



TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

8th Edition of the

MAITOSHI KACHI TROPHY

Sunday March 15, 2026

“De Veldmuis”



Felicien Cauwelstraat 39, 9500 Geraardsbergen

Start coaches

Kata from 07:00am

Kumite All athletes in a lower weight class will be weighed in the warm-up zone.

Start competition

Kata from 08:00am

Kumite from 01:00pm

The competition schedule can be consulted on www.maitoshi.be on the 11th of March 2026.

General Regulations

- Every competitor needs to be in possession of a **valid license** of their national (or regional) karate federation/association.
- Every competitor needs to be in possession of a **valid civil liability and physical accident insurance**, either individually or through the club of which the competitor is a member. The insurance must allow participation in competitions. Every registered participant accepts that the organisation cannot be held accountable for accidents or theft.
- **A registration limit of 450 participants** will be maintained (Kata and Kumite combined). After all, the organisation prefers to not disrupt its timetable. Any registration will be processed in accordance to the date of reception of the registration fee.
- The age and weight of the competitor, specified in the registration form, needs to be applicable on the **day of the competition**.
- Coaches must be dressed in **training suit** and must be able to present his/her **valid license**. The allowed number of coaches for each participating club is calculated as follows: 1-3 participants (1 coach), 4-8 part. (2 coaches), 9-12 part. (3 coaches), 13 or more part. (4 coaches).
Warning: on each competition floor there will be **only 1 coach** allowed. Make sure to clearly state all competitors and coaches during registration. Non-registered competitors or coaches will not be added or accepted on the day of the competition.
- All participants of a certain category (poule) will be announced and collected in the warm-up zone and escorted to the competition floor. The names of the participants will only be called twice, if they are not present by then, they will be marked absent.
- **Luggage or sport bags are not permitted** in the competition zone. The warm-up zone is only allowed for **competitors** and their **coaches**. All others will be requested to leave the area.
- The participants agree to follow the existing doping regulations. Inspections can be held by any competent authority.
- **An award ceremony** will take place at the completion of every category.

Regulations KATA:

- All **KATA** competitions will continue with the **WKF system (from 14 years)** with **Flaggsystem**. In categories 'U8' up and including 'U12', AKA and AO will execute their kata at the same time, unless the match is deciding for a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. Boys and girl compete in separate categories.
- The minimum number of participants per kata category is **4**. If that amount is not reached, competitors will be given the opportunity to participate in a **higher category**.
- The finals follow immediately after the series. Every category has **2 third places**.
- Every competitor must be in possession of a red and a blue belt.
- Each tatami will be supervised by 5 referees
- In the **kata team** matches, only one elder person (+16 y/o) per team can participate in the category - 16 years old. Likewise, only one younger person (-16yo) can participate in a +16 y/o team. Teams are allowed to consist of people of **different sex**. There will be **no bunkai** performance.
- There is a minimum of **4** registered teams per kata team category in order for it to proceed.

Categories Kata:

U8	Up to and incl. 7 y/o	Only lower katas. Katas can be repeated.
U10	8-9 y/o	Lower or higher katas 1st & 2nd round: different katas; from round 3, katas can be repeated.
U12	10-11 y/o	Lower or higher katas. 1st & 2nd round: different katas; from round 3, katas can be repeated.
U14	12-13 y/o	Lower or higher katas. Up to and incl. 3rd round: different katas; from round 4, katas can be repeated.
U16	14-15 y/o	WKF regulations, no repetitions.
U18	16-17 y/o	WKF regulations, no repetitions.
Seniors	From 18 y/o	WKF regulations, no repetitions.
Open	From 16 y/o	WKF regulations, no repetitions.
Teams -16 yo	Mixed	WKF regulations, no repetitions, no bunkai
Teams +16 yo	Mixed	WKF regulations, no repetitions, no bunkai

Note: 1st round refers to the 1st column of the category listing. The '2nd round' to the 2nd column and so on.

Regulations KUMITE:

- The **minimum** number of participants per kumite category is **4**. If the category has **16** or more participants, it will be split up in a **lower and higher** weight class. It is of the utmost importance to submit the **exact** weight of the participant during registration.
- Every participant in a **lower weight** class, will **be weighed**. If the competitor's weight exceeds the **target** weight by **2 kilograms** or more, they will be disqualified from the competition without fighting a single round. Thus, asking to be moved to the 'plus' weight category will **NOT** be allowed.
- In a category with less than **4** participants **round-robin** will be applied.
- All **kumite** matches follow the **WKF regulations**. (5 referees).
- Up to and including category **U14**, every **contact** in the **jodan** zone (face) is **not permitted**. For **U16** a **slight touch** in the **jodan zone** is only permitted while using **foot** techniques. **No jodan contact** is allowed using **hand** techniques. In the **seniors and U18** category, **controlled contact is allowed**, considering the attacked zone.
- **Protections** according to the **WKF regulations**
- **Match durations:** **U10**=> 1 min, **U12** and **U14** => 1,5 min, **U16** and **U18** => 2 min, **Seniors Women** => 3 min, **Seniors Men** => 3 min.
- Registration in the **seniors category** indicates 'seniors -' or 'seniors +'. If the participant wishes to partake in the '**Open**' category, this needs to be mentioned on the registration form.
- **Categories:** **U8** (6-7 y/o), **U10** (8-9 y/o), **U12** (10-11 y/o), **U14** (12-13 y/o), **U16** (14-15 y/o), **U18** (16-17 y/o), **Seniors** (from 18 y/o), **Kumite Open** (from 18 y/o).

CHALLENGE CUP:

- A **trophy** will be awarded to the participating club which has scored the **highest number of points**. 5 points are awarded per **1st place**, 3 points per **2nd place** and 1 point per **3rd place**.
- **Two trophies** will be awarded at the end of the tournament: One for the club that embodies the spirit of **fair play** the most and another for the most deserving **referee/judge**.

CONCLUSION:

We very much appreciate welcoming your club to our Maitoshi Kachi Trophy. We strive to bring you a highly qualitative tournament where sociability, sportsmanship, solidarity among competitors and love for karate are central.

REGISTRATION:

- Only the attached document (Excel document) is a valid form of registration. The **deadline for registration is on Wednesday, March 4th 2026**. There will be no more registrations accepted after this date. The registration period **can be ended before** this date if the limit of **450 participants is reached**. All head coaches will receive an email with all participants per category on **March 5th 2026**. Please make sure to add the right email address in the registration form. **Until March 7th 2026** the possibility exists to correct registration errors, after this date there will be no more adjustments.
- Should the maximum number of participants be exceeded, priority will be given to the clubs that first deposit the owed amount on the account of the organisation. Payment has priority over reception of the registration form.
- On **March 11th 2026**, all categories will be made public on our website www.maitoshi.be. The head coach will also receive this by email.
- Email address for registrations: info@maitoshi.be

Registration fee individual participant	25 €
Registration fee teams	30 €
Registration fee coaches	15 €
Entrance fee spectators	10 €
Children under the age of 7 years	Free

- The owed sum must be deposited on the organisation account by means of bank transfer. Account: **Maitoshi Kachi Trophy, BE94 1030 4451 7614**. Please make sure to mention the **name of the club, club number, number of participants and number of teams**. The payment must be received ultimately on **Wednesday March 4th 2026**.

PARTICIPATION WILL BE DENIED TO THOSE NOT IN ORDER WITH THE REGULATIONS MENTIONED ABOVE.

NO MORE REGISTRATIONS OR PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE SPOT.

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