

GO FOR GOLD IN THE BC CAPITAL


**VICTORIA
OPEN**

2026

**KARATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

SUNDAY JUNE 7

PISE Gymnasium
Victoria BC



KATA, TEAM KATA & KUMITE CATEGORIES

SAME FEE FOR ALL AGES (fees include GST)

Early Bird Registration (March 11 - April 15)

\$45 first event \$35 each additional event

\$115 Team Kata (Team price, one category only)

Standard Registration (April 16 - May 27 - final registration)

\$55 first event \$45 each additional event

\$130 Team Kata (Team price, one category only)

ENTRIES LIMITED TO 200 ATHLETES

REFEREES AND JUDGES WELCOME

REFEREE & JUDGE CLINIC JUNE 6- [OFFICIATE & GET CERTIFICATION FEES REIMBURSED!](#)

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND INFO PACKAGE:

[Smoothcomp.com/en/event/30973](https://smoothcomp.com/en/event/30973)

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You're invited to the 7th Victoria Open Karate Championships in Victoria, BC! Sunday, June 7, 2026

We look forward to building on last year's success and appreciate all the feedback received.

As a development event, many participants are new to competing, coaching, officiating, or volunteering, so some hiccups are expected.

We hope everyone gains valuable experience both on and off the mats. While winning is recognized, our focus remains on development—learning, growth, respect, and enjoyment.

We kindly thank all the volunteers - officials and staff - for your time and support!

Sincerely,

Richard Mosdell
Event Host

Pete Williams
Chief Referee

Richard Jane
Tournament Director

NEW FOR THIS YEAR!

1. Each ring will run one division at a time to make things easier to follow.
2. Athletes stay with their division from marshaling to medals for smoother management.
3. All kata divisions will finish before kumite to avoid injuries affecting kata events.
4. The tournament begins earlier this year: 8:30 am referee/judge/volunteer meeting and light referee practice, 8:45 am coaches meeting, 9:00 am Opening Ceremony, and 9:15 am first divisions.
5. Age-up rules from Sport BC insurance:
 - a. KATA - Athletes may compete in their own kata age group (U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 or Senior) and may also enter one higher age group, at the same skill level, for extra competition.
 - b. KUMITE - Athletes must compete only in their correct age and belt skill division and are not permitted to also compete in any higher age or belt skill division.
6. Everyone is asked to read and follow the Code of Conduct to help ensure a positive experience for all.

THREE TITLE AWARDS:

“Victoria Open Club Champions”

“Overall Female Athlete” & “Overall Male Athlete”

ALL REFEREES AND JUDGES WELCOME:

Referees are vital for fun, fair, and safe tournaments—certified referees and judges are warmly welcomed. Lunch, refreshments, and an appreciation gift are included. [Referee & Judge sign-up URL](#)

REFEREE & JUDGE CLINIC: GET CERTIFIED OR REFRESH SKILLS, THEN BE REIMBURSED Saturday, June 6, 9am-4pm - *registration opens soon*

Anyone who attends the Saturday official's clinic and then officiates on Sunday will have their clinic certification or participating fee reimbursed.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Without volunteers no event can be held for the athletes, therefore we warmly invite anyone, especially parents, to help us run a smooth event. Lunch and refreshments are provided.

[Volunteers Sign-up URL](#)

DATES

Victoria Open Karate Championships, Sunday, June 7, 2026

Karate BC Official's Clinic, Saturday, June 6, 2026

LOCATION

PISE (Pacific Institute for Sport Education) - both clinic and event
4371 Interurban Rd, Victoria, BC V9E 2C5

HOSTS

Kenzen Karate, in cooperation with the
Vancouver Island Karate Society (VIKS, Zone 6)

CONTACTS

Tournament Host: Kenzen Karate

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Tournament Director: Richard Jane

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PARTICIPANTS

Karate BC members and non Karate BC members

SANCTION

Karate BC (provincial sport organization with Sport BC)

ACCOMMODATIONS

www.tourismvictoria.com

CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 7, 2026

8am	PISE Gymnasium Opens
8:30am	Volunteer Meeting
8:30am	Referees Meeting & Practice
8:45am	Coaches Meeting
9:00am	Opening Ceremony
9:10am	Competition Begins
5pm	Competition Ends approximately

FEES

	<i>Early-Bird</i> <u>Until April 15</u>	<i>Normal</i> <u>April 16 to May-27</u>
First entry:	\$45 (includes GST)	\$55 (includes GST)
Additional event:	\$35 (includes GST)	\$45 (includes GST)
Team kata:	\$115 (includes GST)	\$130 (includes GST)

HOW TO USE SMOOTHCOMP TO REGISTER

SmoothComp is an online tournament platform/app that lets athletes, clubs, and parents easily register for events, manage profiles and payments, and follow live brackets, mats, and match times so everyone always knows when and where to compete, with each **bracket** (“draws”) being the match chart that shows who fights whom and how winners advance within each group.

Athletes can be registered individually, or clubs can register whole teams.
Team Kata is registered ONLY through the club.

ATHLETES / PARENTS	CLUBS
TWO STEPS 1. How to create a personal account 2. How to register for an event	How to make a coach manager’s account and club (academy) account
Academy / Club - choose from the drop down menu to find your club team, if listed	
Affiliation / Team - ignore this drop down menu	

TEAM KATA REGISTRATION - BY COACH ONLY

- Coach or manager creates a new “athlete account,” for example “ABC Dojo Team Kata”
- Using this unique Team Kata name, the coach/manager registers their team in the event’s team kata division.
- Individual athlete names are NOT needed, and no registration per athlete is required.
- Each club athlete can only perform on one kata team, but clubs may enter multiple teams using multiple accounts.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Smoothcomp handles full refunds up to the registration deadline.

No refunds are issued after the registration deadline for any reason. This is the same policy as all Karate BC sanctioned events.

If a higher authority cancels the event, a full or partial refund will be issued based on cancellation circumstances and unavoidable expenses. The organizers will do their best to minimize both physical and financial risks for participants.

RULE EXPLANATION

WKF rules [2026 KATA](#) & [2026 KUMITE](#) (English)

FOR KATA & KUMITE

EXTRA modifications explained below.

DIVISION NOTES

1. The tournament director reserves the right to combine or split divisions in order to create better competitive experiences for athletes.
2. The Division Timetable and Draws available on the SmoothComp 24-48hrs before the event.
3. Divisions may run ONE HOUR PLUS OR MINUS of the original posted start times. Times are approximate and the schedule is subject to changes without notice.

AGE-UP SUMMARY: From Sport BC insurance

Athletes may move up one age group only in kata (same skill level) for extra competition, but must stay in their exact age and belt division in kumite with no age- or belt-up entries allowed.

AGES	U8 6-7yrs	U10 8/9yrs	U12 10/11yrs	U14 12/13yrs	U16 14/15yrs	U18 16/17yrs	Senior 18yrs+	Masters 35yrs+
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BELT & EXPERIENCE LEVEL

	<i>Chito/ Shito</i>	<i>Gima- Ha</i>	<i>Wado</i>	<i>Goju</i>	<i>Uechi- Ryu</i>	<i>Shotokan/ Shukokai</i>	<i>Kyokushin</i>
<i>Novice ie. white-yellow belts 1yr +/- experience</i>	6 - 5	10 - 7	8 - 7	10 - 8	10 - 7	9 - 8	10 - 7
<i>Intermediate ie. orange-green belts 2-3yrs experience</i>	4 - 3	6 - 4	6 - 4	7 - 4	6 - 4	7 - 4	6 - 4
<i>Advanced / Black Belts ie. blue-brown belts, all dan ranks 4-5yrs experience</i>	2 - 1	3 - 1	3 - 1	3 - 1	3 - 1	3 - 1	3 - 1

KATA RULES

	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced & Black Belt	Mixed Team Kata
Performance	11yrs & under: 2 athletes at a time 12yrs & older: 1 athlete at a time	11yrs & under: 2 athletes at a time 12yrs & older: 1 athlete at a time	1 athlete at a time	1 team of 3-athletes at a time NO Bunkai performance
Scoring system	WKF flags	WKF flags	WKF flags	WKF flags
Permitted Kata	See list below May repeat same kata	See list below May repeat kata, but not consecutively (ie. A-B-A is ok)	Any WKF kata May repeat kata, but not consecutively (ie. A-B-A is ok)	Any WKF kata, Team may repeat same kata per round

Elimination System	2 athletes: best of 2 matches	2 athletes: best of 2 matches	2 athletes: best of 2 matches	2 teams, 1 match
	3 athletes: round robin	3 athletes: round robin	3 athletes: round robin	3 teams, round robin
	4 athletes+: 2 to 3 matches	4 athletes+: 2 to 3 matches	4 athletes+: 2 to 3 matches	4 teams, 2 matches
Uniform & Belt	White uniform personal color belt Optional: Red/Blue Belts	White uniform Red AND Blue belts	White uniform Red AND Blue belts	White uniform Red AND Blue belts

Permitted Kata List:

A permitted kata list ensures balanced, fair competition by matching athletes to their skill level. Advanced and black belt athletes may perform any WKF kata, helping them gain experience before elite divisions.

Merged Kata Divisions Rule:

If divisions of different levels are merged, all kata permitted *up to the highest merged division* are allowed for all competitors.

PERMITTED KATA LIST		
Novice	Intermediate	Advanced & Black Belt
Fugyugata 1-2 Gekisai Dai Ichi Happo Geri Heian 1-2 Kanshiwa Kihon Kata (any) Ni Sei Shi (dai) Pinan 1-2 Rohai Sho Sanchin Shi Ho Wari/Hai Tai Sabaki Tenshin Tensho Zenshin Kota any Taikyoku Kata	<i>All Novice list Kata, AND:</i> Gekisai Dai Ni Heian 3-5 Juroku Kanshu Naifanchin (1) Pinan 3-5 Rohai (Matsumura or Matsumora) Rohai Dai Saifa Seichin Seienchin Tekki Shodan Tsuki No Kata Yantsu	<i>All Novice/Intermediate list Kata, AND:</i> Any kata from the WKF approved list: WKF KATA RULES, p26.

KUMITE RULES

	Novice (all ages)	Intermediate (all ages)	Advanced & Black Belt (all ages)
Time	1 min 30 sec stop time	1 min 30 sec stop time	2 min stop time
Points	Spread of 6pts	Standard WKF 8pt rules	Standard WKF 8pt rules
Contact	No head contact with fist or foot Controlled body contact only		
Uniform & Belt	White uniform personal color belt Optional: Red/Blue Belts	White uniform Red AND Blue belts	White uniform Red AND Blue belts
Mandatory Protective Gear	Mouthguard Red OR Blue fist protector Groin protector (males)	Mouthguard Red OR Blue fist protector Groin protector (males)	Mouthguard Red AND Blue fist protector Groin protector (males)
Optional Protective Gear	Foot & Shin Guard (Red, Blue or White) Helmet External Body Guard	Foot & Shin Guard (Red, Blue or White) Helmet External Body Guard	Foot & Shin Guard (Red, Blue or White) Helmet External Body Guard
Elimination System	2 athletes: best of two matches	2 athletes: best of two matches	2 athletes: best of two matches
	3 athletes: round robin	3 athletes: round robin	3 athletes: round robin
	4 athletes+: 2 to 3 matches	4 athletes+: 2 to 3 matches	4 athletes+: 2 to 3 matches
Competition Area 10x10m	All Ages: 8m x 8m competition area including the one-metre red warning line, with the 10m x 10m rows being out of bounds		

Merged Kumite Divisions Rule:

If divisions of different levels are merged, the lower level rules are applied for all matches, i.e. if a novice & intermediate and advanced division are combined, the 6 point spread rule is utilized.

Waiver & Release Agreement

Warning: By signing this document you will waive certain legal rights, including the right to sue. Please read carefully.

All competitors must be aware of the following:

1. Competitors will not wear bandages, padding or supports during kumite matches unless approved by the Referee in consultation with the Tournament Medical Staff.
2. A competitor injured during a match and declared unfit to fight by the Tournament Medical Staff will not be eligible to further compete in the competition.
3. All finger and toenails must be kept short.
4. Competitors will not wear metallic or other objects which may injure an opponent.
5. Competitors are advised to see their regular physician following a competition for follow-up examination of any injuries suffered during the competition. Note: The full extent of some injuries may not manifest themselves until sometime following the injury, e.g. abdominal or head injuries.
6. The Tournament Doctor/Medical Staff will have the sole discretion to determine if a competitor is or is not medically fit to compete.

Acknowledgement: I understand and agree that my signing of this document constitutes that:

1. I am registering willingly and participating voluntarily in a Karate BC competition.
2. I am physically, emotionally and mentally able to participate in a Karate BC competition.
3. I have expressly disclosed all illnesses, injuries, ailments, symptoms and/or medical conditions of any kind whatsoever suffered or sustained as requested in the Medical Report.
4. I agree to consult my regular doctor should such an examination be requested by the Tournament Medical Doctor.
5. I agree that there are risks as described in the Waiver and Release Agreement and will be exposed to these risks and hazards.
6. I agree to accept all these risks and hazards and be responsible for any injury or other loss which I might receive while participating in a Karate BC competition.
7. By participating in Karate BC's activities, I hereby consent to having any picture or video image taken of me during any activity in any edited material used for Kenzen Karate and Victoria Open promotional activities of any type.
8. I have read the Waiver and Release Agreement and understand its terms and conditions.

I have read and understood the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and by signing it voluntarily, I am agreeing to abide by these terms.

This is a binding legal Agreement. As a participant in the programs, activities and events of Kenzen Karate, the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following terms:

Disclaimer

Victoria Open, Kenzen Sports Karate Ltd, Karate BC, its respective directors, officers, members, employees, coaches, volunteers, officials, participants, agents, owners/operators of facilities, and representatives (collectively the "Organization") are not responsible for any injury, damage or loss of any kind suffered by a participant during the sport of karate, or as a result of any competition, program, activity or event, caused in any manner whatsoever, including but not limited to, the negligence of the Organization.

Description of Risks

In consideration of my participation in the programs, activities and events of the Organization, I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the risks and hazards associated with or related to any such competitions, programs, activities and events. The risks and hazards include, but are not limited to, injuries from:

- a) Physical contact with other participants;
- b) Striking participants and objects with parts of the body;
- c) Contact, colliding or being struck by other participants;
- d) Tumbling, falling or being thrown to the floor;
- e) Executing strenuous and demanding physical techniques;
- f) Vigorous physical exertion, strenuous cardiovascular workouts, rapid movements and quick turns and stops;
- g) Exerting and stretching various muscle groups;
- h) Falls due to uneven or irregular surfaces;
- i) Failure to properly use any piece of equipment or from the mechanical failure of any piece of equipment;

- j) Spinal cord injuries which may render me permanently paralyzed;
- k) Travel to and from competitive events and associated non-competitive events which are an integral part of the Organization's activities.

Furthermore, I am aware:

- a) That injuries sustained can be severe;
- b) That I may experience anxiety while challenging myself during the competitions, activities, events and programs;
- c) That my risk of injury is reduced if I follow all rules established for participation; and
- d) That my risk of injury increases as I become fatigued.

Release of Liability

In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate, I agree:

- a) That my physical condition has been verified by a medical doctor;
- b) To assume all risks arising out of, associated with or related to my participation;
- c) To be solely responsible for any injury, loss or damage that I might sustain while participating; and
- d) To release the Organization from liability for any and all claims, demands, actions and costs that might arise out of my participating, even though such risks, injuries, loss, damage, claims, demands, actions or costs may have been caused by the negligence of the Organization.

Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that I have read this Agreement, that I have executed this Agreement voluntarily, and that this Agreement is to be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, representatives and myself. If the participant is under 19 years of age, their parent or legal guardian accepts these terms for the participant when registering them for this event.