WKF
World Ranking Rules
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WKF WORLD RANKING RULES

1. General Regulations

1.1 These rules regulate general policy, the calculation method and administration of the WKF World Ranking.

1.2 Modification of the WKF World Ranking Rules shall be approved by the WKF EC via a proposal from the WKF World Ranking Commission to the WKF President.

2. WKF World Ranking

2.1 The WKF World Ranking indicates the position of athletes according to the points obtained at WKF Official Events and is applicable only to the individual categories defined in SECTION 1 – Article 4. The point system for each discipline is defined under SECTION 1 – Article 2 & Article 3.

2.2. WKF Official Events

WKF Official Events are published on the WKF Official Sports Activities Calendar on a yearly basis; a document, which is approved by the WKF EC and available on the WKF website. The different events that count for ranking purposes are specified under SECTION 1 – Article 1.

Should a WKF Official Event (e.g. Continental Championships) decide to change its dates once the WKF Official Sports Activities Calendar has been approved by the WKF EC and the new dates enter into conflict with any other event that is already approved and published on the WKF Official Sport Activities Calendar, then the points obtained by athletes at this event will not count for ranking purposes and the Official Event may be removed from the WKF Official Sports Activities Calendar.

3. WKF Standings for Specific Events

3.1 Standing

This is defined as a specific ranking indicating the position of an athlete according to specific events within a defined period (e.g. a qualification period).
3.2 Olympic Standing

The Olympic Standing is determined by the Qualification System in force for each Olympic event where Karate is taking place (e.g. the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games). The Olympic Standing is updated on the first day of each month during the qualification period.

3.3 Karate 1 – Premier League Standing

For the Karate 1 Premier League Standing, the applicable criteria are as follows:

(1) All points from all Premier League Events count towards the Karate 1 Premier League Standing, starting from 0 at the beginning of each season.

(2) The Karate 1 Premier League season starts each calendar year with the first event after 1st January and finishes with the last event before 31st December of the same calendar year.

(3) After the final Karate 1 Premier League Event of a season has concluded, those competitors ranked 1st on the Karate 1 Premier League Standing, in each individual category, will be pronounced the Grand Winners, providing they have participated in at least four events held in two different continents during the season.

(4) Points decay will be as indicated in SECTION 1 – Article 1.

(5) Should there remain a tie and a position in the Karate 1 Premier League Standing is still to be determined, then the following criteria will be applicable (with reference to the current season):

- Highest number of Premier Leagues won. If still tied, then:
  - Highest number of Silver Medals
  - Highest number of Bronze Medals
- Total number of bouts won
- Greatest point difference between points scored in favor and points scored against
- Highest number of points in favor
- Least number of points against
SECTION 1: WKF EVENTS

1. WKF Official Events, Event Factor and Points Decay

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>WKF Official Event</th>
<th>Event Factor</th>
<th>1st Year</th>
<th>2nd Year</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>World Championships</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<tr>
<td>African Championships</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>50% (*)</td>
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<td>Asian Championships</td>
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<td>European Championships</td>
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<td>Pan American Championships</td>
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<td>50% (*)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oceania Championships</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>50% (*)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Karate 1 – Premier League</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>50%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Karate 1 – Series A</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>50%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Karate 1 – Youth League</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>50%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(*)NOTE: Should any of the Continental Federations be unable to host a Continental Championships on a yearly basis, NO points decay will be applicable during the second year; that is, the year between Championships.

1.1 Addition of New Points

The addition of new points to the WKF World Ranking, from a given event, will be applicable on the first day of the month after this event has taken place. For example:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event end date*</th>
<th>Addition of new points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6th January 2019</td>
<td>1st February 2019</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1.2 Points Decay

Points decay in the WKF World Ranking, from a given event, will be applicable one year after an event has taken place, occurring on the last day of the month. For example:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event end date*</th>
<th>Points decay</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6th January 2019</td>
<td>31st January 2020</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*NOTE: The event end date is the last day of competition of the entire event.
2. Points by Place

2.1. Kumite

A diagram of how athletes progress through a Kumite competition is illustrated on the next two pages and a table indicating the different positions an athlete can finish in, with the corresponding points awarded, can be found below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>POSITION</th>
<th>POINTS</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1st place</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2nd place</td>
<td>70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3rd places</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5th places</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7th places</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9th places</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11th – 15th places</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Losing quarter-finalists*</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bout won (per bout)*</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Participation*</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*NOTES:
- Participation points are only applicable once the competitor has participated in at least one bout of the competition.
- Points for byes (walk-overs) only count if the athlete wins a subsequent match in the same category in the same competition. For example:

→ 1st Round - Bye: No bout takes place and the athlete only gets 5 participation points.
→ 2nd Round: A bout takes place.
  a. **Athlete wins:** Total points assigned: 5 participation points
     + 10 points for 2nd Round win
     + 10 points for 1st Round win
     \times place points
  b. **Athlete loses:** Total points assigned: 5 participation points
     \times place points

- For a bout won by “KIKEN” (an opponent is assigned to a bout that does not take place or does not come to an end), 10 points will be awarded to the winning competitor.
- Points for losing quarter-finalists will not be implemented in Senior categories until after the Tokyo Olympic Games.
Diagram 1: Kumite Competition Format – Eliminations

**Winner progression and Repechage line**
Sample of Winner Repechage Line, being Gold (Pool Winner A) and Silver Pool (Winner D)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>1/32 Round</th>
<th>1/16 Round</th>
<th>1/8 Round</th>
<th>1/4 Final</th>
<th>1/2 Final</th>
<th>Final</th>
<th>Winner</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Pool Winner</td>
<td>Pool Winner</td>
<td>Repechage (G2)</td>
<td>Pool Winner</td>
<td>Repechage (G3)</td>
<td>Pool Winner</td>
<td>Pool Winner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POOL A</td>
<td></td>
<td>Repechage (G1)</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Repechage (G0)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POOL A + B</td>
<td>Repechage (G2)</td>
<td>Repechage (G4)</td>
<td>Repechage (G4)</td>
<td>Losing QF</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Pool Winner</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POOL B</td>
<td>Repechage (G1)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POOL C</td>
<td>Losing QF</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POOL C + D</td>
<td>Repechage (S4)</td>
<td>Repechage (S4)</td>
<td>Repechage (S4)</td>
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<td>Pool Winner</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Repechage (S1)</td>
<td>Repechage (S3)</td>
<td>Repechage (S3)</td>
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<td>Pool Winner</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

**Pool Winner**

1st Place

2nd Place
Diagram 2: Kumite Competition Format – Repechage

Repechage - 1 (Upper side of Pool)

11th Place → 9th Place → 7th Place → 5th Place → 3rd Place

Repechage (G0) → Repechage (G1) → Repechage (G2) → Repechage (G3) → Repechage (G4)

Winner

Repechage - 2 (Lower side of the Pool)

11th Place → 9th Place → 7th Place → 5th Place → 3rd Place

Repechage (S0) → Repechage (S1) → Repechage (S2) → Repechage (S3) → Repechage (S4)

Winner
2.2. **Kata**

A diagram of how athletes progress through a Kata competition is illustrated on the next page and a table indicating the different positions an athlete can finish in, with the corresponding points awarded, can be found below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>POSITION</th>
<th>POINTS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; place</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; place</td>
<td>70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3&lt;sup&gt;rd&lt;/sup&gt; places</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; places</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; places</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; - 15&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; places</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Qualification to next round</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Participation*</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*NOTE: Participation points are only obtained when the competitor has performed at least once in the competition.*
Diagram 3: Kata Competition Format

KATA COMPETITION PLACES

MEDAL BOUTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Place</th>
<th>Points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1st (Gold)</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2nd (Silver)</td>
<td>70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3rd (Bronze)</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4th</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5th</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6th-10th</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Participation</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

THIRD ROUND

GROUP 1
- Goes to First
- Goes to Bronze Medal Bout
- Goes to Bronze Medal Bout
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th
- 7th
- 8th

GROUP 2
- Goes to First
- Goes to Bronze Medal Bout
- Goes to Bronze Medal Bout
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th
- 7th
- 8th

SECOND ROUND

GROUP 1
- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th
- 7th

GROUP 2
- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th
- 7th

GROUP 3
- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th
- 7th

GROUP 4
- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th
- 7th

FIRST ROUND

GROUP 1
- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th
- 7th
- 8th

GROUP 2
- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th
- 7th
- 8th

GROUP 3
- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th
- 7th
- 8th

GROUP 4
- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th
- 7th
- 8th

GROUP 5
- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th
- 7th
- 8th

GROUP 6
- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th
- 7th
- 8th

GROUP 7
- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th
- 7th
- 8th

GROUP 8
- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th
- 7th
- 8th
3. Points Calculating System

3.1. Kumite

| a. Participation: | 5 per event |
| b. Bout(s) won:   | 10 per bout won |
| c. Place:         | As defined in Article 2.1 |
| d. Total points per event: | \((a+b+c) \times \text{Event Factor}\) |

For example, the points obtained by an athlete who has achieved 3rd place at the World Championships after winning 5 bouts:

\[
\text{(Participation} + \text{Bout(s) won} + \text{Place}) \times \text{Event Factor} = \text{Total Points}
\]

\[
(5 + (5 \times 10) + 40) \times 12 = 1140 \text{ points}
\]

NOTE: A bye will not be considered as a bout won, with the exception of that stated under SECTION 1 – Article 2.1, Notes.

3.2. Kata

| a. Participation: | 5 per event |
| b. Round(s) won*: | 10 per round progression |
| c. Medal winners  | 10 per medal winner |
| d. Place:         | As defined in Article 2.2 |
| e. Total points per event: | \((a+b+c) \times \text{Event Factor}\) |

For example, the points obtained by an athlete who has achieved 3rd place at the World Championships (based on a competition with 64 athletes):

\[
\text{(Participation} + \text{Rounds(s) won} + \text{Medal Winner} + \text{Place}) \times \text{Event Factor} = \text{Total Points}
\]

\[
(5 + (3 \times 10) + 10 + 40) \times 12 = 1020 \text{ points}
\]

*NOTE: A round refers to each stage of competition before the Medal Round.
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4. Age and Weight Categories

An athlete’s age is defined by the first day of competition of an entire event.

The different weight categories across age categories are as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Individual Categories</th>
<th>Senior (Age: Kata+16/Kumite+18)</th>
<th>U21 (Age: 18/19/20)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Individual Kata</td>
<td>Individual Kumite</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>Female</td>
<td>Male</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-60kg</td>
<td>-60kg</td>
<td>-60kg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-67kg</td>
<td>-65kg</td>
<td>-67kg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-84kg</td>
<td>-68kg</td>
<td>-84kg</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Junior (Age: 16/17)</th>
<th>Individual Kata</th>
<th>Individual Kumite</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>Female</td>
<td>Male</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-55kg</td>
<td>-48kg</td>
<td>-61kg</td>
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<tr>
<td>-68kg</td>
<td>-59kg</td>
<td>-76kg</td>
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<tr>
<td>+76kg</td>
<td>+76kg</td>
<td>+76kg</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Cadet (Age: 14/15)</th>
<th>Individual Kata</th>
<th>Individual Kumite</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>Female</td>
<td>Male</td>
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<tr>
<td>-52kg</td>
<td>-47kg</td>
<td>-67kg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-63kg</td>
<td>-54kg</td>
<td>-70kg</td>
</tr>
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</table>

5. Change of Age Category

5.1. Kumite

Junior to Senior

When an athlete changes age category from Junior Kumite to Senior Kumite, 50% of those points obtained in the Junior category of the WKF World Ranking will be dragged into the Senior category of WKF World Ranking. This will occur on the first day of the month after the athlete has turned 18 years old.

These dragged points will remain on the athlete’s profile for one year, at which point all points dragged from the Junior category into the Senior category of the WKF World Ranking will be erased from the athlete’s profile.
The system drags these points automatically across from Junior to Senior, reallocating them as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CADET CATEGORIES</th>
<th>JUNIOR</th>
<th>SENIOR</th>
</tr>
</thead>
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<tr>
<td>-55kg</td>
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<td>-60kg</td>
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<td>-68kg</td>
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<td>-75kg</td>
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<td>-84kg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Manual request</td>
<td>+84kg</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Cadet to Junior*

When an athlete changes age category from Cadet Kumite to Junior Kumite, 50% of those points obtained in the Cadet category of the WKF World Ranking will be dragged into the Junior category of WKF World Ranking. This will occur on the first day of the month after the athlete has turned 16 years old.

These dragged points will remain on the athlete’s profile for one year, at which point all points dragged from the Cadet category into the Junior category of the WKF World Ranking will be erased from the athlete’s profile.

The system drags these points across automatically from Cadet to Junior, reallocating them as follows:

<table>
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<th>CADET CATEGORIES</th>
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<thead>
<tr>
<th>FEMALE CATEGORIES</th>
<th>JUNIOR</th>
<th>JUNIOR</th>
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<tr>
<td>-47kg</td>
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<td>+54kg</td>
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<tr>
<td>Manual request</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

In either of these two cases, if an athlete has competed in two different Junior or Cadet weight categories, the transition of 50% of the points will be done category by category. For example:
500 points obtained in Male Junior -61 kg → 250 points in Male Senior -60 kg
250 points obtained in Male Junior -68 kg → 125 points in Male Senior -67 kg
300 points obtained in Female Cadet -47 kg → 150 points in Female Junior -48 kg
75 points obtained in Female Cadet -54 kg → 35.7 points in Female Junior -53 kg

If after the automatic transition, specific changes to weight categories are required, the National Federation to which the athlete belongs can proceed with an official request addressed to wkf@wkf.net. In these cases, points will only be updated in the system on the first day of the month after the request has been received.

5.2. Kata

Cadet to Senior

When an athlete changes age category from Kata Cadet to Kata Senior, 50% of those points obtained in the Cadet category of the WKF World Ranking will be dragged into the Senior category of the WKF World Ranking. This will occur on the first day of the month after the athlete has turned 16 years old.

These dragged points will remain on the athlete’s profile for one year, at which point all points dragged from the Cadet category into the Senior category of the WKF World Ranking will be erased from the athlete’s profile.

Cadet to Junior*  

When an athlete changes age category from Kata Cadet to Kata Junior, 50% of those points obtained in the Cadet category of the WKF World Ranking will be dragged into the Junior category of the WKF World Ranking. This will occur on the first day of the month after the athlete has turned 16 years old.

These dragged points will remain on the athlete’s profile for one year, at which point all points dragged from the Cadet category into the Junior category of the WKF World Ranking will be erased from the athlete’s profile.

*NOTE – Points transition in these categories was introduced from 2nd March 2020.
6. Nationality

Nationality changes or changes to an athlete’s representative NF are subject to the corresponding clauses in the WKF Organising Rules. In the event that an athlete changes nationality or NF, according to the regulations in force, all points from the applicable WKF World Ranking category will be transferred to the athlete’s new nationality.

However, if when an athlete changes nationality, this change is from one different continent to another, points will be transferred to the athlete’s new nationality, with the exception of any points awarded at continental competitions of the athlete’s previous nationality. These will be removed from the total number of points on the athlete’s new profile.

7. Continental Championships

At Continental Championships, National Federations will be limited to the points of one competitor per category counting towards the WKF World Ranking and any applicable Standing in force at the time. National Federations will be required to indicate the name of this competitor during the registration phase, prior to the event, and confirmation of all a country’s registrations may be withheld until the names of each competitor per category scoring in the WKF Ranking and any applicable Standing have been duly communicated.

8. Maternity

Any athlete who becomes pregnant can request their ranking points to be frozen for a maximum period of 15 months. In order to implement this freeze, the National Federation must send written confirmation to the WKF, along with a medical certificate, confirming that the athlete will now cease competition due to pregnancy. Points will be frozen according to the WKF Ranking on the 1st of the month following the date of the received request. They will be frozen for a maximum of 15 months – of which a maximum of 6 can be after the birth. If an athlete wishes to return to competition before the end of this 15-month period, the National Federation must send written confirmation of this, two months prior to the athlete’s first event back. In accordance with the above, points will be unfrozen on the first of the month following their first event back or on the first of the month following the completion of this 15-month maternity period.
9. Other General Rules

9.1. Athletes will appear in the WKF World Ranking only when they have received points in at least one WKF Official Event.

9.2. Continuity of competitors in the WKF World Ranking
Athletes, who do not participate in a WKF Official Event for two consecutive years will be removed from the WKF World Ranking.

Athletes will be removed from the Cadet, Junior and U21 Rankings on the first day of the month following the applicable birthday (16th, 18th and 21st).

In the event of an athlete needing proof of WKF World Ranking status on a specific date (within the two years preceding the request), a written request should be sent to the WKF.

9.3. Points will be awarded to athletes **ONLY ONCE PER EVENT AND CATEGORY**, in the WKF World Ranking category in which the athlete has competed respectively. A competitor can compete in two different age categories, for example, U21 and Senior, but this athlete will have a separate WKF World Ranking for each age category. The same principle applies to weight categories.

9.4. For those U21 athletes also competing at Senior events, points obtained at any Senior event (Karate 1 as well as Continental and World Championships) will be included in the Senior WKF World Ranking of the athlete.

9.5. **Athletes with Two Different WKF IDs**
Should an athlete be registered at a competition with a different WKF ID from the one already assigned to the athlete in the WKF World Ranking, the points obtained at the given competition will be assigned to the WKF ID that the athlete has competed under according to SECTION 1 – Article 5.3 above.

As a result, the athlete will have points divided under two different WKF IDs, having been obtained at different competitions. If the athlete wishes to merge the points into the same profile, an online request can be made by clicking on the following banner:
IMPORTANT NOTE: merged profiles will not be considered for qualification purposes or event registration (e.g. the Premier League) until the new release of the World Ranking (and Olympic Standing) on the first day of the month following the merger request.

10. COVID-19

Following the outbreak of COVID-19 and given an expected and significant period of inactivity from the last event to take place (Salzburg Premier League, 28 Feb – 1 Mar 2020) until activity can restart again, the following WKF Rankings have been frozen from 2nd March 2020 until the first of the month following the first event back: Senior, Junior and Cadet.

In addition, the following changes have been made to the point transition process:

Kumite Junior to Senior transitions
50% of a Junior athlete’s frozen points as per 2nd March 2020 are transitioned on first of the month following the athlete’s 18th birthday. Transition points will remain on the athlete’s Senior profile for 1 year following the restart of activity.

Kumite Cadet to Junior transitions
50% of a Cadet athlete’s frozen points as per 2nd March 2020 are transitioned on first of the month following the athlete’s 16th birthday. Transition points will remain on the athlete’s Junior profile for 1 year following the restart of activity.

Kata Cadet to Senior transitions
50% of a Cadet athlete’s frozen points as per 2nd March 2020 are transitioned on first of the month following the athlete’s 16th birthday. Transition points will remain on the athlete’s Senior profile for 1 year following the restart of activity.

Kata Cadet to Junior transitions
50% of a Cadet athlete’s frozen points as per 2nd March 2020 are transitioned on first of the month following the athlete’s 16th birthday. Transition points will remain on the athlete’s Junior profile for 1 year following the restart of activity.
SECTION 2: OLYMPIC EVENTS

1. Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

Note: Following the outbreak of COVID-19, this section has been revised in line with the updated Karate Qualification System for Tokyo 2020, with the new dates and timelines for the Olympic Games in the summer of 2021.

1.1. Tokyo 2020 Standing

For the Qualification System in force for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, an Olympic Standing with the name “Tokyo 2020 Olympic Standing” will display the athletes ranked in each Olympic Kata and Kumite weight category, according to the points obtained in the qualifying events taking place within the qualification period.

Any National Olympic Committee not eligible to compete in the Olympic Games will not be listed in the Tokyo 2020 Standings as of May 2021 (date TBC).

1.2. Official Events for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Standing

Only points obtained during the qualification period in the following Official Events count towards the “Tokyo 2020 Olympic Standing”:

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<td>Kigali (Rwanda)</td>
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<td>14-16 September</td>
<td>Premier League</td>
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Note - the above events scheduled for 2021 are replacing events that could not take place in 2020 due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Confirmation of the above events will be made in the last quarter of 2020 when the Official WKF Sports Activities Calendar for 2021 will be approved and duly communicated.

1.3. Points Decay Exceptions

For the “Tokyo 2020 Olympic Standing”, the following exceptions of points decay will be applicable:

- World Senior Championships Madrid 2018: no points decay will be applicable.
- Senior Continental Championships (within the qualification period): no points decay will be applicable. Should a second Senior Continental Championships be held in a continent during the qualification period, all points obtained in the first Continental Championships within the qualification period will be replaced with the points obtained in the second. This applies exclusively to those events listed in the above tables.

The points obtained in Karate 1 events taking place within the qualification period will be displayed in the “Tokyo 2020 Olympic Standing” as of May 2021 (date TBC) as follows:

- 50% points decay will be applicable to those events taking place from the start of the qualification period, 2nd July 2018 until 6th April 2019.
- No decay will be applicable to all those Karate 1 events taking place from 6th April 2019 to May 2021 (date TBC) - the final stage of qualification.
1.4. Merger of WKF Kumite Weight Categories to Olympic Categories

The merger of WKF weight categories into Olympic weight categories for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will be as follows:

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1.5. Positions on the Olympic Standing

Athletes will be displayed, in descending order, according to the number of points obtained during the qualification period, in the corresponding weight category.

**Qualification Positions 1 to 4**

The four best ranked athletes on the Olympic Standing per weight category will be assigned these four positions, highlighted at the top of the Standing in green:

Should two WKF weight categories be merged for Olympic purposes, then only the two best ranked athletes in each individual WKF weight category will obtain a position. These four athletes will be displayed in green towards the top of the respective category:
1.6. Resolution of Ties

**Kumite**

**In order to define positions 1 to 4 on the Olympic Standing**, should two athletes have the same number of points and therefore, the same Olympic Standing position, then the position will be determined according to following criteria:

- Best position at the Madrid 2018 World Senior Championships.
- Best position at the last Continental Championships they have participated in, within the qualification period.
- Total point difference between points scored in favor and points scored against the athlete by opponents (regardless of category) in the last Continental Championships.

**In order to define position 5 onwards in the Olympic Standing**, should two or more athletes have the same number of points in an Olympic Standing position, then the position will be determined according to following criteria:

- Best position in the Olympic Standing by WKF weight category (only applicable to WKF weight categories merged for Olympic purposes).
- Best position at the Madrid 2018 World Senior Championships.
- Best position at the last Continental Championships they have participated in within the qualification period.
- Best position in the 2019 Premier League.

Should there still be ties present at this point, in either of the above situations, then the following criteria is to be applied (with reference to the qualification period):
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- Highest number of Premier Leagues won. If still tied, then:
  - Highest number of Silver Medals
  - Highest number of Bronze Medals
- Total number of bouts won
- Greatest points difference between points scored in favor and points scored against
- Highest number of points in favor
- Least number of points against
- Coin Toss

**Kata**

Should two or more athletes have the same Olympic Standing position, then the position will be determined according to following criteria:

- Best position at the Madrid 2018 World Senior Championships
- Best position in the last Continental Championships they have participated in within the qualification period.
- Best position in the 2019 Premier League.

Should there still be ties present at this point, then the following criteria is to be applied (with reference to the qualification period):

- Highest number of Premier Leagues won. If still tied, then:
  - Highest number of Silver Medals
  - Highest number of Bronze Medals
- Total number of rounds won
- Coin Toss

**1.7. Olympic Standing – Host Country Qualifying within the Top 4**

Should an athlete from the Host Country be positioned amongst the first 4 positions of the Olympic Standing, this position will be considered as a Host Country place and the next athlete in the Olympic Standing of the same category will be assigned the 4th position.
*NOTE: Since JPN qualifies with a Host Country place, USA does not need to attend the Qualification Tournament in that category since they have already qualified.

Should there be more than two athletes from the Host Country occupying the first 4 positions of the Olympic Standing, the first position will be considered a Host Country place and the next athlete from a different country in the Olympic Standing of the same category will be assigned the 4th position.

Should there be a third athlete from the Host Country within the top four positions, this quota place will also be reallocated to the next athlete positioned in the Olympic Standing of the same category from a different country.
*NOTE: Host Country athletes will only be able to register and compete at the Qualification Tournament, in those categories in which no HC athlete is amongst the 50 highest positioned on the OS as of May 2021 (Date TBC).

1.8. Continental Representation (Qualification System)

When Continental Games (CG) are used for qualification, all gold medalists in the CG will be first considered. The quota will be allocated to the highest ranked gold medalist in the Olympic Standing as long as there is still an available place in their corresponding Olympic category, always respecting the maximum of one representative per NOC, per category. Should all gold medalists have already qualified during the qualification period, the same procedure will be applied to the silver medalists – or if necessary, the bronze medalists.

To determine between the highest-ranked Kumite gold medalist and the highest-ranked Kata gold medalist, the points obtained in the Standing will not be used as criteria for resolution. The following criteria is to be applied:

- Best position in the last World Senior Championships within the qualification period.
- Best position in the last Continental Championships they have participated in within the qualification period.
- Best position in the 2019 Premier League
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Should there still be ties present at this point, then the following criteria is to be applied (with reference to the qualification period):

- Highest number of Premier Leagues won. If still tied, then:
  - Highest number of Silver Medals
  - Highest number of Bronze Medals
- Coin Toss

When the CG are not used for qualification, a sequence of selection processes take place, continent by continent, and qualification is determined based on the Olympic Standing of the athletes from the applicable continent.

3. Online Display of Olympic Standings

Olympic Standings will be accessible via the WKF Ranking webpage, by clicking on the appropriate banner.

For example, the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Standings can be found here:

![Tokyo 2020 Standings](image)

Those athletes eligible to qualify via the Olympic Standing will be highlighted in green.

In order to differentiate the eligible athlete to qualify by Host Country from those athletes eligible to qualify by Olympic Standing, the Host Country athlete will be highlighted in grey, as follows:
Should an Olympic weight category merge two individual WKF weight categories for Olympic purposes, the eligible athlete to qualify by Host Country will remain in grey. The top 4 qualified athletes from other countries will be assigned to the top 2 athletes in each WKF weight category as follows, always respecting the rule of one athlete per NOC:

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4. Nationality at Olympic Events

The Nationality of competitors participating in the Olympic Games will be regulated by Rule 41 and Bye-law to Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter in force, under article 2.3. of these regulations.

4.1. Olympic Charter Rule 41

Olympic Charter (as of June 2019):

Rule 41: “Nationality of Competitors”

1. Any competitor in the Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the NOC which is entering such competitor.

2. All matters relating to the determination of the country which a competitor may represent in the Olympic Games shall be resolved by the IOC Executive Board.

Bye-law to Rule 41:

1. A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as he may elect. However, after having represented one country in the Olympic Games, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognized by the relevant IF, he may not represent another country unless he meets the conditions set forth in paragraph 2 below that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality.

2. A competitor who has represented one country in the Olympic Games, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognized by the relevant IF, and who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality, may participate in the Olympic Games to represent his new country provided that at least three years have passed since the competitor last represented his former country. This period may be reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the NOCs and IF concerned, by the IOC Executive Board, which takes into account the circumstances of each case.

3. If an associated State, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence, if a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change of border, if a country merges with another
country, or if a new NOC is recognized by the IOC, a competitor may continue to represent the country to which he belongs or belonged. However, he may, if he prefers, elect to represent his country or be entered in the Olympic Games by his new NOC if one exists. This particular choice may be made only once.

4. Furthermore, in all cases in which a competitor would be eligible to participate in Olympic Games, either by representing another country than his or by having the choice as to the country which such competitor intends to represent, the IOC, Executive Board may take all decisions of a general or individual nature with regard to issues resulting from nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of any competitor, including the duration of any waiting period.