

9th JKA CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. DATE & TIME

Sunday, May 19, 2024

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

2. LOCATION

Aréna Raymond-Bourque

2345 Thimens Blvd

Montréal, Québec H4R 3B5

3. ELIGIBILITY (1/2)

The Canadian National Championship is open to all Canadian residents that have a valid JKA membership.

Categories:

3.1 “Selection” categories for the 2024 World Championship Tournament

- 9, 10, 11, 12 years old: blue belts (5th and 4th Kyu), brown and black belts;
- 13, 14, 15 and 16 to 18 years old: brown and black belts;
- 19 to 21 years old: black belts;
- 19 years old and over: black belts – elite category.

3.2 “Veterans” (Jukurensa) categories

Also offered at the 2024 World Championship Tournament

- Men – black belts: 50 to 54 years old, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, 65 to 69, 70 to 74, (75 & +, Kata only);
- Women – black belts: 40 to 49 years old, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, 65 to 69, (70 & +, Kata only).

3.3 “Development” categories

In addition to the “selection” categories listed above, the following “Development” categories are also offered,

- Men: 18 years old & +, brown belts.
- Women: 18 years old & +, brown belts.

3. ELIGIBILITY (2/2)

Note	Further Information
1	<p>For all Selection categories at the Canadian Championship, age categories will be established based on the age of the athletes on the date of the World Championship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 25 for 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 to 18, 19 to 21 years old. • October 26 for the 19 years old & + and the Veterans.
2	<p>Athletes who will be 19 to 21 years old at the World Championship can register in only one category:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Either the 19 to 21 years old category, • Or the 19 years old & + category. <p>In addition, during the World Championship, an athlete registered in the 19 to 21 years old category will not be able to compete in Team Kata or Team Kumite in the 19 years old & + category.</p>
3	<p>Athletes in the category, 19 years old & +, must have an official JKA Dan (black belt) rank.</p>
4	<p>Athletes eligible to participate in the Veterans category can only register in one category:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Either the Elite category 19 years old & +, • Or, the Veterans category.
5	<p>Development category, brown belts, 18 years old and +:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes who will be 18 years old & + on the day of the Canadian Championship on May 19, 2024 are eligible. • Brown belt athletes who would be 18 years old at the time of the World Championship (October 25, 2024) must register in either the Development category or the Selection category, but not both. • Only results obtained in the Selection category will be considered for the formation of the Canadian team.
6	<p>During the Canadian Championship, certain categories may be grouped based on the number of registrations.</p>

4. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is accepted by Dojo. Dojo chief instructors are responsible for their students' registration and are required to submit the following information by the registration deadline:

- Email registration forms (individual and team), waivers and summary form electronically to: trevorishmael@yahoo.com
- Send registration fees electronically to: jkaskd.can.treasurer@gmail.com
Reference the name and number of your Dojo.
Use password: nat24

Registration deadline: Friday, April 19, 2024

Registration fees: \$50 for one division \$60 for two or more divisions

5. LIST OF EVENTS

Categories: Selection

Age Group	Belt Color	Individual Kata & Kumite		Team Kata	
		Men	Women	Men	Women
9	Blue, brown and black	√	√	Mixed teams are not permitted	
10		√	√		
11		√	√		
12		√	√		
13	Brown and black	√	√	Mixed teams are not permitted	
14		√	√		
15		√	√		
16-18		√	√		
19-21	Brown & black	√	√	NA	
19 & +	Black	√	√	Mixed teams are not permitted	

Categories: Veterans

Age Group	Belt Color	Individual Kata & Kumite		Team Kata	
		Men	Women	Men	Women
Men					
50 to 74	Black	√	√	NA	
75 & +		√	NA		
Women					
40 to 69	Black	√	√	NA	
70 & +		√	NA		

Categories: Development

Age Group	Belt Color	Individual Kata & Kumite		Team Kata	
		Men	Women	Men	Women
18 & +	Brown	√	√	Mixed teams are not permitted	

Note: The Organizing Committee reserves the right to consolidate age and/or rank categories in any tournament event as it deems appropriate. Competitors may be moved to a different age group depending on the number of competitors in an age category.

6. TOURNAMENT RULES

The JKA rules will be used at the tournament, subject only to necessary variations. (<https://www.jka.or.jp/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Tournament-Rules-Regulations201804.pdf>)

A Repechage system will be used for individual Kata and Kumite events and contestants will be seeded based on the results from the previous two Canadian JKA National Championship results.

A Single Elimination system will be used for the 9 to 18 years old categories if time is limited.

Note: JKA Headquarters has indicated that at the 2024 World Championship, there will be for the first time “Veterans” categories (Jukurensa) in 5-year increments, e.g. 50-54, 55-59, etc.

For the 2024 Canadian Championship, Veterans categories will be created based upon registrations actually received.

7. INDIVIDUAL KUMITE

7.1 For all competitors

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

- Tiebreak Rule for Shobu Ippon Kumite (Item 23 JKA Rules):
If the outcome of the match or event cannot be decided, a draw or Hikiwake is then declared.
- The Host Organization decides prior to the Tournament if there should be a “sudden death” match within a second re-match situation.
- 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 whom scores first is declared the winner.
- In a World Championships as well as a National Championships, the final match of that event will have as many re-matches as needed to determine a winner.
- When there are only 3 competitors in an event, a double elimination system will be used.

7.2 Men’s Kumite Final, 19 years old & +

- Shobu Sanbon Kumite, 3 minute-match.
Tiebreak Rule: Same as above.

8. KATA EVENTS

8.1 INDIVIDUAL KATA

Age Group	Belt	Semi-final Matches (until final 16)	Preliminary Matches (until the final 8)	Final Matches (Final 8)
9 / 10 / 11 / 12	Blue, brown and black	NA Directly to the final 8	FLAG SYSTEM Random draw among Shitei Katas (1)	POINT SYSTEM Authorized Kata (4)
13, 14, 15 and 16 to 18	Brown and black	NA Directly to the final 8	FLAG SYSTEM Random draw among Shitei Katas (1)	POINT SYSTEM Tokui Kata (3)
19 to 21	Brown and black	FLAG SYSTEM Random draw among Shitei Katas (2)	FLAG SYSTEM Random draw among Sentei Katas (1)	POINT SYSTEM Tokui Kata (3)
19 & +	Black			
Men 50 & + Women 40 & +	Black	NA Directly to the final 8	FLAG SYSTEM Random draw among Shitei Katas (1)	POINT SYSTEM Tokui Kata (3)
18 & +	Brown	NA Directly to the final 8	FLAG SYSTEM Random draw among Shitei Katas (1)	POINT SYSTEM Tokui Kata (3)

(1) Shitei Kata: Heian 1 to 5 & Tekki 1

(2) Sentei Kata: Bassai-Dai, Kanku-Dai, Jion, Enpi

(3) Tokui Kata: 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

(4) Authorized Kata: Bassai-Dai, Kanku-Dai, Jion, Enpi, Jitte, Hangetsu, Gankaku

Note: Tiebreak Rule for Individual Kata Matches (Item 38 JKA Rules)

FLAG SYSTEM	POINT SYSTEM
The Chief Judge will randomly draw another Kata which will be performed by both competitors.	Competitors will perform the same Kata again. If there is still a tie, the lowest score that was removed will be added to the total score. If there is still a tie, the highest score that was removed will also be added to obtain the final score. If there is still a tie, the competitors will perform a different kata.

8.2 TEAM KATA

POINT SYSTEM	
Age Group	A Kata from among the following lists
9 to 18 years old	Bassai-Dai, Kanku-Dai, Jion, Enpi, Jitte, Hangetsu, Gankaku
18 years old & +	Bassai-Dai, Kanku-Dai, Jion, Enpi, Jitte, Hangetsu, Gankaku
19 years old & +	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

Note: Tiebreak Rule same as in Point System Individual Kata Match.

9. DRESS CODE & SAFETY EQUIPMENT

9.1 Dress Code

- Competitors must wear an all-plain white uniform;
- Female competitors must wear a plain white T-shirt beneath their uniform jacket;
- Long sleeves or leggings must be white and not extend beyond the uniform;
- Competitors must have short fingernails and must not wear metallic or other objects, which might injure their opponents; discreet rubber bands for hair are permitted;
- The wearing of jewelry, rings, earrings, necklaces and bracelets is prohibited;
- During a Kumite match, glasses are not permitted; glasses can be worn during a Kata match but held in place securely;
- The use of metallic teeth braces must be approved by the Referee and the Official Doctor;
- Competitors may use voluntary religious headwear of WKF type: a black plain fabric head scarf covering the hair, but not the neck or throat area.

9.2 Kumite Safety Equipment

- Compulsory Equipment
 - White gloves, JKA style (colored gloves are not permitted);
 - Mouth guard;
 - Groin guard (male).
- Permitted equipments
 - A white JKA type chest protector worn inside the jacket will be permitted.

Note: The chest protector will be mandatory at the next World Championship and only men in the Elite category may be exempted.

10. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR FUTURE INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Contestants will be awarded points based on their results at this Championship. Total points from the latest two Canadian National Championships prior to an International Championship and the latest JKA World Championship and Pan Am will be used to determine the top placing individuals in Kata and Kumite. Selection for team kumite will be based on the results of individual kumite.

Refer to the document “Canadian JKA Team Selection Criteria” Revised August 15, 2016 for more details.

TEAM KATA EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

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

TEAM NAME:			
TEAM MEMBERS NAMES	RANK	DOJO	CATEGORY (check one)
			9-12 y.o. Men <input type="checkbox"/> 9-12 y.o. Women <input type="checkbox"/> 13-18 y.o. Men <input type="checkbox"/>
			13-18 y.o. Women <input type="checkbox"/> 18y.o.&+ Men/Brown <input type="checkbox"/> 18y.o.&+ Wom/Brown <input type="checkbox"/>
			19 y.o.&+ Men <input type="checkbox"/> 19 y.o.&+ Women <input type="checkbox"/>

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2024 JKA Canadian National Championship Waiver/Release Agreement

The undersigned is aware that there are risks and dangers inherent in participating at the 2024 9th JKA Canadian National Championship. In consideration of being permitted to participate at the 2024 9th JKA Canadian National Championship, I hereby release and waive any claims against Ville de Montréal, the Japan Karate Association, Canada JKA Karate Federation, JKA-SKD Canada, 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 2024 9th JKA Canadian National Championship including travel to and from the 2024 9th JKA Canadian National Championship.

I understand and agree that this Release will have the effect of releasing, discharging, waiving and forever relinquishing any and all actions, those causes of action that I may have or have had, whether past, present or future, whether now known or unknown and whether anticipated or unanticipated by me, arising out of my participation at the 2024 9th JKA Canadian National Championship. This Release shall be binding upon me, my heirs, successors, administrators, assigns and legal representatives.

I assume full responsibility for any and all risk of death or personal injury or property damage, which I may suffer while participating at the 2024 9th JKA Canadian National Championship. I expressly acknowledge and assume any and all risk that my participation at the 2024 9th JKA Canadian National Championship may subject me to personal injury or 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 2024 9th JKA Canadian National Championship and if in case I have such a condition, I agree to forthwith nullify the Releases, as the case may be, and withdraw from the 2024 9th JKA Canadian National Championship. I further agree by signing this Release, I shall indemnify and hold any of the Releasees harmless from any and all liability or costs, including legal fees, associated with or arising from my participation at the 2024 9th JKA Canadian National Championship. 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.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date (yy-mm-dd)** _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

(Required for constestatenats 17 years & younger)