



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

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Dear National Federation,

We would like you to take note of the most important information related to the qualification system of the Olympic Games of Tokyo 2020, **still yet to be officially approved by IOC after their Executive Board in early 2018.** Once approved by IOC, WKF will send the qualification system to all NFs and IOC will have it distributed among all NOCs. WKF will also publish the qualification system under the Olympic Section of Tokyo 2020 under the following link: <https://www.wkf.net/olympic-tokyo2020.php>



OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO 2020

- Olympic Categories (events)

Some of the standard WKF weight categories will be merged for Olympic purposes as follows:

	MALE				FEMALE			
Standard WKF Categories	- 60 kgs -67 kgs	- 75 kgs.	-84 kgs +84 kgs	Kata	- 50 kgs -55 kgs	-61 kgs.	-68 kgs +68 kgs	Kata
Olympic categories	-67 kgs.	- 75 kgs.	+75 kgs.		-55kgs.	- 61 kgs.	+61 kgs.	

For Karate there will be a total of 8 Olympic categories (which are called “events” in the qualification system):

- For Kumite there will be a total of 6 events (3 for Men and 3 for Women)
- For Kata there will be a total of 2 events (1 for Men and 1 for Women)

- Olympic Quotas

Each Olympic category (event) will have a maximum of 10 contestants.

KUMITE

Men -67	Men -75	Men +75	Women -55	Women -61	Women +61
10	10	10	10	10	10

KATA

Men Kata	Women Kata
10	10



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Each NOC may qualify a maximum of four (4) male and four (4) female athletes with a maximum of one (1) athlete per Olympic weight category (event).

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	4	1 athlete per event
Women	4	1 athlete per event
Total	8	

The Total Quota for Karate according to the Qualification System is the following:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	34	4	2	40
Women	34	4	2	40
Total	68	8	4	80

- All quotas are to be achieved during the Qualification Period **from 02.07.2018 to 31.06.2020**. Please note that these dates are still subject to approval of IOC Executive Board in early 2018.
 - o The **Qualification Places** can be obtained through 3 different ways:
 - A) Olympic Standing
 - B) World Qualification Tournament
 - C) Continental Representation & Olympic Standing
 - o The **Host Country Places** defined are 8, which means that the Host NF may qualify a maximum of 8 athletes, one per Olympic category (event).
 - o The **Tripartite Commission Invitation Places** defined are 4, and will be allocated only once all other quotas of the qualification system have been allocated.
- Entering in further detail about the different steps of the Qualification Places:

A) Olympic Standing (4 athletes per event)

- o **The 4 highest positioned athletes by Olympic category (event)** in the Olympic Standing per April 6, 2020, will be automatically qualified for Tokyo 2020. In cases where the standard WKF weight category have been merged into the same Olympic category (event), the 2 top ranked athletes of each of the standard WKF weight categories that has been merged will automatically qualify.
- o The Olympic Standing is based in the WKF Ranking respecting the qualification system criteria. You can find more detailed information about the Olympic Standing under WKF World Ranking Rules here: https://www.wkf.net/pdf/rules/Ranking_Regulations.pdf).
- o The first Tokyo 2020 Olympic Standing will be published under the WKF official Ranking website and WKF will also inform the NFs through an official communication at the time of the first publication.

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- All competitions that are part of the WKF World Ranking from 02.07.2018 until the publication of the decisive Olympic Standing on **06.04.2020** will count for Olympic qualification and will be displayed on the Olympic Standing as follows:
 - Will show no points decay for the World Senior Championships 2018 in Madrid
 - Will only show the points of the last Continental Championships/Games celebrated within the qualification period.
 - The decay of points of Karate 1 events will be:
 - 50% for those events from start of the qualification period (02.07.2018) until one year before the publication of the Olympic Standing (06.04.2019)
 - No decay will be applicable for all those Karate 1 events taking place from (06.04.2019 to 06.04.2020)
- Competitions counting for Olympic Standing in 2018, are the following:
 - AKF Senior Championships, Amman, Jordan (10-14 July)*
 - Asian Games, Jakarta, Indonesia (Karate 27-30)
 - UFAK Junior & Senior Championships, Kigali, Rwanda (31 Ago – 2 Sept)
 - Premier League, Berlin, Germany (14-16 September)
 - Series A, Santiago de Chile, Chile (21-23 September)
 - Premier League, Tokyo, Japan (12-14 October)
 - WKF Senior World Championships, Madrid, Spain (5-11 November)
 - Series A, Shanghai, China (8-9 December)

**NOTE: In the case of Continental Championships, the Olympic standing will reflect the points after the event. Should this be the second Continental Championships in the same continent within the qualification period, only the points of the last continental championships will count.*

- Competitions counting for Olympic Standing in 2019 and 2020, will be published in due time.

- **B) Qualification Tournament (3 athletes per event)**

The Qualification Tournament will take place **15, 16 & 17 of May 2020 in Paris (France)** and 3 athletes per event will be automatically qualified, being **the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place of each Olympic weight category (event)**. There will be a bout for third place.

- **C) Continental representation and Olympic Standings (12 athletes across all events)**

This step will be used to balance the Continental representation in the Olympic Games and more detailed information will be displayed in the qualification system.