

# 2016 USA Open Karate Championships

**MARCH  
23-27**

**PARIS HOTEL  
LAS VEGAS, NV**

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL  
**WORLD FAMOUS  
PARIS LAS VEGAS**

**\*SPECIAL ADDITIONAL EVENT\***  
**JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL CUP**  
FRIDAY, MARCH 25 AGES 17 & UNDER  
OPEN TO ALL INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

*World Class Level Competition | Divisions for All Ages and Skill Levels | Elite Level Seminars & Clinics*



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Dear Competitors, Coaches & Officials;

On behalf of USA National Karate-Do Federatoin, I would like to invite you to join us at the 2016 USA Open Karate Championships & Junior International Cup. This prestigious event continues to grow every year and brings some of the top karate talent in the world to test their skills and partake in the quest for victory.

Paris Las Vegas Hotel and Casino will be the event host again this year. With world class gaming, shopping, and restaurants, combined with a hotel experience that is unmatched, you will not want to miss your opportunity to stay at this truly one of a kind resort.

Each year, this event shows that it has even more surprises and excitement in store, and 2016 will be no different. We are expecting some of the top competitors from around the world and know that you will find the competition to be of the highest caliber.

Please note that on Friday, we will be hosting the Junior International Cup. This prestigious event features divisions for athletes under 18 in all skill levels. From beginners to the most elite competitors, there is a division for everyone and this competition is open to all international athletes.

With top notch competition, seminars, and a venue that is truly first---class, the 2016 USA Open Championships is an event you can't afford to miss. I look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John DiPasquale". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John DiPasquale

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## EVENT OVERVIEW

### 2016 USA Open Championships

Celebrating our 14th year in Las Vegas, the 2016 USA Open Championships will once again be one of the premier karate events in the world. Already regarded as one of the fastest growing and best tournaments held each year, this year's USA Open will grow upon the excitement of the past 13 years and continue to showcase the top athletes from around the globe.

### 2016 Junior International Cup

We are excited to once again offer an exciting event for junior level competitors. This event, which features competition for ages 17 & under, is open to both domestic and international competitors. Having this competition on the same weekend as the USA Open allows competitors from both the United States and all over the world to have additional opportunities to compete against the best athletes in one world-class setting.

## DATES

Arrival of Delegations	March 21-22
Registration/Credentials Pickup	March 23-24
Seminars & Certification Courses	March 23-24
Junior International Cup	March 25
USA Open Championships	March 26-27
Departure of Delegations	March 28

## COMPETITION VENUE

### PARIS HOTEL AND CASINO- LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

USA Karate is proud to present the Paris Las Vegas Hotel and Casino as our Competition Venue for the 2016 USA Open and Junior International Cup. The grandest of Las Vegas entertainment families, Paris, is famous worldwide for its magnificent beauty and impeccable service. This Parisian Las Vegas hotel offers an 85,000 square foot casino, 12 restaurants and cafes including the famous Eiffel Tower Restaurant.

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The following schedule is presented as a general outline. Updated schedules will be posted at [www.usankf.org](http://www.usankf.org) and should be regarded as the most accurate schedule of events

Monday, March 21

Arrival of Delegations

Tuesday, March 22

Arrival of Delegations (Continued)

Wednesday, March 23

Arrival of Delegations (Continued) Registration & Credentials Desk Open Athlete

Weigh-In

Thursday, March 24

Arrival of Delegations (Continued) Registration & Credentials Desk Open USA Karate Coaches Certification Course USA Karate Referee/Judge Certification Course (Kata & Kumite) Athlete Weigh-In USA Karate Volunteer Training/Certification Course

Friday, March 25

Junior International Cup Competition Begins

See Competition Schedule at [www.usakarateopen.com](http://www.usakarateopen.com) for more details

Athlete Weigh-In

USA Open Championships Officials Briefing

Saturday, March 26

USA Open Championships Competition Begins

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Sunday, March 27

USA Open Championships Competition Continues USA Open Championships

Finals

Monday, March 28

Departure of Delegations

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## HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

### Paris Las Vegas Hotel and Casino

[Click here](#) to book online or Call (702)946-7000 to make a phone reservation.

#### Rates

Paris: \$129.00

## SECONDARY HOTEL (ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS HOTEL)

### Bally's

[Click here](#) to book online or Call (702)946-7000 to make a phone reservation.

#### Rates

Bally's \$94.00

## AIRLINE

United Airlines is the Official Airline of the USA Open and is offering special discounts for your airfare to Las Vegas. You can book in any of the following ways:

- 1) For discounted reservations you must contact the United Olympic Desk at (800) 841-0460
- 2) Email [united@usankf.org](mailto:united@usankf.org) for help with your most recent discount code.
- 3) Outside of the United States, contact your local United Airlines Reservation Office

Remember that United Airlines is the Official Airline of both USA Karate and the USA Open and using their services supports our National Team!

## COMPETITOR REGISTRATION

### Online Registration

Register online at <http://www.teamusa.org/USAKarate/Events/USA-Open>

Using our convenient online registration is the fastest, easiest and best way to register for this event. Online registration will be processed and completed within 48 hours and you will be able to verify your information quickly and easily. Online registration will be open **until 4pm EST on Monday, March 21.**

### Paper Registration

Alternately, you may complete and submit the paper registration form. Paper registration will take 4-6 weeks to be processed and appear in the online registration search. **The deadline for paper registration without a late fee is March 2.**

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## International Competitors

All international competitors must register using the online international registration system

at <http://www.teamusa.org/USAKarate/Events/USA-Open>

Please contact [natoffice@usankf.org](mailto:natoffice@usankf.org) if you have any questions.

## COMPETITION REGISTRATION FEES

First Division	\$90
Second Division	\$50
Third Division	\$50
Fourth Division	\$50
Each Additional Division	\$65
Elite (Team Trials Divisions)	\$100
Kata & Kumite	\$200
Team Divisions	\$150/Team
Paper Registration Handling Fee	\$30
<i>Register Online and Avoid this Fee!</i>	
2016 USANKF Athlete Membership (Required US Athletes)	\$50
USANKF Patch (Required US Athletes)	\$10

## LATE REGISTRATION FEES

Online Late Registration Fee	
Registrations completed after March 2	\$35
Paper Late Registration Fee	
Registration postmarked March 2	\$35
On-Site Registration Fee	\$70

## SPECTATOR PASSES

Purchased online before March 21	
One Day Pass	\$20
Event Pass (Thursday-Sunday)	\$50
Purchased on-site starting March 22	
One Day Pass	\$25
Event Pass (Friday-Sunday)	\$60
SMS Text Messaging Alerts	\$5

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## **Step 1 – Verify USANKF Membership**

Log in to [www.usakaratemembership.com](http://www.usakaratemembership.com) and verify that your membership number is current. If it is not current renew your membership. You will not receive a pass without a valid USANKF membership number.

## **Step 2 – Review Coaches Code of Conduct, USOC Coaching Ethics Code, USA Karate Athlete Agreement and the Athletes Code of Conduct**

These documents are available by visiting [www.usankf.org](http://www.usankf.org) then selecting “Officials & Coaches” and then “Coaches Resources”.

## **Step 3 – Complete SafeSport training**

The USOC requires that all coaches complete SafeSport training, to do this visit [training.teamusa.org](http://training.teamusa.org). A confirmation certificate will be emailed to you once the training is complete. This training is valid for two years once complete. After two years you may complete the refresher course to remain compliant.

## **Step 4 – Complete a Background Check through NCSI**

A complete background check is required through [www.ncsisafe.com](http://www.ncsisafe.com). Click “Start Your Background Screening Now” then enter self registration number 26244495, enter your information as requested and provide legal authorization and certification. This will be verified by the USANKF office and is valid for two years once complete.

## **Step 5 (Coaches Only) – Complete Coaches Application and payment**

Once all of the above information is complete you can fill out the application form at <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Karate/Officials-and-Coaches/Coaches-Resources/Nationals-Registration>. There is a \$75 payment required for a coaching credential; there will be \$50 late fee if all of the above has not been completed prior to March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm EST.

*\*\*\*Your application has not been approved and a pass will not be created until you receive a confirmation email stating that you have completed all requirements.*

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## **USA Karate Referee/Judge Certification**

USA Karate will host a Referee/Judge Certification Course Thursday, March 24 that will issue certifications up to Kumite Referee A & Kata Judge A. Your registration fee will cover both Kata and Kumite course, and every official is encouraged to work to attain both licenses. USA Karate now issues the coveted Karate Referee Badge to those individuals who have attained both Kumite Referee A and Kata Judge A licenses.

Referee/ Judge Certification Course: Thursday, March 24  
Kumite/Kata Certification Course Fee: \$200

Referee/Judge Certification Course Registration is available online only!

USA Karate Officials who have attained the Karate Referee standard (Kumite Referee A & Kata Judge A) may participate in the course at no charge. USA Karate Officials who have a Kumite Referee A are entitled to a 50% discount. Please contact [natoffice@usankf.org](mailto:natoffice@usankf.org) for more details.

Referees not participating in the certification course, but attending the championships are required to register online at [www.usankf.org](http://www.usankf.org).

\*\*Please note all referees will be required to hold a current USANKF membership as well as completed SafeSport training.

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## INTERNATIONAL DELEGATIONS

All international delegations will be presented with the following upon arrival:

One (1) VIP Credential for the Head of Delegation

Two (2) Invited Guest Credentials

One (1) Coaches Credential for every 5 registered athletes

Additional credentials are available upon request and approval

International delegations need not be the official representatives of a National Federation. However, you must register as a delegation and complete the appropriate documentation available at [www.usankf.org](http://www.usankf.org). Please contact [natoffice@usankf.org](mailto:natoffice@usankf.org) should you have questions or concerns.

USA Karate reserves the right to determine what constitutes a delegation and may deny or revoke delegation privileges at its sole discretion.

## INTERNATIONAL ATHLETE INSURANCE

All international competitors competing in either the USA Open or the Junior International Cup must provide their own accident and medical insurance. USA Karate does not provide any medical or accident insurance for international athletes. By participating in this event, international competitors are acknowledging that they have their own medical and accident insurance.

## VISA ASSISTANCE

Please visit <http://travel.state.gov/visa> for information on applying for and receiving a travel visa to the United States. USA Karate is available to assist you with official invitations, letters of introductions, etc. should you require. For invitations please email the Full Name, Date of Birth, and passport numbers of all delegation members to the USA Karate National Office [natoffice@usankf.org](mailto:natoffice@usankf.org). Please contact [natoffice@usankf.org](mailto:natoffice@usankf.org) for additional information.

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## Rules of Competition

Both the USA Open & Junior International Cup competition will utilize the current World Karate Federation Rules of Competition. We will make minor adjustments in the children's and non---elite divisions. These adjustments will be posted at [www.usankf.org](http://www.usankf.org).

## Protective Equipment

The following protective equipment is required for all Kumite competitors:

Red/Blue USA Karate/WKF Approved  
Gloves/Mitts

White/Red/Blue USA Karate/WKF Approved  
Shin/Instep Protectors

Mouth Guard

Groin Protector (All male competitors)

WKF Approved Chest Protector

WKF Approved Body Armor (All Elite Kumite Divisions)

The following protective equipment is recommended  
for all Kumite competitors:

WKF Approved Face Mask (14---15 & 16---17 Advanced & Elite Kumite Divisions)

Competitors in other divisions may wear WKF Approved Face Mask or Body Armor in accordance  
with the WKF Rules of Competition

## Official Equipment Supplier

USA Karate Approved protective equipment is available exclusively through Asian World of Martial Arts. AWMA also carries a full line of WKF approved equipment as well as top quality uniforms and training aids. Be sure to get your gear from the Official Martial Arts Equipment Supplier to USA Karate and the US Karate Team. [www.awma.com](http://www.awma.com)