

10TH COMMONWEALTH KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



BIRMINGHAM 2022

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WKF PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

FOREWORD – COMMONWEALTH KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

It is highly gratifying to attest that Karate continues playing an essential role in the sports landscape all over the world as our discipline maintains its steady development. For this reason, and especially considering the current challenging circumstances, the celebration of first-class Karate events worldwide is paramount.

The whole Karate family is looking forward to witnessing the progress of our sport in the Commonwealth Karate Championships and the Commonwealth Karate Club Championships to be held in Birmingham, England from September 7 to 11, 2022. I am convinced that the event will be a fantastic opportunity for the best karatekas in the Commonwealth countries to demonstrate their skills and abilities.

I would like to thank the Commonwealth Karate Federation for their courage to organise this event and for their efforts to extend the impact of our sport in their area of influence. Our cherished Karate Values will certainly be maximised at the anticipated event.

Best of luck to all the participants and organisers and a big “Oss” to all of you Karate fans.

Antonio Espinós
WKF President



CKF PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

To our CKF Colleagues and Family Members

May I firstly express my absolute delight to have received your patronage of our 10th Commonwealth Karate Championships 2022. Moreover, your presence is value added and highly appreciated.

Given the Pandemic that has engulfed the world our Commonwealth Karate Federation (CKF) finally looks forward albeit with a sigh of relief to our 10th Commonwealth Karate Championships 2022 being hosted by the EKF in Birmingham.

It is noteworthy given the devastation of the Pandemic that after a huge interval of four years since the relatively successful 2018 CKF event (hosted by Karate South Africa in the Kingdom of the Zulu city of Durban) the Commonwealth Karate Nations of the world are able to gather once again in the heart of the Commonwealth the UK for our bi-annual championships come September 2022.

As President of the Commonwealth Karate Federation (CKF) I can confidently state that the Commonwealth karate Championships is always in keeping with the ethos of the Commonwealth family values.

Nevertheless, it is expected that the championships deemed the battle of the “best of the best” will be fought in true “warrior “style result of which a world class display of fighting skills by the top ranked international athletes gathered in Birmingham is expected to be on display throughout the event.

I remain optimistic that the EKF with President Steve Copeland and the LOC at the helm will use this opportunity to organise the said Championships in such a meticulous manner that it will be the benchmark for future such events.

The host city Birmingham the second largest city in England would be a tourist delight no doubt with much on offer hence I would urge the delegates officials and athletes who have travelled huge distances (apart from enjoying the action-packed karate at the championships) to take in the sound and sights of this glorious city before returning home.

To the athletes I urge you to maintain the decorum of a true sportsman ensuring good sportsmanship always after all we of the sporting fraternity are looked upon as Role models in today's society.

Best sporting regards

Sonny Pillay Hanshi (8th Dan)

President: Commonwealth Karate Federation (CKF), Member Technical Board World Karate Federation (WKF) &All Africa Karate Federation (UFAK)



EKF PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

It is with great honour that the English Karate Federation will host the 10th Commonwealth Karate Championships in the city of Birmingham on the 7th to 11th September 2022. We extend the warmest invitation to all Commonwealth Karate Federation (CKF) members and hope that you will join us in celebration of this significant milestone for our sport.

There will, in fact, be two championships in Birmingham. The CKF Championship which is open solely to National Teams, followed by the CKF 'Club' Championship which provides opportunity for all members of the CKF.

Our event will be held in the recently built Sports and Fitness Centre. University of Birmingham, Edgbaston Campus. Official accommodation is within walking distance of the venue, as are various shops and restaurants. The city centre is a short distance away and easily accessible.

Birmingham has a rich history and offers a variety of cultural, sporting and leisure opportunities. There are several premier league football clubs, Edgbaston cricket ground, a number of theatres, and countless bars and restaurants. For those that might wish to explore a little further, then Shakespeare country is 45mins away, and London can be reached within 90mins.

As England's second city, Birmingham will host the Commonwealth games in 2022. The ambition of the CKF is to one day see Karate introduced to the Commonwealth Games proper. We are taking this opportunity to showcase our sport in the host city to further our ambition.

We look forward to welcoming friends and colleagues from all over the Commonwealth, and call upon all CKF nations to support this important event.

Steve Coupland
EKF President



TOURNAMENT RULES & SCHEDULE

Throughout the Commonwealth Karate Championships, the World Karate Federation (WKF) rules will be applied and as such only WKF approved protective equipment (inclusive of chest, leg, feet and hand protection) will be permitted.

The WKF and the English Karate Federation (EKF) comply with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) code of practice and adopt a strict stance on anti-doping. Therefore, WADA rules will be stringently applied throughout the championships.

The CKF Championship will comprise of two events, namely the 10th Commonwealth Karate Championship which will only be open to National Team athletes and the Commonwealth Karate Club Championships will be open to all Commonwealth karateka that are members of the WKF.

At the Commonwealth Karate Championships there will only be two athletes allowed in each category per National Team. However, in the Commonwealth Club Championships (which will take place after the Elite event is concluded) there will be no limit on the number of entries per category.

The two-day Commonwealth Karate Championship event will take place on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th September. The Commonwealth Club Championship will follow and take place on Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th of September.

EVENT SCHEDULE

DUE TO THE CURRENT EMERGENCY HEALTH SITUATION, THE EVENT WILL BE HELD UNDER THE WKF COVID-19 PROTOCOL;

https://issuu.com/karatewkf/docs/wkf_covid_19_protocol?fr=sODJhODIyNDE5ODQ

https://www.wkf.net/pdf/WKF_COVID_protocol.pdf

In order to respect and properly follow the WKF Covid-19 protocol, the schedules below will be strictly followed.

Registration for Event (further details will follow in due course)

- Covid-19 Protocol Procedure – Athletes, Coaches, Referees, Officials
- Athletes' official weigh in
- Draws and Coach Meeting
- Referees Briefing
- Congress for CKF



Competition Schedule:

The detailed competition schedule will be fixed after closing the online registration to finalise the number of athletes. Only the categories appointed will be allowed to stay in the stadium during the authorised timetables. Detailed information will be communicated at due time.

Online Registration

All registration in the CKF Championship must be processed ONLINE via Sportdata. Onsite registrations will NOT be accepted. The registration will be validated once completed with the online payment through the payment platform.

National Federations are responsible for the quality of the entered registration data. The online registration of athletes will be openly disclosed for everyone from the beginning, allowing consultation by CKF National Federations of the competitors registered in real-time.

To assist in the Officiating of this Event it would be appreciated if all Delegated Countries could make available Judge / Referees. To register an Official each Country should complete the relevant section on Sportdata. (* Note, National Referee qualification is acceptable). Any issue regarding the online registration must be notified to the software provider and to the CKF at the latest five days before the first day of competition to enable consideration without altering the smooth running of the process. Sportdata will provide live timing with a rundown of days before the start of the event the online registration will close. Please note that no entries will be accepted after the closing date. For Technical Support for Online Registration or in case of any questions concerning the online registration please directly contact the Sportdata software team via the email address;

karatel@sportdata.org or office@sportdata.org

Commonwealth Karate Championships:

https://www.sportdata.org/karate/set-online/veranstaltung_info_main.php?active_menu=calendar&vern=4821#a_eventhead



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
29 Summer Bank Holiday	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2



Entry Fee:

The entry fee is £50.00 for individual categories and £100 for Team events.

All payments must be processed through the online payment platform. Onsite payments will not be accepted.

Official Accreditation

The official accreditation will take place on 6th September 2022 from 09:00 to 20:00 at the Sport and Fitness Centre. If changes are required during the official registration session, because of incorrect or missing registration data, a fee of £30 is charged for each change. At registration, accreditation cards will be issued with the participant's main data, a photograph, and information about registered categories. The accreditation card must always be worn during the event. Only members of national federations recognised by CKF are permitted to participate, as per the CKF Organising Rules 2022. All participants must submit an official document (passport or other valid ID card) for the CKF identification and validation at the accreditation session. Any competitor who has not collected, either personally or through his/her coach their accreditation during the official registration, will not be included in the draw. The weighing will be carried out immediately after receiving the accreditation, those athletes who will not attend the weighing will not be included in the draw.

Referee's Briefing

6th September 2022 from 19:30 – 20:30 at the Sport and Fitness Centre.

Media

The Event will be live streamed on Youtube, due to CKF Live Streaming, video recording will not be allowed under any circumstance.

Press

Press accreditation can only be given to professional journalists working for a media and having proof of their credentials. Media professionals can register to request press accreditations through the online registration on Sportdata.

Spectator Tickets

It is anticipated that the event will be open to the public, but it will depend on the COVID-19 pandemic situation and the measures that will be defined by the United Kingdom National Health Service. Further details regarding the purchasing of tickets will be announced in due course.

In-Country Travel

For any question, please contact admin@englishkaratefederation.com via your Official Organisation.

Merchandising

Merchandise will be available to purchase at the Sports and Fitness Centre reception throughout the CKF Championships.

Omissions

As regards that the specific items are not expressly foreseen in the present bulletin, reference is to be made to the general rules and guidelines contained in CKF Championship Regulations.



COMMONWEALTH KARATE

CHAMPIONSHIP CATEGORIES

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES

SENIORS				UNDER 21 YRS			
KATA		KUMITE		KATA		KUMITE	
MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
		-60KG	-50KG			-60KG	-50KG
		-67KG	-55KG			-67KG	-55KG
		-75KG	-61KG			-75KG	-61KG
		-84KG	-68KG			-84KG	-68KG
		+84KG	+68KG			+84KG	+68KG
JUNIORS (16-17 YRS)				CADETS (14-15 YRS)			
KATA		KUMITE		KATA		KUMITE	
MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
		-55KG	-48KG			-52KG	-47KG
		-61KG	-53KG			-57KG	-54KG
		-68KG	-59KG			-63KG	+54KG
		-76KG	+59KG			-70KG	
		+76KG				+70KG	



COMMONWEALTH KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP CATEGORIES

TEAM CATEGORIES

MALE TEAM			FEMALE TEAM		
	AGE	NUMBER IN TEAM		AGE	NUMBER IN TEAM
KATA	+16	3	KATA	+16	3
KUMITE	+18	5	KUMITE	+18	3

PARA CATEGORIES

MALE	FEMALE
WHEELCHAIR	WHEELCHAIR
VISUALLY IMPAIRED	VISUALLY IMPAIRED
INTELLECTUALLY IMPAIRED	INTELLECTUALLY IMPAIRED



ACCOMMODATION

Booking confirmation direct to Conference and Events Team, at University of Birmingham, contact details are:

Email: events@conferences.bham.ac.uk

Phone: +44(0)121 415 8400 (select option 2)

**Note - EKF will act as coordinator and booking manager for all rooms. Team Managers from each delegate country will provide a breakdown of the squad members to include under 18 ages, gender and numbers.*

Email – admin@englishkaratefederation.com

Telephone - +447775623954

Booking date open for Elite Event and International Club - Commonwealth Country delegates –
1st April 2022

Booking date open for UK delegates –
1st June 2022

PLEASE ENSURE YOU BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.



VILLAGE ACCOMMODATION

Edgbaston Park Hotels – HQ Hotel

Twin rooms and single rooms - includes full English breakfast - £108.00



Lucas House Hotel

Twin rooms and single rooms - includes full English breakfast - £100.00



University of Birmingham Halls of Residence

Single rooms based on 6 rooms per floor – inclusive of Kitchenette and Lounge with Full English breakfast - £42.00 *per person*



NEARBY HOTELS

For all those wishing to stay in alternative accommodation, please be advised that there are a number of hotels close to the venue.

The following hotels are not situated on the University Campus site. Therefore, if booking into any hotel outside of the official three accommodation options, this will mean that you will require transport to get to the venue itself.

Hotel Ibis budget Birmingham Centre

Average price per night: £60

Address: 1 Great Colmore Street, Birmingham, B15 2AP

Phone Number: +44 121 622 7575

Distance from venue: 1.6 miles (2.57 km)

Website: [ibis budget Birmingham Centre - Guest Reservations](#)



Ibis Styles Birmingham Hagley Road

Average price per night: £98

Address: 313 Hagley Rd, Birmingham B16 9LQ

Phone number: +44 121 217 1111

Distance from venue: 1.7 miles (2.74 km)

Website: <https://ibisstyleshagleyroad.uk-birmingham.com/>

Marriott Hotel

Average price per night: £111

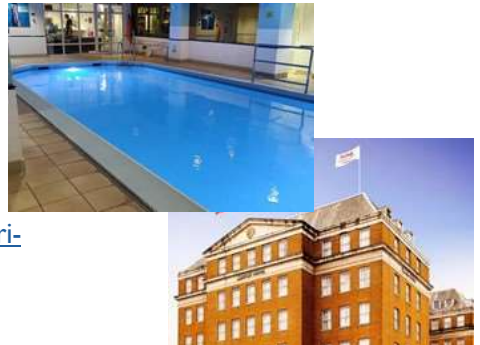
Address: 12 Hagley Road, Five Ways, Birmingham, B16 8SJ

Phone number: +44 121 452 1144

Distance from venue: 0.7 miles (1.13 km)

Website:

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bhxbh-birmingham-marri->



Radisson Blu Hotel

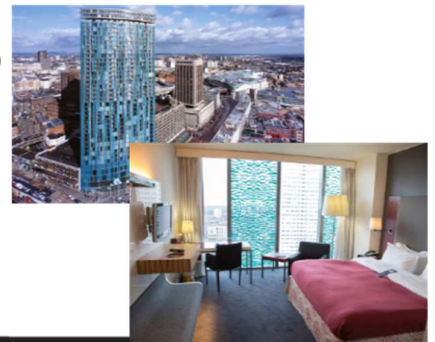
Average price per night: £126

Address: 12 Holloway Circus, Queensway, Birmingham, B1 1BT

Phone number: +44 121 654 6000 Distance from venue: 1.7 miles (2.74 km)

Website:

<https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-birming->



UK VISA INFORMATION

Requirements

If you wish to enter the UK, you may need to apply for a Visa before travelling. Visa requirements are dependent on country of origin. For the Commonwealth nations within the European Economic Area (EEA) but outside of the UK (Cyprus and Malta) you do not need a Visa and can travel to the UK on either a valid passport or a national identity card.

Non-residents of the EEA must also travel on a valid passport which needs to be valid for the duration of your stay. The following countries will require a Standard Visitor Visa for entry into the UK:

Bangladesh	Cameroon	eSwatini (Swaziland)	Fiji
The Gambia	Ghana	Guyana	India
Jamaica	Kenya	Lesotho	Malawi
Mozambique	Nigeria	Pakistan	Rwanda
Sierra Leone	South Africa	Sri Lanka	Tanzania
	Uganda	Zambia	

The earliest you can apply for a UK Visa is 3 months before travel and a decision can take up to 3 weeks to be made. Therefore, we advise that you begin the process as early as possible in the 3-month designated window.

All countries not listed above are entitled to stay in the UK for a period of 6 months without a Visa. However, you should also bring the same documents with you that you would need to apply for a Visa to show these to the UK Border Force Agency at the airport.

For further information on supporting documents needed and for general enquiries regarding Visas please check the below links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visitor-visa-guide-to-supporting-documents>

<https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa/y>

Please note that this information is provided as a courtesy to all visitors and is correct at the time of publication. It is the responsibility of those requiring the visas to know what is required of them.



Travelling with children

If you have a different name to the child you are travelling with, then you may be asked to prove the relationship between you. Means of doing this to satisfy the authorities are documented below:

- a birth or adoption certificate showing your relationship with the child.
- divorce or marriage certificates if you're the parent but have a different surname from the child
- a letter from the child's parent giving permission for the child to travel with you and providing contact details if you're not the parent.



BIRMINGHAM

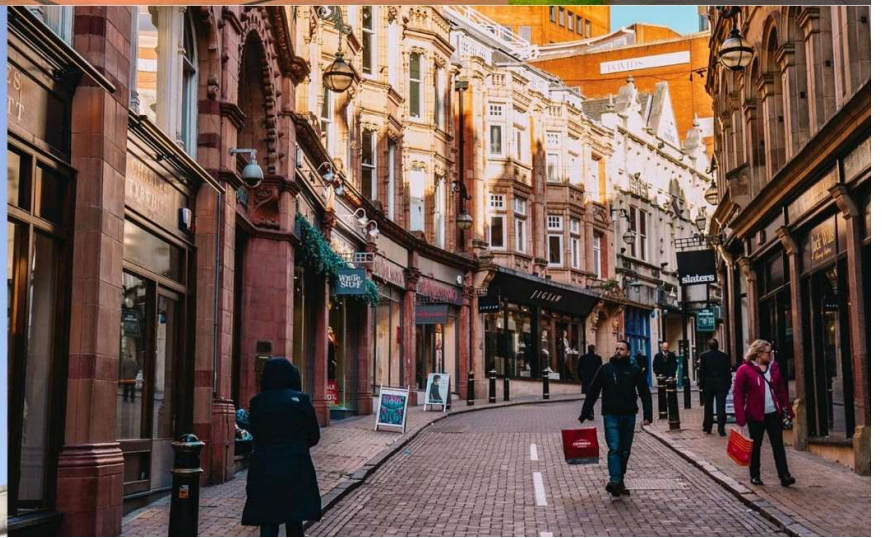
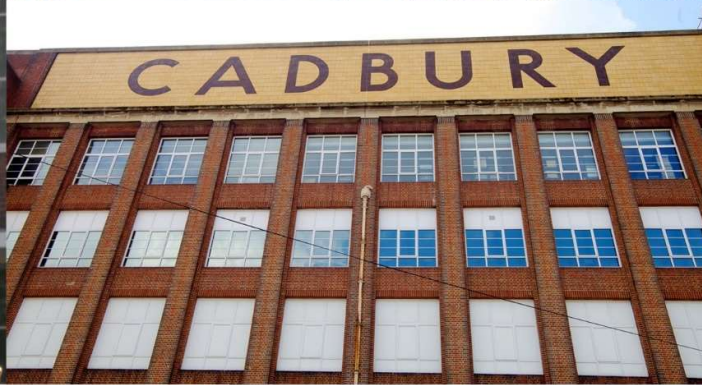
Situated in the heart of England, Birmingham is the second largest city in the United Kingdom and has a rich tapestry of history which has framed the city into what it is today. From the past to the present the city is awash with vibrancy and interesting places to visit. Whether this be the world-famous Cadbury's chocolate factory, the Bullring shopping centre or the seemingly endless flow of canal streams meandering through bustling bars and restaurants, Birmingham has something to offer you.

It is a multicultural, melting pot which is home to tens of thousands of people from Commonwealth countries or heritage who are proud to have made this city their home, and for one week in September may it be your home too. Indeed, Birmingham is also home to a string of South Asian Commonwealth inspired restaurants on what is affectionately nicknamed 'The Curry Mile' which caters for those who prefer mild heat to those preferring something more ferocious (the *Phaal* – world's hottest curry is sold here).

Key facts for your attention

- The weather in the UK can be rather wet and with that in mind we encourage all athletes and their representatives to pack accordingly
- Currency - Pound Sterling
- Drive on the left-hand side of the road
- Calling code - +44
- Time zone - Greenwich Meridian





VENUE

The venue for the Championships will be University of Birmingham, Edgbaston Campus, Sport and Fitness Centre. University of Birmingham is ranked as the 14th best university in the UK according to the Times annual poll and offers a wide range of courses and teaching styles to accommodate all learners.

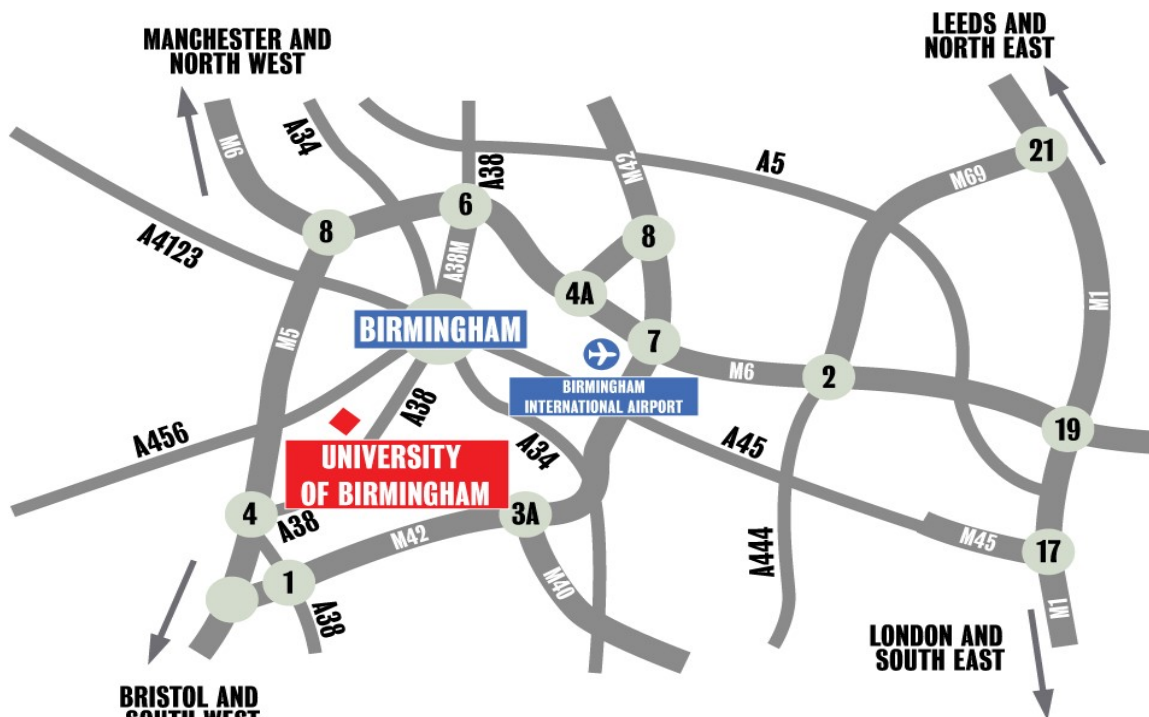
The University recently embarked on the creation of a dedicated, state of the art sports centre which will host these championships. The facilities are situated just outside of Birmingham City Centre and on the edge of Edgbaston campus.

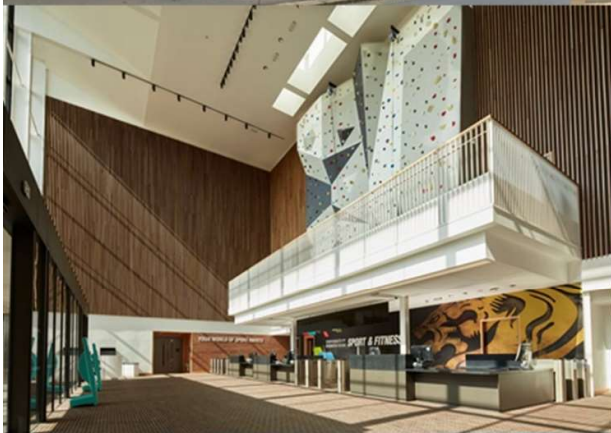
The University has its own dedicated railway station called “University Station” only three stops from Birmingham International Train Station. Birmingham International Airport is a short stop from Birmingham New Street.

The venue is accessible for all delegations and provides opportunities to easily jump on and off in order to visit the thriving city centre and other tourist destinations.

Address:

Munrow Sport & Fitness Centre, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham. B15 2TT





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