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WKF KARATE TOURNAMENT
3rd INTERNATIONAL
NIKON OPEN
BULGARIA
Sofia



17
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of Karate Club Nikon and the Bulgarian National Karate Federation, we would like to invite you to the “3rd International Nikon Open” Karate Tournament, which will be hosted on 17th May 2014 in Sofia, Bulgaria.



After the very successful Nikon Open 2013 with over 500 participants from Bulgaria, Ukraine, Serbia, Germany, Turkey, Macedonia, Russia, Finland and more, including many World and European Champions, we are looking forward to welcoming you to an even greater Championship this year!

With our new Sponsor, legendary Shureido from Okinawa, Japan, a new Sports Hall, opened in autumn 2013 and new WKF categories, Nikon Open is taking the next step to become one of the best and biggest Karate tournaments in the Balkan Area and Eastern Europe!

Timed some weeks before the Balkan Children Championships, European Championships for Regions and World University Championships, our all age groups tournament will give your athletes and teams a perfect final test for these important Championships!

Beautifully surrounded by the Vitosha Mountains, our vibrant capital Sofia is the ideal location for that. At the heart of the Balkan Peninsula, being a center of historic and cultural crossroads, Sofia is a gateway not only to the treasures and beauty of Bulgaria but also to its many colorful neighboring countries and whole Southeastern Europe. It's a perfect place to combine sports and leisure.

We hope you will enjoy your stay in Sofia and wish you good luck at our competition.

Best Regards,

Nikolay Tsanev
Organizer



General Information

Location

Sports Complex “Gorna Malina” – “Purva” street 1, 2131 Gorna Malina, Sofia, Bulgaria

Time

Bulgaria is in the Eastern European Time Zone, GMT + 2 hours.

Currency

The Bulgarian Currency is the Leva. 1 Euro corresponds to 1,95 Leva; 1 Dollar to 1,49 Leva.

Communication

To call Bulgaria from abroad, dial the international code 00 followed by 359 for Bulgaria, then the number without the first 0.

To call from Bulgaria to another country, dial the international code 00, then the code of the country and then the number without the first 0.

Emergency Numbers

Identical for police, ambulance and fire brigade: **112**

Contact

For any Information, registration, reservation or help, please contact **Mr. Tervel Zwjatkow**:
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→To contact the **Bulgarian National Federation Karate (BNFK)**:

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Sofia 1040, Bulgaria

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E-Mail: office@karatebg.org

Web: www.karatebg.org/

Visa Requirements

Visitors from the following countries do not need a visa to enter Bulgaria:

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malta, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK (British Citizen Passport Holders and British Nationals /Overseas/ only), USA, Uruguay, the Vatican, Venezuela, SAR – China (Hong Kong, Macao)

All holders of passports from countries not mentioned in the list above need visas to enter Bulgaria.

For any specific information please check the English webpage of the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<http://www.mfa.government.bg/en/pages/109/index.html>

Registration for Delegations

All competitors, referees, coaches and officials must register via e-mail to nikon.open@gmail.com until **Sunday 11th May 2014!**

Clubs/teams/federations are responsible for the quality of the entered registration data.

The official registration session will take place on Saturday, May 17th, from 8am to 12am- both at the sports hall.



Categories

The below given age is referring to the date of the tournament: 17th May 2014.

Makiwara 6 years
 7 years

Kata

Kata Individual, Male & Female	Kata Team, Male & Female
6,7 years	6-9 years
8,9 years	10-13 years
10,11 years	14 & 15 years
12, 13 years	16+
14, 15 years	
16+	

Kumite

Age	Male	Female
8,9	-28/ -35/ +35/ Team	-30/ +30/ Team
10,11	-35/ -40/ +40/ Team	-40/ +40/ Team
12,13	-40/ -45/ +45/ Team	-45/ +45/ Team
Cadets (14,15)	-52/ -57/ -63/ -70/ +70/ Open/ Team	-47/ -54/ +54/ Open/ Team
Juniors (16,17)	-55/ -61/ -68/ -76/ +76/ Open/ Team	-48/ -53/ -59/ +59/ Open/ Team
Seniors (18 +)	-60/ -67/ -75/ -84/ +84/ Open/ Team (3+1)	-50/ -55/ -61/ -68/ +68/ Open/ Team (3+1)

→ Special category as preparation for European Championships for Regions:

Mixed Team Junior-Cadets

Male Team: 3 Juniors + 2 Cadets (J-C-J-C-J)
Female Team: 2 Juniors + 1 Cadet (J-C-J)

Competition Rules

For all categories the official WKF rules are applied.

Entry Fee

Individual:

Children, 6-13 years 5 €
Cadets & Juniors 10 €
Seniors 15 €

Team:

Children, 6-13 years 15 €
Cadets, Juniors, Seniors 25 €

Multiple entries are possible. **Payment at the official registration session!**

Prizes

1. to 3. Place will receive medals and diplomas in all categories.
Cups for 1. Place in Team Categories.

Special Prizes in Senior Open Categories

Our Sponsor will provide Special Prizes (Money Prize, Gifts) to the winners of the Senior Open categories Male and Female! → Details soon!

Referees

Referees and judges at the competition are delegated by the Bulgarian National Federation Karate (BNFK).

All foreign referees with National or EKF/ WKF license are highly welcome. Compensation will be paid to all foreign referees with national license or higher.

Accommodation

Special Offer: Hotel Complex and Aqua Park “Melnicite” Gorna Malina

The only Hotel in direct neighborhood of the Arena offers luxury apartments and rooms in old-style windmills, various types of restaurants, bars and cafes, a lake with a huge variety of water sport activities, swimming pools and many other free time activities for all age groups.

Special Tournament rate 16-18 May (2 Nights):

4 Bed Superior Apartment: 400 € / 100 € per Person
4 Bed Standard Apartment: 360 € / 90 € per Person
2 Bed Superior Room: 200 € / 100 € per Person

As the Complex offers only a limited number of rooms, reservations should be made as soon as possible!

→ All reservations to: nikon.open@gmail.com

Transfers from Sofia Hotels to the Arena and back will be offered to those teams not arriving by car or bus.
Prices will be announced soon!

For other accommodation in Sofia we recommend you to check www.trivago.com for hotels or www.hostelbookers.com for hostels.

Hotel Complex and Aqua Park “Melnicite”, Gorna Malina



Accommodation



Special Offer: TRIADA Hotel

Welcome to Triada Hotel - one of the most preferred hotels in Sofia!
Triada Hotel offers excellent accommodation options for your trip in Sofia for our Bulgarian and foreign guests. We provide you with a combination of:

- First class service
- Excellent accommodation options for the Nikon Open tournament
- Modern style and comfort
- Professionalism and good prices

Be our guest!

Special Tournament rate 16-18 May:

Type of room	Price in EUR	Price in BGN
Single room	36 €	70 lv.
Double room	46 €	90 lv.
Apartment	69 €	135 lv.

- All rates are per room per night
- Price includes buffet breakfast, VAT, tourist tax and insurance
- Any changes in fees and other changes will be automatically added to the price
- Adult on extra bed pays additional 20 euro (39lv)
- Supplement for HB (dinner) – 10 euro (20lv)
- Supplement for FB (lunch & dinner) – 19 euro (37lv)

Parking rates

For hotel guests	Price EUR	Price BGN
Stay up to 1 hour	1.50 €	3 lv
Stay up to 24 hours	3.50 €	7 lv
Stay longer than 24 hours	3.50 €/per day	7 lv/per day

Contact for reservations:

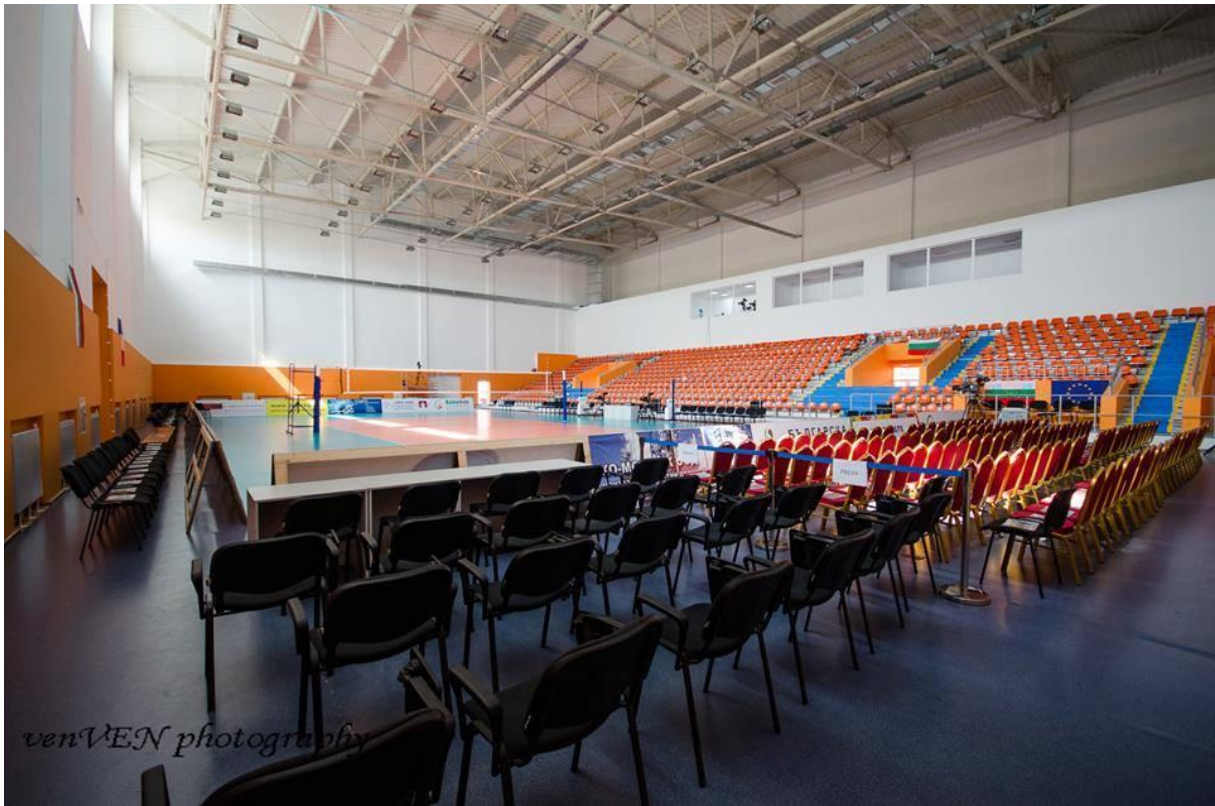
Phone: +359 (2) 970 67 67,
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When calling, please refer to “Nikon Open Special Offer”!

TRIADA Hotel, Sofia



Sports Hall



The spacious and modern Arena "Gorna Malina", opened in autumn 2013, is the perfect spot for atmospheric Karate bouts and a trouble free course of the tournament for all participants and spectators.

The Sports Hall is equipped with up to 1000 seats and is located only 25 minutes by car from Downtown Sofia.



By Plane

Sofia International Airport offers direct flights to nearly all major cities in Europe and several in the Middle East:

→ Low-Cost Airlines – from Terminal 1 (Wizz Air, Easyjet):

Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels-Charleroi, Dubai, Eindhoven, Forli, Frankfurt-Hahn, London (-Gatwick,-Luton,-Stansted), Madrid, Manchester, Milan-Bergamo, Paris-Beauvais, Rome, Valencia, Venice-Treviso, Vienna

→ Regular Airlines – from Terminal 2:

Amsterdam, Athens, Berlin, Brussels, Bucharest, Budapest, Doha, Frankfurt, Istanbul, Larnaca, London-Heathrow, Madrid, Malta, Milan, Moscow, Munich, Palma de Mallorca, Paphos, Paris, Prague, Rome, St. Petersburg, Tel Aviv, Vienna, Warsaw, Zurich

For price details and booking we recommend you to check www.skyscanner.com

By Train or Bus

Long distance and Night Trains connect Sofia with all major cities in the Balkan Area, and additionally with Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Kiev, Moscow and Istanbul.

For timetables check www.bahn.com

Sofia has regular Bus connections to every part of Europe.

→ The Central Railway and Central Bus Station are located directly next to each other.

Public Transport

Sofia's Metro system consists of two lines, the **red Line 1** and the **blue Line 2** which cross each other at the City Centre station "Serdika".

- From the Airport take Bus Nr. 84 (stops at both Terminals) to the last stop "Sofia University", where you have connection to Metro **Line 1**.
The bus ride takes about 35 minutes and one ticket costs 1 Leva. Tickets can be bought from the driver.
A taxi to the City Centre costs about 20 Leva and takes half the time.
- From the Central Railway or Bus Station, take the Metro Line 2 at "Central Railway Station", direction "James Bourchier" to get to the City Centre.

Schedule

The competition will start 10:00 am. A detailed schedule will be released after the registration deadline.

Updates and Questions

For all updates please check www.sportdata.org or the official Facebook page “Nikon Open”!

For any question, write to nikon.open@gmail.com!



- SEE YOU IN SOFIA -