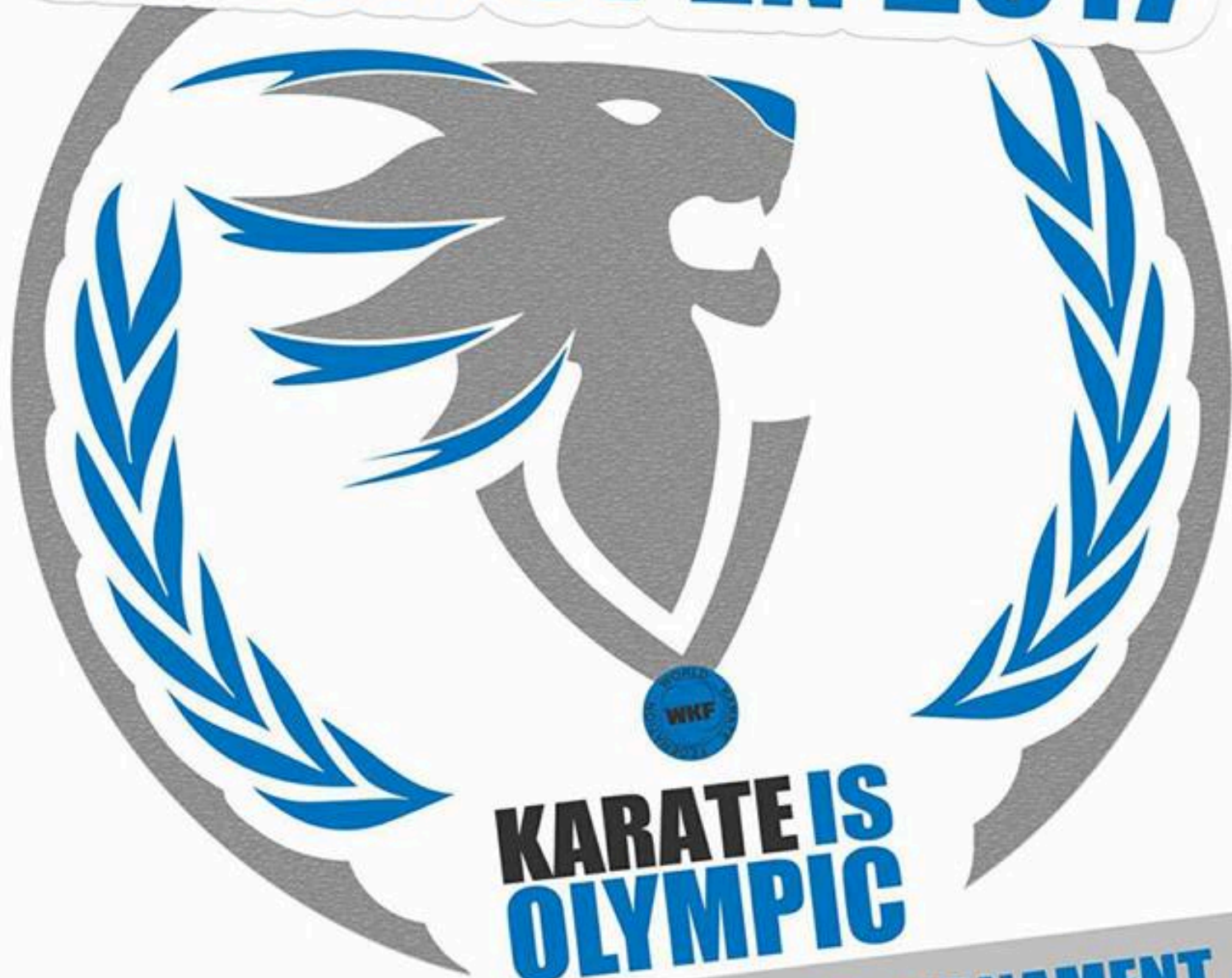


# NIKON OPEN 2017



**5th INTERNATIONAL KARATE TOURNAMENT**

**Sofia**  
**11 March**

[nikon.open@gmail.com](mailto:nikon.open@gmail.com)

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Karate Club Nikon, I would like to invite you to the “5. International Nikon Open” Karate Tournament, which will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in Sofia, Bulgaria.



For a sixth consecutive time, Karate Club Nikon is Bulgaria’s most successful Karate Team. Our athletes won medals in all ages at the National Championships, Karate1 World Cups, Balkan Championships and many other international tournaments.

It will also be the fifth time that KC Nikon is hosting the biggest karate tournament in Bulgaria and one of the fastest growing karate events on the Balkan Peninsula – NIKON OPEN 2017!

Combining an outstanding tournament management with personal care for all athletes and teams, our aim is to create an international top-level competition within an atmosphere of friendship and success.

In the past four years we were able to attract many world class competitors, World and European Champions from countries such as Turkey, Germany, Russia, Serbia, Greece, Hungary, Ukraine, Finland, Macedonia, Bosnia & Hercegovina and more.

With categories for all age groups, our modern facilities and a system with possible money awards, Nikon Open 2017 shall make a further step on the way to become one of the biggest and best Karate tournaments at the Balkans!

In the first year of Karate’s first Olympic cycle, we want to make our contribution to show the outstanding characteristics and values of our sport As part of that, we will introduce the official Olympic categories in the Senior Kumite divisions!

We hope you will enjoy your stay in Sofia and wish you good luck at our competition.

Best Regards,



Nikolay Tsanev, Organizer



## General Information

### *Location*

To be announced

### *Time*

Bulgaria is in the Eastern European Time Zone, GMT + 2 hours.

### *Currency*

The Bulgarian Currency is the Leva. 1 Euro corresponds to 1,95 Leva; 1 Dollar to 1,49 Leva.

### *Communication*

To call Bulgaria from abroad, dial the international code 00 followed by 359 for Bulgaria, then the number without the first 0.

To call from Bulgaria to another country, dial the international code 00, then the code of the country and then the number without the first 0.

### *Emergency Numbers*

Identical for police, ambulance and fire brigade: **112**

## Contact

**For any Information, registration, reservation or help, please contact:**



**Tervel Zwjatkov**

E-mail: [nikon.open@gmail.com](mailto:nikon.open@gmail.com),

Phone: +49-(0)-15171509281/ +359-(0)-884194109

*Languages: Bulgarian, English, German, Spanish, French, Italian, Russian, Serbo-Croatian*

## Visa Requirements

Visitors from the following countries do not need a visa to enter Bulgaria:

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malta, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK (British Citizen Passport Holders and British Nationals /Overseas/ only), USA, Uruguay, the Vatican, Venezuela, SAR – China (Hong Kong, Macao)

All holders of passports from countries not mentioned in the list above need visas to enter Bulgaria.

For any specific information please check the English webpage of the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<http://www.mfa.government.bg/en/pages/109/index.html>

## Registration for Delegations

All competitors, referees, coaches and officials must register via e-mail to [nikon.open@gmail.com](mailto:nikon.open@gmail.com) until **8<sup>th</sup> March 2017!**

Clubs/teams/federations are responsible for the quality of the entered registration data.

The official registration session will take place on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, from 8am to 12am- at the sports hall.



## Categories

The below given age refers to the date of the tournament: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

*Makiwara* U8 male & U8 female

### *Kata*

Kata Individual, Male & Female	Kata Team, Male & Female
U8	6-9 years
U10	10-13 years
U12	14+ years
U14	
Cadets (14,15)	
16+	
Veterans (40+)	

### *Kumite*

Age	Male	Female
U8	Open	Open
U10	-28/ -35/ +35/ Team	-30/ +30/ Team
U12	-35/ -40/ +40/ Team	-40/ +40/ Team
U14	-40/ -45/ +45/ Team	-45/ +45/ Team
Cadets (14,15)	-52/ -57/ -63/ -70/ +70	-47/ -54/ +54
Juniors (16,17)	-55/ -61/ -68/ -76/ +76	-48/ -53/ -59/ +59
Seniors (18+)	-67/ -75/ +75/ Team (3+1)	-55/ -61/ +61/ Team (3+1)
Veterans (40+)	Open	Open

### Special category: "Family Team Kata"



One team consists of one parent and his/ her child, together playing the same Kata.

## Competition Rules

For all categories the official WKF rules will be applied.

- Body Protector and Face Mask **not** obligatory!

Fight time:

U8 & U10

1 Minute

U12 & U14

1,5 Minutes

Cadets & Juniors

2 Minutes

Seniors & Veterans Female/Male

2 Minutes/ 3 Minutes

## Entry Fee

Individual:

Team:

Children, 6-13 years

10 €

Children, 6-13 years

20 €

Cadets, Juniors

15 €

Cadets, Juniors

30 €

Seniors & Veterans

20 €

Seniors & Veterans

40 €

Family Team Kata

20 €

Multiple entries are possible. **Payment at the official registration session!**

## Prizes

To be announced

## Referees

All foreign referees with National or EKF/ WKF license are highly welcome and will receive compensation. Following compensation will be paid to all foreign referees with EKF/ WKF license:

- 50 Euros plus one night in a Hotel

## Sports Hall



The spacious and modern Arena "Gorna Malina", opened in autumn 2013, is the perfect spot for atmospheric Karate bouts and a trouble free course of the tournament for all participants and spectators.

The Sports Hall is equipped with up to 1000 seats and is located only 25 minutes by car from Downtown Sofia.



### *By Plane*

Sofia International Airport offers direct flights to nearly all major cities in Europe and several in the Middle East:

→Low-Cost Airlines – from Terminal 1 (Wizz Air, Easyjet, Ryanair):

Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels-Charleroi, Dubai, Eindhoven, Forli, Frankfurt-Hahn, London (-Gatwick,-Luton,-Stansted), Madrid, Manchester, Milan-Bergamo, Paris-Beauvais, Rome, Valencia, Venice-Treviso, Vienna

→Regular Airlines – from Terminal 2:

Amsterdam, Athens, Berlin, Brussels, Bucharest, Budapest, Doha, Frankfurt, Istanbul, Larnaca, London-Heathrow, Madrid, Malta, Milan, Moscow, Munich, Palma de Mallorca, Paphos, Paris, Prague, Rome, St. Petersburg, Tel Aviv, Vienna, Warsaw, Zurich

For price details and booking we recommend you to check [www.skyscanner.com](http://www.skyscanner.com)

### *By Train or Bus*

Long distance and Night Trains connect Sofia with all major cities in the Balkan Area, and additionally with Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Kiev, Moscow and Istanbul.

For timetables check [www.bahn.com](http://www.bahn.com)

Sofia has regular Bus connections to every part of Europe.

→The Central Railway and Central Bus Station are located directly next to each other.

### *Public Transport*

Sofia's Metro system consists of two lines, the **red Line 1** and the **blue Line 2** which cross each other at the City Centre station "Serdika".

- From the Airport take Bus Nr. 84 (stops at both Terminals) to the last stop "Sofia University", where you have connection to Metro **Line 1**.  
The bus ride takes about 35 minutes and one ticket costs 1 Leva. Tickets can be bought from the driver.  
A taxi to the City Centre costs about 20 Leva and takes half the time.
- From the Central Railway or Bus Station, take the Metro Line 2 at "Central Railway Station", direction "James Bouchier" to get to the City Centre.



## Accommodation

### HQ Hotel: Business Hotel Akord Sofia



Hotel Akord is a modern Business Hotel with all necessary comfort, located only a 25 minute drive from the Sports Hall, 10 minutes from Sofia Airport and 10 minutes from the City Centre.

Prices: (per room, per night)

To be announced!

All reservations and other Hotel and Hostel options trough [nikon.open@gmail.com!](mailto:nikon.open@gmail.com)

## Schedule

The competition will start 10:00 am. A detailed schedule will be released after the registration deadline.

## Updates and Questions

For all updates please check [www.sportdata.org](http://www.sportdata.org) or the official Facebook page “Nikon Open”!

For any question, write to [nikon.open@gmail.com](mailto:nikon.open@gmail.com)!

