



AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES – 2017 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Karate Canada will implement the following guidelines for age eligibility of participants in the 2017 Karate Canada National Championships (February 24-26, Quebec, QC):

1. KUMITE:

Athletes aged 18, 19 and 20 years old may compete in individual U21 as well as Senior individual and Senior team divisions.

Youth, Cadet, Junior and U21 athletes may compete in the age category for which they are eligible on the first day of the 2017 National Championships, and may ALSO register to compete in an older age category provided they will be of age to compete in the said category on the first day of the 2017 Junior World Karate Championships (anticipated to be November 9th, 2017), or, in the case of 17 year-old athletes competing in a Senior (18+) division, on the first day of the 2017 Senior Pan American Championships (anticipated to be May 25th, 2017). However, in order to participate in the Youth division at the 2017 National Championships, athletes must be of age (12 or 13 years old) on the first day of the competition (February 24th, 2017).

Participants in all categories must be aware that unless they are of age to compete in the said category at the 2017-2018 season's key international events (on the dates of these events, such as the 2017 Cadet & Junior Pan American Karate Championships, the 2017 Junior World Karate Championships, the 2017 Senior Pan American Karate Championships, etc.), they may NOT represent Canada (in the said divisions) at these competitions.

>>> This is illustrated in APPENDIX A.

2. KATA:

Athletes aged 18, 19 and 20 years old may compete in individual U21 as well as Senior individual and Senior team divisions (see APPENDIX A). Youth, Cadet, Junior and U21 athletes may compete in the age category for which they are eligible on the first day of the 2017 National Championships, and may ALSO register to compete in an older age category provided they will be of age to compete in the said category on the first day of the 2017 Junior World Karate Championships (anticipated to be November 9th, 2017), or, in the case of 15 year-old athletes competing in a Senior (16+) division, on the first day of the 2017 Senior Pan American Championships (anticipated to be May 25th, 2017). However, in order to participate in the Youth division at the 2017 National Championships, athletes must be of age (12 or 13 years old) on first day of competition (February 24th, 2017).

(AN EXTRA NOTE ABOUT KATA: Please note that the minimum age for U21 kata at international events is 18. The minimum age for Senior individual and Senior team kata at international events is 16. So it is possible that an athlete qualifies for Senior kata, but not for U21 kata.)

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APPENDIX A -

**COMPETITOR AGE ELIGIBILITY MATRIX
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	YOUTH	CADET	JUNIOR	U21	SENIOR
	Birthdate between	Birthdate between	Birthdate between	Birthdate between	Birthdate
Kata	February 25, 2003 February 24, 2005	February 25, 2001 November 9, 2003	February 25, 1999 November 9, 2001	February 25, 1996 November 9, 1999	On or before May 25, 1999
Kumite	February 25, 2003 February 24, 2005	February 25, 2001 November 9, 2003	February 25, 1999 November 9, 2001	February 25, 1996 November 9, 1999	On or before May 25, 1999
Team Kata	February 25, 2003 February 24, 2005	February 25, 1999 November 9, 2003		February 25, 1996 November 9, 1999	On or before May 25, 1999

24-Feb-17 KC Nationals start date
 26-Feb-17 KC Nationals end date
 09-Nov-17 Anticipated start date of 2017 Jr World Championships (based on past editions; exact date TBC)
 25-May-17 Anticipated start of 2017 Sr Pan Ams

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