



2020 AAU Karate Virtual National Championships Entry Info

Due to concerns about COVID, we will be hosting a virtual Championship this year. This tournament is open to all regardless of style, federation, or dojo. Event Open to All including International!

AAU Kata & Kobudo events are based on traditional Japanese/Okinawan based forms. You can register online for the following events:

- Kata
- Kobudo
- Mandatory Kata (*Advanced divisions ages 16+*)
- Team Kata
- Team Kobudo
- Family Team Kata
- Family Team Kobudo

Simply complete the registration form ([Click Here](#)), for each event you sign up for, you will be asked to submit a Dropbox/Google Drive link to your video.

Event Pricing

Individual Competition

AAU Member: First Division \$35 (USD), each additional division \$20 (USD).
Non-AAU Member: First Division \$45 (USD), each additional division \$25 (USD).

Team Competition

AAU Member: Each Division \$45 (USD)
Non-AAU Member: Each Division \$55 (USD)

All US based individual competitors will receive the traditional AAU Nationals t-shirt with their entry into the event. Please note all t-shirts and medal(s) will be mailed to your Dojo/School for your instructor to distribute. In the event that we cannot ship your t-shirt/medal(s) to your dojo we will mail them to you directly. Individual International Competitors can arrange to have a t-shirt/medal(s) sent to them but will be responsible for the shipping costs.

Deadline

- Registration closes at 11:59 PM (CST-US) on October 21, 2020.

Questions

- Please email any questions you have to aaukaratenationalprogram@gmail.com or to Jennifer@aausports.org. Results will be posted on the [AAU Karate Facebook page](#).

Want to be a Referee/ Judge?

- Interested in being a referee/ judge for this event? Please email aaukaratenationalprogram@gmail.com or Jennifer@aausports.org. If you are already a certified AAU official, great, if you are part of another federation and would like to be an official we would love to have you. We will set-up virtual rings and assign officials to judge each ring.

Results

- All results will be posted on the [AAU/USA Karate Facebook page](#) & [AAU Karate website](#). For each division we will record the virtual rings/judging and post them to Facebook. On November 21, we will begin premiering each division on Facebook, and you can watch as your divisions competes. If possible, we encourage the dojos/schools to have viewing parties and to watch the results announced together!

2020 AAU Karate Virtual Nationals Events Offered

Kata

- Beginners/Novice competitors will submit minimum of one video, maximum of two different videos*
- Intermediate will submit a minimum of two different Kata videos, maximum of three different Kata videos*
- Advanced competitors will submit three different Kata videos*

****Each video submission must be a different Kata - You cannot submit multiple videos of the same Kata. For example, if you submit Heian Shodan with one entry, you cannot submit Heian Shodan again, you must select another Kata and submit that video.***

Mandatory Kata (Advanced)

- Competitors must submit one Kata videos for each round of Mandatory Kata (Shitei, Sentei, Tokui). Please see the list of approved Katas for each round by reviewing our [rule book](#). If a competitor registers for a specific style of karate, the competitor must select Katas from that style's list. For example, if a competitor selected Shotokan as their style, the competitor cannot perform a Shito Ryu kata for their Sentei round. However, if the competitor selects All Style as their style, then the competitor will be allowed to perform any of the style specific katas from the Shitei, Sentei, and Tokui lists or any traditional Okinawan/Japanese kata. It is important to note, that if a style specific division does not have at least eight competitors, the Tournament Director reserves the right to combine divisions into the All Style group.
- **Don't see your style listed?** If you would like to create a style specific division for your style, please email aukaratenationalprogram@gmail.com. The style must have at least 8 competitors in the division, to be considered for creating an additional style specific division.

Adapted/ Para Kata

- Submit two different Kata videos. In the event of a tie, the second video will be used as a tie breaker.

Kobudo (Beginner, Novice, Intermediate)

- Submit two different Kobudo videos. In the event that you do not know two different Kobudo forms, you can perform the same Kobudo form a second time. You cannot submit your first video twice. In the event of a tie, the second video will be used as a tie breaker.

Kobudo (Advanced)

- Advanced competitors will be able to participate in a long weapons and short weapons divisions. Submit two different videos for each division.

Adapted/ Para Kobudo

- Submit two different Kobudo videos. In the event of a tie, the second video will be used as a tie breaker.

Team Kata/ Family Team Kata

- Submit one video of your team Kata.

Team Kobudo/ Family Team Kobudo

- Submit one video of your team Kobudo.

Kata Grand Champion

- The winners of the Mandatory Kata Divisions along with the winners of the 16-34-year-old Advanced Flag Kata division will compete in a Kata Grand Championship. The competitors for the Kata Grand Champion will perform via Zoom for a referee panel. The referees will then score the competitors. The top scoring male competitor and female competitor will be respective winners of the Kata Grand Championship.

Rules

- We will follow AAU/WUKF rules for this competition.

Specific Rules of Online Video Competition

1. Competitors should start their Kata/Kobudo form facing the camera, YOI position (ready stance), bow, name your Kata and begin. Once finished you should return to the YOI position. During your performance, your entire body needs to remain within camera view. The video should be filmed in landscape
2. Editing of your video will result in disqualification, an example is joining of two video recordings. Please do not edit your video, no music, no graphics, just karate.
3. Videos must be uploaded prior to finalizing your registration. Please make sure you do not attempt to upload your videos at the last moment.
4. It is not allowed to show any religious, political, or any other symbol negatively targeting a group or an individual in the video recording. Videos violating this rule are subject to disqualification.
5. For team events, all members must stay in full view of the camera. If a team member cannot be seen by the camera, it will be considered a disqualification. For individual events, the competitor must remain in full view of the camera.
6. Top three competitors in each division will have a medal mailed to them. (US and Canadian will have medals mailed to them, international competitors can elect to have medals shipped to them, but would be responsible for shipping costs)
7. Registration will be open from until October 21, 2020, please allow us 24 days after registration closes to review all the entries. Once we viewed all the videos we will post the results on our Facebook page. Video Links must be submitted at the time of registration.
8. Videos must be filmed between now and the close of registration October 21. Please do not submit videos used in previous competitions. Use of videos used in previous competitions may result in disqualification.
9. Make sure you have ample room to do your Kata/Kobudo form! We encourage you to film your Kata/Kobudo form either at your dojo (coordinate with your instructors when you can do that), at home or outdoors. If you are performing your Kata/Kobudo and have to stop to step back (not part of the form) in order to continue, this will result in a deduction of score. When filming your Kata/Kobudo form, please do it in an area with minimal distractions in the background.
10. As this is a virtual event we will be waiving the uniform requirements of a solid white gi and the AAU patch. Wear your favorite competition gi. Uniforms are limited to one patch/logo.
11. **Please submit your files in our online registration system.**

Judging and Scoring

1. Kobudo Divisions will be a scored division. Your second Kobudo video will serve as a tie breaker, in the event of a tie based on your first Kobudo video.
2. Mandatory Kata - Divisions will be a scored division. The top 16 competitors from the Shitei division will advance to the Sentei round. The top eight competitors from the Sentei round will advance to the Tokui round. In the event of a tie in Tokui round for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place, your score from the Sentei round will be used to break the tie. If there still exists a tie after the tie breaker process then your score from the Shitei round will be used to break the tie.
3. All Para/ Adapted Divisions will be scored divisions. Your second video will serve as a tie breaker, in the event of a tie based on your first video.
4. All Team Divisions will be scored Divisions
5. All other Kata divisions will be charted flag divisions. Competitors will submit between 1 and 3 videos based on their experience level. Aka and Shiro are bracketed to compete against each other, the computer will randomly select one of the videos each competitor has submitted. The judges will simultaneously watch both videos and then vote for either Aka or Shiro. The final two rounds will be the medal rounds. The winners of the second to final round will compete for First and Second place, the two competitors eliminated in the second to final round will be awarded double third place.
6. Advanced competitors, ages 16-17, and 35 and up will compete in two flag Kata divisions. They will be entered into their own age group, along with the advanced 16 and up flag Kata division.

***** We highly encourage you to work with your instructor and film your Kata and Kobudo submissions at your dojo if possible. We are aware that various government regulations have COVID restrictions in place regarding what facilities can be open and gathering sizes.**

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