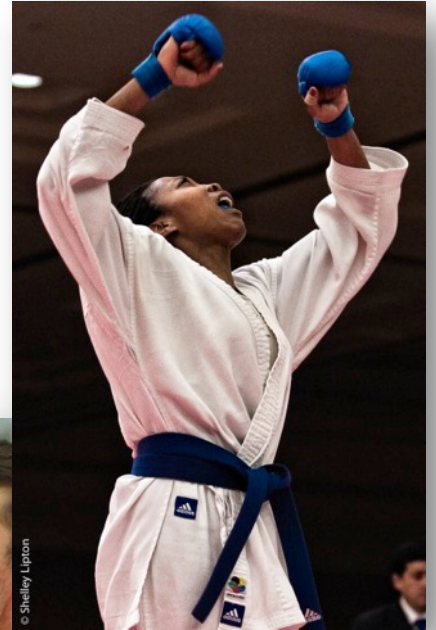


2014 USA NATIONAL KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS & US TEAM TRIALS

Peppermill Resort
Spa Casino
Reno, NV
July 10 – 13, 2014



**2014 USA National Karate Championships & US Team Trials
Reno, Nevada**



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Dear Competitors, Coaches & Officials;

On behalf of USA Karate, I would like to invite you to join us at the 2014 USA National Karate Championships & US Team Trials. This exciting event features competition for all ages and skill levels, and selects the members of our Junior and Senior National Teams.

This year's competition will be hosted in the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno, Nevada. This fantastic venue will play host to four days of exciting competition. Our Headquarters Hotel will be the Peppermill and will host our certification courses, technical seminars, and other events.

In addition to top-level competition, we will again host a number of seminars and courses. I encourage everyone to take part in one of our high-level seminars and courses. Be it the Referee or Coaches Certification Course, or the Dan Certification Exam; make your plans to participate in these events that will make you a better all-around karate-ka.

Each year, the National Championships continues to grow and reassure it's reputation as the premier domestic karate event in the United States, and this year's event is looking to be our best and biggest ever. I hope you will be able to join us in Reno for this exciting event.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John DiPasquale".

John DiPasquale
President
USA Karate

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EVENT

2014 USA National Karate Championships

The most prestigious Karate event in the United States! These are the only words that can accurately describe the 2014 USA National Karate Championships. The 20th event of its kind hosted by USA Karate will be held July 10-13, 2014 at the Peppermill Resort and Casino. This is going to be our best Nationals yet, and you don't want to miss it!

2014 US Team Trials

Team USA is ready to dominate in the 2014-2015 competition season, but before they can take home the gold, they have to be selected at the 2014 US Team Trials that will be held in conjunction with the National Championships. You don't want to miss your chance to see the best athletes in the United States compete for their chance to represent the United States. Are you one of the best? Come see if you have what it takes to represent your country at the highest-level Karate competitions in the WORLD!

DATES

Registration/Credentials Pickup	July 8 & 9
Certification Courses & Technical Seminars	July 8 & 19
Competition Dates	July 10-13*

****Please Note the 4-Day Competition Schedule!***

EVENT WEBSITE

www.usankf.org

COMPETITION VENUE

Peppermill Resort & Casino- Reno, Nevada

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Peppermill Resort & Casino

USA Karate Average Event Rate: \$129

Address: 2707 South Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502

Reservations: (775) 826-2121 (Coupon Code: LUSAK14)

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COMPETITOR REGISTRATION

Online Registration

Register online at <http://news.usra.org/USA-Karate/Events/National-Championships>

Using our convenient online registration is the fastest, easiest and best way to register for this event. Online registration will be processed and completed within 48 hours and you will be able to verify your information quickly and easily. **Online registration will be open until 12:00am on July 9.**

Paper Registration

Alternately, you may complete and submit the enclosed registration form. Paper registration will take 4-6 weeks to be processed and appear in the online application search.

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COMPETITION REGISTRATION FEES

First Division	\$80
Second Division	\$40
Third Division	\$25
Fourth Division	\$25
Each Additional Division	\$60
Team Divisions	\$150
Paper Registration Handling Fee	\$30
<i>Register Online and Avoid this Fee!</i>	

Remember that a USA Karate Membership is required to participate in this competition. You can register online at www.usankf.org under the "Member Resources" tab.

LATE REGISTRATION FEES

Online Late Registration Fee	
Registrations completed after June 15	\$35
Paper Late Registration Fee	
Registration postmarked June 16-June 27	\$35
On-Site Registration Fee	\$70

ALL PAPER REGISTRATIONS SHOULD BE POSTMARKED BY JUNE 27. AFTER THIS DATE, ALL REGISTRATIONS SHOULD BE HAND DELIVERED TO THE ONSITE EVENT REGISTRATION STAFF IN RENO (please note – this is not the hotel registration desk this is separate event registration).

On-Site Registrations will be assessed a \$70 Late Fee

All competitors are encouraged to register early to avoid any additional fees and to use the online registration system to ensure the fastest and most accurate processing

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Rules of Competition

Non-Elite Divisions

USANKF Rules of Competition will be used follow the below link to view
<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Karate/Officials-and-Coaches/Coaches-Resources/USANKF-Rules-of-Competition>

Elite Divisions

WKF Rules of Competition will be used

Protective Equipment

The following protective equipment is required for all kumite competitors:

- Red/Blue USA-NKF/WKF Approved Gloves/Mitts
- White/Red/Blue USA-NKF/WKF Approved Shin/Instep Protectors
- Mouth Guard
- WKF Approved Chest Protector (Females in elite kumite divisions)
- Groin Protector (All male competitors)
- WKF Approved Body Armor (All Elite Categories)

The following protective equipment is recommended in Elite Divisions:

- WKF Approved Face Mask (12-13 & 14-15 Categories Only)

Competitors in other categories may wear the additional WKF Approved Equipment in accordance with the WKF/USA Karate Rules of Competition

Equipment Suppliers

A variety of vendors will be on-site to sell USA-NKF approved equipment, but it is recommended to purchase equipment in advance of the competition because demand is high while onsite and supplies will be limited.

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USA Karate Referee/Judge Certification

USA Karate will host a Referee/Judge Certification Course Wednesday, July 9 that will issue certifications up to Kumite Referee A & Kata Judge A. Your registration fee will cover both Kata and Kumite course, and every official is encouraged to work to attain both licenses. USA Karate now issues the coveted Karate Referee Badge to those individuals who have attained both Kumite Referee A and Kata Judge A licenses.

Referee/ Judge Certification Course:	Wednesday, July 9
Kumite/Kata Certification Course Fee:	\$199

Referee/Judge Certification Course Registration is available online only!

USA Karate Officials who have attained the Karate Referee standard (Kumite Referee A & Kata Judge A) may participate in the course at no charge. USA Karate Officials who have a Kumite Referee A are entitled to a 50% discount. Please contact natoffice@usankf.org for more details.

Referees not participating in the certification course, but attending the championships are required to register online at www.usankf.org.

Press Pass Registration

The criteria for obtaining a Press Pass is as follows: representative of an accredited news outlet OR the following three items must be completed; approved by a registered club with over 5 competitors at Nationals, completed NCSI Background Check, and completed SafeSport Training. Questions regarding this process should be directed to Laura Roberts – lroberts@usankf.org.

To register visit the following link <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Karate/Press-Pass-Registration>

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USA Karate Coaches Seminar

Coaching Education Certification Course: Wednesday, July 9
Course Pricing : \$125

A coaching seminar will be held on-site for those interested in the developmental coaching education. This seminar is not required, but is a valuable learning tool for all member coaches. The cost of this course is \$125.00 and registration is available at www.usankf.org.

****This seminar will not gain a coach access to the competition floor during the National Championships. This course is purely educational, to obtain a Coaches Credential and Floor Access Pass please see the USA Karate Coaches Credentials and Floor Access Pass section of this bulletin.*

Click Here to register for the 2014 Coaches Seminar.

USA Karate Coaches Credential and Floor Access Pass

Event Floor Credential and Access Pass: Online ONLY
Pricing: \$75

To obtain a per-event Coaches Credential and Floor Access Pass, you must register in advance online. You MUST complete all Safe Sport requirements, upload a valid certificate and submit the \$75.00 fee before arriving onsite, even if you plan to take the Coaches Seminar. There will be no way to register for the Coaches Credential and Floor Access Pass on-site. The Safe Sport requirements must be completed and verified by USA Karate in advance of the competition. The next page outlines detailed instructions to apply for this pass. Online registration to obtain a coaches pass will end July 8th at 11:00 pm. Questions regarding this process should be directed to Laura Roberts – lroberts@usankf.org.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Click below to register for your 2014 Nationals Coach Credential and Floor Access Pass.
<http://news.usra.org/USA-Karate/Officials-and-Coaches/Coaches-Resources/Nationals-Registration>

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Coaches Credential Instructions

Step 1 – Verify USANKF Membership

Log in to www.usakaratemembership.com and verify that your membership number is current. If it is not current renew your membership. You will not receive a pass without a valid USANKF membership number.

Step 2 – Review Coaches Code of Conduct, USOC Coaching Ethics Code, USA Karate Athlete Agreement and the Athletes Code of Conduct

These documents are available by visiting www.usankf.org then selecting “Officials & Coaches” and then “Coaches Resources”.

Step 3 – Complete SafeSport training

The USOC requires that all coaches complete SafeSport training, to do this visit training.teamusa.org. A confirmation certificate will be emailed to you once the training is complete. This training is valid for two years once complete.

Step 4 – Complete a Background Check through NCSI

A complete background check is required through www.ncsisafe.com. Click “Start Your Background Screening Now” then enter self registration number 26244495, enter your information as requested and provide legal authorization and certification. This will be verified by the USANKF office and is valid for two years once complete.

Step 5 – Complete Coaches Application and payment

Once all of the above information is complete you can fill out the application form at <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Karate/Officials-and-Coaches/Coaches-Resources/Nationals-Registration>. There is a \$75 payment required for a coaching credential, there will be \$25 on-site late fee if all of the above has not been completed prior to the start of pre-registration, even if you have begun the process. *****Your application has not been approved and a pass will not be created until you receive a confirmation email stating that you have completed all requirements.**

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General Schedule of Events

Tuesday, July 8 – Peppermill Resort and Casino

Registration & Credentials Desks Open
Tournament Director Certification Course
Athlete Weigh-In

Wednesday, July 9- Peppermill Resort and Casino

Registration & Credentials Desks Open
Coaches Seminar
Referee Certification Course
Volunteer Training/Certification Course
Athlete Weigh-In
Referee Briefing – **Mandatory for All Officials**
Coach Briefing – **Mandatory for All Coaches**
Karate General Assembly
Dan Certification

Thursday, July 10 – Peppermill Ballroom

Competition Begins
Elite Kata (Jr. & Sr. Team Trials) Divisions
Disabled Divisions (Team Trials)
All Long & Short Weapons Divisions (including 35+)
Team Kata Divisions (Male, Female, Family, & Mixed Gender)
Disabled Divisions (Kata & Weapons)
Style Specific Kata (Okinawan, Korean, Shotokan, Shito-ryu, Goju-ryu, Wado-ryu)
Iaido Divisions
Final Athlete Weigh-In

Friday, July 11 – Peppermill Ballroom

Competition Continues
18-34 Elite Kumite (Sr. Team Trials) Divisions
All Non-Elite Kata Divisions (including 35+)
President's Reception

Saturday, July 12 – Peppermill Ballroom

Competition Continues
12-20 Elite Kumite (Jr. Team Trial) Divisions
Adult Non-Elite Kumite Divisions (including 35+)
All Team Kumite Divisions

Sunday, July 13 – Peppermill Ballroom

Competition Continues
Junior Non-Elite Kumite
Elite Division Finals

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