



2017 KWF World Conference & World Cup in the Republic of Malta

Guidelines Prepared by KWF Headquarters, Tokyo, Japan

The Karatenomichi World Federation (KWF) will hold its 8th KWF World Conference over four days from September 28th to October 1st, 2017. Please find below information on 8th KWF World Conference Martial Arts Objectives, KWF Bujutsu Karate (Martial Art of Karate) Technique Seminars Schedule, KWF World Cup Competition, and other particulars.

KWF Core Principles

Today, most “so-called Karate” has lost track of its origins, namely, “Budo” (Martial Arts) and “Budo Seishin” (Martial Arts Spirit). Karate, sadly, has largely turned into a sports-like competition in which individuals purport to “fight to win points”.

In the year 2000, Mikio Yahara, Malcolm Dorfman, and others established KWF based upon unique core principles that continue to have a strong appeal throughout the world. Indeed, the quintessence of KWF “Budo Karate” (Martial Art of Karate) is profound, and as such is a lifelong undertaking -- never fully mastered, but instead always open to new discovery.

In “Bujutsu Karate”, via the concept of “Gishin Ichinyo” (Unity of Technique and Spirit) we learn to train and discipline both our spirit and physical skills, knowing that failing to do so results merely in a brutish brawl.

By perfecting our “Bujutsu Karate” skills, we come to understand how to prevail and how to proceed on a calm and steady path. By making the Martial Art of Karate a lifelong undertaking, we come to realize that The Way of Karate can very positively enhance our journey through life.

KWF Three Methods of Power

Grandmaster Yahara’s Martial Art of Karate focuses on the Single Overpower Strike (“Ichigeki Hittou”). At the foundation of this theory lies Grandmaster Yahara’s own methodology, which he has termed “Santen Rikiho” (Three Methods of Power).

Using the Three Methods of Power allows one to use the human body’s kinetic chain system to instantly compress the body’s muscles and joints to their limits, storing energy that can be amplified using the body’s kinetic chain system for the purpose of focusing all the power of the body on a single target. Santen Rikiho” (Three





Methods of Power) has the following components:

- I. Hip Rotation and Compression Power
- II. Lower Body Joint Bending-Extension Power
- III. Full Body Rotation Torsional Power

The Three Methods of Power utilize the body's kinetic chain system to achieve "Ichigeki Hittou" (Single Overpowering Strike), which is the essence of Yahara "Bujutsu Karate" (Martial Art Technique of Karate).

8th KWF World Conference Martial Arts Objectives

The KWF World Cup Competition in Kumite and Kata will be held on the last day of the KWF World Conference. Throughout the KWF World Cup, proper application of KWF Bujutsu Karate will be strictly evaluated.

The basis of KWF Bujutsu Karate is its Three Methods of Power (Santen Rikiho), which must be properly applied in the KWF World Cup. For example, even if a participant more quickly applies a weaker technique from another karate style or from sports karate, the more powerful Santen Rikiho technique will be judged superior, even if applied afterwards.

Accordingly, in the KWF Bujutsu Karate Technique Seminars, KWF Headquarters Grandmaster Yahara and Deputy Grandmaster Malcolm Dorfman will provide in-depth instruction regarding KWF's Three Methods of Power, which all KWF World Cup judges and participants are expected to thoroughly understand.

KWF Bujutsu Karate Technique Seminar Schedule

Thursday, September 28

- Session 1: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon: KWF Bujutsu Karate Techniques: KWF Kumite Techniques required in KWF World Cup Competition
- Session 2: 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.: KWF Bujutsu Kumite Techniques: Origin of KWF Martial Art of Karate. Proper Use of Three Methods of Power in KWF World Cup Kumite. Correct movement, form, and razor sharp edge of KWF Kumite Techniques.

Friday, September 29

- Session 3: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon: KWF Bujutsu Kata Techniques: Difference





between Bujutsu Karate and sports karate. Kata Application (Bunkai) from Bujutsu Karate perspective.

- Session 4: 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.: Summary of Kata Applications (Bunkai) from Bujutsu Karate perspective.
- Session 5: 3:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.: Dan Rank & Qualification Examinations (under existing KWF criteria used hitherto, but soon to be revised).
- KWF World Conference Welcome Dinner: 6:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 30

- Session 6: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.: **KWF Leadership World Summit** (including lunch)
 - ✓ Revisions to KWF Guiding Principles & International Agreement; revisions to KWF Dan Ranking & Qualifications system; determination of Host Country for next KWF World Conference; other key issues.
- Session 7: 1:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.: KWF Judging Skills Seminar & KWF Judging Examinations
 - ✓ To avoid disappointing competitors, the visual acuity and skills of the judges are critical. All judges must strengthen their knowledge and skills through the KWF seminars.

Sunday, October 1: 2017 KWF World Cup Competition

- Morning Session: 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Lunch Break: 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.
- Afternoon Session: 1:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. (Rigorously time-managed event with strictly-enforced ending deadline (7:30 p.m.) including Awards)

KWF World Cup Match & Team Categories

To be determined by KWF Headquarters after KWF leaders return required forms.

2017 KWF World Conference Single Entry Fee Schedule (Non KWF members add € 10)

- ✓ Participation fee A category (adult) € 160
- ✓ Participation fee A category (child) € 100
- ✓ Participation fee B category (adult) € 140
- ✓ Participation fee B category (child) € 85
- ✓ Participation fee C category (adult) € 125
- ✓ Participation fee C category (child) € 70





Special Advanced Training Session: € 50 for qualified applicants only. Participation is limited to 25 persons. Training content will be adapted to the requests of the participants, with an emphasis on correction of shortcomings and guidance on improving KWF Bujutsu Techniques. Instruction will be led Grandmaster Yahara and Deputy Grandmaster Dorfman, with additional support provided by other KWF leaders.

KWF Waiver & Release

You voluntarily release, waive, and discharge KWF from any and all claims related to your participation in any KWF related activities organized by KWF.

