

33rd Friendship Karate Tournament Walla Walla – Nov 21st, 2026

Lodging Option:

Marcus Whitman Hotel Located in beautiful Walla Walla, The Marcus Whitman is Eastern Washington's premier luxury hotel, blending rich history, exemplary service, and contemporary comfort. Relax in one of our newly renovated, well-appointed guestrooms, or savor distinctive Northwest cuisine at The Marc Restaurant and The Marc Bar. Or, for those looking to immerse themselves in the beauty of Washington's heartland, we are a stone's throw from the adventure of the Columbia River Valley and the vitalizing experience of Washington Wine Country. And with our Wine Club Member for the Stay program, enjoy exclusive wine perks, including tastings and discounts at four exceptional tasting rooms right within our hotel. There are two ways to book at the hotel. Register online through the link provided in Kihapp. If not registering through Kihapp please call 509-525-2200. When calling in let the front desk know you are with the Karate Center Walla Walla room block and they will apply the discount code.

Kata Rules

Kata will be judged by a scorecard. Every competitor does one kata. The high and low scores will be discarded to get the average. In case of a tie, the low score will be added first, and if needed, the high score will be added. If the competitors are still tied, they will perform the kata again, and the tie will be resolved by flag indicator. Under brown belts, may perform the same kata, but black belts must perform a different kata.

Weapons Kata

Scored the same as empty hand kata. However, the competitor does not need to perform a different kata in the brown and black belt division.

Kumite This is a non-contact tournament.

- No head contact
- Light body contact
- No strikes to groin or legs

You will be awarded a point for a headshot if you meet the requirements of proper distance (fist width) and retraction, whether it be the foot or the hands. All kicks must have a retraction, just as the hands.

- 2-minute match run time
- Upon the 4th warning of running out of bounds, the competitor will be disqualified
- Three head contact is a disqualification or any other excessive contact
- AAU gloves or foam drip gloves only
- Helmet and mouthpiece are required. Groin cups for males.
- No sweeps against the leg joint and must be followed up immediately.

Points

- All matches run to 3 points
- Black Belt championship match is 5 points.