

The 2026 European Kudo Championship

14 November in Sofia, Bulgaria

Competition General Information



BULGARIAN KUDO FEDERATION



KUDO INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION

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1. Event

Organizer	Bulgarian Kudo Federation
Supported by	Ministry of Youth and Sports

All adult competitors will be divided into 6 male divisions and 2 female division. **U-18** will be divided into 7 male and 2 female divisions. **Age divisions will be determined by year of birth as follows:**

- **U-18: competitors born in 2008 and 2009**
- **Adults: competitors born in 2007 or earlier**
- **Veterans: competitors aged 45–55 years on the date of the competition**

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: **Sports Hall "Sofia", Borisova Gradina, 1113 Sofia, Bulgaria**

[Adult]

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

【U18】

		Physical Index Scale						
		PI = height (cm) + weight (kg)						
U18	Male	-220	-230	-240	-250	-260	-270	270+
	Female	-220	+220					

【Senior】

The Veterans categories will be divided into two groups based on weight and the number of entries received. Matches will be arranged between competitors with a Physical Index (PI) difference of no more than 10.

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

Schedule:

11-12 November 2026 (Wed-Thu) - Arrival and accommodation of the participants.

13 November 2026 (Fri) - Weigh-in of the competitors.

14 November 2026 (Sat) - Opening of the championship, preliminary matches, semi-finals and finals, closing of the championship. (Sayonara party)

15 November 2026 (Sun) – Dan test

16 November 2026 (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 (**2**), 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.
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4. Equipment (Protective gears)

【Adult, U18】

Kudo official equipment must be worn. Each competitor must have a blue and a white Gi, for those who cannot provide them, a decision will be made on-site by the tournament's chief referee. However, please note the following: Male groin protectors, female under guards, and mouthpieces can be of any brand.

5. Hotel information

The hotel where participants, judges, and guests will be accommodated is Park Hotel Moskva. Attached to the letter you will find the hotel offer, including information on how to travel from Sofia Airport to Hotel Park Moskva by metro. The document also contains information about the distance between the hotel and Sofia Sports Hall, where the championship will be held. The venue is located within approximately a 5-minute walking distance from the hotel.

6. Other Information

- a. The weighing-in will be scheduled on **13th of November** 2026 (Friday, Conference Hall in the Park Hotel Moskva). As per competition rule, competitors are to be weighed once only.

- b. The participation fee is **EUR 60** per competitor. The participation fees must be transferred to the Federation's bank account:
IBAN: BG09 UBBS 8002 1072 3139 50
- 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.

m. Announcement and application schedule:

Application Deadline

13 June ~ 10 August 2026: Preliminary application period

1 September ~ 15 October 2026: Final application period in KUMITE TECHNOLOGY

A detailed schedule for the period from 12 to 16 November, including daily activities and timings, will be sent to you after final confirmation and coordination with KIF.

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