COMMONWEALTH KARATE / GLASGOW 2026

Four days. One Commonwealth.

12th Commonwealth Karate Championships | 5-8 November 2026

Glasgow welcomes the Commonwealth karate community for four days of competition, bringing national-team and club karate to the same international stage.

EVENT	12th Commonwealth Karate Championships 2026
DATES	Thursday 5 - Sunday 8 November 2026
VENUE	Glasgow International Arena 1000 London Road, Glasgow, Scotland, G40 3HG
HOST	Karate Scotland, with the Commonwealth Karate Federation
ELITE CHAMPIONSHIPS	5-6 November - national-team athletes
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS	7-8 November - Commonwealth karateka affiliated to the WKF
DISCIPLINES	Kata and kumite; the event bulletin also lists Para-Kata categories
MEDIA APPLICATIONS	Apply through the app accreditation form
MEDIA ENQUIRIES	ckfglasgow2026@gmail.com

All dates and times are local to Glasgow (GMT / UTC+0 during the championships). Use the official event pages for the latest programme and access instructions.

Apply online: ckf-2026.base44.app/media#accreditation

Registration snapshot - 26 October 2026

Elite: 23 teams | 509 athletes | 603 entries
Club: 129 teams | 1,310 athletes | 1,722 entries

Figures supplied by the CKF event team. Athletes may enter both championships; these counts must not be added together as a unique athlete total.

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Tell the story of karate.

Context for journalists, broadcasters, federations and clubs

The sport, explained

Kata - precision in performance

A structured sequence of karate techniques, performed individually or as a team. Watch for balance, control, timing, power and the quality of each movement.

Kumite - skill in the contest

Two athletes compete under set rules, using controlled techniques to score points. Timing, distance, tactical decisions and respect for the opponent are central to the contest.

Para-Kata - excellence through performance

The event bulletin includes Para-Kata categories. Use the published event categories and current WKF Para Karate rules when describing eligibility or classification.

Stories worth exploring

International connections. Athletes and clubs sharing a sporting stage across Commonwealth nations.

The pathway through karate. Club competition alongside the national-team Elite event, with youth, senior and veteran categories listed in the bulletin.

The people behind the event. Coaches, officials and volunteers helping bring an international championship to Glasgow.

Reporting accurately

Use the full championship name on first mention. This November karate championship is a separate event from the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games. Confirm individual entries, medal results, participation totals and interview availability before publication.

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Current WKF rules and documents

Schedule, draws and results links