

Competition Package



I N T E R N A T I O N A L



5 July 2026

Gtr. Manchester

CLOSING DATE 21 JUNE 2025



RULES OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

KATA

All kata categories will be judged by points as per WKA rules with slight amendments as deemed necessary by the organisers. A copy is available at: <https://wka-karate.org/rules/>

- A minimum of four Tatamis will be used throughout the day.
- Individual, Pair, and Team kata will be judged in 2 rounds. In case of 14 or less entries in a category, the judgement will be delivered in 1 round.
- For 13 years and under, competitors MUST perform a Shitei kata (i.e Heian, Pinan or equivalent) in the First round. For the second round, competitors may perform any Open kata of their choice.
- For 14 years and above, competitors may perform any 2 katas of their choice.
- In case of 14 or less entries in a category, the judgement will be delivered in 1 round.
- If the same 2 competitors tie twice, final decision will be taken by Hantei.
- Athletes can compete with their own coloured belts.
- There may be amalgamations of categories if there are not enough entries in the said events as per WKA rules.
- In team kata, competitors may repeat their kata in each round. No Bunkai is required in the final. Choice of katas is Open.
- Any known style kata will be allowed for all grades – For guidance see WKA kata list
- Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places for kata, and 1st, 2nd & joined 3rd places for Kumite.
- Participation certificates will be issued to all participants.

KUMITE

- Rules based on WKA.
- The Chief referee on the day will be the WKA Referee Board President Lucienne Galea. She will brief all coaches and referees with any variations to WKA rules before the start of the competition.
- Red/ Blue belts are compulsory and must be worn in accordance to Aka/Ao position given by the official table. White mitts will be allowed instead of blue mitts.
- Gum shields are compulsory unless you are wearing a helmet (for 12 year old and under only).
- Helmets, chest guards (girls/ ladies) and groin guards are recommended but not compulsory.
- Clean white gis are compulsory.
- Every competitor must provide his/her own protective equipment, belts etc..
- Competitors must wear a RED belt (AKA) or BLUE belt (AO) to identify themselves during the kumite events. White belts will NOT be accepted where competitors have no blue belts.
- Shin guards "only" are compulsory for 7 years and above in Nihon but, optional in Sanbon.
- Foot instep protection is FORBIDDEN throughout.
- The timing of the bouts are as per the WKA rules, but can be subject to change if deemed necessary by the organisers.
- Bandages, padding or supports worn due to injuries must be approved by the Chief Referee on the advice of the Official Medical Representative.
- Bout duration - Nihon 1.5 minutes, Sanbon 2 minutes.
- Please note that in team kumite events there may be a substantial difference in height and weight between competitors.



COMPETITION GUIDELINES

IMPORTANT

- You must be registered with a Club or Association to compete in these Championships. Entry must be registered by the official Association or Club Coach only. Individual entries will NOT be accepted.
- The competition will start at 9am with Team Kata categories, followed by Individual kata, then Team Kumite followed by Individual Kumite. Children will be starting first, starting with the youngest.
- Coaches' passes will be included in the Coaches Pack collectable on arrival.
- Draw Sheets and the Running Order will be published prior to the tournament. The list of categories and entrants will NOT be displayed during the championship.
- There will be a coaches and referees meeting hosted by the NOC Chief Referee and the WKA Referee Commission President, Sensei Lucienne Galea before the start of the competition.
- Cost of entries: Individual entries - £20, Pairs entries - £30, & Team entries - £39.
- The minimum number of competitors per event category and the cancellation of events are at the discretion of the organisers.
- Registration fees must be settled in full by the closing date.
- We accept the following payments:

1. Bank transfers can be made to:

Acc. Name: Tokon Taiki Karate
Bank: Monzo
Sort Code: 04-00-04
Account No: 94764363
IBAN: GB18MONZ04000494764363
Reference: Please use your "CLUB NAME"



2. PAYPAL - Advise us with your Paypal address, and we will send you a payment request (+10%).

STRICTLY NO LATE ENTRIES ON THE DAY **FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER THE CLOSING DATE**

- All Clubs/Organisations are asked to provide one or more referees/judges if possible, whose names, qualifications and contact details (phone and email address) must be entered on the entry form. They will be provided with complimentary refreshments throughout the day and lunch.
- Referees/judges must be in full uniform i.e. grey trousers, blue blazer, white short-sleeved shirt, red tie and black shoes.
- All coaches will be issued with a coach passes. Only one coach will be allowed for every 10 competitors. This rule will be strictly applied.
- Only the official coach (with an official pass) may approach the control table for any queries. Competitors and spectators **MUST** go via their coach for information.
- Coaches must wear their association track suits when entering the tatami area.
- The association coach will only be allowed by the side of the tatami/area when their competitor is fighting and NOT when performing kata. Only one coach per competitor is allowed for kumite.
- Competitors who fail to report to an area at the start of their event will only be called twice more, once at the tatami and once on the PA system. Failing to appear after this, will result in disqualification.
- Any competitor, coach or representative who behaves discourteously to any member of the refereeing panel may cause the immediate disqualification of their competitor and could ultimately lead to disqualification of their whole team.



- The named coach is responsible for the behaviour of all his/her competitors and any spectator accompanying their competitors. He/she is responsible for obtaining parental or guardian permission for entry into the event and checking that their competitors have appropriate insurance, through their respective associations.
- Coaches must be absolutely certain that their competitors are entered into the correct category. It may not be possible to change entries on the day.
- Competitors may be entered into their own grade and age category plus one category UP.
- First Aid will be provided on the day.
- All jewellery must be removed or covered. Fingernails and toenails must be short.
- The wearing of metallic teeth braces must be approved by the Chief Referee and Official Medical Representative. If accepted, then the parent/guardian/coach must accept full responsibility should the user be injured.
- All competitors must be fully insured by their association and **must have their licenses on hand** to be checked if required.
- There may be a shop on the day to sell gis (kata and kumite), belts and protective equipment.
- There will be free parking throughout the day on the sports complex.
- **ALL FEDERATIONS AND GROUPS ARE WELCOME. WE HAVE NO RESTRICTIONS ON YOUR AFFILIATIONS.**
- The venue has an in-house café as well as a large supermarket, restaurants, pub, etc. at its doorstep.
- All Individual and Team competitors' name and categories (Draw Sheets) as well as the Running Order will be made available online 24 hours before the competition. It is the responsibility of the coaches to check their respective entries are correct. Please bring any mistake to the attention of the Control Table well before the category starts.

REFEREES/OFFICIALS

- **Referees** are kindly requested to inform the organiser with your intentions to attend the NOC. Please state your full name, current qualification together with your telephone number and email address.
- **Table Officials** are kindly requested to inform the organiser with your intentions to assist the NOC.
- **Complimentary Refreshments** will be provided for all officials throughout the day as well as lunch.

Check website www.nocopen.co.uk for possible updates.

* Please check the website regularly as we may close entries earlier if we reach capacity.



FEES SUMMARY

Individuals: £20

Pairs: £30

Teams: £39

Spectators: (Adults - £8), (5 to 12 years - £5), (Under 5 years - Free)



N.O.C. 2025 CATEGORIES

INDIVIDUAL KATA	
CAT. No.	
KA1	MIX 0-5 YEARS - OPEN GRADE
KA2	MIX 0-6 YEARS - OPEN GRADE
KA3	PARA - MIX - OPEN AGE - OPEN GRADE
KA4	MIX 7-8 YEARS - MALE - OPEN GRADE
KA4B	MIX 7-8 YEARS - FEMALE - OPEN GRADE
KA5	MIX 9-10 YEARS - 6.KYU & UNDER
KA6	MIX 9-10 YEARS - 5.KYU & ABOVE
KA7	11-13 YEARS MALE - 6.KYU & UNDER
KA8	11-13 YEARS MALE - 5.KYU & ABOVE
KA9	11-13 YEARS FEMALE - 6.KYU & UNDER
KA10	11-13 YEARS FEMALE 5.KYU & ABOVE
KA11	14-16 YEARS MALE - 6.KYU & UNDER
KA12	14-16 YEARS MALE - 5.KYU & ABOVE
KA13	14-16 YEARS FEMALE - 6.KYU & UNDER
KA14	14-16 YEARS FEMALE - 5.KYU & ABOVE
KA15	17-20 YEARS MALE - 4.KYU & UNDER
KA16	17-20 YEARS MALE - 3.KYU & ABOVE
KA17	17-20 YEARS FEMALE - 4.KYU & UNDER
KA18	17-20 YEARS FEMALE - 3.KYU & ABOVE
KA19	21-35 YEARS MALE - 4.KYU & UNDER
KA20	21-35 YEARS MALE - 3.KYU & ABOVE
KA21	21-35 YEARS FEMALE - 4.KYU & UNDER
KA22	21-35 YEARS FEMALE - 3.KYU & ABOVE
KA23	36+ YEARS MALE - OPEN GRADE
KA24	36+ YEARS FEMALE - OPEN GRADE
PAIR KATA (2)	
PKA1	MIX 0-14 YEARS - OPEN GRADE
PKA2	MIX ALL AGES - OPEN GRADE
PKA3	MIX 15-20 YEARS OPEN GRADE
TEAM KATA (3)	
TKA1	MIX 0-14 YEARS - OPEN GRADE
TKA2	MIX ALL AGES - OPEN GRADE
TKA3	MIX 15-20 YEARS - OPENGRADE

Northern Open Classic - NOC International
5 July 2026 - Leigh Sports Village

ALL REGISTRATIONS ONLINE - www.kihapp.com

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CATNo. INDIVIDUAL KUMITE	
KU1	NIHON 0-5 YEARS MIX - OPEN GRADE
KU2	NIHON 5-6 YEARS MALE - OPEN GRADE
KU3	NIHON 5-6 YEARS FEMALE - OPEN GRADE
KU4	NIHON 7-8 YEARS MALE - OPEN GRADE
KU5	NIHON 7-8 YEARS FEMALE - OPEN GRADE
KU6	NIHON 9-11 YEARS MALE – 6.KYU & UNDER
KU7	NIHON 9-11 YEARS MALE – OPEN GRADE
KU8	NIHON 9-11 YEARS FEMALE – 6.KYU & UNDER
KU9	NIHON 9-11 YEARS FEMALE – OPEN GRADE
KU10	NIHON 12-14 YEARS MALE – 6.KYU & UNDER
KU11	NIHON 12-14 YEARS MALE – OPEN GRADE
KU12	NIHON 12-14 YEARS FEMALE – 6.KYU & UNDER
KU13	NIHON 12-14 YEARS FEMALE – OPEN GRADE
KU14	SANBON 15-17 YEARS MALE - OPEN GRADE
KU15	SANBON 15-17 YEARS FEMALE - OPEN GRADE
KU16	SANBON 18-20 YEARS MALE - OPEN GRADE
KU17	SANBON 18-20 YEARS FEMALE - OPEN GRADE
KU18	SANBON 21-35 YEARS MALE - OPEN GRADE
KU19	SANBON 21-35 YEARS FEMALE - OPEN GRADE
KU20	SANBON 36+ YEARS MALE - OPEN GRADE
KU21	SANBON 36+ YEARS FEMALE - OPEN GRADE
TEAM KUMITE	
TKU1	NIHON 0-9 YEARS MALE - OPEN GRADE
TKU2	NIHON 0-9 YEARS FEMALE - OPEN GRADE
TKU3	NIHON 10-14 YEARS MALE - OPEN GRADE
TKU4	NIHON 10-14 YEARS FEMALE - OPEN GRADE
TKU5	SANBON 15-17 YEARS MALE - OPEN GRADE
TKU6	SANBON 15-17 YEARS FEMALE - OPEN GRADE
TKU7	SANBON 18-20 YEARS MALE - OPEN GRADE
TKU8	SANBON 18-20 YEARS FEMALE - OPEN GRADE
KU9	SANBON 21+ YEARS MALE - OPEN GRADE
TKU10	SANBON 21+ YEARS FEMALE - OPEN GRADE
TR1	TEAM ROTATION 14 -17 YEARS MALE - OPEN GRADE
TR2	TEAM ROTATION 14 -17 YEARS FEMALE - OPEN GRADE
TR3	TEAM ROTATION 18+ YEARS MALE - OPEN GRADE
TR4	TEAM ROTATION 18+ YEARS FEMALE - OPEN GRADE
JURUKEN (Free Style Kick Bag Kumite)	
8 CATEGORIES - UP TO AND INCLUDING 12 YEARS - BOYS/ GIRLS DIVISIONS SEE JURUKEN CATEGORIE LIST ON KIHAPP WHEN REGISTRATION OPENS	



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KATA GUIDE LIST

SHITEI				
GOJU RYU	SHITO RYU	SHOTOKAN	WADO RYU	SHORIN RYU
Gekisai Dai 1-2	Pinan 1- 5	Kihon Kata	Pinan 1 - 5	Pinan Shodan
Saifa		(Taikyoku shodan)		Pinan Nidan
		Heian 1-5		Pinan Sandan
				Pinan Yondan
				Pinan Godan
SENTEI				
Seisan	Matsumura No Rohai	Tekki Shodan	Kushanku	Passai Sho
Seipai	Naihanchi Shodan	Bassai Dai	Niseishi	Kussanku Sho
Seiunchin	Saifa	Empi	Passai	Jion
	Jiuroku	Kanku Dai	Jion	Maihanchi 1, 2, 3
	Bassai Dai	Jion	Jitte	Passai Dai
	Kosoku Dai	Hangetsu		
	Tomari No Wanshu			
	Jiin			
	Seienchin			
	Wanshu			
	Aoyagi			
	Miojio			
	Chibana No Kushanku			
TOKUI				
Kururunfa	Jion	Jiin	Chinto	Kussanku Dai
Suapatimpei	Kosoku Sho	Tekki Nidan	Naihanchi	Chinto
Sanseru	Ciatanyara No Mushanku	Tekki Sandan	Rohai	Gojushiho
	Sochin (Aragaki ha)	Gankaku	Wanshu	Teesho
	Matsumura No Bassai	Bassai Sho	Seishan	Koryu Passai
	Niseichi	Kanku Sho	Anan	Unshu
	Sanseiru	Sochin		Ryuko
	Chinto	Nijushiho		Chinte
	Shisochin	Gojushiho Dai		Jitte
	Nipaipo	Dojushiho Sho		Sochin
	Kururunfa	Chinte		Seisan
	Seipai	Unsu		
	Seisan	Meikyo		
	Gojushiho	Wankan		
	Unshu	Jitte		
	Suparimpei			
	Anan			
	Jitte Pacho			
	Haiku			
	Paiku			
	Papuren			
	Kyun No Chinto			

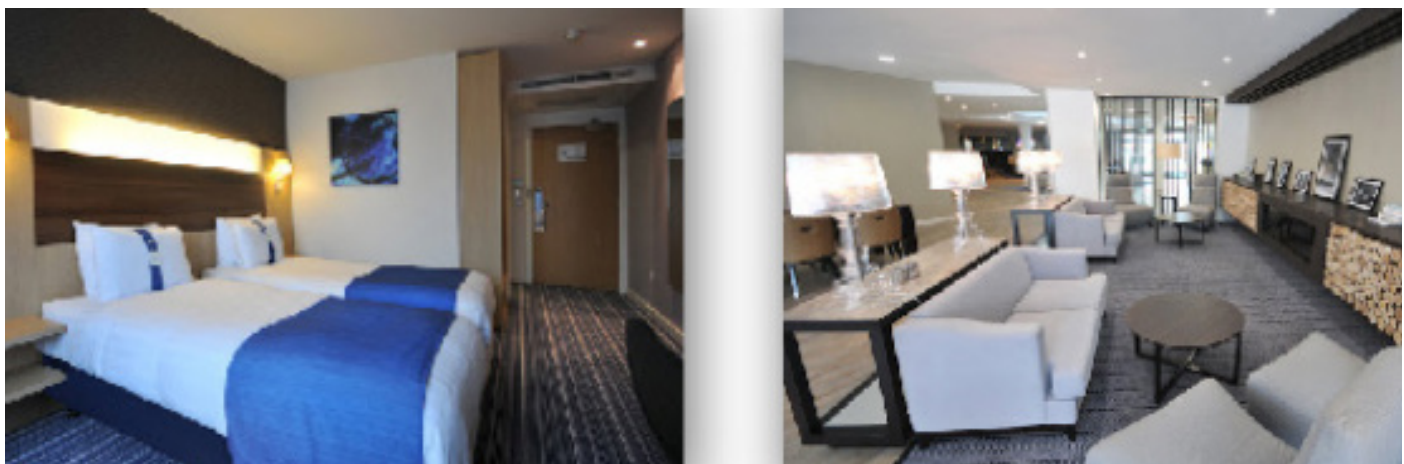


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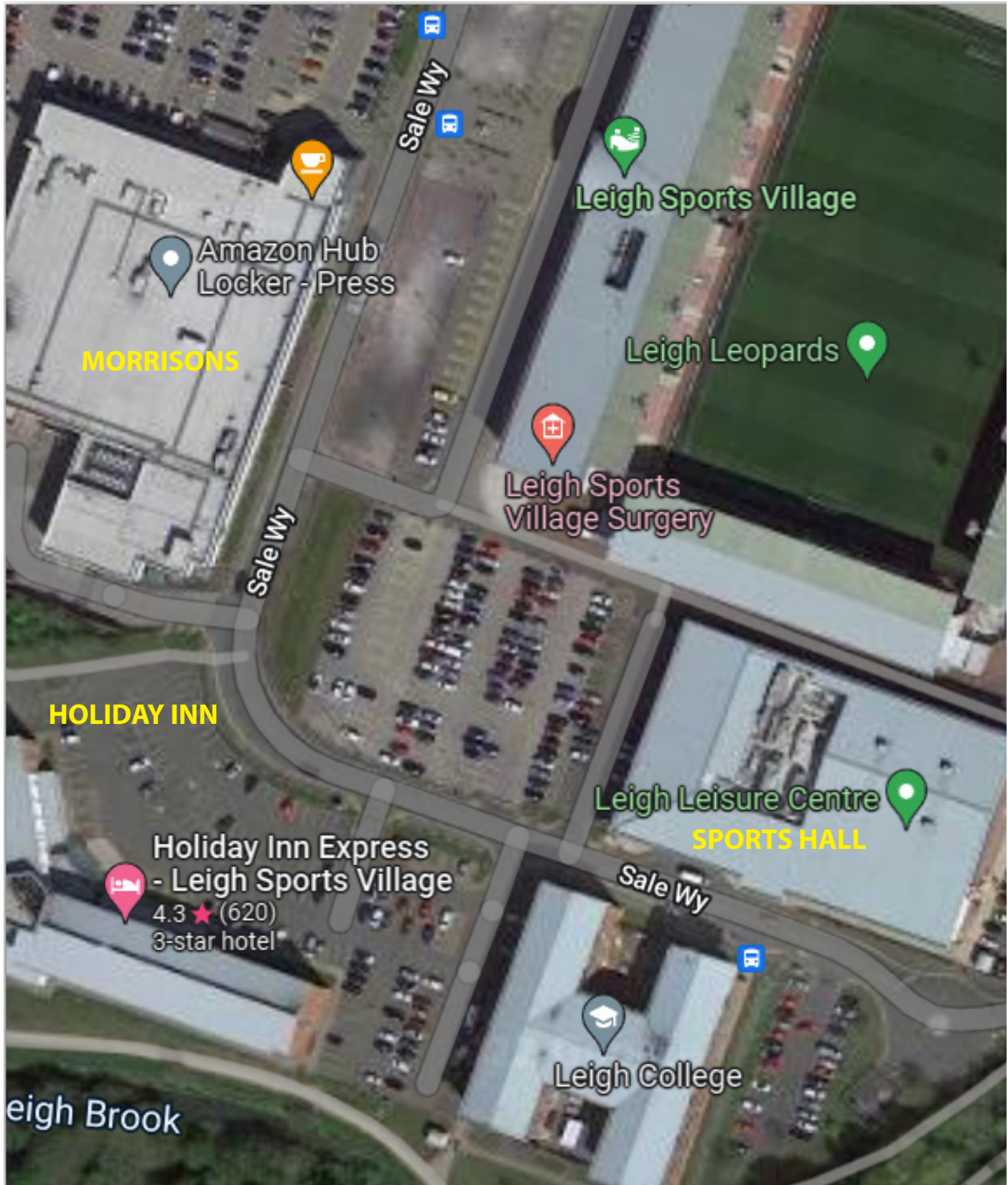
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- 35 - 45 Minutes drive from Manchester International or Liverpool John Lennon Airports
- Situated opposite the venue - Leigh Sports Village Sports Hall



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THE VENUE - LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE, WN7 4JY



**Leigh Sports Village,
Sale Way, Leigh WN7 4JY**