

2025

CAN/AM INVITATIONAL



JKA CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Hosted By: World Class Karate
Members of JKA-SKD of Canada**

General Information

The 2025 JKA Can/Am Invitational Karate Championships are open to karateka of all ages ranked green belt and above, from **invited** Traditional Shotokan Dojos throughout Canada and the US. This is a **JKA Rules Event**.

Date & Time

Saturday Oct. 18th, 2025
9:00am – 5:00pm

Tournament Location

The Magna Centre
800 Mulock Dr.
L3Y 9C1
Newmarket, Ontario
Canada

Dojo Registrations:

Please complete the registration and waiver forms and send them to your Dojo Instructor/Representative with payment. One representative from each dojo must complete the Excel Summary Sheet and Team Kata/Kumite forms and send them by email by the due date.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Dojo Excel Summary Sheets and Team Kata/Kumite forms must be submitted to **World Class Karate** by email no later than:

Oct. 1st, 2025

E-Mail Completed Excel Summary Sheet and Team Kata/Kumite Forms To: rayanthonytio@gmail.com

Canadian Dojos: One total payment from each dojo must be made by email transfer at same time Excel Summary Sheets are sent (same email address as above).

US Dojos: Payments must be given to Tournament Organizers (Ray Tio or Stan Tio) on the morning of the tournament, payable in Canadian cash. *US cash payments will be received at par.

TOURNAMENT EVENTS

Individual Kata

<u>Rank Divisions</u>	<u>Age groups, male or female</u>
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Green & Purple/Blue Belt	9 & younger, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18, 19 & Older
Brown Belt	9 & younger, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18, 19 & Older
Black Belt	9 & younger, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18, 19-49
Senior Black Belt	50-59, 60 and Older

Individual Kumite

<u>Rank Divisions</u>	<u>Age groups, male or female</u>
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Green & Purple/Blue Belt	9 & younger, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18, 19 & Older
Brown Belt	9 & younger, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18, 19 & Older
Black Belt	9 & younger, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18, 19-49
Senior Black Belt	50-59, 60 and Older

Team Kata

<u>Rank Divisions</u>	<u>Age groups, male or female or mixed teams</u>
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Green, Blue, Purple	11 & younger Mixed, 12-15 Mixed, 16 & older Mixed
Brown & Black Belt	11 & younger Mixed, 12-15 Mixed,
Brown & Black Belt	16 & older Male, 16 & older Female

Team Kumite

<u>Rank Divisions</u>	<u>Age groups, male or female</u>
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Brown & Black Belt	18 & older (3 Female, 1 Spare Female)
	18 & older (3 Male, 1 Spare Male)

TOURNAMENT RULES

EVENT CONSOLIDATION FOR COMPETITORS:

The Tournament Technical Committee reserves the right to consolidate age and/or rank divisions in any tournament event as it deems necessary. Males and females competing in Individual events will be separate in all rank divisions, except as follows:

INDIVIDUAL KATA/KUMITE where there is only a single competitor, males and females will be combined for all ranks in kata, and for all ranks below Brown Belt in kumite; males and females will not be combined for kumite in the Brown & Black Belt divisions. Competitors may be moved up or down in an age group depending on the number of competitors in the age division

Note: White gloves and mouth guards are required for Brown and Black Belts

TEAM KATA

Each team must consist of 3 contestants, any combination of males or females of any age or rank except in the 16 and older categories (Male and Female separate categories). A team will compete in the rank division of the highest-ranking team member. You may enter as many teams as you like. If any team member is 16 & older, that team will compete in the 16 & older division.

Note: Competitors are allowed to participate in one team only.

THREE COMPETITORS RULE for kumite events:

In the case where there are only three competitors in an event, there will be no automatic bye. The loser of the first match will compete against the next competitor. If the loser of the first match wins the second match, that competitor will automatically finish second, and the winner of the first match will automatically finish first. If the loser of the first match loses the second match, that competitor will finish third, and the winner of the second match will compete with the winner of the first match for first and second place.

INDIVIDUAL KATA

Green, Blue, Purple Belt:

Preliminary matches, until the final 8

FLAG SYSTEM; one kata by random draw from:

Green Belt Heian Shodan, Nidan, Sandan, Yondan

Purple/Blue Belt Heian Shodan, Nidan, Sandan, Yondan, Godan

Final matches - final 8

POINT SYSTEM; the contestant must choose one kata from:

Heian Nidan, Sandan, Yondan, Godan, Tekki Shodan

Brown Belt:

Preliminary matches, until the final 8

FLAG SYSTEM; one kata by random draw from:

Heian Nidan, Sandan, Yondan, Godan, Tekki Shodan

Final matches - final 8

POINT SYSTEM; the contestant must choose one kata from the following:

Bassai-Dai, Kanku-Dai, Jion, Enpi

Black Belt:

Preliminary matches, until the final 8

FLAG SYSTEM; one kata by random draw from:

Heian Nidan, Sandan, Yondan, Godan, Tekki Shodan

Final matches - final 8

POINT SYSTEM; the contestant must choose one kata from the following:

15 & younger, male or female - Bassai-Dai, Kanku-Dai, Jion, Enpi, Jitte, Hangetsu, Gankaku

16 & older, male or female - Bassai-dai, Kanku-Dai, Jion, Enpi, Jitte, Hangetsu, Gankaku, Tekki Nidan, Tekki Sandan, Bassai-sho, Kanku-sho, Nijushiho, Sochin, Meikyo, Gojushiho-sho, Gojushiho-dai, Unsu, Chinte, Wankan.

TEAM KATA

Green & Purple/Blue Belt

Brown & Belt Belt 15 & younger:

POINT SYSTEM: Teams must choose one kata from the following:

Heian Shodan, Nidan, Sandan, Yondan, Godan, Tekki Shodan, Bassai-Dai, Kanku-Dai, Jion, Enpi, Jitte, Hangetsu, Gankaku.

Brown & Black Belt - 16 & older:

POINT SYSTEM: Teams must choose one kata from the following:

Bassai-Dai, Kanku-Dai, Jion, Enpi, Jitte, Hangetsu, Gankaku, Tekki Nidan, Tekki Sandan, Bassai-Sho, Kanku-Sho, Nijushiho, Sochin, Meikyo, Gojushiho-Sho, Gojushiho-Dai, Unsu, Chinte, Wankan

Tiebreak Rule for Kata Matches (Item 39 JKA Rules)

Flag System

The Head Judge will randomly choose another kata to be performed by the 2 competitors.

Point System

The competitors will perform the same kata again. If there is still a draw, the lowest score that was dropped will be added for a total score. If there is still a draw, the highest score that was dropped will be added as well for a total score. If finally there is still a draw, the competitors will perform a different kata.

INDIVIDUAL KUMITE

Note: For safety reasons, competitors will not be allowed to wear regular eye glasses. Safety glasses and contact lenses are allowed.

Green, Blue, Purple Belt

Kihon Ippon Kumite (Basic One Step Sparring):

Jodan (Face), Chudan (Stomach), Mae-geri (Front kick) - Right Side Only

In the case of a tie, Left Side Only.

Brown & Black Belt - 9 & younger

Jiyu-Ippon Kumite (Semi-Free Sparring):

Jodan (Face), Chudan (Stomach), Mae-geri (Front kick). Yoko-geri Kekomi (Side Thrust kick) - Right Side Only

In the case of a tie, Left Side Only.

Brown & Black Belt – 10 & Older

Shobu Ippon Kumite (One Point System Free Sparring) - 2-minute match.

White Gloves & Mouthguard are required.

Please Note: White Gloves must be worn. Not Blue or Red.

Tiebreak Rule for Shobu Ippon Kumite (Item 24 JKA Rules)

If there is a draw, another match will be held. This re-match is called Sai-Shiai. If this re-match ends up in a draw, a second re-match called Sai-Sai-Shiai will be held. However, the Head Judge may order that this second re-match is a “sudden death” match meaning that the competitor that scores first is declared the winner.

After a second re-match the judges will determine a winner.

TEAM KUMITE

Both Men's and Women's event will consist of three men/women per team with the option of a spare. Best two out three wins. In case of tie, the first tiebreaker will be decided by the amount and quality of points as per JKA rules. If still tied, one fighter from each team will be picked for a tie break match. Each competitor can only be on one team. You may enter as many teams as you like. Competitors must be **18 years of age or older (no exceptions)**.

Additional Information from JKA Tournament Rules & Regulations

Item 25 (JKA Rules) – Criteria Leading to Disqualification (Hansoku)

1. The following elements are forbidden:
 - a. Excessive contact
 - b. Performing dangerous throws and where joints are involved
 - c. Wasting time by not attacking
 - d. Using provocative language and attitude, or verbal taunting
 - e. Purposely attacking after stop (Yame) or out of bounds (Jogai) is called
 - f. Head butt attack

- g. Spear hand or Nukite attack
- h. Purposely attacking the groin area

Guidelines for Kihon-Ippon Kumite

Attacking Techniques

1. Punch to the face or Jodan Oi-Zuki – aiming for either just below the nose, or lower part of the chin
2. Punch to the stomach or Chudan Oi-Zuki – aiming for the solar plexus
3. Front kick to the stomach or Chudan Mae-Geri – using the back leg, aiming for the solar plexus
4. There must be an appropriate distance to attack. The attacking competitor steps the leg back and forms a downward block or Gedan-Barai. Each attack must be clearly announced before execution.
5. After the completion of an attack and defense sequence, both competitors simultaneously return to the natural position or Shizentai. The attacking competitor takes a step back to return to the natural position while the defending competitor takes a step forward to do the same

Defensive Techniques

1. Any kind of blocking techniques and body shifting can be used
2. Any kind of counterattack to the target areas can be used but only a single counterattack is allowed

Additional points

1. An attack or defense technique can only be used one time
2. There is to be one sudden vocal release of energy or Kiai per attack and per counterattack

Prohibited Elements (Attack)

1. Faking a movement to have the opponent move, and then attack that opponent
2. Lunging the body towards the opponent or taking more than one basic step forward to attack
3. From the natural position or Shizentai, the attack must follow a straight line forward and not follow the opponent who may have moved prior to completion of the attack
4. Face level and stomach level attacks that are executed with forceful motions such as pressing the arm downward while the opponent is executing a blocking technique
5. Withdrawing too quickly the hand that is executing an attack.

Prohibited Elements (Defense)

1. Contact or hitting the attacking competitor other than the blocking technique that should be executed
2. Any combination technique: sweeping the attacking competitor, any projection techniques or holds involving the joints
3. During the execution of a blocking technique to the stomach, to be blocking at the other competitor's elbow
4. During the execution of a blocking technique to the face, any forceful motions that may cause a loss of balance of the attacking competitor

5. Withdrawing too quickly the hand that is executing a counterattack

Guidelines for Jiyu-Ippon Kumite

Attacking Techniques

1. Punch to the face or Jodan Oi-Zuki – aiming for either just below the nose, or lower part of the chin
2. Punch to the stomach or Chudan Oi-Zuki – aiming for the solar plexus
3. Front kick to the stomach or Chudan Mae-Geri – using the back leg, aiming for the solar plexus
4. Side thrust kick to the stomach or Chudan Yoko-Geri Kekomi – using the back leg, aiming for the solar plexus
5. There must be appropriate distance to attack, and each attack must be clearly announced before execution.

Defensive Techniques

1. Any kind of blocking techniques and body shifting can be used
2. Any kind of counterattack to the target areas can be used but only a single counterattack is allowed

Additional points

1. There is to be one sudden vocal release of energy or Kiai per attack and per counterattack
2. When there is proper distance or Maai to attack, the competitor must initiate that attack. It has been seen that proper distance or Maai has been reached and no attack is initiated. This must not be done.
3. The defending competitor must not back away, creating a longer distance from the attacking competitor.
4. Faking a movement or Kensei is not allowed.

Prohibited Elements (Attack)

1. Distance is too short and lunging the body towards the opponent.
2. Withdrawing too quickly the hand that is executing an attack.
3. Contact or hitting the opponent.
4. Blocking or shifting the body during the counterattack.
5. Grabbing or holding the opponent.

Prohibited Elements (Defense)

1. Stepping out of the court 3 times.
2. Blocking and counterattacking at the same time.

Team Kata Registration Form

Dojo: _____

Each team must consist of 3 contestants, any combination of males or females of any age or rank. A team will compete in the rank division of the highest-ranking team member.

If any team member is 16 & older, that team will compete in the 16 & older division.

Note: Competitors are allowed to participate in one team only.

***Only Brown & Black Belts circle whether team is Female, Male, or Mixed**

Team Name: _____

Name	Age	Rank	Category (Circle)
			(11 & under) (12 - 15) (16 & older) Green/Purple Brown & Black (Female / Male / Mixed)

Team Name: _____

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			(11 & under) (12 - 15) (16 & older) Green/Purple Brown & Black (Female / Male / Mixed)

Team Name: _____

Name	Age	Rank	Category (Circle)
			(11 & under) (12 - 15) (16 & older) Green/Purple Brown Black (Female / Male / Mixed)

Team Name: _____

Name	Age	Rank	Category (Circle)
			(11 & under) (12 - 15) (16 & older) Green/Purple Brown & Black (Female / Male / Mixed)

Individual Registration Form

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Payment and signed Registration form must be submitted to **your dojo instructor** by the **deadline date specified by your dojo instructor**.

Name: _____ Male/Female (*Please circle one*)

Dojo: _____ Rank: _____

Province/State: _____ Country: _____

Date of Birth: M/ _____ D/ _____ Y/ _____

Age on Date of Tournament: _____

Event Fees: (Please check appropriate boxes)

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| 1. Individual Kata | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| and/or Individual Kumite | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$50 |
| 2. Team Kata and/or Team Kumite plus any Individual event(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$60 |
| 3. Team Kata only | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$40 |
| 4. Team Kumite only | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$40 |

Total Enclosed in Canadian \$ _____

Note: White gloves and mouth guards are required for Brown and Black Belts

The Tournament Technical Committee reserves the right to consolidate age and/or ranking categories as it deems necessary.

WAIVER: *Please attach signed waiver form (Mandatory)*

Waiver/Release Agreement

The undersigned is aware that there are risks and dangers inherent in participating at the 2025 JKA Can/Am Karate Championships. In consideration of being permitted to participate at the 2025 JKA Can/Am Karate Championships, I hereby release and waive any claims against The Magna Centre, The Japan Karate Association, The JKA-SKD of Canada, World Class Karate, and any and all clubs, schools, instructors, members, judges, officials, officers, directors and representatives relating thereto (collectively the "Releases") for any injury or damage which I may suffer while participating at the 2025 JKA Can/Am Karate Championships including travel to and from the 2025 JKA Can/Am Karate Championships.

I understand and agree that this Release will have the effect of releasing, discharging, waive and forever relinquishing all actions, those causes of action that I may have or have had, whether in the past, present or future, whether now known or unknown and whether anticipated or unanticipated by me, arising from my participation at the 2025 JKA Can/Am Karate Championships. This Release shall be binding upon me, my heirs, successors, administrators, assigns and legal representatives.

I assume full responsibility for all risk of death or personal injury or property damage, which I may suffer while participating at the 2025 JKA Can/Am Karate Championships. I expressly acknowledge and assume all the risks that my participation at the 2025 JKA Can/Am Karate Championships may subject me to personal injury to bodily harm.

I confirm that I have no past or present medical condition, injury or other physical or mental restriction which may cause or contribute to personal injury or property damage while participating at the 2025 JKA Can/Am Karate Championships and if in case I have such a condition, I agree to forthwith nullify the Releases, and withdraw from the 2025 JKA Can/Am Karate Championships

I further agree by signing this Release, I shall indemnify and hold any of the Releases harmless from all liability or costs, including legal fees arising from my participation at the 2025 JKA Can/Am Karate Championships.

I acknowledge that I have read this Release and that I understand the words and language in it. I sign this Release freely and voluntarily.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Required for contestants 17 years old & younger

Team Kumite Registration Form

Dojo: _____

Each team must consist of 3 competitors and 1 spare (optional). Two person teams are not allowed. Competitors must be **18 years of age or older (no exceptions)**.

Note: Competitors are allowed to participate in one team only.

Women's Team Name: _____

Name	Age	Rank
Spare:		

Men's Team Name: _____

Name	Age	Rank
Spare:		