



General Information

<i>What</i>	2026 ISKF US National Karate Tournament AND Open Shotokan Invitational Black Belt Tournament
<i>When</i>	November 20-22, 2026
<i>Hosted By</i>	ISKF Pacific Division Northwest, Mountain States, Alaska, Western Regions
<i>Tournament Venue/Hotel</i>	San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront 1800 Old Bayshore Hwy, Burlingame, CA 94010 (650) 692-9100 <i>Please stay at the tournament hotel so we meet our room commitment!</i>
<i>ISKF Group Rate</i>	Our special room rate of \$149 is available 11/19/26 – 11/23/26.
<i>Hotel Reservations</i>	Deadline for hotel reservations is October 27, 2026 . Book online at https://book.passkey.com/e/51115164 or call the Reservations Dept. at (800) 228-9290. Our Event name is International Shotokan Karate Federation 2026 Nationals .
<i>Airport Transportation</i>	There is a free shuttle from SFO.
<i>Parking</i>	Parking is available: \$25 day of the event; \$35 overnight.
<i>Tournament Website</i>	https://iskfusnationals.com
<i>Tournament Registration</i>	All competitors and judges, please register and pay online at https://www.iskfusnationals.com/registration.htm . The Nationals and Invitational tournaments have separate registration. ISKF competitors may compete in both only if they register for both. No in-person registration. Banquet tickets and t-shirts must also be pre-purchased through the online registration site. All dan exam and judges exam registration will go through the region. Forms for exam registration can be found at https://www.iskfusnationals.com/forms.htm . Regional Directors must submit all exam paperwork with one payment.
<i>Registration Deadline</i>	October 23, 2026
<i>Checks Payable to</i>	ISKF 2026 Nationals
<i>Mail all materials to</i>	ISKF 2026 Nationals, 911 Evergreen Dr, Bellevue, WA 98004
<i>Tournament Contact</i>	info@iskfusnationals.com
<i>Registration Contact</i>	registration@iskfusnationals.com



Timeline & Deadlines

<i>Friday, Oct. 1, 2026 Program Submissions Due</i>	Form with online payment at https://www.iskfusnationals.com/support.htm ☐ Program Advertising Form & payment ☐ Ad artwork high-resolution print-ready digital file Form at https://www.iskfusnationals.com/forms.htm ☐ Meritorious Service Award Form with photo ► ISKF HQ electronic submission: iskf@iskf.com ☐ Name of Meritorious Service Award recipient
<i>Friday, Oct. 1, 2026 Exam Registration Deadline</i>	Make checks payable to <i>ISKF 2026 Nationals</i> . <i>Absolutely no late submissions accepted for exams.</i> ► <u>ISKF 2026 Nationals, 911 Evergreen Dr., Bellevue, WA 98004</u> ☐ ISKF Dan Registration forms with exam & registration fees and one passport-sized photo ☐ Applications for Judge's Exam forms with exam fees ► ISKF HQ electronic submission: iskf@iskf.com ☐ Technical research papers for Dan examinees for Godan or above
<i>Friday, Oct. 23, 2026 Tournament Registration Deadline</i>	Register and pay online at https://www.iskfusnationals.com/registration.htm ☐ Judge registration ☐ Competitor Registration – ISKF Nationals ☐ Competitor Registration – Open Shotokan Invitational ☐ Training Seminar Registration ☐ Banquet Reservation ☐ T-shirt Orders
<i>Saturday, Oct. 27, 2026</i>	Cut-off date for hotel reservations. <i>Please stay at the tournament hotel to help us meet our room commitment!</i>
<i>Friday, Oct. 30, 2026 Late Tournament Registration Deadline</i>	Register and pay online at https://www.iskfusnationals.com . \$10 late registration fee per person. <i>No registrations accepted after October 30th!</i>
<i>Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026 6 pm – 9 pm</i>	Competitors, examinees & judges check-in desk open
<i>Friday, Nov. 20, 2026 10 am – 9 pm</i>	Competitors, examinees & judges check-in desk open
<i>Friday, Nov. 20, 2026 noon</i>	Cut-off time for Dan and Judge's Exam examinees to check-in
<i>Saturday, Nov. 21, 2026 7 am – 8 am</i>	Competitors & judges late check-in desk open



Competitor's Checklist

- ☐ Mouthpiece
- ☐ Official white kumite gloves†
- ☐ Standard white karate gi
- ☐ ISKF Passport (brown belt and above) – ISKF Nationals ONLY
- ☐ Current 2026 ISKF membership card – ISKF Nationals ONLY

Replacement ISKF membership cards (\$50) and replacement ISKF Passports (\$70) will be available for purchase at check-in.

Dan & Judge Examinee's Checklist

*All examinees must be checked in by **noon** Friday, November 20, 2026.*

- ☐ Standard white karate gi
- ☐ ISKF Passport
- ☐ Current 2026 ISKF membership card

And if sparring for Dan exam

- ☐ Mouthpiece
- ☐ Official white kumite gloves†

Replacement ISKF membership cards (\$50) and replacement ISKF Passports (\$70) will be available for purchase at check-in.

† As of June 2019, the ISKF requires that all competitors use these low-profile fist protectors. A limited supply of these fist protectors will be available for purchase at the tournament.





Schedule of Events

All events will take place at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront. Refer to the hotel reader board for event room locations.

Thursday, November 19, 2026

6 pm – 9 pm Check-in for all competitors, examinees, judges

Friday, November 20, 2026

10 am – 9 pm Check-in for all competitors, examinees, judges

8 am – 9 am NCKA Board of Directors Meeting – DO WE NEED THIS?

9:30 am – 11 am ISKF US Directors and Governors Meeting

11:30 am – 12:30 pm ISKF US Directors and Governors Luncheon

1 pm – 2 pm Judges Clinic & Meeting

2 pm – 3:30 pm Judge's Examinations (written & practical)

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm Dan Examinations

5:00 – 6:00pm Youth Seminar

6 pm – 7:30 pm Colored Belt, Black Belt and Instructor Seminars

Saturday, November 21, 2026

7 am – 8 am Late check-in for competitors & judges

8 am Doors Open

9 am Competition, Eliminations AND Finals

Youth Individual Kata & Kumite

Youth Team Kata

Collegiate Advanced Individual & Team Kata & Kumite

Adult 18-44 Brown Belts Kata & Kumite

Competition Eliminations

Adult 45+ Advanced Individual Kata & Kumite

Adult 45+ Advanced Team Kata

Adult 18-44 Black Belts Individual & Team Kata & Kumite

1 pm OPEN INVITATIONAL SHOTOKAN TOURNAMENT



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All events will take place at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront. Refer to the hotel reader board for event room locations.

Sunday, November 22, 2026

11 am Doors Open

noon Opening Ceremony

Introduction of Honored Guests and Officials

Contestant's Oath

Demonstration

ISKF National Adult 45+ Final Events

Women Kata and Kumite

Men Kata and Kumite

Team Kata 3 Finalists

Demonstration

ISKF National Adult 18-44 Final Events

Women Individual Kata and Kumite

Men Individual Kata and Kumite

Team Kata Women: 3 Finalists

Men: 3 Finalists

Team Kumite Women: 2 Finalists

Men: 2 Finalists

5 pm Closing Ceremonies

7 pm Cash Bar, Banquet, Entertainment



Fees

<i>ISKF National Karate Tournament Competitor Registration</i>	Adult 18+ Divisions	\$75	Individual, single event
		\$100	Individual, both events
		\$110	Per team
	Youth 7-17 Divisions	\$35	Individual, single event
		\$50	Individual, both events
		\$90	Per team
<i>Open Shotokan Invitational Karate Tournament Competitor Registration</i>	Adult 18+ Divisions (Black Belts Only)	\$75	Individual, single event
		\$100	Individual, both events
	Youth 7-17 Divisions (Black Belts Only)	\$35	Individual, single event
		\$50	Individual, both events
<i>Competitor Late Registration Fee (Submitted after Oct. 23, 2026)</i>		\$10	per competitor
<i>Absolutely no registrations after October 30th, 2026 will be accepted.</i>			
<i>Training Seminars</i>	All Ranks	\$50	
	Instructor Training	\$50	
<i>Judge's Examination</i>	Exam Fee	\$80	
	Registration Fee	\$80	
	Total	\$130	
<i>T-Shirt</i>		\$40	
<i>Banquet</i>		\$85	
<i>Spectators</i>		\$5	Suggested Donation
All fees are non-refundable.			



ISKF Adult Competition – General Information

<i>Qualifications</i>	• The competition is open to ISKF US members only ages 18+. • There are no limits to the number of competitors from one region. • Competitors must compete only in their correct division as decided by their age and rank as of November 21, 2026. • Competitors must show current ISKF membership cards at check-in. • Competitors brown belt and above must show ISKF Passports at check-in.
<i>Safety Precautions</i>	• Mouthpieces and ISKF-approved white non-absorbent hand protectors are required for all competitors in kumite, regardless of rank. • No eye glasses or safety glasses will be permitted during kumite events. • For kumite, female competitors may wear chest protectors, worn inside the gi jacket; male competitors may wear protective cups. • Absolutely no jewelry of any type will be permitted to be worn by competitors or officials male or female.
<i>Contest Rules</i>	• <i>Tokui</i> katas must be chosen from the standard set of 26 Shotokan katas. • Please refer to the Tournament Rule Book 8th Edition, which can be downloaded at: https://iskf.com/tournament-rules.html. • See ISKF Transgender policy which can be downloaded at: https://iskfusnationals.com/transgender.pdf
Adult Individual Events	
<i>Adults 18+</i>	• Competitors will be divided by gender, age and rank. Divisions may be combined/adjusted based on number of competitors. • There will be separate divisions for Intermediate, Brown and Black Belts. • Age divisions will be 18-21, 22-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+ • Competitors aged 55-64 will choose between <i>jiyu</i> and <i>jiyu ippon</i> kumite. • Competitors aged 65+ will do kata only; no kumite competition. • Intermediate and Brown Belt divisions will finish on Saturday, Nov. 21st. • Eliminations for black belt events will be on Saturday; finalists from each event will compete in the finals on Sunday, Nov. 22nd. • Each region of the ISKF US may seed the top 3 competitors from its region in each of the Adult 22-44 Black Belt Individual events.
Adult Team Events	
<i>Team Kata</i>	• Each ISKF region may send two 18-44 men's teams, two 18-44 women's teams and two 45+ teams (genders may be mixed). • Competitors in different age divisions may not mix. • A kata team is composed of three members and one alternate • Eliminations will be on Saturday, Nov. 21st with finals on Sunday.
<i>Team Kumite</i>	• Each ISKF region may send two 18-44 men's teams and two 18-44 women's teams; there is no team kumite competition for 45+ competitors. • Each team will consist of three members and one alternate. • Eliminations will be on Saturday, Nov. 21st with finals on Sunday.



ISKF Youth Competition – General Information

- Qualifications**
- The competition is open to ISKF US members only between the ages of 7 and 17 years old as of November 21, 2026.
 - There are no limits to the number of competitors from one region.
 - Competitors must show current ISKF membership cards at check-in.
 - Competitors brown belt and above must show ISKF Passports at check-in.
 - We reserve the right to combine/adjust divisions based on the number of registered competitors.

- Safety Precautions**
- Mouthpieces and ISKF-approved white non-absorbent hand protectors are required for all competitors in kumite, regardless of age or rank.
 - No eye glasses or safety glasses will be permitted during kumite events.
 - For kumite, female competitors may wear chest protectors, worn inside the gi jacket; male competitors may wear protective cups.
 - Absolutely no jewelry of any type will be permitted to be worn by competitors or officials male or female.

- Youth Contest Rules**
- Please refer to the Tournament Rule Book 8th Edition, which can be downloaded at: <https://iskf.com/tournament-rules.html>.
 - See new ISKF Transgender policy which can be downloaded at: <https://iskfusnationals.com/transgender.pdf>

- Finals**
- All youth divisions will conclude on Saturday, Nov. 21st.

Youth Individual Events

	BEGINNER (Unranked to 7 th kyu)	INTERMEDIATE (6 th , 5 th , 4 th kyu)	ADVANCED (3 rd kyu and above)
<i>Ages 7-9, 10-11</i>	• Combined kata • Combined kumite	• Combined kata • Combined kumite	• Combined kata • Combined kumite
<i>Ages 12-13</i>	• Combined kata • Combined kumite	• Combined kata • Combined kumite	• Combined kata • Girl's kumite • Boy's kumite
<i>Ages 14-15, 16-17</i>	• Combined kata • Combined kumite	• Combined kata • Combined kumite	• Girl's kata • Boy's kata • Girl's kumite • Boy's kumite

Youth Team Events

- Team Kata**
- Each region may send any number of kata teams of mixed ranks and gender.
 - A kata team is composed of three members and one alternate

- Team Kumite**
- There are no youth team kumite events.



Open Shotokan Invitational Competition – General Information

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| <i>Qualifications</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The competition is open to students practicing the Shotokan style of karate, black belts only.• Competitors must compete only in their correct division as decided by their age and rank as of November 21, 2026. |
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| <i>Safety
Precautions</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mouthpieces and white non-absorbent hand protectors are required for all competitors in kumite. Gloves will be available ring-side for those who don't have white gloves.• No eye glasses or safety glasses will be permitted during kumite events.• For kumite, female competitors may wear chest protectors, worn inside the gi jacket; male competitors may wear protective cups.• No other safety equipment may be worn, e.g. shin guards.• Absolutely no jewelry of any type will be permitted to be worn by competitors or officials male or female. |
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| <i>Contest Rules</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Tokui</i> katas must be chosen from the standard set of 26 Shotokan katas.• Please refer to the Tournament Rule Book 8th Edition, which can be downloaded at: https://iskf.com/tournament-rules.html.• See ISKF Transgender policy which can be downloaded at: https://iskfusnationals.com/transgender.pdf |
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Adult Individual Events

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| <i>Adults 18+</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competitors will be divided by gender and age.• Age divisions will be 18-21, 22-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+ although divisions may be combined/adjusted based on number of competitors.• Competitors aged 55-64 will choose between <i>jiyu</i> and <i>jiyu ippon</i> kumite.• Competitors aged 65+ will do kata only; no kumite competition. |
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Youth Individual Events

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| <i>Youth 10-17</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competitors will be divided by gender and age.• Age divisions will be 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 although divisions may be combined/adjusted based on number of competitors. |
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