

**16. 10.
2021**

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**8th Karate
International Tournament**



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UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA



Mr Rumen Radev

ПРЕЗИДЕНТ
на РЕПУБЛИКА БЪЛГАРИЯ



PRESIDENT
of the REPUBLIC of BULGARIA



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1 Competition Programme

Friday 15.10.2021 (St. George hall)

18:30– 21:00 h Registration & payment (changes against a fee of 10 Euros)

Saturday 21.03.2020 (St. George hall)

8:00 – 10:00 am: Only payment (no changes possible)

Start 09:00h

→ a detailed timetable will be released at the end of the online registration.

2 Competition Venue

Venue: Sports hall of St. George International School

Address: Shipshenski Prohod Street 2, 1113 Sofia, Bulgaria

3 Media

For Press Accreditations please send an Email to sofiakarateopen@gmail.com

4 Organizer and contacts

4.1 Organizer contact details

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4.2 Local Organising Committee

Nikolay Tsanev	President of OC	+359 888235033
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5 Online Registration

All competitors, referees, coaches and officials must register online on:

https://www.sportdata.org/karate/set-online/veranstaltung_info_main.php?active_menu=calendar&vern=6061#a_eventhead

The online registration will be open until Thursday, 14.10.2020, 23:59!

After the deadline, every requested change will be charged with a fee of 10 Euros! No onsite registration will be accepted.

Clubs / teams / federations are responsible for the quality of the entered registration data. Changes of online registration data are possible until the end of the online registration period.



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6 Categories

	Male			Female		
	Kumite	Kata		Kumite	Kata	
U8	Kumite Open + Makiwara	Ind.	Team	Kumite Open + Makiwara	Ind.	Team
U10	-30/ -35/ +35/ Team	Ind.		-30/ +30/ Team	Ind.	
U12	-35/ -40/ -45/ +45/ Team	Ind.	Team	-35/ -40/ +40/ Team	Ind.	Team
U14 (WKF)	-40/ -45/ -50/ -55/ +55/ Team	Ind.		-42/ -47/ +47/ Team	Ind.	
Cadet (WKF)	-52/ -57/ -63/ -70/ +70/ Team	Individual & Team		-47/ -54/ +54/ Team	Ind.	Team
Junior (WKF)	-55/ -61/ -68/ -76/ +76/ Team	Individual & Team		-48/ -53/ -59/ +59/ Team	Ind.	
Senior (WKF Olympic)	-60/-67/ -75/ -84/+84 Open/ Team (3+1)			-50/-55/ -61/ -68/+68 Open/ Team		
Veterans	Open	Individual		Open	Individual	

→ The organizer keeps the right to merge categories.

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7 Entry Fee

U8	15 Euros per entry
U10 to Veterans	20 Euros per entry
All team categories	40 Euros per entry
Para-Karate	20 Euros per entry

7.1 Payment

All payments must be made during the official registration sessions.

8 Prizes

- Medals for 1st to 3rd places
- Cups for 1st place in team categories

THE PRESIDENTS CUP – for the most successful club of the tournament!

9 Rules & Regulations

International level Referees are highly welcome:

Compensation: 100 Euros + one hotel night

WKF rules apply.

Exceptions:

- Body Protector and Face Mask **not** mandatory
- All individual categories with **full repechage** (except Makiwara)
- All team categories with **no repechage**.
- Flag system in Kata



10 General Information

12.1 Travel

By Plane

Sofia International Airport offers direct low cost and flag carrier flights to nearly all major cities and hubs in Europe and several in the Middle East.

□ For flight, price details and bookings we recommend to check www.flightconnections.com and www.skyscanner.com

By Train & Bus

Long distance and Night Trains connect Sofia with all major cities in the Balkan Area, and additionally with Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Kiev, Moscow and Istanbul.

□ For timetables check www.bahn.com

Sofia has regular Bus connections to every part of Europe.

European Emergency Number: 112

Calls can be answered not only in Bulgarian, but also in English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Greek, Romanian, Turkish or Russian. Caller location is automatically activated when the call is answered.

The official language is Bulgarian. Most of the people also speak English.

The official currency in Bulgaria is the LEV.

The currency can be exchanged in all bank offices and currency exchange offices, located throughout the city of Sofia, mostly in shopping malls. The lev is pegged to the euro at a rate of 1.95583 LEV for 1 EURO. The most current information can be found on the National Bank website: www.bnb.bg

The time zone in the country is Eastern European Time (UTC+2)



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Bulgaria's standard electricity supply is 220/230 volts AC with a frequency of 50 hertz.

Tap water is generally considered safe to drink in all major towns and cities

11 Visa Requirements

11.1 Visa free regime up to 90 days

No visas required for visits of up to 90 days in a 6 months period starting from the date of the first entry.

Austria	Bahamas	Barbados	Belgium
Brazil	Brunei	Canada	Chile
China, Hong	China, Macao	Columbia	Costa Rica
Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Republic	Denmark
Dominica	El Salvador	Estonia	Finland
France	Germany	Greece	Grenada
Guatemala	Honduras	Hungary	Ireland
Iceland	Israel	Italy	Japan
Kiribati	Latvia	Lichtenstein	Lithuania
Luxemburg	Malaysia	Malta	Marshal Islands
Mauritius	Mexico	Micronesia	Monaco
Netherland	New	Nicaragua	Norway
Palau	Panamas	Paraguay	Peru
Poland	Portugal	Puerto Rico	Republic of Korea
Romania	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Saint Lucia	Saint Vincent and
Samoa	San Marino	Seychelles	Singapore
Slovakia	Slovenia	Solomon Islands	Spain
Sweden	Switzerland	Taiwan	Timor-Leste
Tonga	Trinidad and Tobago	Tuvalu	United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom	Uruguay	USA	Vanuatu
Vatican City State	Venezuela		

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No visas required for visits of up to 90 days in a 6 months period starting from the date of the first entry (for **biometric passports only**).

* Holders of non-biometric passports and holders of passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (in Serbian: Koordinaciona uprava) still require a visa in which case the visa facilitation agreements apply.

Republic of Moldova	Bosnia & Hercegovina	FYR of Macedonia	Albania
Montenegro	Ukraine	Georgia	Serbia *

11.2 Countries with Visa requirements to enter Bulgaria

Afghanistan	Algeria	Angola	Armenia
Azerbaijan	Bahrain	Bangladesh	Belarus
Belize	Benin	Bhutan	Bolivia
Botswana	Burkina Faso	Burundi	Cambodia
Cameroon	Cape Verde	Central African Republic	Chad
China	Comoros	Congo	Congo-Brazzaville
Cote d'Ivoire	Cuba	Democratic Republic of	Djibouti
Dominican Republic	Ecuador	Egypt	Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea	Ethiopia	Fiji	Gabon
Gambia	Ghana	Guinea	Guinea-Bissau
Guyana	Haiti	India	Indonesia
Iran	Iraq	Jamaica	Jordan
Kazakhstan	Kenya	Kosovo	Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan	Laos	Lebanon	Lesotho
Liberia	Libya	Madagascar	Malawi
Maldives	Mali	Mauritania	Mongolia
Morocco	Mozambique	Myanmar	Namibia
Nauru	Nepal	Niger	Nigeria
Oman	Pakistan	Palestinian Authority	Papua New Guinea
Philippines	Qatar	Russia	Rwanda
Sao Tome and Principe	Saudi Arabia	Senegal	Sierra Leone
Somalia	South	Sri Lanka	Sudan
Surinam	Swaziland	Syria	Tajikistan
Tanzania	Thailand	Togo	Tunisia
Turkmenistan	Uganda	Uzbekistan	Vietnam
Yemen	Zambia	Zimbabwe	

For those who need a visa to enter Bulgaria, please make sure to send the necessary documents/information to the organizer via the official website <http://youthleague.bnfk.bg> not later than 25th of April, 2018.

All information regarding entry visa for Bulgaria can be checked on official website of



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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Bulgaria
<https://www.mfa.bg/en/pages/109/index.html>

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Working days: Monday to Friday from 9.30 to 12.00 h and from 14.00 to 16.00 h

12 City / Country Information

Sofia

Sofia is Bulgaria's capital and its largest city. Founded thousands of years ago, today the city continues to develop as the country's cultural and economic center. At present, the city has a population of over 1.4M.

Sofia is located in the western part of the country, on The Sofia Plain and on the lower slopes of Mount Vitosha. Sofia's history spans 2,400 years.

Sofia is one of the most visited tourist destinations in Bulgaria alongside coastal and mountain resorts. Among its highlights is the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, one of the symbols of Bulgaria, constructed in the late 19th century. The city is also known for the Boyana Church, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Sofia holds Bulgaria's largest museum collections, which attract tourists and students for practical studies.

Bulgaria

Located in the heart of the Balkans, Bulgaria offers a highly diverse landscape: the north is dominated by the vast lowlands of the Danube and the south by the highlands and elevated plains. In the east, the Black Sea coast attracts tourists all year round.



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Similarly, its traditional dishes are a mixture of east and west. The most famous Bulgarian food must be yoghurt, with its reputed gift of longevity for those who consume it regularly.

Bulgaria's population of 7.4 million people is predominantly urbanized and mainly concentrated in the administrative centers of its 28 provinces. Most commercial and cultural activities are centered on the capital and largest city, Sofia. The strongest sectors of the economy are heavy industry, power engineering, and agriculture, all of which rely on local natural resources.

The country's current political structure dates to the adoption of a democratic constitution in 1991. Bulgaria is a unitary parliamentary republic with a high degree of political, administrative, and economic centralization. It is a member of the European Union, NATO, and the Council of Europe.

