

ENGLISH NATIONAL CHILDREN'S KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS • 2026 •

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AT HUDDERSFIELD UNIVERSITY SPORTS VILLAGE



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1. Welcome

It is our great pleasure, on behalf of the English Karate National Governing Body (EKNGB) and President Mr Dale Gamble, to welcome all athletes and coaches to the English National Children's Karate Championships 2026.

This marks our first National Governing Body championship of 2026, and our aim is to create a fun, inclusive, and enjoyable competition for everyone involved.

Looking ahead, our vision is to grow this championship into a leading event that showcases high-level Karate while remaining accessible and inclusive for all participants across England.

The championship will take place over two days, featuring top English and British referees and judges. We are also honoured to have Peter Bibby serving as Chief Referee for this year's event.

Inclusion is at the heart of what we do. We are committed to ensuring that all participants have the opportunity to compete, with categories available for Para-Kata, Kata, and Kumite, as well as pairs and team events. The Para-Kata section will include ten categories across all age groups.

We look forward to welcoming you to the English National Children's Karate Championships 2026.

Good luck to all competitors, and most importantly, have a fantastic time!

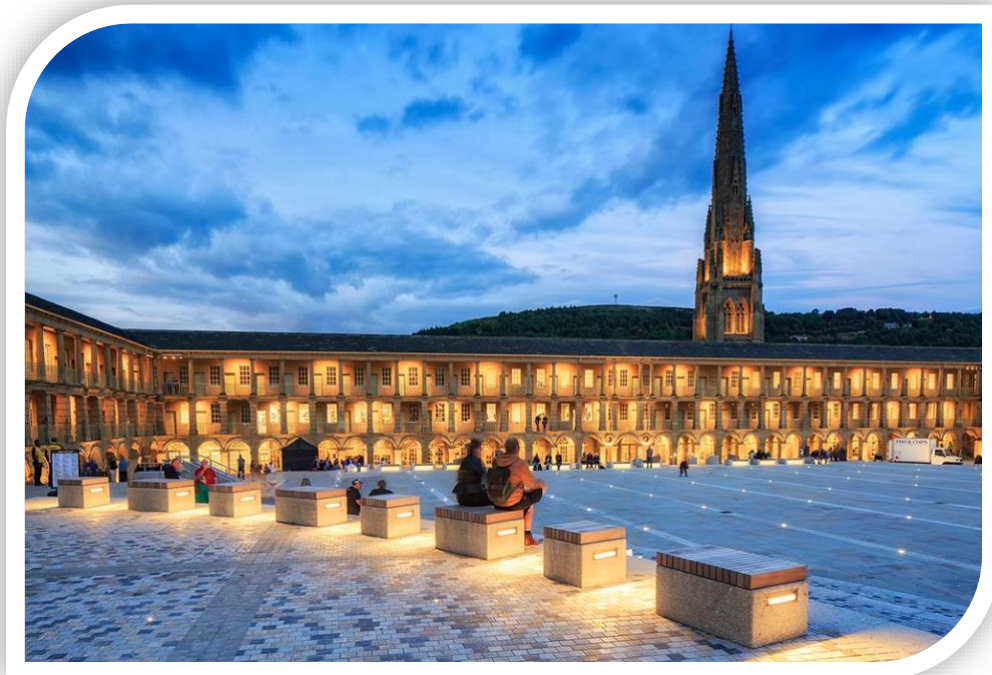


2. Introduction (location)

The English Karate National Children's Karate Championship will be held in Huddersfield University.



Huddersfield is a quirky corner of West Yorkshire, combines inspirational scenery with traditional market towns. You will also find markets, independent and high street shops, theatres, and many great places to eat and drink, so you will find plenty to do whilst you are here!



3. Competition Information

All competitors must have a valid and up to date EKNGB Sporting licence and insurance cover, this should be available for inspection on the day of the competition.

WKF Competition rules will be applied.

Repechage will be implemented for all 14-15yrs & 16-17yrs time permitting.

Kata Rules

- All kata performed must be from the WKF list.
- 13yrs & under may alternate two Kata.
- 14yrs+ Kata must be different in each round, to a maximum of four Kata, then athletes may repeat.
- Para Kata - WKF rules apply.

Kumite Rules

- 9yrs and under 1 min.
- U14yrs bout time 1.5 mins.
- Cadet & Junior bout time 2 mins (time permitting).
- All protective equipment is mandatory.

Categories

We reserve the right to merge or cancel undersubscribed categories, and oversubscribed categories may be split.

Saturday 12th September

Kata 4th kyu and below

FEMALE			MALE		
CAT NO	CATEGORY	Age	CAT NO	CATEGORY	Age
KA1	KATA	7yrs & under	KA2	KATA	7yrs & under
KA5	KATA	8yrs & 9yrs	KA6	KATA	8yrs & 9yrs
KA9	KATA	10yrs & 11yrs	KA10	KATA	10yrs & 11yrs
KA13	KATA	12yrs & 13yrs	KA14	KATA	12yrs & 13yrs

Kata 3rd kyu and above

FEMALE			MALE		
CAT NO	CATEGORY	Age	CAT NO	CATEGORY	Age
KA3	KATA	7yrs & under	KA4	KATA	7yrs & under
KA7	KATA	8yrs & 9yrs	KA8	KATA	8yrs & 9yrs
KA11	KATA	10yrs & 11yrs	KA12	KATA	10yrs & 11yrs
KA15	KATA	12yrs & 13yrs	KA16	KATA	12yrs & 13yrs

CAT NO	PARA KATA U14 MIXED
KA25	VISUAL IMPAIRMENT
KA26	INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT (Downs Syndrome)
KA27	INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT
KA28	WHEELCHAIR USER
KA29	ATHLETES WITH AUTISM
KA30	STANDING CLASS

All grades

FEMALE PAIRS KATA			MALE PAIRS KATA		
CAT NO	CATEGORY	Age	CAT NO	CATEGORY	Age
PK1	PAIRS KATA	9yrs & under	PK2	PAIRS KATA	9yrs & under
PK3	PAIRS KATA	10yrs & 11yrs	PK4	PAIRS KATA	10yrs & 11yrs
PK5	PAIRS KATA	12yrs & 13yrs	PK6	PAIRS KATA	12yrs & 13yrs

Kumite 4th kyu and below

FEMALE				MALE			
CAT NO	CATEGORY	AGE	WEIGHT	CAT NO	CATEGORY	AGE	WEIGHT
KU1	KUMITE	7yrs & under	-25KG	KU2	KUMITE	7yrs & under	-25KG
KU5	KUMITE	7yrs & under	+25KG	KU6	KUMITE	7yrs & under	+25KG
KU9	KUMITE	8yrs & 9yrs	-30KG	KU10	KUMITE	8yrs & 9yrs	-30KG
KU13	KUMITE	8yrs & 9yrs	+30KG	KU14	KUMITE	8yrs & 9yrs	+30KG
KU17	KUMITE	10yrs & 11yrs	-35KG	KU18	KUMITE	10yrs & 11yrs	-35KG
KU21	KUMITE	10yrs & 11yrs	+35KG	KU22	KUMITE	10yrs & 11yrs	+35KG
KU25	KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs	-42KG	KU26	KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs	-45KG
KU29	KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs	-47KG	KU30	KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs	-50KG
KU33	KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs	-52KG	KU34	KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs	-55KG
KU37	KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs	+52KG	KU38	KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs	+55KG

Kumite 3rd kyu and above

FEMALE				MALE			
CAT NO	CATEGORY	AGE	WEIGHT	CAT NO	CATEGORY	AGE	WEIGHT
KU3	KUMITE	7yrs and under	-25KG	KU4	KUMITE	7yrs & under	-25KG
KU7	KUMITE	7yrs and under	+25KG	KU8	KUMITE	7yrs & under	+25KG
KU11	KUMITE	8yrs & 9yrs	-30KG	KU12	KUMITE	8yrs & 9yrs	-30KG
KU15	KUMITE	8yrs & 9yrs	+30KG	KU16	KUMITE	8yrs & 9yrs	+30KG
KU19	KUMITE	10yrs & 11yrs	-35KG	KU20	KUMITE	10yrs & 11yrs	-35KG
KU23	KUMITE	10yrs & 11yrs	+35KG	KU24	KUMITE	10yrs & 11yrs	+35KG
KU27	KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs	-42KG	KU28	KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs	-45KG
KU31	KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs	-47KG	KU32	KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs	-50KG
KU35	KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs	-52KG	KU36	KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs	-55KG
KU39	KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs	+52KG	KU40	KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs	+55KG

All grades

FEMALE TEAM KUMITE			MALE TEAM KUMITE		
CAT NO	CATEGORY	Age	CAT NO	CATEGORY	Age
TK1	TEAM KUMITE	8yrs & 9yrs	TK2	TEAM KUMITE	8yrs & 9yrs
TK3	TEAM KUMITE	10yrs & 11yrs	TK4	TEAM KUMITE	10yrs & 11yrs
TK5	TEAM KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs	TK6	TEAM KUMITE	12yrs & 13yrs

Sunday 13th September

Kata 4th kyu and below

FEMALE			MALE		
CAT NO	CATEGORY		CAT NO	CATEGORY	
KA17	KATA - CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	KA18	KATA - CADET	14yrs & 15yrs
KA21	KATA - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	KA22	KATA - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs

Kata 3rd kyu and above

FEMALE			MALE		
CAT NO	CATEGORY		CAT NO	CATEGORY	
KA19	KATA - CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	KA20	KATA - CADET	14yrs & 15yrs
KA23	KATA - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	KA24	KATA - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs

CAT NO	PARA KATA CADET & JUNIOR MIXED
KA31	VISUAL IMPAIRMENT
KA32	INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT (Downs Syndrome)
KA33	INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT
KA34	WHEELCHAIR USER
KA35	ATHLETES WITH AUTISM

All grades

FEMALE PAIRS & TEAM KATA			MALE PAIRS & TEAM KATA		
CAT NO	CATEGORY	Age	CAT NO	CATEGORY	Age
PK7	PAIRS KATA	14yrs & 15yrs	PK8	PAIRS KATA	14yrs & 15yrs
PK9	PAIRS KATA	16yrs & 17yrs	PK10	PAIRS KATA	16yrs & 17yrs
TKA1	TEAM KATA	14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs & 17yrs	TKA2	TEAM KATA	14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs & 17yrs

Kumite 4th kyu and below

FEMALE				MALE			
CAT NO	CATEGORY	AGE	WEIGHT	CAT NO	CATEGORY	AGE	WEIGHT
				KU73	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	-52KG
KU41	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	-47KG	KU42	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	-57KG
KU45	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	-54KG	KU46	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	-63KG
KU49	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	-61KG	KU50	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	-70KG
KU53	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	+61KG	KU54	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	+70KG
KU74	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	-48KG	KU75	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	-55KG
KU57	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	-53KG	KU58	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	-61KG
KU61	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	-59KG	KU62	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	-68KG
KU65	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	-66KG	KU66	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	-76KG
KU69	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	+66KG	KU70	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	+76KG

Kumite 3rd kyu and above

FEMALE				MALE			
CAT NO	CATEGORY	AGE	WEIGHT	CAT NO	CATEGORY	AGE	WEIGHT
				KU76	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	-52KG
KU43	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	-47KG	KU44	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	-57KG
KU47	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	-54KG	KU48	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	-63KG
KU51	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	-61KG	KU52	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	-70KG
KU55	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	+61KG	KU56	KUMITE-CADET	14yrs & 15yrs	+70KG
KU77	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	-48KG	KU78	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	-55KG
KU59	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	-53KG	KU60	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	-61KG
KU63	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	-59KG	KU64	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	-68KG
KU67	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	-66KG	KU68	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	-76KG
KU71	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	+66KG	KU72	KUMITE - JUNIOR	16yrs & 17yrs	+76KG

All grades

FEMALE TEAM KUMITE			MALE TEAM KUMITE		
CAT NO	CATEGORY	Age	CAT NO	CATEGORY	Age
TK7	TEAM KUMITE	14yrs & 15yrs	TK8	TEAM KUMITE	14yrs & 15yrs
TK9	TEAM KUMITE	16yrs & 17yrs	TK10	TEAM KUMITE	16yrs & 17yrs

4. Organising committee

Mr Dale Gamble – President English Karate



Mr Raj Bhardwaj – EKNGB Championship Organiser



Mr Peter Bibby – Chief Referee



Miss Katie Simpson – Technical Director



Mr Matthew Handley – Director



Mr Paul Simmons – Director



5. Organiser details

Competition Organiser contact details

Raj Bhardwaj 07769697858
competition@englishkaratengb.co.uk



6. Safe sport supervisor

Karate events must be a safe environment for all athletes and participants and entirely free from any form of non-accidental violence, namely, harassment and abuse. Any such behaviour will not be tolerated.

Your first point of contact for any incident at the event is our Safeguarding lead Dennis Mlambo who can be contacted via safeguarding@englishkaratengb.co.uk



7. Protective equipment requirements

- White Karate suit – Red/Blue shoulders will be accepted.
- Gum shield.
- WKF Red & Blue Mitts mandatory.
- WKF Red & Blue Shin & Foot pads mandatory.
- Body armour should be worn over the Gi for athletes U14yrs mandatory.
- Body protector under the Gi for athletes aged 14yrs+ mandatory.
- Female chest protector 14yrs + mandatory.
- Groin guard all ages mandatory.
- WKF Headguards U14yrs mandatory.

8. Event schedule

Running order (timetable) for the day will be advertised on sport data.

Schedule	
Doors Open	8.00 am
Coaches' Meeting	8.15 am
Referee's Meeting	8.30am

9. Online registration & entry fees

It is the responsibility of coaches to ensure that all competitors are registered and in the correct categories. Competitors are only allowed to compete in their own age/weight category and are not allowed to move up a category. Entries will only be accepted via your association and not from individuals.

All Athletes and coaches must have an EKNGB sporting licence acquired through EKNGB Sport:80 system.

Coach Registration: All coaches must register on-line via Sportdata before the closing date.

Para Assistants: All Para assistants must register on-line via Sportdata before the closing date.

Volunteers: All welcome to help run this event, registration via Sportdata. EKNGB Volunteers will be provided with an official's t-shirt, lunch & refreshments.

All registrations must be processed online through Sportdata. Entries will close at capacity of 700 entries per day or 08/08/2026 (whichever comes soonest).

Entry fees per individual Category:

£30.00 per individual event entry.

£40.00 per Team/Pairs event entry.

All payments should be processed through the online payment platform; onsite payments will **NOT** be accepted. No late entries permitted. Payment should be made at the time of entry.

Please ensure that if paying by BACS you have an identifying reference against your payment i.e. Association name. Please also provide a receipt or confirmation of your BACS payment to the organiser via competition@englishkaratengb.co.uk

All payments should be made using the PayPal link via Sport data. This is the preferred method of payment.



Or by BACS payment direct to:

Name: EKNGB Ltd.

Account number: 30223001

Sort code: 82-12-08

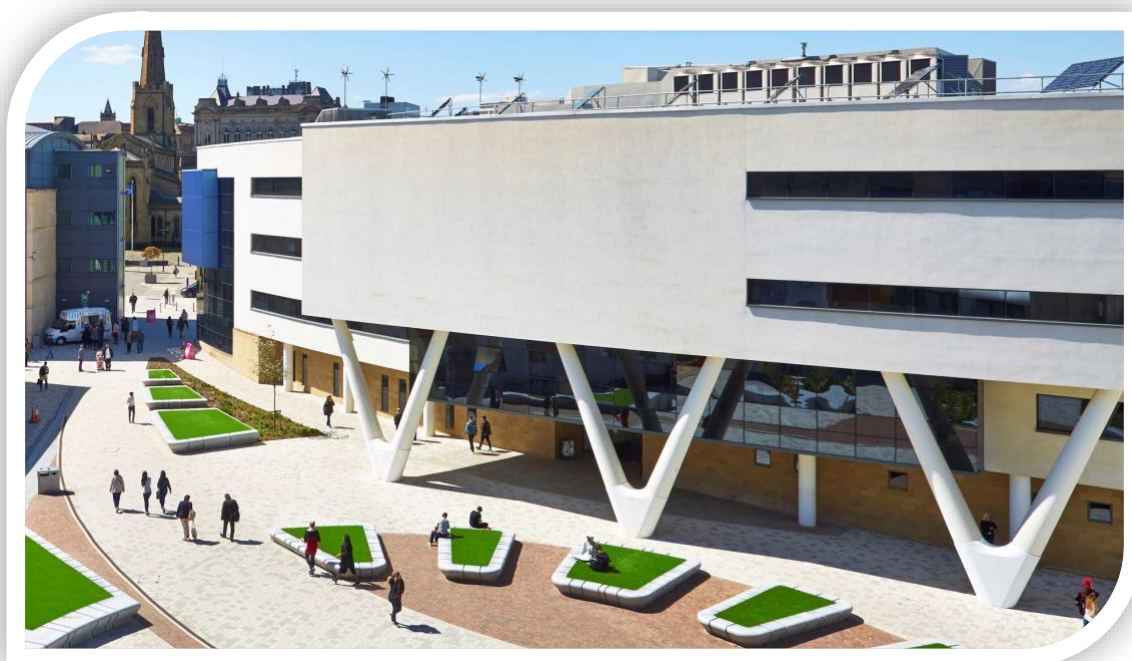
10. Anti-doping

As a participant in Karate, it is your responsibility to follow WKF Anti-Doping rules as coaches and athletes.



11. Competition venue

University of Huddersfield Sports Hall



12. Tickets & spectators

Spectators Entrance fees per day:

Adult Spectator	£10
Child Spectator (16yrs & under)	£5
Under 5yrs	Free

Payable by card only on the door, (No Cash)

13. Hotels

Huddersfield Central Premier Inn, HD1 6SB



Briar Court Hotel, HD3 3NT



14. Transport

Huddersfield has great transport links – easily accessible via the M62.
Local Train station – Huddersfield – 12-minute walk to the University.
Parking – There is parking on site at the university.

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We look forward to welcoming you.

The mission of the English Karate National Governing Body is to provide the best and easy access for Associations and the members, keeping the values of karate, with respect and friendships.

As we move forward, we are committed to modernising our approach, embracing transparency, unity, and growth. Our new path strengthens the traditional spirit of karate while opening new doors for collaboration, opportunity, and excellence for all involved.