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## **Riyadh 2026 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games for Karatedo Event:**

In response to the email from the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China ("SF&OC") received on 29 September, and the Briefing Session to NSAs on Selection Criteria held on 2 October, regarding the Riyadh 2026 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games ("2026 AIMAG"), the selected athletes need to be nominated for the competition. Therefore, the Selection and Appeal Mechanism of the Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Ltd. ("KFHKCL") has been formulated and the Nomination List of the Riyadh 2026 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games (Karatedo event) will be recommended by the Nomination Committee of KFHKCL.

### **(1) Introduction**

Riyadh 2026 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 11-21 December 2026. The SF&OC will arrange representatives to attend the event, the Selection Committee of SF&OC was established to coordinate the delegation's participation.

### **(2) Eligibility of athletes**

- I. Must be a current member of the Hong Kong Karate training team (including the Elite Training Grant and Potential Training team of the Hong Kong Sports Institute ("HKSI") and Feeder System Scheme - Pre-Squad Training);
- II. The training attendance rate of Feeder system should be at least 50% or above;
- III. Athletes should pass the required medical check up to demonstrate his/her fitness for competition; and
- IV. Athletes should comply with the requirements (including eligibility code, e.g. HKSAR Passport holder) and guidelines set by respective the 2026 AIMAG Organizing Committee, Olympic Council of Asia ("OCA") and SF&OC.

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## (3) Participating Requirement

According to the guidelines set by the Riyadh 2026 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games Organizing Committee and Olympic Council of Asia and SF&OC:

### I. Age

- Kata: above the age of 16, born on or before 11 December 2010;  
Kumite: above the age of 18, born on or before 11 December 2008.

### II. Event Categories

- Men: Individual Kata, Kumite -55KG, Kumite -60KG, Kumite -67KG, Kumite -75KG, Kumite -84KG and Kumite +84KG.
- Women: Individual Kata, Kumite -50KG, Kumite -55KG, Kumite -61KG, Kumite -68KG and Kumite +68KG.

### III. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC

- i. Each NOC may enter a maximum of one (1) athlete in each event.
- ii. Each NOC may enter a maximum of eight (8) athletes, including four (4) men and four (4) women across Kata and Kumite events.

## (4) Nomination Process

- I. The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Ltd. will complete the selection mechanism and appeal mechanism refer to Athlete Selection Policy & Guideline of SF&OC.
- II. The Federation will e-mail the relevant selection mechanism, selection criteria and requirements, and appeal mechanism to all members of the Hong Kong Karate Training Team and each dojo member. The relevant selection information will also be published on the website of the Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Ltd.



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III. The Headquarter Dojo In-charge can propose their eligible athletes to participate in the competition based on the athletes' qualifications and selection criteria. The deadline for nomination is 12 October 2026 noon.

IV. The KFHKCL's nomination committee selects the best athlete from the proposed eligible athletes based on the following "selection criteria", and submits the list to the Selection Committee of SF&OC on or before 26 October 2026.

V. Tier One Selection Criteria: -

Firstly, athletes who possess the following outstanding results in previous international competitions shall automatically be selected to participate in the respective Games. No weighting will be set for these criteria considering that athletes shall be selected once they can fulfill any one of the criteria listed. If more than one athlete has the eligibility in the same category or the category does not have any eligible athlete, the Tier Two Selection will be applied.

1. From 2022 - 2026, the World Karate Championships (senior) - ranked 1st to 8th (recognized by the World Karate Federation);
2. From 2022 - 2026, the Asian Karate Championships (senior) - ranked 1st to 8th (recognized by the Asian Karate Federation);
3. From 2022 - 2026, the multi-sports Games owned by the OCA (senior) - ranked 1st to 8th (recognized by the Asian Karate Federation), including Hangzhou 19th Asian Games, Sanya 2026 Asian Beach Games and Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Games;
4. From 2022 - 2026, the World Games / Universiade (senior) - ranked 1st to 8th (recognized by the World Karate Federation), including The World Games 2022 Birmingham, The World Games 2025 Chengdu, Chengdu 2021 Summer World University Games and Rhine-Ruhr 2025 Summer World University Games;
5. Participated in recent Olympic Games or multi-sports Games owned by ANOC (within 4 years, from 2022 - 2026) in the same or higher level of the Games concerned (senior) including Paris 2024 Olympic Games (Athlete can be counted 2 score points while in the Tier Two Selection Criteria)

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\* The "(senior)" category mentioned in the criteria refers to the Senior Category benchmarks set out in the Elite Vote Support System ("EVSS") Generic Scoring Table by the HKSI.

\* On condition that there is a minimum of four participants in the competition(s) AND the athlete(s) ranked in the top one-third among the total number of participants.

## VI. Tier Two Selection Criteria: -

It mainly calculates the accumulated scores obtained in the international competitions which are listed in Tier One Selection Criteria (according to the Elite Vote Support System ("EVSS") Generic Scoring Table formulated by the HKSI and as attached for reference). From 1 January 2022 to 12 October 2026, the winner will be the highest cumulative total score. If two or more athletes' total scores are the same or the category does not have any eligible athlete, the Tier Three Selection will be applied.

## VII. Tier Three Selection Criteria: -

If two or more athletes' total scores are the same, or certain categories do not have any eligible athletes in the Tier Two Selection, the following set of competitions (at least 3 score event) will be re-considered to count in their achievement (according to the Elite Vote Support System ("EVSS") Generic Scoring Table formulated by the HKSI and as attached for reference). From 1 January 2022 to 12 October 2026, the winner will be the highest cumulative total score.

1. From 2022 - 2026, the Karate1 Premier League (4 score event) - ranked 1st to 8th (recognized by the World Karate Federation);
2. From 2022 - 2026, the Karate1 Series A (3 score event) - ranked 1st to 3rd (recognized by the World Karate Federation);
3. From 2022 - 2026, the National Final Stage Championship (3 score event) - ranked 1st to 3rd (recognized by the China Karate Association).

## Remarks (Applied to Tier One, Tier Two and Tier Three Selection): -

1. The athlete's achievement counts must win at least one match in the event;

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2. The event with participation of SIX or more current top ten ranking athletes in the WKF Current Ranking will be considered equivalent to an event at the 4 or 5 point level;
3. The achievement counts only if there were at least four participating regions/countries in the relevant category and the athlete ranked in the top one-third among the total number of participants;
4. If the competition does not adopt the Repechage scoring system, the adopted scoring system will be counted in the score for the 4th-8th place;
5. If the athlete(s) ranked in the top two-third among the total number of participants, he/she can list out the details in the nomination form for further consideration in Tier Two and Tier Three.

VIII. If after three-tier selection, including the same year, two or more athletes have the same performance and scores, or certain categories do not have any eligible athletes, additional consideration will be given based on the following subjective criteria:

- 1) Athletes ranked Top 8 in the international sports events in 2022 – 2026 sanctioned by its IF/AF, on condition that there was a minimum of eight participants in the competition;
- 2) Athletes receiving HKSI Elite Training Grant with Elite C or above;
- 3) Athletes ranked Top 3 in World / Asian Ranking in 2022 - 2026.

IX. Also, if there are athletes who do not distinguish between the above procedures, the selection committee will first consider their past contested results of the two athletes, and then consider the higher attendance rate of the two athletes in the training.

## (5) Nomination Committee

The nomination committee of KFHKCL is composed of the head coach of the Karate Department of Hong Kong Sports Institute, and the Kata or Kumite coach, and KFHKCL

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Coaching Director. The Kata coach will participate in the selection of the Kata, and the Kumite coach will participate in the selection of the Kumite.

## (6) Appeal Panel

Athletes who have not been nominated may, within five days from receiving the nomination results, set out the reasons for the appeal in writing and submit relevant supporting documents for appeal.

The composition of the appeal committee: 3 neutral positions of General Committee members of the Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Ltd. will be elected for the final ruling (the neutral position was not involved in the nomination process before and has no connection to the related athletes). If the results are disputed, the AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre may be invited to handle the case.

## (7) Timetable

| Date            | Important matters and mileage                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 October 2026  | E-mail to all members of the Hong Kong Karate Training Team and each dojo member and it will also be posted on the official website                                                                            |
| 12 October 2026 | The deadline for nomination on 12 October 2026 noon                                                                                                                                                            |
| 16 October 2026 | The nomination committee meets to select and announce the results in the evening*                                                                                                                              |
| 21 October 2026 | The deadline for appeal on 21 October 2026 noon                                                                                                                                                                |
| 23 October 2026 | The Appeals Committee decided, if there are any changes, the latest list will be submitted to the General Committee of the KFHKCL for approval. Subject to changes, the latest list results will be announced* |
| 26 October 2026 | The list was submitted to the Selection Committee of SF&OC for final approval                                                                                                                                  |

(Note: \* Including the total scores of all candidates)

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**(8) Enquiry**

If you have any questions or queries regarding the Selection and Appeal Mechanism, please feel free to e-mail kfhkc@hkkaratedo.com.hk, fax (852) 2577 5525 or telephone (852) 2504 8243 to contact our staff of the Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Ltd.

**Remarks:**

- All members of Nomination Committee and Appeal Panel of KFKCL participating in the selection and appeal, they must declare their conflict of interests and make a statement to Federation for record and filing.