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2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships

April 11 & 12, 2026

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Karate BC respectfully acknowledges that the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships are taking place on the traditional and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) and s̓cəwəθən məsteyəxʷ (Tsawwassen) Nations.

To learn more about the Indigenous Peoples of Canada, click [HERE](#).



INFORMATION BULLETIN REVISION HISTORY

Revisions made to this information bulletin are indicated in the table below. Please review this section to determine which section(s) has/have been updated.

Version	Date	Description
1.1	March 24, 2026	Updated section 2.2 - Report a Safe Sport Concern
		Updated section 5.4 - Registration Fees
		Updated section 6.5 - Karate BC Rule Modifications for Non-Elite Categories
1.2	March 27, 2026	Updated section 6.6 - Elimination Formula
		Added section 9.2 - SureStay by Best Western Richmond Vancouver Airport



KEY DATES AND DEADLINES

Event	Date(s)
Registration Deadline	Friday, March 27, 2026
2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships	Saturday, April 11 and Sunday, April 12, 2026



1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Name of Event

2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships

1.2 Dates of Event

April 11-12, 2026

1.3 Event Venue

[Richmond Curling Centre](#)

5540 Hollybridge Way

Richmond, BC V7C 4N3

1.4 Event Organizer

Karate BC

#361, 101-1001 West Broadway

Vancouver, British Columbia V6H 4E4

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1.5 Introduction

Karate BC is proud to present the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships, where the best karate athletes from across the province will compete for the title of provincial champion. This event will take place at the Richmond Curling Centre near the Vancouver International Airport (YVR) on April 11-12, 2026.

Karate BC is the recognized Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) for Karate in British Columbia.

1.6 Purpose

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to provide important information regarding the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships to athletes, coaches, referees, and volunteers, to assist



them in preparing to participate in this event. All participants are asked to carefully read this document in its entirety before registering for this tournament.

1.7 Contact Information

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Event Manager/Technical Director
2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships
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1.8 Spectator Tickets

Information regarding spectator tickets will be published in an updated version of this Information Bulletin.

1.9 Live Streaming

Karate BC is pleased to offer complimentary live streaming of each tatami at the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships on Karate BC's [YouTube channel](#).

1.10 Social Media

Like Karate BC on [Facebook](#), follow us on [X](#) and [Instagram](#), and use the hashtag **#kbcprovincials** on all your social media posts during the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships!

1.11 Errors and Omissions

Karate BC reserves the right to correct errors and omissions in this Information Bulletin.



2. SAFE SPORT

2.1 Participant Code of Conduct

Karate BC accepts all language contained in the British Columbia Universal Code of Conduct (BC UCC), and is committed to providing a safe and inclusive sport environment that is free from abuse, harassment, discrimination, and all forms of harm, including sexual, physical, mental, emotional, and psychological harm.

All participants at the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships, including athletes, coaches, team officials, referees, and volunteers, must read, agree to, and adhere to the BC UCC at all times at this event.

The code of conduct agreement is incorporated into the required participant documents online form ([see section 5.5](#)).

The BC UCC is designed to raise awareness of the responsibilities of all participants in sport, including athletes, coaches, referees, volunteers, spectators, and staff, to contribute to a safe environment, and to raise awareness of prohibited behaviours or conduct.

The full version of the BC UCC is hosted at the following link: [Click Here](#)

2.2 Report a Safe Sport Concern

To report a Safe Sport concern, contact Karate BC by phone at 604-333-3610, by email at safesport@karatebc.org, or file a report with ITP Sport at the following link: <https://app.integritycounts.ca/org/itpsport>



3. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Eligibility

Only athletes who are current members of Karate BC in good standing are eligible to register and participate in the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships.

3.2 Age Eligibility

The age eligibility for this event is determined by the age of the athletes as of the date of the event, April 11, 2026.

3.2.1 7 years & Under Categories

Athletes who are 7 years of age and under as of April 11, 2026, are eligible to register in 7 years & Under categories.

3.2.2 U12 Para Categories

Athletes who are under 12 years of age as of April 11, 2026, are eligible to register in U12 Para categories.

3.2.3 Masters Categories

Athletes who are 40 years of age or older as of April 11, 2026, are eligible to register in Masters categories. Athletes who register in Masters categories may also register in non-Masters categories for which they are eligible based on their gender and skill level.

3.2.4 "Women's" and "Men's" Categories

Athletes who are 16 years of age or older as of April 11, 2026, are eligible to register in "Women's" or "Men's" Kata categories for which they are eligible based on their gender and skill level.

Athletes who are 18 years of age or older as of April 11, 2026, are eligible to register in "Women's" or "Men's" Kumite categories for which they are eligible based on their gender and skill level.



3.2.5 Kobudo and "Adult" Categories

Athletes who are 16 years of age or older as of April 11, 2026, are eligible to register in "Adult" Team Kata categories. Athletes who are 18 years of age or older as of April 11, 2026 are eligible to register in "Adult" Kobudo categories.

3.3 Competition Skill Levels

The following skills levels will be offered at this event:

- A. Novice
- B. Intermediate
- C. Advanced
- D. Black Belt
- E. Elite

Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, and Black Belt categories are classified as non-elite categories. They may be identified by a category code that starts with "R".

Elite categories may be identified by a category code that starts with "E".

3.3.1 Registering in Both a Non-Elite and Elite Category

Athletes are **NOT** permitted to register in both a non-elite category and an elite category in the **same discipline** (Kata/Kumite).

For greater clarity, an athlete who is registered in an elite Kata category is not eligible to register in any non-elite Kata categories. This athlete is eligible to register in non-elite Kumite categories provided that they are not registered in any elite Kumite categories.

3.3.2 Non-Elite Competition Skill Level Table

The table below indicates the non-elite competition skill levels based on the Kyu/Dan levels of different Karate styles. **Athletes may only register in the skill level that corresponds to their Kyu/Dan level.**

Skill Level / Style	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Black Belt
Chito/Shito	6-5	4-3	2-1	All Dans



Gima-Ha	10-7	6-4	3-1	All Dans
Goju	10-7	6-4	3-1	All Dans
Kyokushin	10-7	6-4	3-1	All Dans
Shotokan/ Shukokai	9-7	6-4	3-1	All Dans
Uechi-Ryu	10-7	6-4	3-1	All Dans
Wado	8-7	6-4	3-1	All Dans

3.4 Team Kata

Each athlete may only be part of one (1) Kata Team at the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships.

3.5 Kumite Weight Categories

Athletes may only register in one (1) Kumite weight category within an age category.



4. COACHES

Only coaches who are current members of Karate BC in good standing are eligible to participate in the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships. All coaches who wish to coach on the field-of-play at the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships must be registered and accredited.

4.1 Coach Attire

Coaches must wear their tracksuit of their club/team and closed-toed shoes while coaching. Shorts, sandals/flip-flops, hats, and sunglasses are not permitted.

Suits/dresses will not be required for medal rounds at this event.

Coaches are not permitted to take photos or videos on the competition floor.

4.2 Requirements for Non-Elite Coaches

All non-elite coaches must satisfy the following requirements in order to be eligible to coach non-elite categories at the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships. Non-elite coaches are **only permitted to coach non-elite categories** at this event.

- A. Have a completed Criminal Record Check, including a vulnerable sector check, within the past three years on file with Karate BC;
- B. Completed the National Coaching Certification Program's (NCCP) Making Headway in Sport module through their NCCP locker; and
- C. Completed the Coaching Association of Canada's (CAC) Safe Sport Training module through their NCCP locker.

4.3 Requirements for Elite Coaches

All elite coaches must satisfy the following requirements in order to be eligible to coach at the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships. Elite coaches are eligible to coach both non-elite and elite categories at this event.

- A. Have, at minimum, Competition-Introduction Trained status in the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP);



- B. Have a completed Criminal Record Check, including a vulnerable sector check, within the past three years on file with Karate BC;
- C. Completed the National Coaching Certification Program's (NCCP) Making Headway in Sport module through their NCCP locker; and
- D. Completed the Coaching Association of Canada's (CAC) Safe Sport Training module through their NCCP locker.



5. REGISTRATION

5.1 Online Registration

Registration for all athletes and coaches will be completed online through at the links below:

[Non-Elite Athlete Registration](#)

[Elite Athlete Registration](#)

[Coach Registration](#)

In order to ensure an optimal event experience for participants, non-elite registration will be capped at 250 athletes, and elite registration will be capped at 200 athletes.

Participants will be required to upload a current passport-style headshot photo that allows the participant to be identified during the registration process. This photo will be printed on the participant's accreditation card.

Participants must provide all required participant information, submit the required registration fees for this event, and complete the required participant documents before the registration deadline for registration to be considered complete.

On-site registration and on-site payments will not be accepted.

Individuals and teams/clubs are responsible for the quality and accuracy of the registration data. If changes to a participant's information are required during accreditation, the on-site change fee will be charged.

5.2 Registration Deadline

The registration deadline for athletes and coaches is **Friday, March 27, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time.**

****IMPORTANT:** No participant registrations will be accepted after the registration deadline.



5.3 Changes to Athlete Registration

A registration change fee of \$50 per change will apply for all changes to athlete registration.

No changes to registration will be accepted after the closing of accreditation on Friday, April 10, 2026.

5.4 Registration Fees

5.4.1 Athletes

The athlete registration fees for the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships are indicated in the tables below.

All fees listed below are subject to 5% GST.

Registration Fees for Individual Categories

Category	As a first category	For each additional individual category for the same athlete
All Kobudo, non-elite, and U12 Para Individual Categories	\$60.00	\$48.00
All Elite, Junior and Senior Para Individual Categories	\$70.00	\$56.00

Registration Fees for Team Categories

Category	Per Team
Non-Elite Team Categories	\$120
Elite Team Categories	\$140



*= Team Kata categories will not be considered as a “first category” for the purpose of obtaining a registration fee discount for additional categories. For example, if an athlete registers in a Team Kata category and an Individual Kata category, the athlete will be charged the “first category” registration rate for the Individual Kata category.

5.4.2 Refunds

Refund requests will only be considered until the registration deadline and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

After the final registration deadline, no refunds will be issued for any reason.

To request a refund, please email events@karatebc.org.

If the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships are cancelled by Karate BC, Karate BC will refund all athlete registration fees and any prepaid spectator admission fees.

Karate BC shall not be responsible or liable for any expenses incurred by participants or attendees in connection with the event, including but not limited to travel, airfare, ferry costs, ground transportation, accommodation, meals, or other personal expenses, whether refundable, partially refundable, or non-refundable.

5.4.3 Coaches

No registration fees are charged for coaches at the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships.

5.5 Required Participant Documents

5.5.1 Athletes

All athletes (and the athlete’s parent/guardian if the athlete is under 19 years of age) must complete the online Medical History, Waiver, and Release agreement and sign the Participant Code of Conduct agreement after registering for this event. The link to complete these documents will be sent via email after registration.

5.5.2 Coaches

All coaches (and the coach’s parent/guardian if the coach is under 19 years of age) must sign the online Waiver and Release agreement, the Participant Code of Conduct agreement, and the Accreditation Agreement for Coaches after registering for this event. The link to complete these documents will be sent via email after registration.



These documents must be completed in full by the registration deadline in order to remain eligible to participate in this event. **Participants with incomplete documents will not be permitted to participate in the event.**

5.6 Accreditation

All athletes and coaches must pick up their accreditation card at the accreditation desk during accreditation hours. Please refer to the Schedule of Events ([section 7](#)) for the accreditation hours.

Athletes who have not picked up their accreditation (either personally or through a coach/team manager) during the accreditation period will not be included in the draws, and therefore will not be eligible to compete.

Accreditation cards are required for entry into the event venue and must be worn at all times while inside the venue, except for athletes when they are competing.

A fee of \$50 will be charged to re-print lost accreditation cards.



6. COMPETITION

6.1 Event Categories

The following events will be offered at the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships:

- A. Individual Kata
- B. Team Kata
- C. Individual Kumite
- D. Para-Karate
- E. Kobudo (Weapons Kata)

The full list of event categories is available on Sportdata at the following link: [Click Here](#)

6.2 Rules of Competition

6.2.1 Individual Kata, Team Kata, Individual Kumite

The 2026 World Karate Federation (WKF) Competition Rules will be in effect for all Kata and Kumite categories, subject to Karate BC rule modifications (please see section 6.5), and unless otherwise noted in this Information Bulletin.

[Kata Competition Rules](#)

[Kumite Competition Rules](#)

6.2.2 Para-Karate

The [2026 World Karate Federation \(WKF\) Para-Karate Kata Competition Rules](#) will be in effect for all Para-Karate categories.

6.2.3 Kobudo (Weapons Kata)

The [2024 Karate BC Kobudo Competition Rules](#) will be in effect for all Kobudo (Weapons Kata) categories.



6.3 Athlete Weigh-In

All athletes in an Elite Kumite category, which can be identified with a category code starting with the letter “E”, must successfully complete weigh-in during the official weigh-in period in order to remain eligible to compete in their Kumite category.

Athletes who fail to weigh-in during the official weigh-in period will be disqualified from all elite Kumite categories.

6.4 Official Protests

Protests will only be permitted in elite categories at the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships. The protest fee for this event is \$100.

6.5 Karate BC Rule Modifications for Non-Elite Categories

6.5.1 Permitted Kata List for Non-Elite Kata Categories

Only Kata listed in the Permitted Kata List for Non-Elite Kata Categories, which is included in [appendix 1](#) of this Information Bulletin, may be performed in all non-elite Kata categories, except for 7 & under Kata categories.

Competitors in merged Kata categories, including Masters Novice to Advanced categories, may perform any Kata that is permitted in the highest skill level of that merged category. For example, competitors in a Masters Novice to Advanced category may perform any Kata permitted in an Advanced category.

6.5.2 Required Equipment for Kumite Categories

The following equipment is required in Kumite categories for athletes under 12 years of age:

- White karate-gi
- Red and blue belts
- Mouth guard
- Groin protectors for male athletes
- Red and blue gloves
- Red or blue or white foot/shin protectors

External body protectors and helmets are recommended but not required in Kumite categories for athletes under 12 years of age.



Please refer to the [2026 WKF Kumite Competition Rules](#) for the equipment requirements for Kumite categories for athletes 12 years of age and older, including Masters categories.

6.6 Elimination Formula

Individual Kata and Individual Kumite:

- Categories with 3 athletes - round-robin
- Categories with 4 or more athletes - WKF repechage

Team Kata - WKF repechage

6.7 Seeding of Draws

Karate BC will not seed any athletes or teams (in team categories) in draws at the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships.

6.8 Separation of Athletes in Draws

Athletes and teams (for team categories) from the same club will be separated in draws, to the extent possible given the number of total athletes/teams in the category, the number of athletes/teams from that club, and the number of clubs represented in the category.

6.9 Merging and Splitting of Categories

Karate BC reserves the right to merge or split categories at its sole discretion, in order to maintain the integrity of the competition and to provide an optimal competition experience for athletes.

Merged categories are considered as a single category for the purpose of awards. Split categories are considered discrete categories for the purpose of awards.

6.10 Medal Ceremonies

Karate BC is pleased to award the following medals to medallists at the 2026 Karate BC Provincial Championships.

Result	Medal
First	Gold



Second	Silver
Third	Bronze
Third	Bronze

The medal ceremonies will take place continuously throughout the day immediately after the conclusion of each category.

Medallists are expected to present themselves dressed in an appropriate and respectful manner to the medal ceremonies. All medallists must wear their karate-gi or tracksuit. Hats, sandals/slides/flip flops and the carrying of cellphones and/or flags, the displaying/wearing of political and/or religious symbols are not permitted at the medal ceremony.



7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday, April 10	TBC	Accreditation and Weigh-In	TBC
	TBC	Competition Timetable and Draws Published on Sportdata	
Saturday, April 11	TBC	Referee Briefing	
	7:30 a.m.	Spectator Admissions Desk Opens	
	8:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremony	
	TBC	Accreditation and Weigh-In	TBC
	Start of Competition - immediately following the conclusion of the Opening Ceremony	Non-Elite Competition	
Sunday, April 12	8:00 a.m.	Elite Competition	

Note: All events will take place at the Richmond Curling Centre, unless otherwise noted. Schedule is subject to changes.



8. TRAVEL

8.1 BC Ferries Sport Experience Program



The BC Ferries Sport Experience Program is a program jointly run by BC Ferries and viaSport BC to provide travel support to eligible not-for-profit sport organizations and athletes to compete in eligible events, including Provincial Championships.

Applications for this program must be received at least **10 business days (excluding weekends and public holidays) prior to the first day of travel.**

For more information and to apply, please visit the program website: [Click Here](#)

9. ACCOMMODATION

9.1 Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport

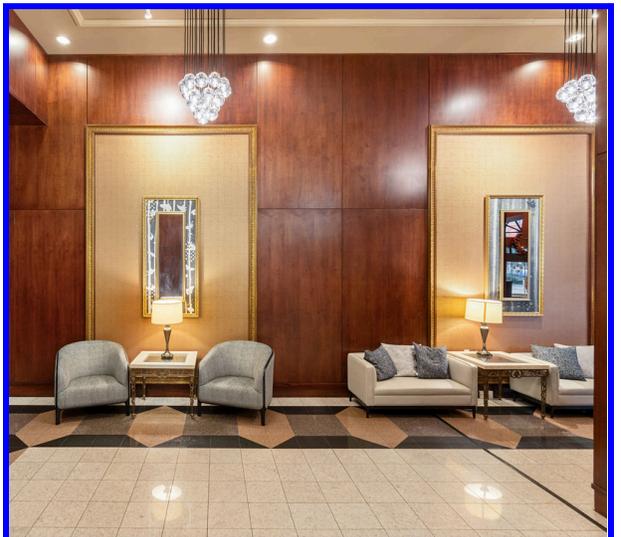
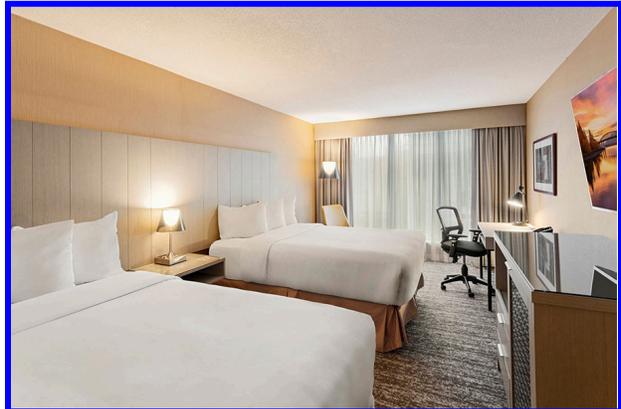


Photo Credit: Executive Hotels and Resorts

The Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport is 10 minutes away by ground transportation from YVR Vancouver International Airport and is within walking distance (11 minutes) of the Richmond



Curling Centre. The hotel offers newly-renovated standard rooms as well as furnished suites, and features the Free Bird Table & Bar, a hot tub, a fitness centre, a rooftop jogging trail, and a complimentary airport shuttle service.

Address:

7311 Westminster Highway
 Richmond, British Columbia V6X 1A3
 Canada

Distance to Venue: 750 m (11 minutes by foot)

Please note, participants are responsible for transportation between the hotel and venue.

Phone: +1 604-278-5555 or toll-free 1-800-663-2878

Reservations: Quote "Karate BC" when booking.

Booking Deadline: Based on availability. Limited rooms available.

Hotel Website: <https://executivevancouverairport.com/>

Special Event Rates (per night):

Room Type	Single or Double Occupancy
Courtyard Standard Room or Plaza Room - 2 Double Beds	\$189
Courtyard Junior Suite - 1 Queen Bed and 1 Sofa Bed	\$199
Plaza Room - 1 Queen Bed or 2 Double Beds	\$199
Tower One-Bedroom Condo Suite - 1 Queen Bed and 1 Sofa Bed	\$249
Tower Two-Bedroom Condo Suite - 1 Queen Bed, 1 Single Bed, and 1 Sofa Bed	\$299

Rates are subject to 5% GST, 11% PST, and 1.16% Destination Marketing Fee. Additional guests are charged at \$20 per person per night plus taxes.

Features and Amenities:



- Complimentary airport shuttle service from/to Vancouver International Airport (YVR) from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- Complimentary parking (value of \$20.32)
- Complimentary guest room wireless internet
- Indoor heated pool and hot tub
- Rooftop jogging trail
- Fitness centre

9.2 SureStay by Best Western Richmond Vancouver Airport

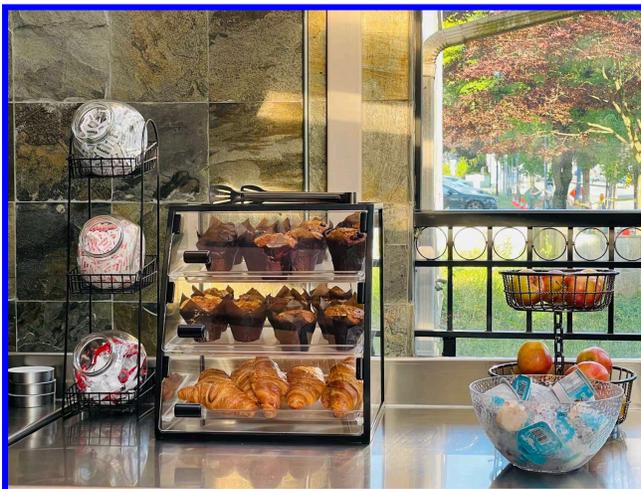


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SureStay by Best Western Richmond Vancouver Airport is a budget-friendly property located in Downtown Richmond and is only a 10-minute walk from the Richmond Curling Centre. The hotel offers a complimentary airport shuttle from Vancouver International Airport and complimentary continental breakfast featuring a variety of options, including hot scrambled eggs, pastries, fresh fruits, and coffee.

Address:

7188 Westminster Highway
 Richmond, British Columbia
 V6X 1A1

Distance to Venue: 700 m (10 minutes by foot)

Please note, participants are responsible for transportation between the hotel and venue.

Phone: +1 604-207-9000

Booking Deadline: March 31, 2026

Reservations:

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.62149.html?groupId=S46IZ7P5

Hotel Website:

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotels-in-richmond/surestay-by-best-western-richmond-vancouver-airport/propertyCode.62149.html

Special Event Rates (per night):

Room Type	Single or Double Occupancy
2 Double Beds or 1 King Bed	\$189

Rates are subject to 5% GST and 11% PST. Additional guests are charged at \$20 per person per night plus taxes.

Features and Amenities:

- Complimentary airport shuttle from/to Vancouver International Airport (YVR) from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- Complimentary continental breakfast
- Complimentary parking
- Complimentary wireless internet

Appendix 1. Permitted Kata List for Non-Elite Kata Categories

Permitted Kata List for Non-Elite Kata Categories			
Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Black Belt
Fugyugata 1-2 Gekisai Dai Ichi Gekisai Dai Ni Happo Geri Heian/Pinan 1-2 Kanshiwa Ni Sei Shi (dai) Rohai Sho Sanchin Shi Ho Wari/Hai Tai Sabaki Tenshin Tensho Zenshin Kota Any Kihon Kata Any Taikyoku Kata	Heian/Pinan 3-5 Juroku Kanshu Matsukaze/Wankan Naifanchin (1) Rohai (Matsumura or Matsumora) Rohai Dai Saifa Seichin Seienchin Shinsei Ichi Tekki Shodan Tsuki No Kata Yantsu Any Kata from the Novice list	Aoyagi Bassai Bassai Dai Chinto Enpi Hangetsu Itosu Rohai Shodan Jion Kanku Dai Kushanku/Kusanku Myojo Naifanchin 2-3 Naihanchi 1-3 Passai Sanseiru Sanseru Seipai Seisan Seishan Shisochin Sochin Tekki 2-3 Any Kata from the Novice or Intermediate list	Any Kata from the WKF Official Kata List