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XIth MONTREAL OPEN INTERNATIONAL 2014

Sunday, June 8, 2014



Complexe sportif Claude-Robillard
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Montreal, March 19, 2014

Greetings to all,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to join us at the 11th edition of the MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL OPEN taking place on Sunday, June 8th, 2014 at the Claude-Robillard Sports Complex.

The 2014 MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL OPEN will offer the possibility for participants to compete in two divisions: ELITE or RECREATIONAL, to allow athletes to measure themselves against participants with the same skill level.

The ELITE division will offer prize money for a total of **\$5,000**. This amount will be shared amongst the winners and finalists of the Senior Elite Kata and the Elite Kumite Open categories. The winners in each category will be awarded a \$1,000 prize and the finalists, a \$250 prize.

The RECREATIONAL division will offer participation prizes and numerous opportunities for the participants to meet athletes from various provinces or countries.

The competition will utilize the current WKF rules of competition for both divisions.

Referees holding a valid provincial, national, continental or world license are welcome to officiate at the 2014 MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL OPEN. To register as a referee please contact Dominique Vézina by email at comite.arbitrage@karatequebec.com.

Over the next few days, more information will be made available on the 2014 MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL OPEN website (http://www.karatequebec.com/open_montreal) to help you organize your stay in Montreal. Entry door for North America, the city of Montreal offers the charm of the French-speaking culture and the attraction of an international multicultural metropolis, all in harmony.

For additional information, do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail at info@karatequebec.com or by phone at 514-252-3161 or free of charge at 1-877-karate (1-877-527-2835).

We hope to see you at the 2014 MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL OPEN.

Best regards,

Stéphane Rivest
Président
KARATÉ QUÉBEC



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome everyone!

The XIth edition of the MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL OPEN will be held on **Sunday, June 8, 2014** at the Complexe sportif Claude-Robillard (1000, Émile-Journault Avenue, Montreal, Quebec, H2M 2E7). The 2014 MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL OPEN is addressed to karate athletes aged 10 years and older with green belt or higher from every karate style.

As is the case every year, the 2014 MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL OPEN is a great opportunity for all karatekas, members and non-members, to compete against each other in kata and kumite under the World Karate Federation (WKF) rules. Again this year, the 2014 MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL OPEN will offer cash prizes for a total of **\$5,000** to champions and finalists in the Senior Elite kata and Senior Elite Open kumite divisions.

This year, KARATE QUEBEC breaks new ground by offering, in addition to the ELITE divisions, RECREATIONAL divisions open to participants of all age categories at this international level competition. Athletes who are less experienced, or who wish to make a comeback after taking a break for a few years, are more than welcome and may register in the RECREATIONAL divisions where they will compete against athletes at the same level. The RECREATIONAL divisions are open to 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-17, 18-34, and 35 year-olds and older, and are intended for green to black belt competitors.

In addition, the ELITE divisions offer the seasoned karatekas (brown and black belts only) a chance to challenge the best athletes within their age category. These athletes may register in the Cadet (14-15), Junior (16-17) and Senior (18-34) divisions as well as in the Open kumite division (18+). Please note that athletes who are members of any Karate Canada provincial team and/or took part in the 2014 Karate Canada Nationals in Richmond must register in the ELITE divisions.

KARATE QUEBEC is the governing body for the sport of karate in Quebec, and is recognized as such by the ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) of the Government of Quebec as well as by Karate Canada. Its primary mission is to ensure leadership in developing and promoting karate in Quebec.

Georges Struthers
Director of events
KARATE QUEBEC



EVENTS AND CATEGORIES

The 2014 MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL OPEN is a karate tournament open to all – members and non-members – and is addressed to karatekas aged 10 years and older with a green belt or higher from any karate style and any karate association.

For this tournament, it will be possible for an athlete to participate in an older age category, according to the WKF rules, in the ELITE divisions ONLY (see Eligible athletes section below) provided the athlete has the age required by November 5, 2014 (date of the Senior World Karate Championships).

Regarding the RECREATIONAL divisions, the participants must register in their age category as of June 8, 2014. Every karateka must choose only one kata and one kumite event with the exception of athletes entering the Senior Open Kumite divisions. Athletes from outside Quebec who are members of their provincial or national team, or who actively take part in their provincial or national team selection process should register in the ELITE divisions.

Athletes with less experience in competition, or who wish to make a comeback after taking a break for a few years, are welcome and may register in the RECREATIONAL divisions where they will compete against athletes at the same level. The RECREATIONAL divisions are open to 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-17, 18-34, and 35 year-olds and older, and are intended for green to black belt competitors.

RECREATIONAL divisions

The **RECREATIONAL** divisions are open to athletes aged 10 years and older, GREEN TO BLACK BELTS. Athletes who took part in the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 Quebec Team selection process cannot register in the **RECREATIONAL** divisions. Karate Québec reserves the right to examine every form submitted to ensure a fair participation to all athletes.

Kata

- For the **kata** events in the **RECREATIONAL divisions, for all age categories**, referees will use the point system.
- There will be no repechage for kata events using the point system (single elimination).

Kumite

- For the **kumite** events in the **RECREATIONAL** divisions, duration of matches will be the following:
 - 10-11, 12-13 years old: **1 min 30 sec**
 - 14 years old and over: **2 minutes**
- For the kumite events in the **RECREATIONAL** divisions, there will be no repechage (single elimination).

Table 1 on the next page shows the different age and weight categories used for kata and kumite events in the RECREATIONAL divisions. Weight categories shown are those usually used in Quebec tournaments. However, the weight categories may be modified according to the weight of each participant in each age and belt category. Similarly, according to the number of participants in a same belt category, a combination of belt colours may be matched. A combination of these two parameters may also be possible.



Table 1 – Categories and events – RECREATIONAL divisions

RECREATIONAL – RECREATIONAL – RECREATIONAL							
KATA	SPARRING – KUMITE						
Age categories	Age categories	MALE → weight categories			FEMALE → weight categories		
10-11 y/o <input type="checkbox"/>	10-11 <input type="checkbox"/>	-35 <input type="checkbox"/>	-45 <input type="checkbox"/>	+45 <input type="checkbox"/>	-35 <input type="checkbox"/>	-45 <input type="checkbox"/>	+45 <input type="checkbox"/>
12-13 y/o <input type="checkbox"/>	12-13 <input type="checkbox"/>	-38 <input type="checkbox"/>	-48 <input type="checkbox"/>	+48 <input type="checkbox"/>	-37 <input type="checkbox"/>	-43 <input type="checkbox"/>	+43 <input type="checkbox"/>
14-15 y/o <input type="checkbox"/>	14-15 <input type="checkbox"/>	-50 <input type="checkbox"/>	-58 <input type="checkbox"/>	+58 <input type="checkbox"/>	-47 <input type="checkbox"/>	-54 <input type="checkbox"/>	+54 <input type="checkbox"/>
16-17 y/o <input type="checkbox"/>	16-17 <input type="checkbox"/>	-55 <input type="checkbox"/>	-62 <input type="checkbox"/>	+62 <input type="checkbox"/>	-50 <input type="checkbox"/>	-57 <input type="checkbox"/>	+57 <input type="checkbox"/>
18-34 y/o <input type="checkbox"/>	18 + <input type="checkbox"/>	-68 <input type="checkbox"/>	-78 <input type="checkbox"/>	+78 <input type="checkbox"/>	-53 <input type="checkbox"/>	-60 <input type="checkbox"/>	+60 <input type="checkbox"/>
35 y/o &+ <input type="checkbox"/>	35 + <input type="checkbox"/>	-75 <input type="checkbox"/>	-85 <input type="checkbox"/>	+85 <input type="checkbox"/>	-65 <input type="checkbox"/>	-75 <input type="checkbox"/>	+75 <input type="checkbox"/>

ELITE divisions

The ELITE divisions are open to seasoned karatekas (**BROWN and BLACK belts only**) who wish to compete with the best athletes within their age category. These athletes may register in the Cadet (14-15 years old), Junior (16-17 years old) and Senior (18 years old and up) divisions as well as in the Open kumite division (18+). Please note that athletes who are members of any Karate Canada provincial team and/or took part in the 2014 Karate Canada Nationals in Richmond must register in the ELITE divisions.

Kata

- For the **kata** events in the **ELITE divisions, brown and black belts**, referees will use the flag system.
- For the categories 14-15 years old and 16-17 years old, there will be no repechage (single elimination).
- For the Kata ELITE Senior, there will be repechage to determine podium places.
- According to the WKF rules, note that the Senior kata events are open to participants aged 16 and older.

Kumite

- For the **kumite** events, duration of matches will **conform to the WKF rules**.
- For the categories 14-15 years old and 16-17 years old and 18 years old and over, there will be no repechage (single elimination).
- For the Senior **ELITE Kumite Open** events, there will be repechage to determine podium places.

Table 2 - Categories and events – ELITE divisions

ELITE – ELITE – ELITE							
KATA	SPARRING - KUMITE						
Age categories	Age categories	MALE → weight categories			FEMALE → weight categories		
14-15 <input type="checkbox"/>	14-15 <input type="checkbox"/>	-52 <input type="checkbox"/>	-57 <input type="checkbox"/>	-63 <input type="checkbox"/>	-70 <input type="checkbox"/>	+70 <input type="checkbox"/>	-47 <input type="checkbox"/> -54 <input type="checkbox"/> +54 <input type="checkbox"/>
16-17 <input type="checkbox"/>	16-17 <input type="checkbox"/>	-55 <input type="checkbox"/>	-61 <input type="checkbox"/>	-68 <input type="checkbox"/>	-76 <input type="checkbox"/>	+76 <input type="checkbox"/>	-48 <input type="checkbox"/> -53 <input type="checkbox"/> -59 <input type="checkbox"/> +59 <input type="checkbox"/>
16 + <input type="checkbox"/>	18 + <input type="checkbox"/>	-60 <input type="checkbox"/>	-67 <input type="checkbox"/>	-75 <input type="checkbox"/>	-84 <input type="checkbox"/>	+84 <input type="checkbox"/>	-50 <input type="checkbox"/> -55 <input type="checkbox"/> -61 <input type="checkbox"/> -68 <input type="checkbox"/> +68 <input type="checkbox"/>
	18 + <input type="checkbox"/>	MALE OPEN WEIGHT <input type="checkbox"/>			FEMALE OPEN WEIGHT <input type="checkbox"/>		



Table 2 (previous page) shows the different age and weight categories used for kata and kumite events in the ELITE divisions. Weight categories are those usually used in Quebec tournaments. However, the weight categories may be modified according to the weight of each participant in each age and belt category.

TOURNAMENT RULES

Every kata and kumite event in both RECREATIONAL and ELITE divisions will be officiated according to the **World Karate Federation (WKF)** rules.

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

- Chestguard for women (recommended, but not mandatory)
- Groin guard for men
- Body protector (recommended, but not mandatory)
- Red and blue fist gear, belts, shin guards with removable instep pads (WKF-approved or WKF/PKF-style)
- Mouth guard

ELIGIBLE ATHLETES

Any athlete aged 10 years or older with a green belt or higher, members and non-members, may take part in the kata and kumite events in the RECREATIONAL divisions (with exceptions noted in the Events and categories section – RECREATIONAL divisions).

Any athlete, members and non-members with brown or black belt wishing to enter in the Cadet (14-15), Junior (16-17) or Senior (18+) categories may participate in the kata and kumite events in the ELITE divisions.

Athletes participating in the ELITE divisions may register in the age category for which they will be eligible at the 2014 Senior World Karate Championships (as of November 5, 2014). So, if they haven't reached the required age at the 2014 MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL OPEN, but will have at the 2014 World Karate Championships, they can register in the desired category.

ELIGIBLE REFEREES

Referees with a provincial, national, continental or world licence are invited to officiate at the 2014 MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL OPEN. To register, please email Mrs. Dominique Vézina at comite.arbitrage@karatequebec.com.

NUMBER OF MEDALS AWARDED PER CATEGORY

Medals will be awarded based on a ranking with two third places. **Two bronze medals** will therefore be awarded in both divisions, RECREATIONAL and ELITE, should there be enough participants in each category.



ENTRY FEES AND PAYMENT

ENTRY FEES

RECREATIONAL: 1 event: \$40 CND 2 events: \$50 CND
ELITE: 1 event: \$50 CND 2 events: \$65 CND 3 events: **\$80 CND**

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

- . Registration and payment must be made online through the **SportData** system starting April 7, 2014. Deadline for REGISTRATION is **Wednesday, May 28, 2014**.
- . NO registration WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER May 28, 2014. No fees will be refunded after May 28, 2014.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DATE OF THE TOURNAMENT

Sunday, June 8, 2014
9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

TOURNAMENT VENUE

Complexe sportif Claude-Robillard
1000, Émile-Journault Avenue
Montreal (Qc) H2M 2E7
Canada

OFFICIAL HOTEL



[Quality Hotel Olympic Park](#)

8100, Neuville Avenue
Anjou (Qc) Canada H1J 2T2
Phone: (514) 493-6363
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- NOTES:**
- . Contact directly the Quality Hotel Olympic Park for reservations
 - . Specify that you participate at the 2014 MONTREAL OPEN INTERNATIONAL.
 - . **Minimum of 2 overnights accommodation (134.99\$ + taxes/room, single to quadruple occupancy)**
 - . Reservation by credit card only, 30 days in advance
 - . No reimbursement for a cancelation less than 30days.

[Itinerary from hotel to tournament venue](#)

VISA APPLICATION

See Appendix "General Information" (following page).

Direct link: visit the Government of Canada Website
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?q=416&t=16>



APPENDIX - GENERAL INFORMATION

VISA

To verify if your delegation needs a visa: [click here](#).

To download the Information document on Requirements to Visit Canada: [click here](#).

Submission of Applications:

Canada does not have a visa office in every country so it is important that participants visit the website of the visa office responsible for processing their visa application for information on how to submit an application for a TRV and the documentation required to support the application. To view a list of visa offices and the countries they serve please go to <http://www.cic.gc.ca/ENGLISH/information/offices/apply-where.asp>.

Visa Application Centres (VACs)

In some countries Citizenship and Immigration Canada has engaged the services of a private service provider to assist individuals applying for CIC services.

Visa Application Centres (VACs) agents are available to help applicants fill out their forms and answer questions about the application process. They ensure applications are complete, which reduces the rate of returned applications and ultimately leads to faster processing. This low-cost service lessens the potential for people to fall victim of fraud.

The VAC sends applications to Visa offices and transmits decisions to applicants in a confidential manner.

VACs play no role in the decision-making process. The use of VAC services is completely optional. Applicants can continue to apply directly to the visa office if they prefer.

Participants should be encouraged to submit their visa applications through a VAC if this service is available in their country of residence. They should be invited to check their visa office website (<http://www.cic.gc.ca/ENGLISH/information/offices/apply-where.asp>) for information on the services available at the VAC serving their area and the costs.

Visa Applications Processing Times:

Processing time for TRVs vary depending on the office and the time of the year (i.e. Ankara: 140 days, Beirut: 37 days based on a complete application). Summer is normally the busiest time. Participants should be encouraged to apply early for their visa, if one is required, and to submit complete applications including all supporting documents.

For your information, general processing times at the various visa offices are available at the following link: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/times/temp/visitors.asp>.

Note: For more accurate processing times, applicants should consult the Website for the visa office responsible for processing their application.



EVENT HOST

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