# TEAM LEADERS' GUIDE

# Karate





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### Welcome Message

Dear Athletes and Team Officials,

We are delighted to welcome you to Tokyo and thank you for your participation in TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS.

This guide has been prepared to provide you with essential information to ensure your experience here is smooth, productive, and enjoyable.

We have been working diligently to support all delegations and create an environment where you can perform at your best and feel at home. We hope that your time here will be both successful in competition and rich in cultural exchange and friendships. We wish you a safe, memorable, and inspiring stay.

### About this Team Leaders' Guide

Published in September 2025, this Team Leaders' Guide offers a summary of competition-related material about karate competition at TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS and provides a variety of information aimed at helping teams in planning and preparation.

# 1.OVERVIEW

## Competition Overview

The karate competition at the TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS will be held from Sunday 23 November to Tuesday 25 November at Tokyo Budokan.

The competition will consist of the following events.

Event	Men	Women
-60kg	✓	
−67kg	✓	
-75kg	✓	
-84kg	✓	
+84kg	✓	
-50kg		✓
-55kg		✓
-61kg		✓
+68kg		✓
Kata	✓	✓
Kata Team		✓
Kumite Team	<b>√</b>	✓

A total of 111 athletes, 68 men and 43 women, may take part in the karate competition.

#### participating countries and regions

MEN						
ALG	ARM	AZE	BRA	BUL		
ECU	GRE	IND	IRI	ISR		
ITA	JPN	KOR	LBA	MAS		
MLI	NDA	NEP	THA	TPE		
TUR	UKR	VEN				
WOMEN						
ALG	AZE	BRA	CZE	GRE		
IND	IRI	ITA	JPN	KOR		
NDA	SVK	TUR	UKR	VEN		

### Key dates

15 October 2025	Deadline for submission of final registration list with each
	player's name (23:59 JST)
15 November 2025	Opening ceremony
21 November 2025	Technical meeting
22 November 2025	Official weight-in
23 November 2025 (DAY1)	Start of karate competition
25 November 2025 (DAY3)	End of karate competition
26 November 2025	Closing ceremony

### Competition format

The Karate competition at the TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS will adopt a tournament format for Kumite. Competitors who lose to the eventual finalists will have the opportunity to compete in repechage. For Kata, a preliminary round will be held with athletes divided into two pools.

The top four from each pool will advance to the ranking round. The winners of each group will advance to the final, while the second— and third—place athletes from each group will proceed to the bronze medal matches, where they will perform head—to—head.

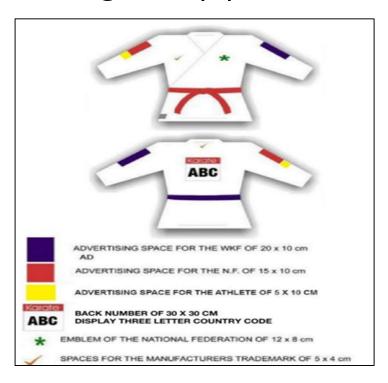
### Rules

The Karate competition will be conducted in accordance with the following documents:

- Technical Regulations
  https://www.deaflympics.com/games/tokyo-2025/KT/regulations
- WKF Rules and Regulations (version: 2024)

https://www.wkf.net/documents

## Clothing and equipment





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In the Karate competition at the Deaflympics, clothing and equipment used by athletes and other participants must comply with the following documents.

 $\underline{WKF\_Kumite\_Competition\_Rules\_2024.pdf}$ 

WKF\_KATA\_Competition\_Rules\_2024.pdf

The bibs provided by the Organizing Committee will be handed out at registration, so be sure to use the sewing service and have them properly attached before the day of the competition.

# 2.VENUE

# Competition/Training venue

Tokyo Budokan (3-20-1 Ayase, Adachi-ku, Tokyo)

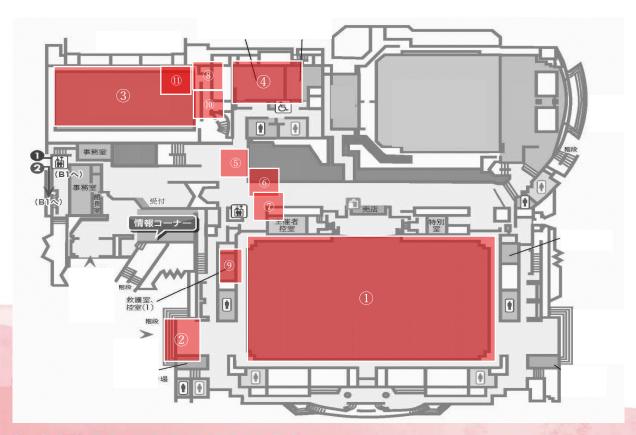
The TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS karate competition will be held at Tokyo Budokan.

Tokyo Budokan was used as a training venue for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

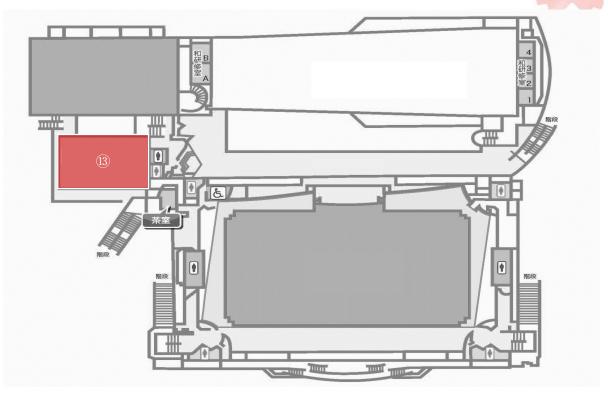




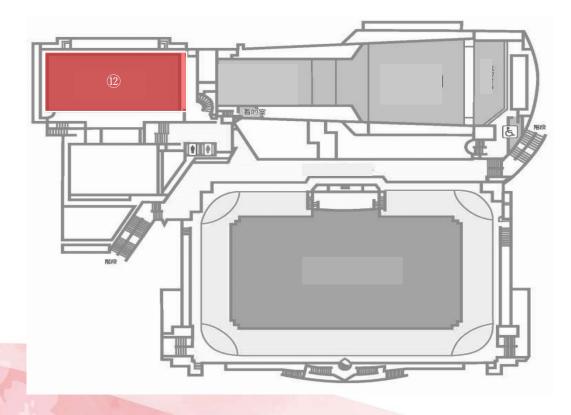
1F



2F



3F



### Entry to the venue (MAP No2)

The Tokyo Budokan will be open from the arrival of the first transport bus to the departure of the last bus.

All delegations must pick up bibs at the registration desk.

#### **ID** Card

- •ID cards will be issued at Deaf Square. Please note that they will not be issued at the competition venues
- •The ID card is strictly for personal use and non-transferable. It must be carried at all times within the venue zones.
- •You must also present your ID card when boarding buses to each competition venue, so please ensure it is with you at all times.
- •In case your ID card is damaged or lost, report it immediately to the Organizing Committee. Afterwards, you must visit the ID Center at Deaf Square in person to complete the reissuance procedure.

### Transportation Service

• For the latest transportation schedule, please check the "<u>Transportation Services</u>" page on the Athlete Delegation website.

Bus timetables will be posted on this website.



- To avoid missing your bus, please arrive at the boarding area with plenty of time to spare.
- Outbound and return buses may not be the same. Please be careful not to leave any belongings on the bus.
- · Your ID card is required when boarding the bus.
- If you use public transportation, please check the access information on the official venue website.

#### Venue service

#### -Warm-up Area(MAP No3)

Athletes may warm up in the Daiichi Budojo of the Tokyo Budokan.

However, eating and drinking are not permitted there, so please do so in the lobby lounge.

#### - Changing rooms and showers(MAP No4)

On the first floor, there are separate male and female changing rooms and shower rooms. Each changing room is equipped with showers, with toilets located across from them.

Towels are not provided, so please bring your own.

#### - Food and beverage (MAP No<sup>(5)</sup>)

● Lunch will not be provided ,but during the competition (23–25 November) period, beverages and the following food items will be provided free of charge in the competition venues.

No advance order is required. Please refrain from consuming food and beverages in the Daiichi Budojo.

- Bottled water
- Bananas
- •Energy bars
- Sealed crustless sandwiches
- You can check the locations of convenience stores near the competition venues via the following QR code.



- Breakfast is included in accommodation fee. If you need to depart early and cannot have breakfast at the hotel, you can eat for free at the Deaflympic Square or Ariake Coliseum.
- Delegations are responsible for arranging their own lunch and dinner. If you have booked the lunch or dinner option in advance, you can have it at the arranged location.
- ●Paid dinner option is available at the Deaflympic Square or Ariake Coliseum by paying on-site
- General information regarding meal services is available on the portal website.



#### - Sport Information Desk (SID) (MAP No6)

The SID is located on the first floor of the athletes' area next to the Athletes' Lounge.

Between 21 November to 25 November 2025, the SID will open 30 minutes before the first bus arrives at the venue, and close after the last bus leaves the venue.

At the SID, we provide information and results of various competitions, so please feel free to ask if you have any questions.

#### - Interview space (MAP No(7))

An interview space where accredited media interview athletes and coaches after competition is located across from the SID.

#### - Sewing Service (MAP No®)

Please have the bib you received at the reception sewn using the sewing service.

The operating hours will be posted at the service location.

#### - Complimentary Gum Shield Making Service (MAP No<sup>(9)</sup>)

To promote awareness of the importance of preventing oral injuries, we are offering custom-made mouthguards free of charge.

Athletes who wish to receive one are to come to the medical room on the following dates:

- ·Impression (mold) taking
- 21 November (Fri) 8:30 16:30
- 22 November (Sat) 8:30 16:30

Please make sure to <u>come and collect your mouthguard the day after your dental</u> <u>impression</u> is taken.

### 3.COMPETITON

## Competition schedule

Day 1	23 Nov 2025	Day 1	23 Nov 2025
Mat1	Start:9:30	Mat2	Start:9:30
Time	Event name	Time	Event name
9:30-	Men's Kata Round 1-Pool A	9:30-	Men's Kata Round 1-Pool B
10:00-	Women's Kata Round 1-Pool A	10:00-	Women's Kata Round 1-Pool B
10:35-	Men's Kata Round 2-Pool A	10:35-	Men's Kata Round 2-Pool B
10:55-	Women's Kata Round 2-Pool A	10:55-	Women's Kata Round 2-Pool B
11:15-	Team Women's Kata Round 1-Pool A	11:15-	Team Women's Kata Round 1-Pool B
12:40-	+84kg Round 1	12:45-	+84kg Quarter Final
13:00-	+68kg Quarter Final		
Day 2	24 Nov 2025	Day 2	24 Nov 2025
Mat1	Start:9:30	Mat2	Start:9:30
Time	Event name	Time	Event name
9:30-	-60kg Round 1	9:30-	-67kg Round 1
10:00-	-84kg Round 1	9:45-	-75kg Round 1
10:20-	-55kg Quarter Final	10:15-	-61kg Quarter Final
13:00-	-50kg Semi Final		
Day 3	25 Nov 2025	Day 3	25 Nov 2025
Mat1	Start:9:30	Mat2	Start:9:30
Time	Event name	Time	Event name
9:30-	Team Kumite Men	9:30-	Team Kumite Women

# Pre-Match Assembly Area(MAP No<sup>10</sup>)

The start time of each session will be announced at the Daiichi-budojo.

Athletes should always check the competition progress on the monitors installed at the SID and the Daiichi-budojo.

# Award Ceremony Orientation(MAP No(11))

Medalists are requested to check the following information as an award ceremony orientation will be conducted.

- ① Orientation Place: Waiting Area in Daiichi-budojo(MAP No①)
- 2The medal ceremony will begin approximately 20 minutes before the scheduled start time for the medal ceremony which will be announced on the day, but this may change depending on the

competition progress.

3 Uniform and Prohibited Items:

Athletes must wear their national team uniforms during the medal ceremony.

During the medal ceremony, the ID card must be temporarily handed to the medal ceremony team staff or kept out of view from others.

During the medal ceremony, athletes are expected to be empty-handed and are not allowed to bring any personal belongings such as their national flag, cell phones, water bottles, cameras, etc.

Diploma will be distributed to delegation personnel at Deaf Square the day after the medal ceremony onward.

# Training schedule

#### 21 Nov 2025

8:45-10:15	IND	JPN	MLI	UKR	LBA
10:15-11:45	ALG	AZE	CZE	ISR	TPE
11:45-13:15	GRE	ITA	KOR	NEP	VEN
13:15-14:45	BRA	ECU	IRI	MAS	NDA
14:45-16:15	ARM	BUL	SVK	THA	TUR

#### 22 Nov 2025

8:45-10:15	BRA	ECU	IRI	MAS	NDA
10:15-11:45	ARM	BUL	SVK	THA	TUR
11:45-13:15	IND	JPN	MLI	UKR	LBA
13:15-14:45	ALG	AZE	CZE	ISR	TPE



## Weight-in(MAP No(12))

Weigh-ins will be held at the Daini-budojo on the dates below.

Unofficial weigh-ins can be conducted from 9:00.

In accordance with WKF rules, the tolerances admitted are  $\underline{0.2 \text{ kg for all male categories}}$  and  $\underline{0.5}$   $\underline{\text{kg for all female categories}}$ . The same tolerance applies to both the upper and lower limits of a weight class.

•22 November 2025 − 11:00~14:00

# Technical meeting(MAP No(13))

The technical meeting will be held on the dates below in the training room on the second floor. Each participating NDSF may be represented by a maximum of two officials, of whom at least one must be deaf. The NDSF may also bring an interpreter if necessary.

•21 November 2025 - 14:00

If there are athletes participating in Kata, the declaration form for the first match will be provided. Please submit it to the SID by 12:00 p.m. the following day.

# Hearing Aid Prohibited Area(MAP No1and3)

As per Audiogram Regulations, athletes participating in Summer Deaflympics 2025 are strictly prohibited from using any hearing aids or cochlear implant aids during competitions. This rule applies specifically to the restricted zone, which is defined as follows:

- · Daiichi-budojo
- · Dai-budojo

# Information Accessibility at Kumite event

At the Tokyo 2025 Deaflympics, we will use LED light bars to convey the following information.

Red light - YAME (lights up once)

Blue light - 15 seconds remaining (flashes three times)



