



FAQ

Frequent Asked Questions

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Foreword

The purpose of this document of Frequent Asked Questions (FAQ) is to assist with the interpretation of the different WKF Regulations and any documentation related to Olympic events.

Since the number of individual questions is recently increasing, we highly recommend following the next steps to smooth the process:

- **First**, verify if the question you have is already covered in any document published on www.wkf.net. You can find the most updated version of the WKF Competition and Ranking Rules grouped in this section <https://wkf.net/ksport-rules-regulations.php> and all the documentation related to Buenos Aires 2018 and Tokyo 2020 in the section dedicated to Olympic events: <https://wkf.net/olympic-os.php>.
- **Second**, contact your National Federation, indicating to them accurately what your question is. Should your National Federation need further assistance to give you an answer, then your National Federation can always address an e-mail to wkf@wkf.net. Please note, that e-mails from individuals will not be answered.

Here below you will find the list of the most repeated questions received by different National Federations as well as the answers. In this document you will find the most FAQ classified by topic:

Implementations from last release of FAQ Document are marked by (*).

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TOPIC 1 – World Ranking Rules

1. Are points merged between age categories?

No, in the World Ranking points are awarded to the competitors ONLY ONCE per event and category in the age category of the competition in which they have competed respectively. Throughout a year, competitor can compete in two different age categories, for example U21 and Senior, but he/she will have a separate ranking for each category, including only the points obtained in each category. **The same principle applies for weight categories.**

2. Are points transferred from Cadet Kumite into Junior Kumite?

There is no transference of points between Cadet and Junior age categories in the WKF World Ranking Rules. Only points obtained as Junior will count towards the classification for the Youth Olympic Games of Buenos Aires 2018.

3. Are points transferred from U21 Kumite into Senior Kumite?

There is no transference of points between U21 and Senior Kumite age categories in the WKF World Ranking Rules.

4. I have been one of the best Kumite Juniors this year and I turn 18 years old, will my points be reset to zero?

No, during the period of one year, 50% of the points you have obtained as Junior will be transferred into the Senior category.

5. How / When are the points from Junior Kumite to Senior Kumite transferred?

The article 5.4. of the World Ranking Rules is differentiated in two parts:

Part 1 – Manual transition of points, if requested with 3-month notice

This is applicable to all those athletes who are not yet Senior but wish to participate on a competition that opens the registration period the same month when they turn 18 years old. The transition of points will be applicable the first day of the month when they turn 18 years old.

Part 2 – Automatic transition of points

This is applicable to the rest of cases and the transition of points will be applicable the first day of the month after the athlete has turn 18 years old.

The transition of points will be applicable as follows:

MALE CATEGORIES		FEMALE CATEGORIES	
Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior
-55 kg		-48 kg	-50 kg
-61 kg	-60 kg	-53 kg	-55 kg
-68 kg	-67 kg	-59 kg	-61 kg
-76 kg	-75 kg	+59 kg	-68 kg
+76 kg	-84 kg	Manual request	+68 kg
Manual request	+84 kg		

If an athlete has competed in two different Junior weight categories, the transition of 50% of the points will be done category by category. Example:

- 500 points obtained in Junior -61 kg → 250 points in Senior -60 kg
- 250 points obtained in Junior -68 kg → 125 points in Senior -67 kg

If after the automatic transition, specific changes of weight category are needed, the National Federation where the athlete belongs can proceed with an official request addressed to wkf@wkf.net. In this case, the update of points in the system will be done only, the first day of the month after the request has been received.

6. Premier League Registration - Snapshots (*)

→ The position applicable for the registration of an athlete in any of the registration phases is the one determined by the snapshots published on the day that the registration of the entire event opens.

Example: Today is 01.05.2018, my transition points have been implemented in the WKF World Ranking and now I am classified within the top 100 athletes of my category. Can I register now for the Premier League in Istanbul during the 3rd phase?

No, the registration period for the Premier League in Istanbul opened on 08.04.2018. This is the day when the snapshots indicating the ranking of the top 100 athletes of each weight category in the WKF World Ranking are published. If your name on 08.04.2018 (Registration opening of the event) is not published, you are not eligible to register during the 3rd phase, regardless if this registration period goes from (08.05.2018 – 28.05.2018). The same principle is applicable to all the registration phases.

TOPIC 2 – Buenos Aires 2018

1. How do I register to participate in Buenos Aires 2018?

In the case of the Olympic events, registrations are made by each National Olympic Committee (NOC) directly with the organizers of Buenos Aires 2018. Athletes intending to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, must be duly registered by their NOC in the Accreditation System of Buenos Aires 2018 before May 24th 2018.

2. My name does not appear in the Buenos Aires 2018 Olympic Standings, why?

There can be several reasons for this:

- a) You are not born between 01.01.2001 and 29.06.2002
- b) You are not ranked within the top 50 athletes of your weight category in the World Ranking in your respective weight category
- c) Technical reason

If you are eligible by your birthdate and you are ranked within the top 50 athletes and your name does not appear, please contact us via your National Federation at wkf@wkf.net.

3. The points I have on the WKF Ranking are not the same points as the ones I have in the Olympic Standing, why?

The Olympic Standing for Buenos Aires starts from zero and it only displays the points obtained as Juniors in the eligible competitions within the qualification period of the Youth Olympic Games, which goes from 1st April 2017 to 31st July 2018. Here is the list of eligible competitions:

2017

- UFAK Junior Championships (02-04 May, Yaoundé / CAMEROON)
- PKF Junior Championships (23-26 August, Buenos Aires / ARGENTINA)
- WKF Youth Cup (1-2 July, Umag / CROATIA)
- WKF World Championships (25-29 October, Tenerife / SPAIN)

2018

- EKF Junior Championships (2-4 February, Sochi / RUSSIA)
- AKF Junior Championships (10-13 May, Okinawa / JAPAN)
- OKF Junior Championships (18-20 May, Auckland / NEW ZEALAND)
- Youth League (26-27 May, Sofia / BULGARIA)

4. Is the point decay applicable in the Olympic Standing?

NO points decay is applicable to the points displayed in the Buenos Aires Olympic Standing.

5. Why do I appear under a different weight category in the Olympic Standings?

In Buenos Aires 2018, there is a total of 6 weight categories (3 male/3 female). For this reason, two WKF categories have been combined to configure a single Olympic weight category, as follows:

WKF Categories	Youth Olympic Games Categories
Junior	
Men	
-55 kg	-61kg
61kg	
-68kg	-68kg
-76kg	+68kg
+76kg	

WKF Categories	Youth Olympic Games Categories
Junior	
Women	
-48 kg	-53kg
-53kg	
-59kg	-59kg
+59kg	+59kg

6. How does the reallocation of quotas work in the case of injury?

The procedure of reallocation of quotas in case of injury is the following:

- (1) **Before 31st of August 2018 (Sport Entries Deadline)** – Any allocated quota by name which is unused by an NOC in case of injury, will go straight back to WKF for reallocation following the principles of the Qualification System in force.
- (2) **After 31st of August 2018 (Sport Entries Deadline)** – Since the Late Athlete Replacement policy does not apply to Karate because quotas are allocated by name, the reallocation will follow the same principle as described in (1).
- (3) WKF will create a list of back-up athletes to advise them with sufficient time of the possibility to participate in the event as a last-minute replacement.
- (4) **Less than 48 hours before the competition start**, NO further athlete replacements are allowed. At this time, the rules defined in YORIS for the development of the competition with less than 8 contestants per weight category will be applicable.

NOTE: The same reallocation procedure will be applicable in case of doping.

7. What will be the competition system applicable in YOG Buenos Aires 2018?

The system used in the YOG Buenos Aires 2018 is a Round Robin system.

The elimination round consists of two pools (A and B) of four contestants. All contestants compete against each other within each pool (a total of six bouts in each pool). The contestants are ranked according to the results achieved in their pool (number of points and scores). A contestant winning a bout will be awarded two points. The contestants will be awarded one point each in case of a tied bout. The top two contestants from each pool qualify to the semifinals.

Semifinals and Final: The winner of pool A competes against the second ranked contestant from pool B, and the winner of pool B competes against the second ranked contestant from pool A. The semifinal winners compete for the gold and silver medals. The semifinal losers are both awarded bronze medals.

8. Will the pools in the YOG Buenos Aires 2018 be seeded?

Yes, the pools will be seeded as follows:

- Pool A → Best positioned athlete as per Olympic Standing of 01.06.2018
- Pool B → Second best positioned athlete as per Olympic Standing of 01.06.2018

TOPIC 3 – Tokyo 2020

1. When will the qualification system for Tokyo 2020 be released?

The qualification system for Tokyo 2020 is under the approval process of IOC at this moment. Once the document is final, WKF will send an official communication to all the national federations members.

2. When will the first Olympic Standing for Tokyo 2020 be released?

The Olympic Standing for Tokyo 2020 will start from zero and the first release is scheduled for 01.08.2018 after AKF Senior Championships 2018 in Amman, Jordan. Then, the Olympic Standing for Tokyo 2020 will be updated after each competition eligible to accumulate points, which in 2018 are the following:

2018

- AKF Senior Championships, Amman, Jordan (10-14 July)*
- UFAK Junior & Senior Championships, Kigali, Rwanda (31 Aug – 2 Sept)
- Premier League, Berlin, Germany (14-16 September)
- Series A, Santiago de Chile, Chile (21-23 September)
- Premier League, Tokyo, Japan (12-14 October)
- WKF Senior World Championships, Madrid, Spain (6-11 November)
- Series A, Shanghai, China (8-9 December)

*NOTE: In the case that more than one Continental Championships take place in the same continent within the qualification period, only the points obtained in the last Continental Championships within the qualification period will count towards the Olympic standings. Any points obtained on a previous edition of the Continental Championships within the qualification period will then be deleted from the Olympic standings.

3. Do Continental Games give points to determine the position in the Olympic Standings of Tokyo 2020? (*)

Continental Games **DO NOT give points** to determine the position in the Olympic Standing.

4. Are Continental Games part of the Qualification System for Tokyo 2020? (*)

The following Continental Games are part of the Qualification System for Tokyo 2020 as defined under the **continental representation section**.

- European Games 2019, Minsk (Belarus) 21 – 30 June
- Panamerican Games 2019, Lima (Perú) 26 July – 11 August

5. The points I obtained in the Karate 1 event of last month are not fully displayed in the Olympic Standings of Tokyo 2020, why? (*)

The points obtained in those Karate 1 events held from start of the qualification period (02.07.2018) until one year before the publication of the final Olympic Standing (06.04.2019) will automatically be applied the corresponding 50% decay.

The main objective behind this decision is to always have the most accurate picture possible on the qualification possibilities and avoid an ulterior shift of positions.

Different to the World Ranking (where a period of 12 months is needed to apply the decay to the full points obtained) in the case of the Olympic Standing, all the points displayed will always be final. For the World Senior Championships 2018 and for the last Senior Continental Championships held within the qualification period, no points decay will be applicable.

6. What happens if there is more than one Senior Continental Championship during the qualification period, how will they count towards the Olympic Standings of Tokyo 2020? (*)

The last Senior Continental Championship held within the qualification period is the only one that give points for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Standing.

Should more than a Senior Continental Championships be held in a particular continent during the qualification period, all results from previous Continental Championship held within the qualification period will be replaced with the results obtained in the last. In this case, if the athlete does not participate in the last Senior Continental Championships held within the qualification period, the points obtained on a previous Continental Championship held within the qualification period will be deleted.

7. My transition points are not included in the Olympic Standings of Tokyo 2020, why? (*)

The purpose of transitions points is to allow those athletes that just have turned 18 to have an easier access to senior competitions. The Olympic Standings for Tokyo 2020 only counts points obtained in Senior competitions, therefore NO transition points (obtained in Junior Kumite / Cadet Kata competitions) are to be considered.

8. How does the reallocation of quotas work in the case of injury?

The procedure of reallocation of quotas in case of injury is the following:

- (1) **Before 6th of July 2020 (Sport Entries Deadline)** – Any allocated quota by name which is unused by a NOC in case of injury, will go straight back to WKF for reallocation following the principles of the Qualification System in force.
- (2) **After 6th of July 2020 (Sport Entries Deadline)** – Since the Late Athlete Replacement policy does not apply to Karate because quotas are allocated by name, the reallocation will follow the same principle as described in (1).
- (3) WKF will create a list of back-up athletes to advise them with sufficient time of the possibility to participate in the event as a last-minute replacement.
- (4) **Less than 48 hours before the competition start**, NO further athlete replacements are allowed. At this time, the rules defined ORIS for the development of the competition with less than 8 contestants per weight category will be applicable.

NOTE: The same reallocation procedure will be applicable in case of doping.

9. What will be the competition system applicable in Olympic Games of Tokyo 2020?

The system used in the Olympic Games of Tokyo 2020 is a Round Robin system.

The elimination round consists of two pools (A and B) of five contestants. All contestants compete against each other within each pool (a total of ten bouts in each pool). The contestants are ranked according to the results achieved in their pool (number of points and scores). A contestant winning a bout will be awarded two points. The contestants will be awarded one point each in case of a tied bout. The top two contestants from each pool qualify to the semifinals.

Semifinals and Final: The winner of pool A competes against the second ranked contestant from pool B, and the winner of pool B competes against the second ranked contestant from pool A. The semifinal winners compete for the gold and silver medals. The semifinal losers are both awarded bronze medals.

10. Will the pools in the Olympic Games of Tokyo 2020 be seeded?

Yes, the pools will be seeded as follows:

- Pool A → 1st and 4th positioned athlete as per Olympic Standing of 06.04.2020
- Pool B → 2nd and 3rd positioned athlete as per Olympic Standing of 06.04.2020

11. Qualification System – Continental representation

When Continental Games (CG) are used for qualification, gold medalists in the CG will be first considered, picking the highest Olympic Standing gold medalist where there are open places in the available Olympic categories, respecting the maximum of one representative per NOC per category. Should gold medalist already be qualified on a previous step of the qualification system the same procedure will be applied to the silver medalists – or if necessary the bronze winners.

When the CG is not used for qualification, the qualification is done based on the Olympic Standing of the athletes for the applicable continent.