



AAKF 56th National Championships

Sanctioned by the American Amateur Karate Federation

Hosted by the AAKF Great Lakes Region and the Madison Japanese Karate Club

Dear AAKF Members:

The [AAKF Great Lakes Region](#) and the [Madison Japanese Karate Club](#) are honored to host the 56th American Amateur Karate Federation National Championships and International Camp. We welcome you to experience the Madison area and the wonderful travel opportunities in Wisconsin. Join us in this longstanding competition to uphold the *budo* spirit and the high standards of traditional karate through top caliber instruction and participation.

This will be the fourth year that an adjoining three-day International Camp will be held in conjunction with the National Championships. The 56th AAKF National Championships will feature eight individual and five team competition categories alongside the ever-thriving Junior National and Adult Kyu Championships. We are hoping to have an International Goodwill Cup competition as well.

Camp participation is open to all karateka and all ranks are invited to attend. If you are not a member of the AAKF, you will be charged an additional \$40. All Adult and Junior competitors must be members of the AAKF, and also belong to a registered AAKF club. Kyu rank competitors must also have their rank registered with the AAKF.

As a reminder, all adult and youth black belt competitors must have their rank registered with the AAKF and the WTKF. The same applies to everyone testing for or renewing their technical credentials. Contact your Regional Director for an application. The cost is \$150 for both organizations, or \$100 if your Dan rank has already been registered with the AAKF.

For more information, explore [our website](https://aakfgreatlakes.com/2017nationals/) at <https://aakfgreatlakes.com/2017nationals/>, [send us email](mailto:2017nationals@aakfgreatlakes.com) at 2017nationals@aakfgreatlakes.com, or call +1-608-301-5164 (please leave a message).

Individual Athletes and Participants: Submit your forms to your Regional Director by **May 19, 2017**

Regional Directors: To ensure that all participants are properly registered, mail all Athlete/Participant forms, photos, and Regional Rosters before the **May 26th, 2017 deadline** to:

AAKF Great Lakes Region
% Vassil Peytchev
2914 Interlaken Pass
Madison, WI 53719

Fees/Payments should be payable to: **AAKF Great Lakes Region**

Email a copy of the all Regional Rosters to M. Tabassi, AAKF Treasurer, at jskaintl@aol.com before the **May 26th, 2016 deadline**.

We hope to see you in June!



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Action Items and Deadlines

The latest updates can always be found at <https://aakfgreatlakes.com/2017nationals/deadlines.php>.

Item	Process	Deadline
All Participants		
Reserve hotel	See the hotel information on the website.	Monday, June 12 for main hotel Friday, May 19 for secondary hotel
Book flight/make travel arrangements	See the travel information .	Sunday, May 28
All Athletes and Judges		
Complete Registration, Waiver, Health History and Medical Release forms . Provide signed forms to your <u>Regional Director</u> .	Complete pages 4 - 8	Friday, May 19
Read and sign the Rules and Regulations form . Provide the signed form to your <u>Regional Director</u> .	Complete page 9	Friday, May 19
All competitors : Provide an ID picture (passport sized - head and shoulder shot) in JPEG format (600 by 600 pixels). If no electronic format is available, you can provide high quality 2" by 2" printed photo. <u>Director: Mail with registration forms</u> .	Electronic picture with high-resolution camera, or Walgreens, FedEx Office, or other photo place	Friday, May 19
Arrange for payment for all competitive events and the seminar - either online, or by mailing a check to the Regional Director.		Friday, May 19
Regional Directors		
Collect all registrations from Club Directors.		Friday, May 19
Verify eligible number of participants per event.	Complete Regional Roster Packet	Monday, May 22
Reconcile fees for all registrations from the region.	See Regional Roster Packet	Monday, May 22
Send all completed athlete forms, checks, photos, and 2017 AAKF Regional Roster Packet to: AAKF Great Lakes Region, % Vassil Peytchev, 2914 Interlaken Pass, Madison, WI 53719 Also email Regional Roster packet to M. Tabassi at jskaintl@aol.com		Wednesday, May 24
CHECK-IN Requirements: On Site check-in is required for all participants		
Participants	Location	Deadline
All seminar participants	Monday June 19, 2:30 - 9 pm, at main hotel	Check-in when you arrive
All qualifying tournament judges		
All Adult and Youth Nationals Competitors Note: earlier Deadline	Tuesday June 20 - Thursday, June 22, 9 am - 5pm at the seminar location	Wednesday, June 21, by 5 pm



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2017 International Camp and Judges Seminar

The AAKF National Championships will be preceded by a 3-day International Camp conducted in conjunction with the Judges seminar. The International camp will emphasize Traditional Budo Principles, Fundamentals and Applications.

The AAKF International Training Camp will take place from Tuesday, June 20 to Thursday, June 22, at the [Our Lady Queen of Peace School Gym](#), 418 Holly Avenue, Madison, WI 53711.

As in all AAKF camps, training is designed to improve the technical understanding of karateka of all ranks and ages, for competing and non-competing athletes and cover all aspects of training (kihon, kata, kumite, kogo, enbu). This camp will offer participants personalized instruction from senior members of the AAKF & WTKF Technical Committee and other international instructors.

Fees: \$100 for one or two days, \$120 for all three days.

The camp is free for 2016-2017 USA Team Members.

Participants who are not current AAKF members will be charged \$40 in addition to the regular camp fee.

Technical Qualifications and Tournament Participation

All judges who plan to participate in the AAKF National Championships or take part in credentialing upgrade are **required to participate in all 3 days** of this refresher course. Judges qualifying examination and selection will be held on June 22.

Judging Attire for AAKF National Championships

- Junior, Adult Kyu, and Championship Eliminations: white gi
- Championship Finals: White gi top, black hakama bottom

Competition Rules

- WTKF/AAKF Competition Rules will be followed (for the National Championships)
- [AAKF Youth Nationals Rules](#) will be followed (for the National Youth Tournament)
- [AAKF Adult Kyu Event Rules](#) will be followed (for the National Adult Kyu-level Tournament)

Examinations for judges, dan rank, ranking examiners, and coaches will be held at the end of the camp. All examinees are required to participate in all 3 days of training. For more information regarding the qualification requirements, visit the following links:

[Coaching Certification Technical Qualification Guide](#)

[Judging Certification Technical Qualification Guide](#)

[Ranking Examiner Technical Qualification Guide](#)

[Ranking Promotion Technical Qualification Guide](#)

[Examination Forms](#)

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Registration, Waiver, Health History and Medical Release, Rules and Regulations

Event Information

Name: AAKF 56th National Championships
AAKF 7th Youth National Championships
AAKF 4th Adult Kyu National Championships

Location: Edgewood College, 1000 Edgewood College Drive, Madison, WI 53711

Name: AAKF 4th International Camp and Judges Seminar

Location: OLQOP School Gym, 418 Holly Avenue, Madison, WI 53711

Host Hotel: Best Western Plus Inntowner, 2424 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53726

Dates: June 20-24, 2017

Participant Information (please print)

Name: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____
(first/given name) (last/family name) (on date of competition)

Parent / Legal Guardian Name (under age 18): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Rank: _____ AAKF Member #: _____ AAKF Rank Reg. #: _____ WTKF Rank Reg. #: _____
(All Black Belts)

AAKF Club: _____ AAKF Region: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

[] Please, mark the box if you will need shuttle transportation to/from events



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Athlete/Participant Name: _____

Fees

ADULT: \$55 for 1 event, \$95 for 2 events, \$130 for 3 or more events, \$90 per team per event

YOUTH: \$40 for individual event, \$40 per Enbu team, \$45 per Kata team

ADULT KYU: \$40 for individual event, \$40 per Enbu team, \$45 per Kata team

Competition Event Registration

Competition fees subtotal: \$ _____

To register for a competition event(s) check the desired boxes:

<p>Men</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual Kata</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Synchronized Kata (TEAM)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Man / Woman Enbu (TEAM)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Man / Man Enbu (TEAM)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fuku-go</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kogo</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual Kumite</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Team Kumite (TEAM)</p>	<p>Women</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual Kata</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Synchronized Kata (TEAM)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Man / Woman Enbu (TEAM)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fuku-go</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kogo</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual Kumite</p>	<p>Youths (ages 6 to 17)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kata and Kumite (single event)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Synchronized Kata (TEAM)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enbu (TEAM)</p> <p>Adult Kyu Ranks</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kata and Kumite (single event)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Synchronized Kata (TEAM)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enbu (TEAM)</p>
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International Camp and Judges Seminar Registration

Camp/Seminar subtotal: \$ _____

Events run concurrently. \$100 for one or two days, \$120 for three days. (The Camp is free for 2016-2017 USA Team Members.) To register for the International Camp and/or Judges Seminar, check the applicable boxes:

- International Camp
 Tuesday June 20
 2016-2017 USA Team Member (no fee)
- Judges Seminar
 Wednesday June 21
 Non-AAKF member (add \$40 to fee)
- Thursday June 23

NON-AAKF Members will be charged \$40 in addition to the regular camp fee.

Total (make check payable to **AAKF Great Lakes Region**): \$ _____



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Waiver and Release of Liability

I, and on behalf of my heirs, personal representatives, beneficiaries, and assigns, in consideration of being permitted to participate in the activities conducted by the American Amateur Karate Federation (AAKF), the AAKF Great Lakes Region (AAKF-GL) and the Madison Japanese Karate Club (MJKC), sanctioned by the American Amateur Karate Federation (AAKF) and the World Traditional Karate-Do Federation (WTKF), occurring on June 20-22 at or on a Our Lady Queen of Peace School Gym, and occurring on June 23-24 at or on an Edgewood College athletic facility, hereby agree as follows:

I ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE that I have voluntarily applied to AAKF, AAKF-GL & WTKF to participate in Karate practice and competition; these activities are physically strenuous, dynamic, and challenging application of self-defense which includes, but is not limited to, punching, kicking, striking and grappling, both individually and with partners. I further understand that such activity includes inherent dangers including serious bodily injury, permanent disability, paralysis or death which may be caused from my actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others or the conditions of the facility in which the activity is conducted and I understand and appreciate the nature of such hazards and risks. I also understand there may be other risks or other social or economic losses either not known to me or readily foreseeable at this time; and **I FULLY ACCEPT ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES** incurred as a result of my participation in the activity. I have consulted with my physician prior to engaging in the practice of Karate with AAKF, AAKF-GL & WTKF and am qualified, in good health and proper physical condition to participate in such activity. I am responsible for monitoring my own activity level and maintaining awareness of my own physical limitations. I further agree that I will immediately discontinue participation in any activity which I perceive to be unsafe for any reason.

Limited first aid by qualified medical personnel is available on site. However, the AAKF, AAKF-GL & WTKF have not set aside funds for athletes who suffer from incidental injuries requiring further medical attention and/or hospitalization. **I WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF CURRENT MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR THE DURATION OF PARTICIPATION, AND BE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR OUT OF POCKET MEDICAL EXPENSES RESULTING FROM SUCH INJURIES.**

I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE AND AGREE TO RELEASE and HOLD HARMLESS the AAKF, AAKF-GL, WTKF, the Madison Japanese Karate Club, their administrators, members, governing board, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, the Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish and School, their officers, employees and agents, the Board of Trustees of Edgewood College, its officers, employees and agents, other participants in the events, the owners and lessors of the premises on which the activity takes place, or anyone involved in any way with the events (each considered a "Releasee" and collectively referred to as "Releasees") from any and all liability, claims, or demands for damage to or loss of personal property, sickness or injury from whatever source, legal entanglements, imprisonment, death, or loss of money, which might occur while participating in these events, on account caused or alleged in whole or in part by any act or omission of the Releasees in connection with the activities described above, whether or not caused in whole or in part by the negligence of any Releasee, including rescue operations, and further agree that if, despite this release, I or anyone on my behalf makes a claim against any Releasee, I will indemnify, save and hold harmless each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney's fees, loss liability, damage or cost as may occur as the result of such claim.

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the AAKF, AAKF-GL & WTKF and to exercise caution and restraint when practicing Karate individually and when taking part in the AAKF National Championship. I agree to immediately report any unsafe conditions which come to my attention, including but not limited to the floor or any equipment. Any intentional act to injure another participant is expressly prohibited. AAKF, AAKF-GL & WTKF reserve the right to dismiss any participant at any time for any reason.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY; I INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Participant (Parent or Guardian, if younger than 18) signature

Date



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Use of Likeness Release

I, the undersigned, grant permission for my/our name(s), photographic image, and/or quotations to be published in print (including, but not limited to newsletters, brochures, newspapers, etc.), on the internet, shown on television, or used in videos, in conjunction with AAKF, AAKF-GL, MJKC & WTKF events, DVD sales, promotional material, and/or other marketing media.

Participant (or Guardian) Signature

Date

Coach Signature

Date

Minor Release

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, AM THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN FOR THE ABOVE PARTICIPANT WHO IS A MINOR AND REPRESENT THAT I HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THIS WAIVER ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICIPANT. I UNDERSTAND THE DANGERS, THE NATURE OF KARATE AND ITS PRACTICE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND THE PARTICIPANT'S EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES; I REPRESENT THAT THE PARTICIPANT IS QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE, IS IN GOOD HEALTH, AND IN PROPER PHYSICAL CONDITION TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITY. ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICIPANT AND MYSELF AND OUR RESPECTIVE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HEIRS I HEREBY AGREE TO RELEASE AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES DESCRIBED ABOVE FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES OR DAMAGES ON ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY ANY ACT OR OMISSION OF THE RELEASEES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED ABOVE, WHETHER OR NOT CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY NEGLIGENCE OF ANY RELEASEE, INCLUDING RESCUE OPERATIONS, AND FURTHER AGREE THAT IF, DESPITE THIS RELEASE, I OR ANYONE ON MY BEHALF MAKES A CLAIM AGAINST ANY RELEASEE, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEY'S FEES, LOSS LIABILITY, DAMAGE OR COST AS MAY OCCUR AS THE RESULT OF SUCH CLAIM.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

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Health History

My Present Health History: Athlete Name _____

Please check all that apply, and provide additional information on the lines below, if necessary:

- 1. Extreme Heart Murmur
- 2. Drug Allergies
- 3. Severe Hypertension
- 4. Bleeding Disorders
- 5. Recent Infection
- 6. Syncope of Different Origin
- 7. Bone Fracture Within Past 6 Months
- 8. Joint Injury
- 9. Seizures
- 10. Spinal Injury
- 11. Eye Injury
- 12. Neck Injury
- 13. Nose Injury
- 14. Facial Injury
- 15. Kidney Injury
- 16. Ear Injury
- 17. Severe Bone Bruising Requiring Padding
- 18. Hepatitis of Different Origin
- 19. Concussion or severe Head Trauma within past Year
- 20. Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- 21. Currently Taking Any Medication or Treatment. If yes, please specify:

Medical Release

If my medical history is not as represented above, I will take all responsibility and release all tournament officials from any and all liabilities.

Participant / Parent / Legal Guardian Signature

Coach's Signature

Date

Note: All athletes are required to check-in with the Tournament Medical Committee before competing in the tournament.

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[] Approved [] Not Approved for this event [] Approved with exception or restriction(s):

Chief Medical Judge's Signature

Date

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General Rules and Regulations for Athletes and Coaches During the Tournament

Martial art has a long history of using “Shi-ai” (testing each other) as a guide for future development and not for the purpose of winning only. Therefore, all karate athletes should keep in mind the highest ideals of Traditional Karate during competition.

Procedure for a Protest

1. All protests must go through a competitor’s coach to the chief judge (in the case of Kata, Enbu and Ki-tei) or to the respective court’s Kan-sa (in the case of Kumite and Ko-Go). The protest can be only on the basis of operational violation of the competition rules.
2. Competitors or coaches are not allowed to protest any technical, scoring and/or medical decisions as long as those decisions are based on competition rules.
3. The coach’s protest must be reported prior to either competitor leaving the court during the contested match.
4. The coach’s protest explanation shall not exceed five (5) minutes.
5. Once a decision has been reached on a specific protest, that decision shall be final. No further protest or appeals shall be tolerated. In the case where a coach or athlete persists in contesting the final decision, the Kan-sa shall have the authority to eject that coach or athlete from the competition area.
6. Any disrespect toward officials and judges by competitors or coaches during or after a match will not be tolerated and may serve as a cause for disqualification from the competition. It may also serve as a cause for ejection from the competition area.
7. If a protest has merit, then court judges will call a meeting and correct the violation. If a violation cannot be corrected, then the result is void and the match must be repeated.
8. In the case where court judges are unable to render a decision or in the case where a competition controversy is of a technical nature, the decision of the jury shall be final. A jury at a competition is comprised of the chief judge, assistant chief judge and three (3) other pre-designated judges. Each member of the jury has one (1) vote and the decision will be based on majority. In the case of a tie, the chief judge will make the final decision.
9. If, after a competition match, a violation of rules is discovered and confirmed by the jury, the decisions of the competition shall become void and all records of that competition match shall be expunged, unless the violation can be corrected.
10. In the case where a question arises or a controversy exists that is not covered by the competition rules, the decision of the jury shall be final.
11. At the completion of the championship, no protest in any shape or form will be granted. The decisions and records of the championship will be final and cannot be altered or changed in any shape or form.

Agreement of Understanding

I have read the AAKF *General Rules and Regulations for Athletes and Coaches during the Tournament*. I understand and will fully abide by all the rules and regulations set forth.

Athlete Name (please print)

Athlete/Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

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