



**QUALIFICATION AND
COMPETITION SYSTEM
WKF TEAM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
2024**

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1. INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL OUTLINE

1.1 Introduction

This document outlines the format of the WKF Team World Championships. A total of 80 teams can qualify with limitation per Continental Federation. WKF Team World Senior Championships (TWSCH) Competition System is composed by the Group Phase (Round-robin, R-r), Semi-Finals and medal matches. Each category will be awarded 1 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze.

This document is issued to summarize the format of the competition event, and do not supersede or replace the WKF Competition and Ranking Rules.

1.2 Competition Days

Phases	Days	Tatamis
Group Phase, Semi-Finals	2 days	4 tatamis
Medal bouts	1 day	1 tatami

1.3 Participation

Teams		
Last TWSCH	16	4 First qualified x 4 Categories
NF Host	4	1 Team x 4 Categories

Continental Federation	Teams	Continental Championships
EKF	20	5 First qualified x 4 Categories (gold, silver, 2 bronze and 5 th that lost to gold)
AKF	12	3 First qualified x 4 Categories (gold, silver and bronze that lost to gold)
PKF	12	3 First qualified x 4 Categories (gold, silver and bronze that lost to gold)
UFAK	12	3 First qualified x 4 Categories (gold, silver and bronze that lost to gold)
OKF	4	1 First classified x 4 Categories (gold only)
Previous World Championships	16	4 First classified x 4 Categories
NF Host	4	1 Team x 4 Categories
TOTAL	80	

Continental Championships must be celebrated at least 30 days before the Team World Senior Championships.

1.4 Team Modalities, Category, & Composition

	Team Kata	Team Kumite
Male	4 Athletes per team (3 + 1 sub)	6-8 Competitors per team (5 + 1 compulsory sub. + max. 2 optional subs.)
Female	4 Athletes per team (3 + 1 sub)	4-5 Competitors per team (3 + 1 compulsory sub. + max. 1 optional sub)

In kumite the men's team must consist of minimum 6, and maximum 8, Competitors.

In kumite the woman's team must consist of minimum 4, and maximum 6, Competitors.

2. QUOTA ALLOCATION AND SUBSTITUTIONS

2.1 Criteria, Selection Order & Substitutions

Allocation Criteria Order			Selection Order		Substitution
1	Last Team World Senior Championships		1	Gold Medalist	Continue the line of Event results of the last Team World Championships according to Section 2.2
			2	Silver medalist	
			3	Bronze medalist who lost against the gold medalist	
			4	Bronze medalist who lost against the silver medalist	
2	Continental Championships (CCh)	EKF	5	Gold Medalist	Continue the Line of Event Results of the last Continental Championships according to Section 2.2
			6	Silver Medalist	
			7	Bronze Medalist who lost against the gold medalist	
			8	Bronze Medalist who lost against the silver medalist	
			9	5th Place Medalist who lost against the Gold Medalist	
		1 AKF, 1 PKF, 1 UFAK	12	3 Gold Medalist (AKF-PKF-UFAK)	
			15	3 Silver Medalist (AKF-PKF-UFAK)	
			18	3 Bronze Medalist who lost against the gold medalist (AKF-PKF-UFAK)	
		OKF	19	1 Gold Medalist	
3	Host		20	1 NF Team per modality/Category	If any Host NF team is already qualified by Team World- or Continental Championships, then follow the Line of Event Results as per Section 2.2

2.2 Substitutions: Line of Event Results

The substitution of an allocation criteria in **section 2.1** follows the line of the event results in accordance with the following order:

- Second Qualified: Silver Medalist
- Third Qualified: Bronze Medalist who lost against the gold medalist
- Fourth Qualified: Bronze Medalist who lost against the silver medalist
- Fifth Qualified: Fifth position who lost against the gold medalist
- Sixth Qualified: Fifth position who lost against the silver medalist
- Seventh Qualified: Seventh position who lost against the gold medalist
- Eighth Qualified: Seventh position who lost against the silver medalist
- Ninth Qualified: Ninth position who lost against the gold medalist
- Tenth Qualified: Ninth position who lost against the silver medalist

In case there is no team in the Continental Championships or all the teams from the Continental Championships declines to participate, the place will be replaced following the competition line of the event result in the last Team World Championships.

2.3 Kata replacement system in case of the two bronze medals come from the group of the gold medal winner

Ranking Round Pool 1	Ranking Round Pool 2	Final			
#1 in Pool 1	#1 in Pool 2	#1 in Pool 1	#1 in Pool 2	Gold	#1 in Pool 1
#2 In Pool 1	#2 in Pool 2			Silver	#1 in Pool 2
#3 in Pool 1	#3 in Pool 2				
#4 in Pool 1	#4 in Pool 2				
#5 in Pool 1	#5 in Pool 2				
#6 in Pool 1	#6 in Pool 2				
#7 in Pool 1	#7 in Pool 2				
#8 in Pool 1	#8 in Pool 2				
		Bronze finals			
		#2 in Pool 1	#3 in Pool 2	Bronze	#2 in Pool 1
		#2 in Pool 2	#3 in Pool 1	Bronze	#3 in Pool 1
		Replacement list			
					#2 in Pool 2
					#3 in Pool 2
					#4 in Pool 1
					#4 in Pool 2
					#5 in Pool 1
					#5 in Pool 2
					#6 in Pool 1
					#6 in Pool 2
					#7 in Pool 1
					#7 in Pool 2
					#8 in Pool 1
					#8 in Pool 2

2.4. Kata replacement system in case of the two bronze medals come from the group of the silver medal winner

Ranking Round Pool 1	Ranking Round Pool 2	Final			
#1 in Pool 1	#1 in Pool 2	#1 in Pool 1	#1 in Pool 2	Gold	#1 in Pool 1
#2 In Pool 1	#2 in Pool 2			Silver	#1 in Pool 2
#3 in Pool 1	#3 in Pool 2	Bronze finals			
#4 in Pool 1	#4 in Pool 2	#2 in Pool 1	#3 in Pool 2	Bronze	#2 in Pool 2
#5 in Pool 1	#5 in Pool 2	#2 in Pool 2	#3 in Pool 1	Bronze	#3 in Pool 2
#6 in Pool 1	#6 in Pool 2				
#7 in Pool 1	#7 in Pool 2				
#8 in Pool 1	#8 in Pool 2				
Replacement list					#2 in Pool 1
					#3 in Pool 1
					#4 in Pool 1
					#4 in Pool 2
					#5 in Pool 1
					#5 in Pool 2
					#6 in Pool 1
					#6 in Pool 2
					#7 in Pool 1
					#7 in Pool 2
					#8 in Pool 1
					#8 in Pool 2

3. THE COMPETITION SYSTEM

3.1 The Draw

A draw will define the Groups' composition. The gold, silver, bronze medallists as well as the team that lost to the bronze medallists from the previous edition of the TWSCH will be seeded 1, 2, 3, 4, respectively, and assigned to a predetermined group as can be seen in **Table 1**. The rest of the teams will be randomly seeded from 5 to 20 and randomly assigned to groups.

Table 1: Seeding by Groups

Seeding by Groups		
Group	Seed Number	Allocation
Group 1	3	Bronze Medalist Previous TWSCH (1 ^o bronze)
Group 2	2	Silver Medalist Previous TWSCH
Group 3	4	Fourth Position in Previous TWSCH (2 ^o Bronze)
Group 4	1	Gold Medalist Previous TWSCH
Group 5 - 20	5 – 20	Random

Table 1: The Top 4 seeded athletes and the predetermined group

4. GROUP PHASE (R-r)

4.1 Team & Group Composition

There will be a total of 20 teams divided into 4 groups resulting in 5 teams per group.

Table 2: Team Composition

Team Composition				
Modality	Category	Team (per match)	Back-up substitutes	Total
Kata	Female	3	1	4
	Male	3	1	4
Kumite	Female	3	1-2	4-5
	Male	5	1-3	6-8

Table 2: The team composition showing the total number of Competitors that can make up the team and its reserves.

4.2 Kumite Specifications

4.2.1 Bout Order

A match is defined as one team vs another where a certain number of bouts are performed to determine the match winner. It is obligatory to perform all 5 bouts in Male Kumite and 3 bouts in Female Kumite of each match in the Group Phase to resolve ties, except in the Semi Finals and Final matches.

Note that in round-robin all bouts must be fought even if a team has secured victory by number of bouts won. This to maximize total number of scored points as a potential differentiator in winning the group.

4.2.2 Victory Points per Match – Kumite

The teams will receive the following number of points per match:

- 3 victory points in the case of victory.
- 1 victory point in the case of tie.
- 0 victory points in case of loss.

Victory points are points scored for obtaining victories in the round-robin group phase of the competition.

4.2.3 Results & Tiebreaking – Kumite

When the Group Phase concludes, the Team with the highest number of victory points derived from Matches won will be the Group Winner.

In the case of a tie between two or more teams, the Group Winner will be defined following the next criteria in order of precedence:

- 1) The winner of the match between the teams.
- 2) The highest number of bouts won in the group.
- 3) Largest number of all point scored in all matches.
- 4) Lowest number of all points against in all matches.
- 5) Largest number of all Ippon scored in all matches.
- 6) Lowest number of all Ippon against in all matches.
- 7) Largest number of all Waza-ari scored in all matches.
- 8) Lowest number of all Waza-ari against in all matches.
- 9) An additional bout between 1 athlete from each team allowing Hantei.

For each pair of Teams compared, the criteria must be considered from the beginning of the list.

4.2.4 Video Review Cards - Kumite

A Coach may only use one Video Card per bout.

Men:

- Teams will have three VR card per match in the Group
- Teams will have three VR card for the Semi-Finals.
- Teams will have three VR card for the Medal-Bouts.

Women:

- Teams will have two VR card per match in the Group Phase
- Teams will have two VR card for the Semi-Finals.
- Teams will have two VR card for the Medal-Bouts.

4.3 Kata Specifications

4.3.1 Victory Points per Match – Kata

The teams will receive the following number of points per match:

- 3 victory points in the case of victory.
- 0 victory points in case of loss

Victory points are points scored for obtaining victories in the round-robin group phase of the competition.

4.3.2 Results and Tiebreaking - Kata

When the Group Phase concludes, the Team with the highest number of victory points derived from Matches won will be the Group Winner.

In the case of a tie between two or more teams, the Group Winner will be defined following the next criteria in order of precedence:

- 1) The winner of the match between the teams in tie.
- 2) Sum of all votes received in all matches.
- 3) Extra match performing a new kata.

For each pair of Teams compared, the criteria must be considered from the beginning of the list.

5. SEMI- FINALS & MEDAL MATCHES

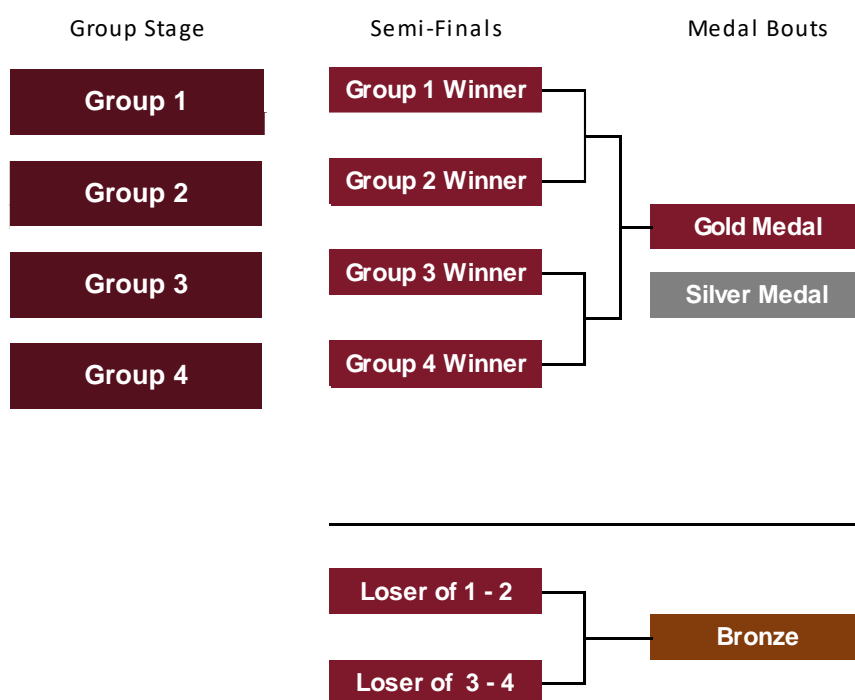
5.1 Qualification to the Semi-Finals

After the Group Phase, the Group Winners passes to the Semi-Finals where the bout winners head to the Finals and the losers head to the bronze medal match.

The winner of the finals receives the gold medal while the loser receives a silver medal. The winner of the bronze match will take bronze while the losing team is not awarded a medal.

In the medal matches Bunkai is performed.

5.2 Brackets



Bracket 1: The flow from the Group Phase to semi-finals and the finals with 1 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze.

