pairs Kata - 16yrs & Above	Any Kata, Any round
KA26	KA22 - Team Kata, 9yrs & Below	Any Kata, Any round
KA27	KA27 - Team Kata, 10-13yrs	Any Kata, Any round
KA28	KA28 - Team Kata - 14-15yrs	Any Kata, Any round
KA29	KA29 - Team Kata - 16yrs & Above	Any Kata, Any round
PK1	PK1 - Para Kata Visually Impaired (all ages)	Any Kata, Any round
PK2	PK2 - Para Kata Intellectually Impaired (all ages)	Any Kata, Any round
PK3	PK3 - Para Kata Wheelchair (all ages)	Any Kata, Any round

KATA RULES

- Competitors may enter the next category up **in their age group**, if they wish to compete using advanced Kata.
- No Bunkai in teams
- Children's sections will be performed 2 athletes at a time, including finals
- Flags will be used for all none-WKF sections, points may be used for WKF sections
- Wado Kata sections – only Wado Kata may be used
- Wado athletes can also enter the 'open' sections

ALL CLUBS MUST NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

This competition is open to any club or association in compliance with the rules and regulations of the World Karate Federation. Any club / association not in direct membership to the EKF or equivalent must declare to the effect that they do not belong to an opposing world body in contravention of WKF statute 21.9.



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KUMITE CATEGORIES

KU1a KICKMASTER - 7yrs & under, Open Grade
KU1b KICKMASTER - 8 - 9yrs, Open Grade - MALE
KU1c KICKMASTER - 8 - 9yrs, Open Grade - FEMALE
KU2 - Pee Wee Kumite - Open Grade (7yrs & Below) - MALE
KU3 - Pee Wee Kumite - Open Grade (7yrs & Below) - FEMALE
KU4 - 8-9yrs (Open Grade & Weight) - MALE
KU5 - 8-9yrs (Open Grade & Weight) - FEMALE
KU6 - 10-11yrs (5th Kyu & Below) - MALE
KU7 - 10-11yrs (4th Kyu & Above) - MALE
KU8 - 10-11yrs (5th Kyu & Below) - FEMALE
KU9 - 10-11yrs (4th Kyu & Above) - FEMALE
KU10 - 12-13yrs (5th Kyu & Below) - MALE
KU11 - 12-13yrs (4th Kyu & Above) - MALE
KU12 - 12-13yrs (5th Kyu & Below) - FEMALE
KU13 - 12-13yrs (4th Kyu & Above) - FEMALE
KU14 - 14-15yrs (-63kg) - MALE
KU15 - 14-15yrs (63kg & Above) - MALE
KU16 - 14-15yrs (-54kg) - FEMALE
KU17 - 14-15yrs (54kg & Above) - FEMALE
KU18 - 16-17yrs (-68kg) - MALE
KU19 - 16-17yrs (68kg & Above) - MALE
KU20 - 16-17yrs (Open Weight) - FEMALE
KU21 - 18yrs+ (-67kg) - MALE
KU22 - 18yrs+ (-75kg) - MALE
KU23 - 18yrs+ (75kg & Above) - MALE
KU24 - 18yrs+ (Open Weight) - MALE
KU25 - Veteran's Kumite, 35yrs & Above, (Open Weight) - MALE
KU26 - 18yrs+ (-55kg) - FEMALE
KU27 - 18yrs+ (-61kg) - FEMALE
KU28 - 18yrs+ (61kg & Above) - FEMALE
KU29 - 18yrs+ (Open Weight) - FEMALE
KU30 - Veteran's Kumite, 35yrs & Above, (Open Weight) - FEMALE
KU31 - TEAM KUMITE, 9yrs & Under - MALE
KU32 - TEAM KUMITE, 9yrs & Under - FEMALE
KU33 - TEAM KUMITE, 10-11yrs - MALE
KU34 - TEAM KUMITE, 10-11yrs - FEMALE
KU35 - TEAM KUMITE, 12-13yrs - MALE
KU36 - TEAM KUMITE, 12-13yrs - FEMALE
KU37 - TEAM KUMITE, 14-15yrs - MALE
KU38 - TEAM KUMITE, 14-15yrs - FEMALE
KU39 - TEAM KUMITE, 16-17yrs - 2 MALE 1 FEMALE
KU40 - TEAM KUMITE, 18yrs & Above - 2 MALE 1 FEMALE

Non-WKF Kumite sections MIGHT also be split by weight (depending on entry size), weights must be included for fighters on entry forms.

Any under-subscribed categories may be merged with another or cancelled, and any oversubscribed categories may be split without prior notice at the discretion of the event organiser.

Official Protest

An official protest will cost £50 and must be accompanied by a completed and signed protest form.

The organisers reserve the right to amend/alter any rules without prior notice.



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KUMITE RULES

All 9 years & under matches to be 1 minute, All 10-13 years to be 1.5 minutes.
All Cadets, Juniors & Veterans to be 2 minutes, All Senior Male & Senior Female Kumite to be 3 minutes.
All teams are to be three persons (min 2). Bout times for teams may be reduced.
No head or face contact in 13yrs & under age groups. No Repechage in any section.

WKF (2025) rules will be applied (<https://www.wkf.net/structure-statutes-rules>)

Kick Master Kumite – KU1a, KU1b, KU1c

This consists of each competitor simultaneously attacking their respective red or blue kick post for 30 seconds.

The competitor who is judged to have attacked most vigorously, most skilfully and most powerfully will be awarded the win. All Karate techniques can be used. Impact with the pad is expected. Three flag system as in kata.

Pricing

Individual Events	£25.00	Spectators	£10.00,
Kick Master	£20.00	Children Under 5's	FREE
Pairs	£30.00		
Teams	£35.00		

Essential Equipment

All competitors to wear a clean white traditional Karate Gi, as per WKF rules.

Red and Blue belts are compulsory for all events., with Kumite events also requiring the following:

- Red and Blue mitts and Gum Shields.
- Body protectors or integrated Body & Chest Protectors for females, all of WKF style.
- Body protectors for males, all of WKF style.
- WKF style shin and foot protectors are compulsory for all competitors 10 years and above. Cotton type glove or shin and foot protectors are not permitted.
- **Please note that Headguards MUST now be worn by all children 13 years and below as mandated by the World, British and English Karate Federations. We have purchased kit to make available at the event for those who don't yet have their own. They will be cleaned between use.**

Licence Checks

Licence checks will be done at the discretion of the event organiser. Failure to produce a valid licence when requested will mean disqualification from all categories. Please don't forget them!

Weight Checks

Please note that weigh-in for kumite competitors will be open from 11am. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to competitors failing to make their weight sections, with no refund offered. Competitors must wear their Karate suit for weight checks. It is the responsibility of coaches to ensure competitors are entered in their correct **age & weight** sections.

Transgender & Transsexual Athletes

Guidance around Transgender and Transsexual athletes is constantly being updated. Please refer to the [English Karate Federation Transgender and Transsexual Policy](#) for the latest guidance.

Submitting entries

Please use the official entry form for submitting ALL entries, this is available in PDF & MS word format. If we only receive a list of names and category numbers, we are unable to check for errors. It is the responsibility of coaches to ensure competitors are entered into the correct sections. **Athletes must only compete in their own age group, including team/pair events.** Please submit entries via email and pay in advance via BACS. All entries are provisional until payment is received.



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HOTEL INFORMATION

Premier Inn Newcastle City Centre (Millenium Bridge)

Approx 2 miles / 7 mins from the venue



<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/tyne-and-wear/newcastle/newcastle-city-centre-millennium-bridge.html>

Premier Inn Newcastle City Centre (The Gate)

Approx 4 miles / 20 mins from the venue



<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/tyne-and-wear/newcastle/newcastle-city-centre-the-gate.html>

Hilton Newcastle Gateshead

Approx 3 miles / 15 mins from the venue



<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/nclhihi-hilton-newcastle-gateshead/>

AIRPORTS

The nearest airports are Newcastle International (approx. 20mins) or Teesside International (approx. 60mins).



PAIRS / TEAM KATA ENTRY FORM

Club / Dojo Name:	
Club / Dojo Chief Instructor:	
Instructor contact number:	

PAIRS KATA If more than one team please name then A, B, C etc...			
CAT NO	Team Name	Competitor 1	Competitor 2
Total			£

TEAM KATA If more than one team please name then A, B, C etc...				
CAT NO	Team Name	Competitor 1	Competitor 2	Competitor 3
Total				£



TEAM KUMITE ENTRY FORM

Club / Dojo Name:	
Club / Dojo Chief Instructor:	
Instructor contact number:	

TEAM KUMITE If more than one team please name then A, B, C etc...				
CAT NO	Team Name	Competitor 1	Competitor 2	Competitor 3
			Total	£

		£
Total individual entries	___ @ £25.00	
Total Kick Master entries	___ @ £20.00	
Total Pairs Kata entries	___ @ £30.00	
Total Team entries	___ @ £35.00	
	Total	

Closing date for all entries 4th May

BACS: 'North East Open CIC' Sort Code 608371, Account No 31475810, Reference: Club/Association

International Payments: IBAN: GB07SRLG60837131475810 BIC: SRLGGB2L

Please make all cheques payable to **'North East Open CIC'** and email to: northeastopen@gmail.com

(Post – if applicable: 4 Gladstone Street, Hartlepool, TS24 OPE)



LIST OF ALL COMPETITORS

Please complete and return this page as it allows us to double check for admin errors

Children		Children		Ladies		Men	
1		16		1		1	
2		17		2		2	
3		18		3		3	
4		19		4		4	
5		20		5		5	
6		21		6		6	
7		22		7		7	
8		23		8		8	
9		24		9		9	
10		25		10		10	
11		26		11		11	
12		27		12		12	
13		28		13		13	
14		29		14		14	
15		30		15		15	

Declaration

I confirm that all the competitors have been advised of and will comply with the conditions of entry. I have also advised all the competitors of the potential risk of competition karate and they fully realise and accept these risks. All competitors hold a valid licence and insurance.

Signed (Chief Instructor):		Date:	
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This must be signed or the entry won't be accepted.

Club Name:			
Club Postal Address inc postcode:			
Tel:		Email:	
Please submit this entry form via email to northeastopen@gmail.com			

Please ensure you provide a valid email address so that we can send through updates and the running orders.