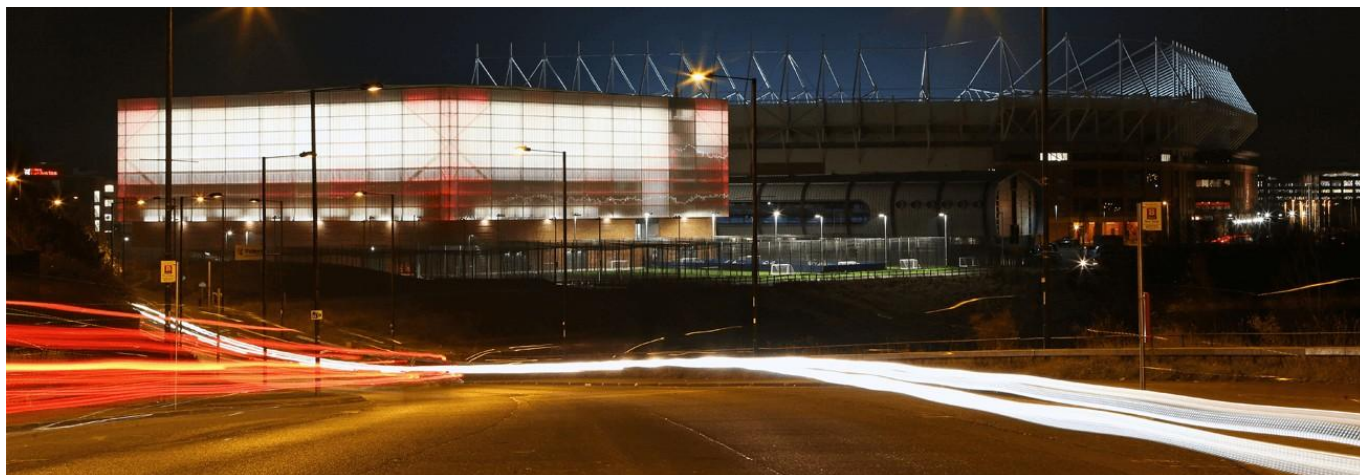




North East Open Karate Championships

BEACON OF LIGHT, Stadium Way, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland, SR5 1SN

Sunday 9th November 2025

Doors open 08:30am, 09:00am start

**We have fantastic awards
for 1st, 2nd and joint 3rd position**

Closing date for entries Sunday 2nd November

Strictly NO ENTRIES on the day

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2026 Dates

Tbc

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WELCOME

On behalf of the organising team, we would like to welcome you to the North East of England for our third 2025 North East Open Karate Championships. We hope you get to see some of the amazing local sights during the championships weekend (take a look at visitnortheastengland.com for some inspiration).

What do you do when you double the venue size and are still at capacity for your event? Simple, you find a bigger venue!

After many years of delivering Hartlepool Karate Championships, we outgrew all sports hall spaces in the borough. We moved to Darlington's Dolphin centre for our first North East Open in 2016. We stayed for several years, with some fantastic spotlight finals. We also delivered a parallel elite event at Nissan at the same time.

Post covid, we moved all 3 events to East Durham College and have invested in our infrastructure.

In May, we delivered our first event at the Walker Dome in Newcastle, beautiful city, beautiful venue and double the size of EDC. The venue worked great on the matted area, but wasn't the best for spectators, parking or amenities.

So, we've relocating our events to [Beacon of Light Sunderland](#).

This is a massive, modern building, with 1000+ bleacher seating, loads of parking, an onsite hotel and room to double the size of the event!



This has been another massive step up for our team, but we are really excited about this next chapter of The North East Open Karate Championships.

Our Chief Referee for the event will once again be Peter Bibby, Chief Referee for the English Karate Federation and European Karate Federation Referee Commission member along with a team of World, European and National officials.

Good Luck to all athletes and coaches and thank you once again for the continued support.

Yours sincerely

Carl & Nick
Tournament Directors

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KATA CATEGORIES

KA1 - Pee Wee Kata - Open Grade (7yrs & Below)	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA2 - Beginner to 7 th Kyu inc (9yrs & Below)	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA3 - 6th Kyu to 4th Kyu inc (9yrs & Below)	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA4 - 3rd Kyu and Above (9yrs & Below)	Any Kata, Min 2 Kata, can repeat alternately
WK1 - Wado Kata - 9yrs & Below - MALE	Any WADO Kata, Can repeat
WK2 - Wado Kata - 9yrs & Below - FEMALE	Any WADO Kata, Can repeat
KA5 - Beginner to 4th Kyu inc (10-11yrs inc) - MALE	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA6 - Beginner to 4th Kyu inc (10-11yrs inc) - FEMALE	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA7 - 3rd Kyu and Above (10-11yrs inc) - MALE	Any Kata, different Kata each round
KA8 - 3rd Kyu and Above (10-11yrs inc) - FEMALE	Any Kata, different Kata each round
WK3 - Wado Kata - 10 - 11yrs - MALE	Any WADO Kata, Min 2 Kata, can repeat alternately
WK4 - Wado Kata - 10 - 11yrs - FEMALE	Any WADO Kata, Min 2 Kata, can repeat alternately
KA9 - Beginner to 4th Kyu inc (12-13yrs inc) - MALE	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA10 - Beginner to 4th Kyu inc (12-13yrs inc) - FEMALE	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA11 - 3rd Kyu and Above (12-13yrs inc) - MALE	Any Kata, different Kata each round
KA12 - 3rd Kyu and Above (12-13yrs inc) - FEMALE	Any Kata, different Kata each round
WK5 - Wado Kata - 12 - 13yrs - MALE	Any WADO Kata, Min 2 Kata, can repeat alternately
WK6 - Wado Kata - 12 - 13yrs - FEMALE	Any WADO Kata, Min 2 Kata, can repeat alternately
KA13 - Beginner to 4th Kyu inc (14-15yrs inc) - MALE	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA14 - Beginner to 4th Kyu inc (14-15yrs inc) - FEMALE	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA15 - 3rd Kyu and Above (14-15yrs inc) - MALE	Any Kata, different Kata each round
KA16 - 3rd Kyu and Above (14-15yrs inc) - FEMALE	Any Kata, different Kata each round
WK7 - Wado Kata - 14 - 15yrs - MALE	Any WADO Kata, Min 2 Kata, can repeat alternately
WK8 - Wado Kata - 14 - 15yrs - FEMALE	Any WADO Kata, Min 2 Kata, can repeat alternately
KA17 - Beginner to 4th Kyu inc (16yrs +) - MALE	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA18 - Beginner to 4th Kyu inc (16yrs +) - FEMALE	No advanced Kata, can repeat
KA19 - 3rd Kyu and Above (16yrs +) - MALE	Any Kata, different Kata each round
KA20 - 3rd Kyu and Above (16yrs +) - FEMALE	Any Kata, different Kata each round
KA21 - Veteran's Kata, Black Belts (35yrs & Above)	Any Kata, different Kata each round
WK9 - Wado Kata - 16yrs & Above - MALE	Any WADO Kata, Min 2 Kata, can repeat alternately
WK10 - Wado Kata - 16yrs & Above - FEMALE	Any WADO Kata, Min 2 Kata, can repeat alternately
KA22 - Pairs Kata, 9yrs & Below	Any Kata, Any round
KA23 - Pairs Kata, 10-13yrs	Any Kata, Any round
KA24 - Pairs Kata, 14-15yrs	Any Kata, Any round
KA25 - Pairs Kata - 16yrs & Above	Any Kata, Any round
KA26 - Team Kata, 9yrs & Below	Any Kata, Any round
KA27 - Team Kata, 10-13yrs	Any Kata, Any round
KA28 - Team Kata - 14-15yrs	Any Kata, Any round
KA29 - Team Kata - 16yrs & Above	Any Kata, Any round
PK1 - Para Kata Visually Impaired (all ages)	Any Kata, Any round
PK2 - Para Kata Intellectually Impaired (all ages)	Any Kata, Any round
PK3 - Para Kata Wheelchair (all ages)	Any Kata, Any round
PK4 - Para Kata Physically Impaired (all ages)	Any Kata, Any round

KATA RULES

- Individual competitors may enter the next category up **in their age group**, if they wish to compete using advanced Kata. **Team competitors must compete in their own age group only.**
- No Bunkai in teams
- Children's sections will be performed 2 athletes/teams at a time, including finals
- Flags will be used for all none-WKF sections, points may be used for WKF sections
- Wado Kata sections – only Wado Kata may be used
- Wado athletes can also enter the 'open' sections



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KUMITE CATEGORIES

KU1a KICKMASTER - 7yrs & Below, Open Grade
KU1b KICKMASTER - 8 - 9yrs, Open Grade - MALE
KU1c KICKMASTER - 8 - 9yrs, Open Grade - FEMALE
KU2 - Pee Wee Kumite - Open Grade (7yrs & Below) - MALE
KU3 - Pee Wee Kumite - Open Grade (7yrs & Below) - FEMALE
KU4 - 8-9yrs (Open Grade & Weight) - MALE
KU5 - 8-9yrs (Open Grade & Weight) - FEMALE
KU6 - 10-11yrs (5th Kyu & Below) - MALE
KU7 - 10-11yrs (4th Kyu & Above) - MALE
KU8 - 10-11yrs (5th Kyu & Below) - FEMALE
KU9 - 10-11yrs (4th Kyu & Above) - FEMALE
KU10 - 12-13yrs (5th Kyu & Below) - MALE
KU11 - 12-13yrs (4th Kyu & Above) - MALE
KU12 - 12-13yrs (5th Kyu & Below) - FEMALE
KU13 - 12-13yrs (4th Kyu & Above) - FEMALE
KU14 - 14-15yrs (-63kg) - MALE
KU15 - 14-15yrs (63kg & Above) - MALE
KU16 - 14-15yrs (-54kg) - FEMALE
KU17 - 14-15yrs (54kg & Above) - FEMALE
KU18 - 16-17yrs (-68kg) - MALE
KU19 - 16-17yrs (68kg & Above) - MALE
KU20 - 16-17yrs (Open Weight) - FEMALE
KU21 - 18yrs+ (Open Weight, 5th Kyu & Below) - MALE
KU22 - 18yrs+ (-67kg) - MALE
KU23 - 18yrs+ (-75kg) - MALE
KU24 - 18yrs+ (75kg & Above) - MALE
KU25 - 18yrs+ (Open Weight) - MALE
KU26 - Veteran's Kumite, 35yrs & Above, (Open Weight) - MALE
KU27 - 18yrs+ (Open Weight, 5th Kyu & Below) - FEMALE
KU28 - 18yrs+ (-55kg) - FEMALE
KU29 - 18yrs+ (-61kg) - FEMALE
KU30 - 18yrs+ (61kg & Above) - FEMALE
KU31 - 18yrs+ (Open Weight) - FEMALE
KU32 - Veteran's Kumite, 35yrs & Above, (Open Weight) - FEMALE
KU33 - TEAM KUMITE, 9yrs & Below - MALE
KU34 - TEAM KUMITE, 9yrs & Below - FEMALE
KU35 - TEAM KUMITE, 10-11yrs - MALE
KU36 - TEAM KUMITE, 10-11yrs - FEMALE
KU37 - TEAM KUMITE, 12-13yrs - MALE
KU38 - TEAM KUMITE, 12-13yrs - FEMALE
KU39 - TEAM KUMITE, 14-15yrs - MALE
KU40 - TEAM KUMITE, 14-15yrs - FEMALE
KU41 - TEAM KUMITE, 16-17yrs - 2 MALE 1 FEMALE
KU42 - TEAM KUMITE, 18yrs & Above - 2 MALE 1 FEMALE

Non-WKF Kumite sections MIGHT also be split by weight (depending on entry size), weights must be included for fighters on entry forms.

Any under-subscribed categories may be merged with another or cancelled, and any oversubscribed categories may be split without prior notice at the discretion of the event organiser.

Official Protest

An official protest will cost £50 and must be accompanied by a completed and signed protest form.

The organisers reserve the right to amend/alter any rules without prior notice.



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KUMITE RULES

All 9 years & under matches to be 1 minute, All 10-13 years to be 1.5 minutes.

All Cadets, Juniors & Veterans to be 2 minutes, All Senior Male & Senior Female Kumite to be 3 minutes.

All teams are to be three persons (min 2). Bout times for teams may be reduced.

No head or face contact in 13yrs & under age groups. No Repechage in any section.

WKF (2025) rules will be applied (<https://www.wkf.net/structure-statutes-rules>)

Kick Master Kumite – KU1a, KU1b, KU1c

This consists of each competitor simultaneously attacking their respective red or blue kick post for 30 seconds.

The competitor who is judged to have attacked most vigorously, most skilfully and most powerfully will be awarded the win. All Karate techniques can be used. Impact with the pad is expected. Three flag system as in kata.

Pricing

Individual Events	£25.00	Spectators	£10.00,
Kick Master	£20.00	Children Under 5's	FREE
Pairs	£30.00		
Teams	£35.00		

Essential Equipment

All competitors to wear a clean white traditional Karate Gi, as per WKF rules.

Red and Blue belts are compulsory for all events., with Kumite events also requiring the following:

- Red and Blue mitts and Gum Shields.
- Body protectors or integrated Body & Chest Protectors for females, all of WKF style.
- Body protectors for males, all of WKF style.
- Groin guards for all male competitors.
- WKF style shin and foot protectors are compulsory for all competitors. Cotton type glove or shin and foot protectors are not permitted.
- **Please note** that Headguards **MUST** now be worn by all children 13 years and below as mandated by the World, British and English Karate Federations. We have purchased kit to make available at the event for those who don't yet have their own. They will be cleaned between use.

Licence Checks

Licence checks will be done at the discretion of the event organiser. Failure to produce a valid licence when requested will mean disqualification from all categories. Please don't forget them!

Weight Checks

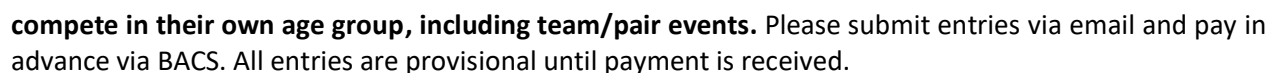
Please note that weigh-in for kumite competitors will be open from 11am. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to competitors failing to make their weight sections, with no refund offered. Competitors must wear their Karate suit for weight checks. It is the responsibility of coaches to ensure competitors are entered in their correct **age & weight** sections.

Transgender & Transsexual Athletes

Guidance around Transgender and Transsexual athletes is constantly being updated. Please refer to the [English Karate Federation Transgender and Transsexual Policy](#) for the latest guidance.

Submitting entries

Please use the official entry form for submitting ALL entries, this is available in PDF, MS word and MS Excel format. If we only receive a list of names and category numbers, we are unable to check for errors. It is the responsibility of coaches to ensure competitors are entered into the correct sections. **Athletes must only**



INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORM

Excel entry form also available

Club / Dojo Name:	
Club / Dojo Chief Instructor:	
Instructor contact number:	

Disclaimer

"The competitor realises and discharges the organisers and their representatives or agents and all other competitors from all claims that the competitor or his personal representative may have for any injury (however caused) sustained by the competitor and for the loss or damage (however caused) to his personal belongings suffered at any time during the course of the Championships or while on the premises at which the Championships are being held".

Signed (Chief Instructor):		Date:	
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Closing date for all entries 2nd November

BACS: 'North East Open CIC' Sort Code 608371, Account No 31475810, Reference: Club/Association

International Payments: IBAN: GB07SRLG60837131475810 BIC: SRLGGB2L

Please make all cheques payable to **'North East Open CIC'** and email to: northeastopen@gmail.com

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KICKMASTER entry fee is £20.00 per person,

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PAIRS KATA If more than one team please name then A, B, C etc...			
CAT NO	Team Name	Competitor 1	Competitor 2
		Total	£

TEAM KATA If more than one team please name then A, B, C etc...				
CAT NO	Team Name	Competitor 1	Competitor 2	Competitor 3
			Total	£



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TEAM KUMITE If more than one team please name then A, B, C etc...				
CAT NO	Team Name	Competitor 1	Competitor 2	Competitor 3
			Total	£

		£
Total individual entries	_____ @ £25.00	
Total Kick Master entries	_____ @ £20.00	
Total Pairs Kata entries	_____ @ £30.00	
Total Team entries	_____ @ £35.00	
	Total	

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LIST OF ALL COMPETITORS

Please complete and return this page as it allows us to double check for admin errors

Children		Children		Ladies		Men	
1		16		1		1	
2		17		2		2	
3		18		3		3	
4		19		4		4	
5		20		5		5	
6		21		6		6	
7		22		7		7	
8		23		8		8	
9		24		9		9	
10		25		10		10	
11		26		11		11	
12		27		12		12	
13		28		13		13	
14		29		14		14	
15		30		15		15	

Declaration

I confirm that all the competitors have been advised of and will comply with the conditions of entry. I have also advised all the competitors of the potential risk of competition karate and they fully realise and accept these risks. All competitors hold a valid licence and insurance.

Signed (Chief Instructor):		Date:	
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This must be signed or the entry won't be accepted.

Club Name:			
Club Postal Address inc postcode:			
Tel:		Email:	
Please submit this entry form via email to northeastopen@gmail.com			

Please ensure you provide a valid email address so that we can send through updates and the running orders.



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HOTEL INFORMATION

Hilton Hilton Garden Inn Sunderland

On-site hotel

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/nclgigi-hilton-garden-inn-sunderland/>



Premier Inn Sunderland City Centre

Approx 1.7 miles / 10 mins from the venue

<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/tyne-and-wear/sunderland/sunderland-city-centre.html>



Premier Inn Sunderland A19/A1231

Approx 3.5 miles / 10 mins from the venue

<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/tyne-and-wear/sunderland/sunderland-a19a1231.html>



AIRPORTS

The nearest airports are Newcastle International (approx. 40mins by car, or Metro/train) or Teesside International (approx. 50mins).



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Beacon of Light – Layout options, depending on athlete entry size

