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2026 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

JULY 16, 17, & 18

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Arizona Grand Resort & Spa

8000 Arizona Grand Parkway, Phoenix, Arizona 85044



COMPETITORS MUST HAVE CONFIRMATION OF THEIR ROOM RESERVATIONS AT ARIZONA GRAND RESORT (877-800-4888 –Mention Group Code USKA or use the official World Championships reservation link at www.uskaratealliance.com) TO RECEIVE PRE-REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS BY JUNE 26th.

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Dear Instructor and Competitor,

On behalf of the United States Karate Alliance, it is our distinct honor to formally invite you to participate in the 2026 USKA World Championships.

This prestigious event brings together outstanding martial artists from across the nation and around the world to compete in an atmosphere that upholds the highest standards of excellence, respect, and sportsmanship. The USKA World Championships represents more than a tournament — it is a gathering of dedicated competitors, instructors, and families who share a commitment to the traditions and values of martial arts.

Competitors will have the opportunity to showcase their skills in forms, weapons, sparring, and specialty divisions, while building lasting friendships and strengthening the unity of our martial arts community. Our officials and experienced staff are committed to providing a professionally organized, fair, and inspiring championship experience.

We welcome martial artists of all ages, ranks, styles and organizations to join us for this exceptional event. Whether your goal is to earn a world title, gain valuable competition experience, or represent your school and lineage with pride, the USKA World Championships is the stage where preparation meets opportunity.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2026 USKA World Championships!

Respectfully,

Catherine Davis, 9th Dan
Co-National Director
United States Karate Alliance

Buster Cotten, 8th Dan
Co-National Director
United States Karate Alliance



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2026 USKA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

JULY 16, 17 & 18, 2026

Located at the ARIZONA GRAND RESORT & SPA

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY

3:00PM – 5:00PM
7:00PM – 9:00PM

JULY 15, 2026

Tournament Registration
Chittim-Jordan Roll of Honor Meeting

THURSDAY

8:00AM – 5:00PM
9:00AM - 11:30AM
11:00AM – 12:30PM
12:30PM – 3:00PM
4:00PM – 5:00PM
7:30PM – 11:00PM

JULY 16, 2026

Tournament Registration
Self-Defense/Ippon Kumite
Chanbara
Kobudo/Weapons
Referee/Score Keeper Seminar
Alliance Hall of Fame Meeting

FRIDAY

8:00AM – 5:00PM
9:00AM – 10:30PM
10:30AM – 5:00PM

7:30PM – 11:30PM

JULY 17, 2026

Tournament Registration
Team Kata & Team Weapons
Individual Kata Competition (Starting with Adult Black Belt Competition) & Master Phillip Koepfel Trias Cup
National Awards Banquet

NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET

Top 10 winners in the National Points Competition will receive National Bushido Awards for the 2025-2026 point season. Each winner must be preregistered by the cut-off date of July 5, 2026 to receive award.

SATURDAY

8:00AM – 5:00PM
10:00AM – 5:30PM
7:00PM - 11:30PM

JULY 18, 2026

Tournament Registration
Individual Kumite Competition
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

*****WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS*****

Grand championship Kata competition in all divisions. First & Second place Kumite competition in all divisions. Black Belt Kata, Kumite & Weapons Grand Champion and Team Competition.

WORLD CLASS TROPHIES, MEDALLIONS & AWARDS

Beautiful World Championship trophies in all traditional weapons, kata & kumite divisions. Medallions for Fourth Place. World Class Medallions awarded in Chanbara, Self-Defense, Ippon, Team Kata & Team Weapons events.

EIGHT ADULT & YOUTH GRAND CHAMPIONS

Adult Black Belt Men & Women Kumite, Kata, and Weapons, Adult Kyu Weapons/Forms (winners of 2 weapons & 6 forms divisions), Youth Weapons (winners of beginner and advanced divisions), Youth Beginner Kata (winners of 8 beginners), Youth Intermediate/Advanced Kata (winners of 11 divisions).

MASTER PHILLIP KOEPEL TRIAS CUP COMPETITION

The United States Karate Alliance has been granted the privilege of hosting the Master Phillip Koepfel Trias Cup. The Trias Cup competition was initiated in 2000 by Master Phillip Koepfel to honor his instructor, Grandmaster Robert A. Trias. This event is restricted to Black Belt kata divisions. The Master Phillip Koepfel Trias Cup will be held on Friday, July 17, 2026.

MANDATORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Foam head gear, hand gear, foot gear, mouth guard and male groin protector.

WEIGHT DIVISION & SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Men's Black Belt

Heavyweight 200# & Over
Lt. Heavyweight 180# - 199#
Middleweight 160# - 179#
Lightweight 159# & Under

Women's Black Belt

Middleweight 141# & Over
Lightweight 140# & Under

Men's Kyu (Below Black Belt)

Heavyweight 170# & Over
Lightweight 169# & Under

ENTRY & ADMISSION FEES

COMPETITORS – Preregister and enter any team & specialty event for \$25 each (USKA members \$20 each). Preregistered Competitors must have reservation at the Arizona Grand Resort. All competitors preregistered by July 5, 2026 will receive discounted entry and preferential bracketing in Kata eliminations. Cashier's check or money orders for preregistration. Cash only on day of event. NO REFUNDS.

ONLY PRE-REGISTERED ALLIANCE MEMBERS

AT THE DOOR & NON-MEMBERS

ONE EVENT.....\$95.....\$105
TWO EVENTS.....\$105.....\$115
THREE EVENTS.....\$115.....\$120

Additional team and specialty event fee below – Traditional (1-3 Events) entry fees apply if only Specialty Events are entered. Preregistered USKA members pay only \$20 per specialty and team event entered. Non-members \$25.00.

TEAM EVENTS (Per member).....\$20.....\$25
SELF-DEFENSE.....\$20.....\$25
IPPON KUMITE.....\$20.....\$25
CHANBARA.....\$20.....\$25

SPECTATORS

ADULTS.....\$15.00 One Day.....\$25.00 Two-Three Days
CHILDREN (Under 12).....\$10.00 One Day.....\$20.00 Two-Three Days

FINALS

FINALS ADMISSION FEE.....\$20

NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET.....\$59 Adult \$35 Child
Adult dinner includes: garden salad, entrée (steak and potato), with seasonal vegetable, roll with butter, dessert and iced tea. Children (12 and under) dinner includes: chicken finger, fries, carrots, cookies, lemonade and iced tea. Preregister to guarantee your reserved seating. Winners must be preregistered by July 5, 2026 to receive National Points Award.

VIDEO PASS

Single \$35.00 fee for One Day to Three Days. (Includes elimination spectator fee. Does not include finals)

ENTRY & ADMISSION FEE

Send **CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDERS** made payable to *United States Karate Alliance, Inc* with preregistration form to: U.S. Karate Alliance: 425 Sandy Acres Drive, Quitman LA 71268 or register online at: WWW.USKARATEALLIANCE.COM

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ARIZONA GRAND RESORT

**8000 SOUTH ARIZONA GRAND PARKWAY,
PHOENIX, AZ 85044 (HOTEL DEADLINE JUNE 26, 2026)**

1-877-800-4888 (group code USKA World Championships)

or reserve online at

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EVENTS & DIVISIONS

SELF-DEFENSE THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026 (9:00AM)

Youth Division

5yrs & Under
Youth 6 & 7yrs
Youth 8-10yrs
Youth 11-13yrs

Adult Divisions

Black Belt (M/F)
Adult Kyu (2)
Young Adult 14-17yrs

WEAPONS/KOBUDO THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026 (12:00-3:00PM)

Adult 7 Division

Black Belt Master (5th Dan/40yrs & up)
Black Belt Men
Black Belt Men Exec (4th Dan below/40yrs & up)
Black Belt Women (under 40yrs)
Black Belt Women Exec (4th Dan/40 yrs below & up) (2)
Adult Kyu Men
Adult Kyu Women

Youth 8 Divisions

Teen (14-17yrs) (2)
Youth (10-11yrs) (2)
Youth (12-13yrs) (2)
9yrs & under (2)

IPPON (1 POINT) SPARRING THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026 (9:00AM-11:30PM)

6 Adult Divisions

Black Belt (2)
Kyu Men Beg & Adv (2)
Kyu Women Beg & Adv (2)

12 Youth Divisions: (Beg & Adv)

Young Men & Women (16-17yrs) (4)
Teen Boys & Girls (14-15yrs) (4)
Junior Boys & Girls (12-13yrs) (4)
Youth Boys & Girls (10-11yrs) (4)
Youth Boys & Girls (8-9yrs) (4)
Youth (6-7yrs) (2)
(5 & under) (1)

MEN

Black Belt Masters (5th Dan/40yrs & up)
Black Belt Men Exec (4th Dan below/40yrs & up)
Black Belt Men (Japanese/Okinawan Style)
Black Belt Men (Korean Style)
Black Belt Men (Chinese Style)
Black Belt Men (American Open Style)
Brown Belt Men
Colored Belt Men
Yellow/White Belt Men

WOMEN

Black Belt Women Exec (40yrs & up)
Black Belt Women
Brown Belt Women
Colored Belt Women
Yellow/White Belt Women

YOUTH

Young Men & Women (16-17yrs)
Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

YOUTH

Teen Boys Advanced (14-15yrs)
Teen Boys Intermediate
Teen Boys Beginning
Teen Girls Advanced (14-15yrs)
Teen Girls Beginning
Junior Advanced (12-13yrs)
Junior Intermediate
Junior Beginning
Youth (10-11yrs) Advanced
Youth (10-11yrs) Intermediate
Youth (10-11yrs) Beginning
Youth (8-9yrs) Advanced
Youth (8-9yrs) Intermediate
Youth (8-9yrs) Beginning
Youth (6-7yrs) Advanced
Youth (6-7yrs) Intermediate
Youth (6-7yrs) Beginning
Youth (5 & under)

CHANBARA (FOAM WEAPONS) THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026 (11:00AM-12:30PM)

24 Youth Divisions

Adult Black Belt (1)
Adult Kyu (18 & up) (1)
Beg & Adv Young Men & Women (16-17yrs) (4)
Beg & Adv Teen Boys & Girls (14-15 yrs) (4)
Beg & Adv Junior Boys & Girls (12-13yrs) (4)
Beg & Adv Youth Boys & Girls (10-11yrs) (4)
Beg & Adv Youth Boys & Grils (8-9yrs) (4)
Youth Boys & Girls (6-7 yrs) (2)
(5 & under) (1)

KUMITE SPARRING SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026 (10:00-5:30PM)

Mandatory foam safety gear (head, hands, feet), mouth guard, male groin protector in all individual and team sparring divisions. All youth (17 yrs & below) 1st & 2nd place sparring matches will take place in the World Championship Finals on Saturday Night.

TEAM KATA & TEAM WEAPONS FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026 (9:00-10:30PM)

Team Kata (3 Person)

Adult Black Belt
Adult Kyu
Youth (2)

Team Weapons (3 Person)

Adult Black Belt
Adult Kyu
Youth (2)

MEN

Black Belt Master (5th Dan & up/40yrs & up)
Black Belt Men Hvy
Black Belt Lt. Hvy
Black Belt Middle
Black Belt Light
Black Belt Exec. (4th Dan below/40yrs & up)
Brown Belt Men
Colored Belt Men
White/Yellow Belt Men
Kyu Executive (40yrs & up)

WOMEN

Black Belt Women Middle
Black Belt Women Light
Black Belt Exec. (40yrs & up)
Brown Belt Women
Colored Belt Women
White/Yellow Belt Women

YOUTH

Young Men Advanced (16-17yrs)
Young Men Beginning
Young Women Advanced (16-17yrs)
Young Women Beginning

YOUTH

Teen Boys Advanced (14-15yrs)
Teen Boys Intermediate
Teen Boys Beginning
Teen Girls Advanced (14-15yrs)
Teen Girls Intermediate
Teen Girls Beginning
Junior Boys Advanced (12-13yrs)
Junior Boys Intermediate
Junior Boys Beginning
Junior Girls (12-13yrs) Advanced
Junior Girls Beg & Inter
Youth Boys (10-11yrs) Advanced
Youth Boys (10-11yrs) Beg & Inter
Youth Girls (10-11yrs) Advanced
Youth Girls (10-11yrs) Beg & Inter
Youth Boys (8-9yrs) Advanced
Youth Boys (8-9yrs) Beg & Inter
Youth Girls (8-9yrs) Advanced
Youth Girls (8-9yrs) Beg, Inter
Youth (6-7yrs) Advanced
Youth (6-7yrs) Beg & Inter
Youth (5yrs & under)

MASTER PHILLIP KOEPPPEL TRIAS CUP COMPETITION

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026

(Immediately after below black belt individual forms competition)

Adult Black Belt Kata Competition Only

MEN

Black Belt Masters (5th Dan & Above)
Black Belt Men (Japanese/Okinawan)
Black Belt Men (Korean Style)
Black Belt Men (Chinese/Soft Style)
Black Belt Men Exec (over 40yrs/4th Dan & below)

WOMEN

Black Belt Women (under 40yrs)
Black Belt Women Exec (over 40yrs)

2025 USKA WORLD GRAND CHAMPION WINNERS

**Black Belt Men Kumite
Champion
Adrian Galvan**



**Adult Kyu Kata
Champion
Mackenzie Boutwell**



**Black Belt Women Kumite
Champion
Angel Blade**



**Advanced Youth Weapons & Kata
Champion
Brody Cotten**



**Black Belt Weapons & Kata
Champion
Scott Shook**



**Beginner Youth Kata
Champion
Florencia Saguas**



SELF DEFENSE COMPETITION

Thursday, July 16, 2026 9:00AM. Registration Fee \$25.00

The 2026 World Karate Championships is offering unarmed self-defense competition featuring youth and adult self-defense divisions beginning at 9:00AM on Thursday July 16, 2026. Beautiful world class medallions will be awarded to 1st – 4th place winners. The self-defense techniques are executed against front and rear grabs and punches and kicks. Each competitor performs 5 self-defense combinations not to exceed 2 minutes duration.

IPPON (ONE POINT) KUMITE COMPETITION

Thursday, July 16, 2026, 9:00AM – 11:30AM - Registration Fee: \$25.00

The 2026 World Karate Championships will feature Ippon (One Point) Kumite competition on Thursday, July 16, 2026. The winner will be determined by the competitor who scores the first point verified by all the ring judges. Beautiful world class medallions awarded to 1st-4th place winners. All of the youth divisions will feature beginning and advance divisions of competition.

CHANBARA COMPETITION (FOAM WEAPONS)

Thursday, July 16, 2026 11AM - Registration Fee: \$25.00

A novel sparring division for the 2026 World Karate Championships will feature 20 foam weapons divisions beginning at 11:00AM on Thursday, July 16, 2026. This will be single elimination competition. Beautiful world class medallions will be awarded to 1st – 4th place winners. Adopted Alliance rules: 2 minutes—5 points win.

TEAM KATA & TEAM WEAPONS COMPETITION

Friday, July 17, 2026, 9:00AM – 10:30AM – Registration Fee: \$25.00

The 2026 World Karate Championships will feature separate Team Kata and Weapons competition on Friday, July 17, 2026. Teams will be comprised of 3 members and will be scored based on their synchronized performance of kata and weapons form. Beautiful world class medallions will be awarded to 1st-4th place winners.

**2026 UNITED STATES KARATE ALLIANCE
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
OFFICIAL PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**



All competitors pre-registered by July 5, 2026, will receive preferential bracketing in Kata (bottom half of tournament eliminations if possible) Seeded competitors must pre-register.

Competitors must have room reservations at the Arizona Grand Resort to receive pre-registration benefits.

Room Confirmation #: _____ (Resort cut-off date June 26, 2026)

Seeded Competitor: Indicate final first, second or third place positions in national points:

KATA _____ **KUMITE** _____ **WEAPONS** _____

Please indicate the divisions you wish to enter by circling the event and writing the name of each division.

EVENTS	DIVISIONS	EVENTS	DIVISIONS
Kumite (Sparring) _____	_____	Team Kata _____	_____
Kata (Forms) _____	_____	Team Weapons _____	_____
Kobudo (Weapons) _____	_____	Self-Defense _____	_____
Ippon (One Point) Kumite _____	_____	Chanbara _____	_____

NAME: _____ M/F: _____ AGE: _____ DOB: _____
 BELT RANK _____ YEARS _____ MONTHS _____ IN MARTIAL ARTS _____
 ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____
 ZIP _____ PHONE: _____ Email: _____
 INSTRUCTOR (name/email) _____ KARATE SCHOOL: _____

I understand that karate is a contact sport. As such, I am aware that I am participating in an activity that involves physical contact and injuries may occur, which may potentially involve great bodily harm or even death and I do so at my own risk. I waive any claim or cause of action I may have against the United States Karate Alliance, Inc., its officers, shareholders, officials, judges, other competitors, and the Arizona Grand Resort & Spa from any and all damages, claims, or lawsuits resulting from either injury to myself, or that may be caused by others, from my participation in the Alliance World Tournament or any of the Alliance Seminars. I state that I do not suffer from any physical and/or mental conditions which may affect my participation in this tournament. I further agree to conduct myself in a sportsmanlike manner and understand that if I fail to do so, I may be disqualified from the tournament and not entitled to a refund. The undersigned (or undersigned's legal guardian) agrees that any photos or videos taken of the undersigned during this event may be used by the United States Karate Alliance in its promotional materials or on its website with no compensation or other remuneration due to the undersigned and the undersigned hereby waives any claims they may have against the United States Karate Alliance for the use of such photos or videos.

DATE _____ SIGNATURE OF CONTESTANT (or guardian if under 18) _____

COMPETITORS FEES: (PRE-REGISTER FOR ALL TRADITIONAL, TEAM & SPECIALITY EVENTS: \$150.00)

USKA MEMBERS PRE-REGISTER AND ENTER ALL EVENTS FOR \$150.00

TRADITIONAL EVENTS: (Includes Kata, Kumite, Weapons)

- ONE=\$95.00 • TWO=\$105.00 • THREE=\$115.00

PREREGISTERED USKA MEMBERS pay \$20.00 per speciality and team events entered Total: _____
 (Specialty Events – Traditional Event Fees Apply if Only Event Entered)

SPECIALTY EVENTS: (Self-defense, Chanbara & Ippon) Per Event \$20.00 Total: _____

TEAM EVENTS: (Team Kata and Team Weapons) EACH EVENT PER MEMBER: \$20.00 Total: _____

PRE-REGISTERED USKA MEMBERS pay \$20.00 per speciality and team events entered

NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS: Adult \$59 each: _____ Child \$35 _____ Total: _____

Competitors ranked in the top 10 in the national points competition must be pre-registered in order to receive their National Bushido Awards.

SPECTATOR ADMISSION: **Video Recording, 1-3 Days \$35.00** Total: _____

Adults \$15.00 one day _____ \$25.00 two - three days _____ Total: _____

Children \$10.00 one day _____ \$20.00 two - three days _____ Total: _____

Finals Admission \$20.00 _____ Total: _____

NATIONAL AWARD PLAQUES: All competitors pre-registered may order the Top 10 National Award

Certificates custom mounted on a beautiful plaque for a fee of \$35.00 per plaque. Number of plaques _____ Total: _____

The plaques will be presented at the National Awards Banquet. Competition award plaques \$35.00 _____ Total: _____

Name _____ Division _____ Place _____ Total _____

Enclosed _____

SEND CASHIERS CHECK OR MONEY ORDERS MADE PAYABLE TO UNITED STATES KARATE ALLIANCE, INC.

WITH PRE-REGISTRATION FORM TO: UNITED STATES KARATE ALLIANCE, INC - 425 SANDY ACRES DR.

QUITMAN, LA 71268

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT INFORMATION BELOW

CC#: _____ / _____ / _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____ / _____ CCV: _____

ZIP CODE: _____ PHONE #: _____

CARD HOLDER NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION GO TO: WWW.USKARATEALLIANCE.COM (Pre-registration deadline July 5, 2026)

2026 NATIONAL BUSHIDO AWARDS BANQUET

The United States Karate Alliance will host it's Annual National Awards Banquet on Friday evening July 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the South Mountain Ballroom. This prestigious event provides us the opportunity to recognize the top 10 nationally ranked competitors in tournament competition and present those with their National Champion Bushido Award for 2025-2026 point season. All top 10 competitors must be pre-registered by July 5, 2026 to receive their Bushido Award. Adult dinner includes: garden salad, entrée (steak and potato), with seasonal vegetable, roll with butter, dessert and iced tea. Children (12 and under) dinner includes: chicken finger, fries, carrots, cookies, lemonade and iced tea.

For more information contact
Buster Cotten: bacotten@hotmail.com

TOURNAMENT SITE & HOTEL RESERVATIONS

ARIZONA GRAND RESORT & SPA • 8000 SOUTH ARIZONA GRAND PARKWAY • Phoenix, Arizona 85044

Call Toll Free 1-877-800-4888 (group code: **USKA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026**)

Make your reservations now and request the group rate for the 2026 United States Karate Alliance World

Championships to secure the special room rates of ONLY \$145.00, plus tax.

Call toll free 1-877-800-4888 by June 26, 2026 to guarantee your reservations at the discounted rate.

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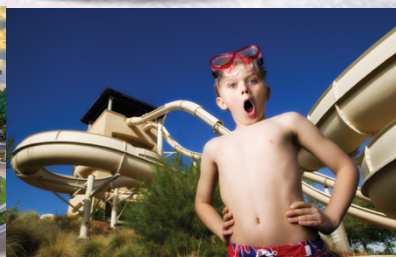
SCAN TO EARLY REGISTER AND TO MAKE RESERVATIONS TODAY!!!

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