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BULLETIN

International  
Karate Tournament  
**BATUMI OPEN**

11-12 July, 2026

PROVISION

approved by the board of  
Georgian Sports Karate National Federation

N(N)LE GEORGIAN SPORTS KARATE NATIONAL FEDERATION, ID: 405562500  
Add.: 15a, University Str., 0186 Tbilisi, Georgia



**Mr. Temur Gignadze,**  
President of the Georgian Sports Karate  
National Federation

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## Welcome Message

Dear athletes, coaches, officials and honored guests,

On behalf of the host, Georgian Sports Karate National Federation I am greeting to all participants in the international karate tournament **Batumi Open 2026**. This prestigious event represents another milestone in the popularization of the art of karate.

Welcome to the beautiful Black Sea city of Georgia, Batumi which has the honor of hosting talented athletes from all over the world. Your presence here signifies your dedication to sport, unity and friendly spirit. We are pleased to see unforgettable moments of sportsmanship and creative skills during the tournament.

Our federation is committed to fostering a competitive yet inclusive environment where each participant can showcase their abilities and strive for victory. Our team has worked diligently to ensure that the event meets the highest standards of organization.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the volunteers, sponsors, and supporters whose efforts made the competition possible. Your support is the foundation for the advancement of karate.

During the competition, I would like to encourage each of you to unite in the spirit of friendship and respect that enriches karate as a sport.

Thank you!

Temur Gignadze  
President of GSKNF

## Organizer

- N(N)LE Georgian Sport Karate National Federation

## Support organizations

- Ministry of Sport of Georgia
- Ministry of Ministry of Education and Sports of Autonomous Republic of Ajara
- N(N)LE Ajara Sports Karate Federation
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## Refereeing the tournament

The tournament will be refereed by referees accredited by the WKF&EKF, as well as by the Georgian Sports Karate National Federation referees.

- The tournament supervisors: Tati Melua, chairman of the referee committee of the Georgian Sports Karate Federation and EKF referee committee member and Konstantine Akhaladze, deputy chairman of GSKNF.
- Official protest can be presented by writing form only after payment of deposit 100 GEL.

## Objectives and tasks of the tournament

- Development and popularization of karate in Georgia;
- Supporting athletes and referees in gaining experience and improving their level;
- Bringing athletes to proper sports condition before the responsible competition;
- The mentioned tournament also has the importance of qualification and rating of athletes.

## Terms of registration

- Athletes will compete in the tournament in the age category corresponding to the 11-12 July, 2026.
- Last day of registration 09th July.
- One athlete can be registered and compete in 2 age categories only 18-20 and 18+ .
- Clubs from foreign countries should send their registration application to the following e-mail address: [gsknf.office@gmail.com](mailto:gsknf.office@gmail.com).
- The head of the presenting sports club is responsible for the health of the athletes participating in the competition.
- Any changes, required by the club after registration close , request at an additional cost and will be made only upon payment amount of 50 GEL for each change. No any changes on the day of the competition. The head of the club is obliged to check the list of registered participants for the current competition before closing the

registration on the web platform [www.sportlab.ge](http://www.sportlab.ge);

## Entry Fee and terms of payment

The fee for participation in the international tournament **Batumi Open 2026** is \$35. The fee is paid in cash on-site, in the Weigh-in day July 10, 2026 in Tbilisi, add.: 15a, Tbilisi, University str., federation office 10.00-19.00 hours and in Batumi Sports Hall, Address: 27, Lado Asatiani Str., 10.00-12.00 hours, 11 and 12 July;

In case of non-payment of the participation fee or untimely registration, the athlete will not be able to participate in the competition. After registration, in case of non-appearance of the athlete due to various reasons, the participation fee will not be returned to the athlete/club.

The respective sports clubs must cover the transportation, hotel accommodation and meal expenses of the participants.

## Tournament rules

All members of WKF are admitted to participate. Tournament will be conducted according to current WKF competition rules and regulations of GSKNF in this Bulletin.

Under coach responsibility that athletes must arrive at the warm-up area on time, no later than 15 minutes after the announcement. In case of delay, the athlete will be removed from the competition.

**An athlete who does not appear on the tatami within 2 minutes with the appropriate equipment (Gum shield, belt of the appropriate color and karate ammunition), will be disqualified from the competition.**

**Competition will be fully under WKF regulations of Protective equipment's (Rules version 2026.01, point 2.2.7). Additionally GUM shield from the age of 10 is mandatory for participants of all categories, and for athletes the age U14 use WKF approved helmets and body external protectors are compulsory for boys and chest protectors for girls.**

An athlete must be accompanied by only one coach during the competition. Coaches whose athletes are not competing during the given time must not be in the competition area. This violation will result in their disqualification from the current competition.

**Athletes will be admitted to the award ceremony only in karategi or standard sports uniform (T-shirt and/or top with long sweatpants). During the awards ceremony, near the podium photography by non-officials is not permitted. A special permit is required, which will be issued by the Organizing Committee.**

## Prize

Medals and diplomas.

## REGISTRATION/WEIGH-IN

Weigh-in for athletes will be held in 10 July, Tbilisi, 15a , University str., Federation office 10.00-19.00 hours and in Batumi, 11-12 July, in the Batumi Sports Hall, Address: #96a, Youth Ave., 10.00-12.00 hours. The athlete's weight must exactly meet the requirements of the weight category, it is allowed difference by + 1000 gr. for boys&girls. An athlete who cannot meet these conditions will be disqualified from the competition.

## Categories of the tournament

Age	Male	Female	Time, min
6-7	-22 / -27/ +27 (kg)	-22 / -27/ +27 (kg)	1.5
8-9	-25 / -32 / -38 / +38 (kg)	-28 / -35 / +35 (kg)	1.5
10-11	-30 / -35 / -40 / -45 / +45 (kg)	-30 / -35 / -40 / +40 (kg)	1.5
12-13	-40 / -45 / -50 / -55 / +55 (kg)	- 42 / - 47 / -52 / +52 (kg)	1.5
14-15	-52 / -57 / -63 / -70 / +70 (kg)	-47 / -54 / -61 / +61 (kg)	2
16-17	-55 / -61 / -68 / -76 / +76 (kg)	-48 / -53 / -59 / -66 / +66 (kg)	2
18-20	-60 / -67 / -75 / -84 / +84 (kg)	-50 / -55 / -61 / -68 / +68 (kg)	3
+18	-60 / -67 / -75 / -84 / +84 (kg)	-50 / -55 / -61 / -68 / +68 (kg)	3
+18	Team Kumite (3+1)	Team Kumite (3+1)	3
8-11	KATA	KATA	
12-13	KATA	KATA	
14-15	KATA	KATA	
16-17	KATA	KATA	
18-20	KATA	KATA	
+16	KATA	KATA	
12-15	TEAM KATA	TEAM KATA	
16+	TEAM KATA	TEAM KATA	

**Athletes will be drawn on 10 July and the seeding will be published on the online platform [www.sportlab.ge](http://www.sportlab.ge).**

- Note:**  
The organizers have the right to make changes to the tournament program, about which the participants will be notified in advance publicly.
- The competition will be held with elimination system with repechage. An athlete who does not ready with the appropriate equipment within 2 minutes will be disqualified.
- Registration of the same athlete in different age or weight categories is not allowed, except for KUMITE and KATA disciplines, 18-20 and senior age categories.
- Team Kata without a demonstration of BUNKAI.

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

**09 July, 2026, Thursday** - closed of registration;

**10 July, 2026, Friday** - Weigh-in from 12.00 to 19.00, at the GSKNF office, University Street 15a (New Sport Palace);

**11 July, 2026, Saturday** 1st day of the tournament, categories: 14-15 / 16-17/ 18-20/ +18 Kumite and + 18 Team Kumite, 14-15 / 16-17/ 18-20/ 16+ Kata and 12-15/16-20 Team Kata;

- Weigh-in 10.00-12.00 Batumi Sports Hall;

- Meeting of referee comitee, 9:00 hr;
- Meeting of LOC with coaches, 9:30 hr;
- Begining of competition 10:00 hr;
- Award ceremonies immediately after the end of the weight category.

**12 July, 2026, Sunday** - 2nd day of of the tournament, categories: 6-7/8-9/10-11 / 12-13 Kumite and 8-11/12-13 Kata.

- Weigh-in 10.00-12.00 Batumi Sports Hall;
- Meeting of referee comitee, 9:00 hr;
- Begining of competition 10:00 hr;
- Meeting of LOC with coaches, 9:30 hr;
- Award ceremonies immediately after the end of the weight category.

The detailed program of the competition will be update on the online platform after the athletes' weigh-ins.

## Registration shedule

On 10 July, by online platform [www.sportlab.ge](http://www.sportlab.ge) will be published the start time of the respective categories of the tournament and the lists of participants, based on which will be published the final schedule.

## VISAS

- All related informations: <https://geoconsul.gov.ge/en/entering-georgia>
- For visa requirements, please check the official page below:
- <https://www.evisa.gov.ge/GeoVisa/>
- In case of further clarification or questions please contact Mrs. Maia Mogelashvili  
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## MANDATORY TRAVEL INSURANCE FOR VISITORS TO GEORGIA

- For Non-Residents Traveling to Georgia in accordance with the Law of Georgia “On Tourism”, starting **from January 1, 2026**, all tourists entering Georgia are required to hold a valid insurance policy.

Mandatory Travel Insurance for Visitors to Georgia covers your stay in the country and reimburses unexpected medical expenses arising from sudden illness or accidents during your trip.

Activate your policy online and travel to Georgia:

<https://tbcinsurance.ge/en/personal/travel/foreign-travel-insurance>

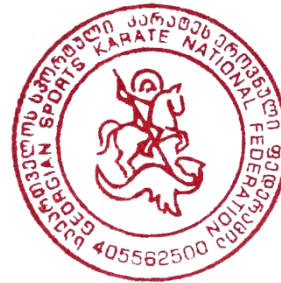
**Competition VENUE:**

The competition will be held in Batumi, in the Batumi sports palace, address: 27, Lado Asatiani Str..



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The board of Georgian Sports Karate National Federation



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