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Goju-Kai Association (I.K.G.A.)



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The 8th Karate-do Goju-kai Global Championships Japan 2025

Unity by Friendship, Appreciation and Peace.





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1. Dates & Timetables

Date: Thursday, August 7 - Monday, August 11, 2025

Date	Time	Championship Venue at Chiba Port Arena	Time	Championship HQ (Hotel)
06 August 2025			10:00~ 16:00	Group reception registration
Wednesday			16:00~	IKGA Congress
The day before			19:00~	Official Reception
07 August 2025	8:30	Venue Setup		
Thursday Day1	15:00~	6/7 8/9 10/11 Boys and Girls Kata ①~⑥ 1st and 2nd Round (Japanese contestants only)	~13:00	Team Registration
		6/7 8/9 10/11 Boys and Girls Kumite 1~16 1st and 2nd Round (Japanese contestants only)	17:00~ 19:00	Referee & Coach Meeting
				Weigh-In for Athletes from Each Country
08 August 2025	9:00~	Opening Ceremony		
Friday	9:30~	6/7 8/9 10/11 Boys and Girls Kata ①~⑥		
Day2		12/13 Boys and Girls kata⑦、⑧ CADET Boys and Girls Kata⑨、⑩		
	13:00	Ceremony & Attraction		
	14:00~	6/7 8/9 10/11 Boys and Girls Kumite 1~ 9		
		6/7 8/9 1/10/11 Boys and Girls Kumite10~16		



		12/13 Boys and Girls Kumite 17 ~ 25		
		CADET Boys and Girls Kumite 26 ~ 34		
09 August 2025	9:00~	JUNIOR Boys and Girls Kata⑪、⑫		
Saturday		UNDER21 Boys and Girls Kata⑬、⑭		
Day3		MASTERS Men and WomenKata ⑰ ~ ⑳		
		Shihan Men and WomenKata㉑ ~ ㉒		
	14:30~	JUNIOR Boys and Girls Kumite 35 ~ 44		
		UNDER21 Boys and Girls Kumite 45 ~ 49 / 50 ~ 54		
		MASTERS Men and Women Kumite 67 ~ 70		
10 August 2025	9:00~	SENIOR Boys and Girls Kata⑮~⑰		
Sunday		Team Kata Girls 1~6		
Day4		Team Kata Boys 7~12		
		SENIOR Men and Women Kumite 55 ~ 66		
		Jiyu Kumite Men 75kg- age +18		
		Jiyu Kumite Men 75kg+ age +18		
		Jiyu Kumite Woman 60kg- age +18		
		Jiyu Kumite Woman 60kg+ age +18		
	15:00~	Kata Bunkai Kumite 1・2・5・6		
		Kata Bunkai Kumite 3・4 / 7・8		
		Team Kumite Male & Female 1・2		
	18:00~	Closing Ceremony		
		Venue Dismantling		



11 August 2025	10:00	Joint JKGA-IKGA Seminar		
Monday (National Holiday)	13:00~	IKGA Examination		
Final Day			18:00~	Farewell Party

*The schedule is subject to change.



2. Schedule Details

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Host Hotel IKGA Group Reception, IKGA Conference, Official Reception

Thursday, August 7, 2025

Day 1 Venue setup and partial category qualifying (JKGA only)

Main Hotel IKGA Group Reception, Referee & Coach Meeting

Friday, August 8, 2025

Day 2 Opening Ceremony, Ceremonies, Competitions, Attractions

Saturday, August 9, 2025

Day 3 Competitions

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Day 4 Competition and Withdrawal

Monday, August 11, 2025

Day 5: JKGA-IKGA Joint Seminar, IKGA Review Meeting

Host Hotel Farewell Party



3. Venue

Chiba Port Arena



Address 1-20, Tonyacho, Chuo-ku, Chiba, Japan

Train

A 15-minute walk from JR Keiyo Line Chiba-minato Station, 16 minutes on foot from JR Chiba Station
• A 12-minute walk from Keisei Chiba Chuo Station, An 8-minute walk from Chiba Monorail City Office Front Station

BUS

Take the Kominato Railway Chiba Minato Loop Bus from Platform 26 at the West Exit of JR Chiba Station and get off at “Port Arena” stop on the Machinaka Course

Take the Chiba Kaihin Kotsu bus from Platform 11 at JR Chiba Station East Exit. Look for a bus going to Yukicho Danchi, Inagekaigan Station, or Kaihin Hospital. Get off at “Port Arena” .



4. Competition

※The regulations will generally follow those of the 2017 Canada Karate Championships, with some weight class specifications adjusted to meet the 2024 WKF standards.

Kata		Kumite	
6/7 Girls - Kata Note - 2 kata needed - Highest Seinchin	①	6/7 Girls - Kumite -22kg	1
		6/7 Girls - Kumite +22kg	2
6/7 Boys - Kata Note - 2 kata needed - Highest Seinchin	②	6/7 Boys - Kumite -24kg	3
		6/7 Boys - Kumite +24kg	4
8/9 Girls - Kata Note - 2 kata needed - Highest Seinchin	③	8/9 Girls - Kumite -30kg	5
		8/9 Girls - Kumite +30kg	6
8/9 Boys - Kata Note - 2 kata needed - Highest Seinchin	④	8/9 Boys - Kumite -27kg	7
		8/9 Boys - Kumite -32kg	8
		8/9 Boys - Kumite +32kg	9
10/11 Girls - Kata Note - 2 kata needed - Highest Sanseiru	⑤	10/11 Girls - Kumite -32kg	10
		10/11 Girls - Kumite -40kg	11
		10/11 Girls - Kumite +40kg	12
10/11 Boys - Kata Note - 2 kata needed - Highest Sanseiru	⑥	10/11 Boys - Kumite -34kg	13
		10/11 Boys - Kumite -40kg	14
		10/11 Boys - Kumite -47kg	15
		10/11 Boys - Kumite +47kg	16
12/13 Girls - Kata Note - 2 kata needed - Highest Sanseiru	⑦	12/13 Girls - Kumite -42kg	17
		12/13 Girls - Kumite -47kg	18
		12/13 Girls - Kumite -52kg	19
		12/13 Girls - Kumite +52kg	20
12/13 Boys - Kata Note - 2 kata needed - Highest Sanseiru	⑧	12/13 Boys - Kumite -40kg	21
		12/13 Boys - Kumite -45kg	22
		12/13 Boys - Kumite -50kg	23
		12/13 Boys - Kumite -55kg	24
		12/13 Boys - Kumite +55kg	25
14/15 Girls - (Cadets) Kata Note - 3 kata needed - Highest Seipai	⑨	14/15 Girls - Kumite -47kg	26
		14/15 Girls - Kumite -54kg	27
		14/15 Girls - Kumite -61kg	28
		14/15 Girls - Kumite +61kg	29
14/15 Boys - (Cadets) Kata Note - 3 kata needed - Highest Seipai	⑩	14/15 Boys - Kumite -52kg	30
		14/15 Boys - Kumite -57kg	31
		14/15 Boys - Kumite -63kg	32
		14/15 Boys - Kumite -70kg	33
16/17 Girls - (Junior) Kata Note - 3 kata needed - Highest Kurarufa	⑪	14/15 Boys - Kumite +70kg	34
		16/17 Girls - Kumite -48kgs	35
		16/17 Girls - Kumite -53kgs	36
		16/17 Girls - Kumite -59kgs	37
		16/17 Girls - Kumite -66kgs	38
		16/17 Girls - Kumite +66kgs	39



16/17 Boys - (Junior) Kata Note - 3 kata needed - Highest Kurarufa		16/17 Boys – Kumite -55kgs	40
		16/17 Boys - Kumite -61kgs	41
	⑫	16/17 Boys – Kumite -68kgs	42
		16/17 Boys - Kumite -76kgs	43
		16/17 Boys - Kumite +76kgs	44
U21 Girls - Kata Note - 3 kata needed - Highest Superimpi		U21 Girls Kumite -50kgs	45
		U21 Girls Kumite -55kgs	46
	⑬	U21 Girls Kumite -61kgs	47
		U21 Girls Kumite -68kgs	48
		U21 Girls Kumite +68kgs	49
U21 Boys - Kata Note - 3 kata needed - Highest Superimpi		U21 Boys Kumite -60kgs	50
		U21 Boys Kumite -67kgs	51
	⑭	U21 Boys Kumite -75kgs	52
		U21 Boys Kumite -84kgs	53
		U21 Boys Kumite +84kgs	54
Womens - Kata Note - 3 kata needed - Highest Superimpi		Women's Kumite -50kgs	55
		Women's Kumite -55kgs	56
	⑮	Women's Kumite -61kgs	57
		Women's Kumite -68kgs	58
		Women's Kumite +68kgs	59
		Women's Kumite Open	60
Mens - Kata Note - 3 kata needed - Highest Superimpi		Men's Kumite -60kgs	61
		Men's Kumite -67kgs	62
	⑯	Men's Kumite -75kgs	63
		Men's Kumite -84kgs	64
		Men's Kumite +84kgs	65
		Men's Kumite Open	66
Women Masters - Kata (40-49 years) Note - 3 kata needed - Highest Superimpi	⑰	Women Masters - Kumite (40-49 years)	67
Masters Men - Kata (40-49 years) Note - 3 kata needed - Highest Superimpi	⑱	Masters Men - Kumite (40-49 years)	68
Women Masters - Kata (50 years & up) / Note - 3 kata needed - Highest Superimpi	⑲	Women Masters - Kumite (50 years & up)	69
Masters Men - Kata (50 years & up) Note - 3 kata needed - Highest Superimpi	⑳	Masters Men- Kumite (50 years & up)	70
Shihan Men - Kata Note - Genkaku.Chikaku can be done	㉑		
Shiha Women - Kata Note - Genkaku.Chikaku can be done	㉒		



Team Kata		Team Kumite	
Team Kata 6-9 Years Girls	1	Mens - Team Kumite 16 & Up (5 competitors)	1
Team Kata 10-13 Girls	2		
Team Kata 14/15 Girls	3	Womens - Team Kumite 16 & Up (3 competitors)	2
Team Kata 16/17 Girls	4		
Team Kata U21 Girls	5		
Team Kata Adult Women 16 & up	6	Bunkai	
		14/15 Boys - Bunkai	1
Team Kata 6-9 Years Boys	7	Note - 2 Bunkai needed - Highest Sanseiru	
Team Kata 10-13 Boys	8	16/17 Boys - Bunkai	2
Team Kata 14/15 Boys	9	Note - 2 Bunkai needed - Highest Seisan	
Team Kata 16/17 Boys	10	U21 Boys - Bunkai	3
Team Kata U21 Boys	11	Note - 2 Bunkai needed - Highest Seipai	
Team Kata Adult Men 16 & Up	12	Mens - Bunkai	4
		Note - 2 Bunkai needed - Highest Superimpi	
JIYUKUMITE		14/15 Girls - Bunkai	5
Men JIYUKUMITE-75kgs (age +18 Dan rank holder)	1	Note - 2 Bunkai needed - Highest Sanseiru	
Men JIYUKUMITE+75kgs (age +18 Dan rank holder)	2	16/17 Girls - Bunkai	6
Women JIYUKUMITE -60kgs (age +18 Dan rank holder)	3	Note - 2 Bunkai needed - Highest Seisan	
Women JIYUKUMITE +60kgs (age +18 Dan rank holder)	4	U21 Girls - Bunkai	7
		Note - 2 Bunkai needed - Highest Seipai	
		Womens - Bunkai	8
		Note - 2 Bunkai needed - Highest Superimpi	

Special Rules and amendments

General

1. Only Registered IKGA members may take part
2. Only Gojukai kata and Official Bunkai may be performed
3. A member 16 years and older may compete in any team event but ONLY one team event - they must choose
4. A competitors age is determined by the competitors age as of August 7, 2025
5. All individual categories unlimited entries
6. Individual events need minimum of 5 contestants from 3 different contries to constitute a division
If the requirement is not met, the category will be integrated into the higher (heavier) class (category)
7. For male and female Masters divisions kata and kumite, we will merge divisions if less than 5 competitors



Medals

1. Two bronze medals will be awarded for all categories with 8 or more competitors
2. If less than 8 competitors athletes who lost to the silver and gold medalist will fight for one bronze

Team Events

1. All Senior Team events ONLY ONE team per country (Team Kumite, Bunkai, Team Kata)
2. All other team events maximum 2 teams per country
3. Team events need a minimum of 4 teams from 3 different countries to constitute a division
4. In Team Kata, NO bunkai is required
5. No mixing of male and female in any team event



5. Nearby Hotels

We are pleased to provide information regarding both the host hotels and the secondary accommodations located in the vicinity of the competition venue. Reservations for these accommodations should be made individually or through your respective national federations. Please note that transportation to the competition venue, Chiba Port Arena, is not included in the provided services. Consequently, attendees are kindly requested to arrange their own transportation. Accommodation rates may fluctuate depending on the booking period. For the most up-to-date pricing information, please refer to the detailed web pages of each hotel.

•host hotels The QUBE Hotel Chiba

The QUBE Hotel Chiba is located within the Chiba Port Arena complex and will be used for athlete registration, weight-ins, and referee/coach meetings. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel by phone (English-speaking staff available). Please mention that you are participating in the Goju-ryu Global championship to receive a discounted rate. For detailed information on rate, please contact the hotel directly.



Location	1-45 Tonyacho, Chuo-ku, Chiba-shi, Chiba Prefecture, Chiba Port Square
Inquiries	TEL: 043-246-1887 FAX: 043-246-1889
Access	13-minute walk from Chiba-minato Station on the JR Keiyo Line / 7 minute walk from City Office Front Station on the Chiba Urban Monorail / 15-minute walk from JR Chiba Station
Website	http://thequbehotelchiba.com/





Secondary Hotel ・Area Chibaminato Station

Toyoko INN Chiba Minato Ekimae (in front of Chiba-minato Station)

The competition venue, Chiba Port Arena, is approximately a 20-minute walk from the hotel. Alternatively, the venue can be reached within 13 minutes by combination of train and foot. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel. Please be advised that room rates may fluctuate depending on the time of year. For the most current rates, kindly refer to the following web site.



Location	1-23-1, Chuominato, Chuo-kku, Chiba-shi, Chiba
Inquiry	TEL: 043-301-1045 FAX: 043-301-1046
Access	1-minute walk from Chiba-minato Station (JR, Monorail) Approx. 1 hour from Narita Airport by train Approx. 1 hour from Haneda Airport by bus and train Approx. 40 minutes from Tokyo Station by train
Website	http://www.toyoko-inn.com





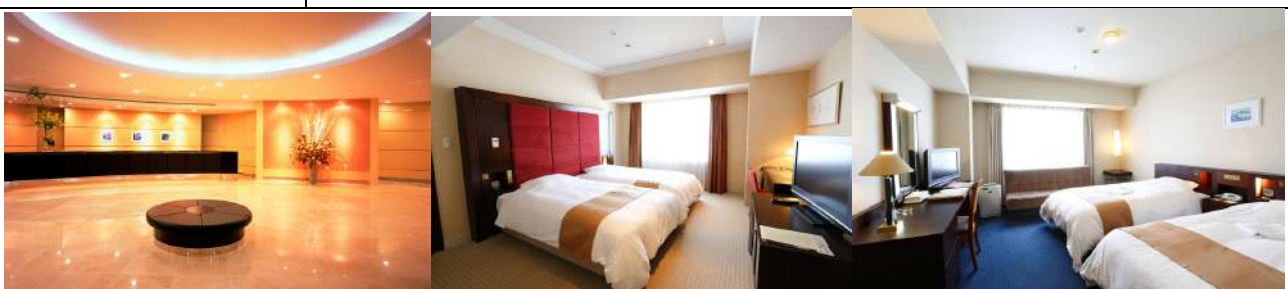
Secondary Hotel ・Area Chiba Chuo Station

Keisei Hotel Miramare

The ompetition venue, Chiba Port Arena, is approximatel a 14-minute walk from the hotel. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel. Please be advised that room rates may fluctuate depending on the time of year. For the most current rates, kindly refer to the following website.



Location	15-1, Honchibacho. Chuo-ku, Ciba-shi, Chiba
inquiry	TEL: 043-222-2111 FAX: 043-222-3510 E-mail : stay@miramare.co.jp
Access	<p>Directory connected to Chiba Chuo Station on the Keisei Line. An 8-minute walk from JR Chiba Station.</p> <p>Access time from major transportation hubs:</p> <p>Narita Airport: 75 minutes by limousine bus to Chiba Chuo Station, or 45 minutes by JR Narita Line rapid service. Change to the Keisei Line at Chiba Station or walk.</p> <p>Haneda Airport: 70-100 minutes by limousine bus to Chiba Chuo Station.</p> <p>Tokyo Station: 38 minutes by JR Sobu Rapid Line. Change to the Keisei Line at Chiba Station or walk to Chiba Chuo Station</p>
Website	http://www.miramare.co.jp





Secondary Hotel ・Area Chiba Chuo Station

Hotel Shuranza CHIBA

The competition Venue, Chiba Port Arena, is approximately an 11-minute walk from the hotel. Please be advised that J.K.G.A. does not provide transportation for this event. Guests are requested to make their own travel arrangements. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel. Kindly note that room rates may fluctuate depending on the time of year. For the most current rates, please refer to the following website.



Location	2-6-18, Shinjuku, Chuo-ku, Chiba-shi, Chiba
Inquiry	TEL : 043-216-2201 FAX : 043-216-2223 E-MAIL : info@hotelshuranza-chiba.jp
Access	2-minute walk from Chiba Chuo Station and a 10-minute walk JR Chiba Station.
Website	https://hotelshuranza-chiba.jp/





Secondary Hotel ・Area Chiba Station

Daiwaronet Hotel Chiba Ekimae

It takes approximately 19 minutes to reach the competition venue (Chiba Port Arena) by train and on foot from the hotel. Please make a reservation directly with the hotel. Rates vary depending on the season, so please check the following website for details.



Location	1-1-14, Fujimi, Chuo-ku, Chiba-shi, Chiba
Inquiry	TEL:043-202-4755 FAX:043-202-4756
Access	A 3-minute walk from the East Exit of JR Chiba Station, a 3-minute walk from the central Exit of Chiba Urban Monorail Chiba Station, and a 5-minute walk from the West Exit of Keisei Chiba Station
Website	https://www.daiwaroynet.jp/chibaekimae/





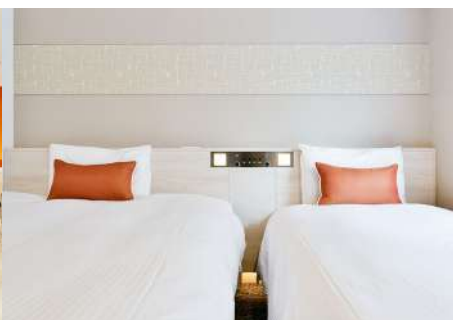
Secondary Hotel ・Area Chiba Station

Vessel Inn Chiba

It takes approximately 18 minutes to reach the competition venue (Chiba Port Arena) by train and on foot from the hotel. Please make a reservation directly with the hotel. Rates vary depending on the season, so please check the following website for details.



Location	1-12-3, Fujimi, Chuo-ku, Chiba-shi, Chiba
Inquiry	TEL:043-306-1181 FAX:043-306-1182
Access	4-minute walk from the East Exit of JR Chiba
Website	https://www.vessel-hotel.jp/inn/chiba/





6. Miscellaneous

Mascot Character Introduction

“Reinya”

Introducing the mascot character.

Reinya, a white cat karateka who loves Goju-ryu karate, values the fundamentals and principles of karate.

Her specialties include paw block and cat stance!



Gogen Yamaguchi Shihan who teaches Nekoashidachi

• Mascot Character Concept:

In preparation for “The 8th Karate-do Goju-Kai Global Championship Japan 2025,” it was decided to base the mascot character on a cat. This decision stemmed from the fact that the founder, Master Gogen Yamaguchi, was often referred to as “The Cat” due to his agility reminiscent of a feline. Hence, the mascot character was determined to be a cat.

Additional Information

※Details regarding the entry fee and competition rules for the upcoming tournament will be announced in the 3rd Britain Tournament Information.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need further information.

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