

KARATE

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PREMIER LEAGUE

AND SA OPEN (CHILDREN, CADETS, JUNIORS, VETERANS AND DISABILITY)

World Cup



VENUE: ICC DURBAN - Where Africa and the World meet.

DURBAN

South Africa

20TH, 21ST, 22ND AND 23RD FEBRUARY 2014



WKF Premier League 1 World Cup and SA Open - Durban - February 2014

The WKF Premier League 1 World Cup is the **Top Event** in the world supported by the **WORLD KARATE FEDERATION (WKF)**. The aim is to bring together the “best of the best” tournament fighters from around the globe to do battle in pursuit of the **Number One Ranking** through a series of Open Championships of unprecedented scale and quality.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Firstly allow me to express my heartfelt thanks to the WKF hierarchy led by the Honorable President Antonio Espinos for giving "Africa a chance" especially the rainbow nation South Africa (land of the birth of perhaps the greatest political icon Dr Nelson Mandela) to host the prestigious WKF Premier League 1 World Cup and SA Open

Durban is honored to host the WKF Premier League 1 World Cup and SA Open in Feb 2014 and I assure the global karate fraternity, we are second to none as a sports, arts and cultural destination.

Moreover our city given its excellent all year round weather conditions is an appropriate venue for these international events .

In addition being one of the most beautiful provinces of our country, visitors are encouraged to prolong their stay and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Kingdom of the Zulu.

As a matter of interest the host province KwaZulu-Natal boasts some of the finest safari parks in Africa with the possibility of sighting the "big five" viz the rhino, elephant, cheetah, lion and hippo all within 2-3 hours drive from the Durban city centre.

May I also unreservedly state that when I plucked up the courage to approach Secretary General Yaralimpos and President Espinos of the WKF World Federation to consider Durban as a venue for the WKF Premier League 1 World Cup and SA Open in Feb 2014 (during the World Youth Cup in Greece), I had every confidence that the KZN Province, given our excellent infrastructure, was ready to host this huge event.

I urge the global karate fraternity to take serious cognisance of the fact that South Africa has in the past successfully hosted rugby, cricket , karate, transplant games, swimming and of course, in the words of Sepp Blatter, "one of the best Fifa World Cup Soccer events ever" (2010), therefore it is abundantly clear that we have the capacity to host international events such as the WKF Premier League 1 World Cup and SA Open.

It is my fervent wish that this event with your support will stimulate nation building and be the catalyst to "shape the youth" of today who are our leaders of tomorrow.

As president of KSA, I look forward to the WKF family from around the globe gathering here in the southern most tip of the world the paradise Indian ocean port of Durban to enjoy a true African experience.

I promise to deliver with the KSA LOC and the guidance of SASCOG our governing body (custodians of sport in South Africa) a world class event that will make our government, the sports ministry and WKF as a whole extremely proud.

Best sporting regards

Kyoshi Sonny Pillay
President: Karate South Africa





WELCOME TO DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

Durban (Zulu: eThekweni, from itheku meaning 'bay / lagoon') is the largest city in the South African province of KwaZulu-Natal. It is also the second most important manufacturing hub in South Africa after Johannesburg. Durban is famous for being the busiest port in South Africa and Africa. It is also seen as one of the major centres of tourism because of the city's warm subtropical climate and extensive beaches. The municipality, which includes neighbouring towns, has a population of almost 3.5 million, making the combined municipality the biggest city on the east coast of the African continent. The metropolitan land area of 2,292 square km (885 sq mi) is comparatively larger than other South African cities.

Durban has a humid subtropical climate with hot and humid summers and pleasantly warm and dry winters, which are frost-free. Durban has an annual rainfall of 1,009 mm (39.7 in) The average temperature in summer ranges around 28 °C (82 °F) while in winter the average temperature is 20 °C (68 °F). Sunrise in Durban on summer solstice occurs at 04h45 and sunset at 19h00; on winter solstice sunrise is at 06h30 and sunset at 17h20. The rainy season is in summer which begins sometime in November, ending in mid-April. Summers are sunny, hot and humid during the day, but are relieved by afternoon or evening thunderstorms. The city is also occasionally affected by tropical storms and cyclones during the cyclone season which is from 15 November to 30 April. Winters, which are from June to August, are generally warm and sunny.

Durban and its suburbs are hilly, except for locations in and around the central business district and the harbour.

Currency	:	ZAR
Time Zone	:	SAST (UTC+2)
Drive on the	:	Left
Calling code	:	+27
ISO 3166 Code	:	ZA
Internet TLD	:	.za

South Africa is a multi ethnic society encompassing a wide variety of cultures, languages, and religions. Its pluralistic makeup is reflected in the constitution's recognition of 11 official languages, which is among the highest number of any country in the world. Two of these languages are of European origin: English and Afrikaans, the latter originating from Dutch and serving as the main language of most white and coloured South Africans. Though English is commonly used in public and commercial life, it is only the fifth most-spoken home language.

About 80% of South Africans are of black African ancestry, divided among a variety of ethnic groups speaking different Bantu languages, nine of which have official status. The remaining population consists of Africa's largest communities of European, Asian, and multiracial ancestry. All ethnic and linguistic groups have political representation in the country's constitutional democracy, which comprises a parliamentary republic and nine provinces. Since the end of apartheid, South Africa's unique multicultural character has become integral to its national identity, as expounded upon by the Rainbow Nation concept.





South Africa is ranked as an upper-middle income economy by the World Bank, and is considered to be a newly industrialised country. Its economy is the largest and most developed in Africa, and the 28th-largest in the world. In terms of purchasing power parity, South Africa has the fifth-highest per capita income in Africa, although poverty and inequality remain widespread, with about a quarter of the population unemployed and living on less than US\$1.25 a day) Nevertheless, South Africa has been identified as a middle power in international affairs, and maintains significant regional influence. We look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful city.





TOURNAMENT DETAILS:

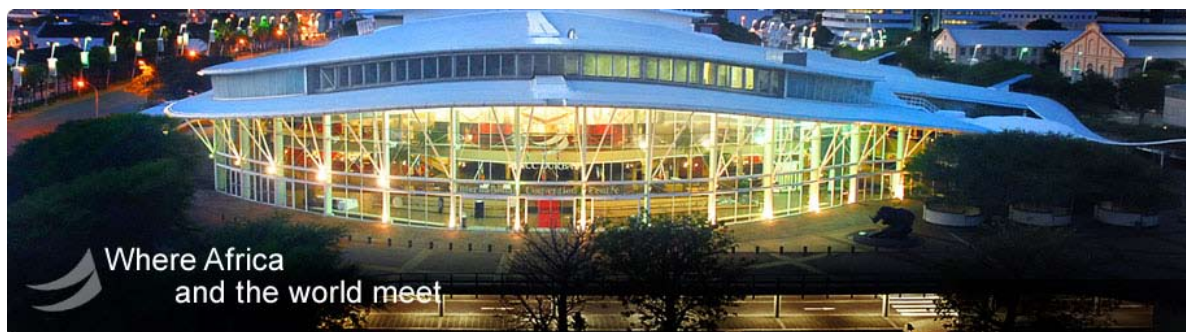
DATE: 20th & 21st - SA Open for Children, Cadets, Juniors, Veterans and Disability Categories
22nd & 23rd - WKF Premier League 1 World Cup Tournament to take place at the ICC, Durban
Training camp: Fred Crookes Sports Centre - DUT, Durban

VENUES:

A focal point of Durban's business district, the International Convention Centre Durban is a functional space in an aesthetic environment. Centrally located and just half an hour from the airport, Durban ICC is minutes from hotels and beaches. Palm trees form a welcoming avenue while at the entrance to the centre three baobabs, Africa's tree giants, bid a regal greeting.

The Durban International Convention Centre (Durban ICC) is one of the most advanced conference facilities in the world. Flexibility and versatility are key factors in the design of this state-of-the-art technology-driven centre.

Little wonder then that the Durban ICC is where the World meets Africa.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Organising Committee Director: Carlos Vilela
Organising Federation: Karate South Africa
Contact: admin@karate-sa.org
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Technical Support for online registration:

Web: <http://www.wkf-registration.net> (National Federations via the WKF Online registration)

Email: secretariat@wkf.net





ONLINE REGISTRATION:

All competitors, referees, coaches and officials must register online through their WKF National Karate Federation. The National Federations will only use the WKF online system for this purpose (<http://www.wkf-registration.net>). Should you have any questions or problems concerning the online registration procedure, please contact the WKF Secretariat Office at the following email address: secretariat@wkf.net.

The National Federations are responsible for the quality of the entered registration data. Changes of online registration data are possible until 10th February 2014.

The official registration session will take place on 17th at a venue TBA and 18th February from 10am - 6pm at a venue TBA. If changes are required during the official registration session because of incorrect, missing or new registration data, a fee of €50 is charged per each change.

All participants have to bring their passports at the registration.

At registration, accreditation cards will be issued with the participants main data, a photograph and information about registered categories. The accreditation card must be worn at all times during the event. Participation is limited to holders of valid WKF ID cards. Validity of WKF ID cards will be verified during the registration session. The WKF ID card can also be purchased at the registration session €65.

All WKF members are allowed to participate in Premier League 1 events; no permission of the national karate federation is needed; they need a verification that they are members of their national karate federation recognized by the WKF.

ENTRY FEES:

The entry fees are €75 per individual category entry.

In case of not making the reservations through the official travel agent, the entry fees will be double €150 in order to cover the organizational expenses.

THE ENTRY FEES PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE BY CASH DURING THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION SESSIONS ON 17th February and 18th February 2014.





CATEGORIES:

CHILDREN

Kata Male/Kata Female	10 – 11 years	
Kata Male/Kata Female	12 – 13 years	
Kumite Male	12 – 13 years	-40kg, -45kg, -50kg, -55kg, +55kg
Kumite Female	12 – 13 years	-42kg, -47kg, +47kg

CADETS

Kumite Individual Male	14 – 15 years	-52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg
Kumite Individual Female	14 – 15 years	-47kg, -54kg, +54kg

Kata Individual Male	14 – 15 years
Kata Individual Female	14 – 15 years

JUNIORS

Kumite Individual Male	16 – 17 years	-55kg, -61kg, -68kg, -76kg, +76kg
Kumite Individual Female	16 – 17 years	-48kg, -53kg, -59kg, +59kg
Kata Individual Female	16 – 17 years	
Kata Individual Male	16 – 17 years	

SENIORS

Kata individual female and male	16 years +	
Kumite individual female	18 years +	-50 kg, -55kg, -61 kg, -68 kg, +68kg
Kumite individual male	18 years +	-60 kg, -67 kg, -75 kg, -84 kg, +84 kg

VETERANS

Open Division Male	36 – 45 years
Open Division Female	36 – 45 years
Open Division Male	46 – 55 years
Open Division Female	46 – 55 years

MASTERS

Open Division Male	56+ years
Open Division Female	56+ years

DISABILITY

Open Division Male	Children, Cadets, Junior, Senior
Open Division Female	Children, Cadets, Junior, Senior

WKF RULES/KARATE1 RULES

For all categories the official WKF rules / Premier League 1 rules are applied. Only WKF Approved protective equipment is allowed to use. Athletes have to bring their equipment.

PRIZE MONEY

For individual categories (Kumite and Kata) :

Gold Medalist 300 €

Silver Medalist 200 €

Bronze Medalist 100 €





OFFICIAL LETTER OF INVITATION

23rd August 2014

TO: National Karate Federations

Dear Colleagues of the global karate fraternity,

We have pleasure in inviting your team to participate in the Premier League 1 World Cup and SA Open that is scheduled to take place in Durban, South Africa from the 17th – 23rd February 2014. Kindly consult the South African Embassy/Consulate in your country for all visa requirements. Please do not hesitate to contact the KSA Head Office should you experience any difficulty with regards to your visa application.

We sincerely look forward to receiving you and your team in Durban to enjoy a world class event in the continent of Africa.

Best sporting regards

The President – KSA
Kyoshi Sonny Pillay

The CEO - KSA
Carlos Vilela





VISA REQUIREMENTS:

General information about South African visas

Visitor's visas are for International travelers who have permanent residence outside South Africa and who wish to visit the country on a temporary basis for tourism, sport or business purposes for 90 days or less. Requirements for visitor's visas differ from country to country. Countries that are exempt from needing a South African visa can be found on the following weblink
www.home-affairs.gov.za/index.php/countries-exempt-from-sa-visas.

As each application is treated individually you should make enquiries with your nearest South African Embassy or Consulate .

Documents required for a visa:

A valid passport

The passport must have at least one unused page

A completed BI – 84 (application for visa form)

Payment of the prescribed fee

A yellow fever vaccination certificate (if required)

Statement and/or documentation confirming the purpose and duration of your visit

Two colour passport photographs

A return or onward ticket

If you have children (minors) travelling with you or joining you in South Africa, you will need to provide the following additional documents: Proof of guardianship or consent from the guardian in the case of an unaccompanied minor.

Proof of financial means in the form of:

Salary advices

Undertaking by the South African Host

Bursary

Medical cover

Cash available.

You do not have to go to the embassy yourself, but may make use of many of the visa service agencies in your country.





HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND TRANSPORT:

Reservations in the designated hotel by the organizing committee must be done through the official travel agent:

Accommodation, rates info and contact details to follow shortly.





PROGRAMME 17th - 23rd FEBRUARY 2014

17th FEBRUARY 2014

Meet and Greet

10am – 6pm - Registration at a venue TBA

18th FEBRUARY 2014

10am - 2pm Referees and Coaches Seminar.

10am - 2pm Managers and Medical Briefing

10am – 6pm - Registration at a venue TBA

19th FEBRUARY 2014

10am - 2pm Referees and Coaches Seminar.

10am - 2pm Managers and Medical Briefing

2pm – 5pm - Referees and Coaches accreditation

Civic reception for all foreign delegates

20th FEBRUARY 2014

9am - 7pm - SA Open - Juniors, Veterans and Disability

21st FEBRUARY 2014

9am - 7pm - SA Open - Children and Cadets

22nd FEBRUARY 2014

9am - 7pm - Premier League 1 - All Kata

23rd FEBRUARY 2014

9am - 7pm - Premier League 1 - All Kumite

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CONFIRMATION FORM

Country _____

Head of Delegation _____

Contact number _____

Email _____

Number in Delegation _____

With this I confirm that the above National Team is a member of National Karate Federation
_____ which is a member of the World Karate Federation.

Signature of President or Secretary

Stamp of Federation

Date and Place: _____

Confirmation form to be emailed to : admin@karate-sa.org





TERMS OF RESPONSIBILITY

I, undersigned _____ as Head of Delegation for my country, duly registered to participate in the WKF Premier League 1 and SA Open of Children, Cadets, Juniors, Seniors, Veterans and Disabled which will be held in Durban, South Africa from the 17th – 23rd February 2014, with complete knowledge of the status and set of standards of the KARATE FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

I make a commitment to carry out faithfully the regulations before the mentioned entity and I assume all the administrative, civil and criminal responsibilities of all which will take place to our athletes, trainers and other members of our delegation participating in the championships, during and after the competition as knowing the physical injury, the personal spending and the debts.

Country _____

Name and Surname _____

Passport Number _____

Title within the Federation _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Email address _____

To be completed, signed and returned to admin@karate-sa.org





*Take time out and experience the wonder of The Big Five
Africa's most precious jewels!*

