

The 2025 European Kudo Championship

October 4th

Competition General Information



BULGARIAN KUDO FEDERATION



KUDO INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION

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1. Event

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| Organizer | Bulgarian Kudo Federation |
| Co - organizer | Municipality of Burgas |
| Supported by | Kudo International Federation |

All adult competitors will be divided into 6 male divisions and 2 female division. **U-18** will be divided into 7 male and 4 female divisions. **U-16** will be divided into 4 male and 4 female divisions, **U-13** will be divided into 5 male and 5 female divisions, **U-11** and **U-9** will be divided into 4 male and 4 female divisions. **Age divisions determined by age on October 3, 2025** The number of competitors in each division category will be decided depending on the total numb of applicants each category. A general rule, competition will be conducted in Kumite (sparring) with tournament matches. Venues for competition: **Arena Burgas g.k. Izgrev, 8000, 8008 Burgas, Bulgaria**

【Adult】

| | Physical Index Scale | | | | | |
|--------|--------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | PI = height (cm) + weight (kg) | | | | | |
| Male | -230 | -240 | -250 | -260 | -270 | 270+ |
| Female | -220 | +220 | | | | |

【U13, U16】

| | | Weight (kg) | | | | |
|--------------------|--------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| U13 | Male | -37kg | -42kg | -47kg | -52kg | +52kg |
| 11,12 years old | Female | -37kg | -42kg | -47kg | -52kg | +52kg |
| U16 | Male | -48kg | -58kg | -68kg | +68kg | |
| 13,14,15 years old | Female | -43kg | -53kg | -63kg | +63kg | |

【U18】

| | | Physical Index Scale | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------|--------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | PI = height (cm) + weight (kg) | | | | | | |
| U18 | Male | -220 | -230 | -240 | -250 | -260 | -270 | 270+ |
| 16,17 years old | Female | -220 | +220 | | | | | |

【U11, U9】

| | | Weight (kg) | | | |
|----------------|--------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| U11 | Male | -30kg | -36kg | -42kg | +42kg |
| 9,10 years old | Female | -30kg | -36kg | -42kg | +42kg |
| U9 | Male | -24kg | -30kg | -36kg | +36kg |
| 7,8 years old | Female | -24kg | -30kg | -36kg | +36kg |

【Senior】

The senior categories are still under consideration, so the following may be subject to change.

Exhibition matches will be held as follows:

The senior categories will be divided into two groups based on age, with matches arranged between competitors whose Physical Index (PI) difference is within 10. In principle, the matches will be held in a one-match format.

Category 45- 55: Ages 45 and above, but below 55

Schedule:

2 October 2025 (Thu) - Arrival and accommodation of the participants.

3 October 2025 (Fri) - Weigh-in of the competitors.

4 October 2025 (Sat) - Opening of the championship, preliminary matches, semi-finals and finals, closing of the championship. (Sayonara party)

5 October 2025 (Sun) – Dan test

6 July 2025 (Mon) - Departure of the participants.

2. Participation

a. As a general rule, each country or region may enter 1 team, and **2 competitor per category** and The host country is allowed up to **4 competitors per category**.

b. **IMPORTANT:** To participate in the championships,

- ① The National Federation must be officially recognized by KIF
- ② Students must be registered to the KMS system.

c. Each branch chief must make sure that all the branch duties (ex. Registration of student payments of branch affiliation or renewal fees, Dan/Kyu grading fees) have been carried out without fail for their applicants' participation to any of these championships. Otherwise, organizing committee shall not accept their application

d. Competitors must present a Health Certificate issued by a qualified doctor within 30 days before the competitions. The certificate must clearly state that the competitor is in good health and able to compete. A Life Insurance Certificate issued by an insurance company in their own country or region must also be presented at the registration in Bulgaria.

3. Competition Methods

a. The competitions will be held in Individual division of Men (**6 categories**), Women (**2**), U-18 Men (**7**) and Women (**4**), U-16 (**4 - 4**), U-13 (**5-5**), U-11 (**4-4**), U-9 (**4-4**) and senior category (**45-55**) divisions..

b. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the "Rules for KUDO International Competition" endorsed in 2021. In the event of disagreement, the interpretation of the Rule the Japanese Text shall prevail.

c. The power of interpretation of the Rules rests solely with KIFHQ.

4. Equipment (Protective gears)

【Adult, U18】

Kudo official equipment must be worn. However, please note the following: Male groin protectors, female under guards, and mouthpieces can be of any brand.

【U16, U13, U11, U9】

Kudo official equipment must be worn. However, please note the following: Male groin protectors, female under guards, and mouthpieces can be of any brand. Regarding the Gi, wearing the blue Kudo Gi is not mandatory. **You may wear only the white Kudo Gi or white/blue Gi from other martial arts.** However, the following are not permitted: Wearing a pullover type Gi. Wearing a blue Gi when a white Gi is required.

5. Hotel information

The hotel where participants, judges, and guests will be accommodated is once again **Hotel Avenue 3*** and **Hotel Avenue Deluxe 4***. We will send additional information regarding the offer and the reservation process shortly.

6. Other Information

- a. The weighing-in will be scheduled on **3th of October** 2025 (Friday, Conference Hall in the Hotel Avenue). As per competition rule, competitors are to be weighed once only.
- b. The participation fees will be determined additionally by July 26th , together with the hotel accommodation offer.
- c. The main judge shall be fair and strict to conduct the fight to avoid accidents or serious injuries.

- d. Violent or vicious attacks are NOT permitted and may result in “**KEIKOKU**(a warning)“ “**HANSOKU**(Foul)”.
- e. The competitors are required to control their tempers, as well as their techniques, in order distinguish the KUDO competition from other forms of full contact fighting competitions.
- f. All coaches are asked to make very clear to their competitors of all competition General Information and competition rules before the commencement of the competition
- g. Competitor teams are responsible for their own round-trip travel expenses to and from the host location, as well as accommodation and meal expenses during their stay. The organizers will cover the participation fees for selected judges.
- h. KIF will be sending the following four people as Chairman of Referees and Referees to the European Championship:
 - 1. Hideaki Takahashi
 - 2. Kononenko Alexksei
 - 3. Nakagawa Hiroyuki
 - 4. Mori Naoki

For the remaining referees; it will be coordinated with the European branches and European Committee

- i. A scheduled transfer will be organized from Burgas Airport to Avenue Hotel.

m. Announcement and application schedule:

Application Deadline

20 July ~ 10 August 2025: Preliminary application period

10 August ~ 10 September 2025: Final application period in KUMITE TECHNOLOGY

j. **The location and schedules for the meetings and gatherings organized by KIF will be announced additionally.**

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