

Basic Policy for Hosting The 3rd Okinawa Karate World Tournament

The purpose of holding The Okinawa Karate World Tournament is to create a place where Okinawa karate enthusiasts from all over the world can gather in “Okinawa, the birthplace of karate” to deepen exchanges, and to properly preserve and pass on the techniques and spirit of Okinawa karate that have been systematized and passed down to the present day by the karate pioneers in Okinawa, and to promote the future of Okinawa karate.

1 Tournament Name

The official name of the tournament held in 2026 shall be "The 3rd OKINAWA KARATE WORLD FESTIVAL ~ DEMONSTRATION and TOURNAMENT 2026 ~".

2 Basic Policy

- (1) The tournament will be held mainly by the Okinawa Karate World Tournament Executive Committee in cooperation with related institutions and organizations under the cooperation and responsibility of each ryuha/kaiha (school) of Okinawa karate.
- (2) The tournament shall take advantage of the characteristics of Okinawa karate as systematized in the prefecture.
- (3) We will carry out various projects necessary for the dissemination, succession and development of Okinawa karate and the creation of a hub for exchanges with karate enthusiasts in Japan and abroad.
- (4) The tournament shall contribute to the promotion of international exchange and tourism in Okinawa by introducing the traditional culture and rich natural environment of Okinawa Prefecture to the participants.
- (5) The tournament shall contribute to the development of internationally-minded human resources.

3 Event Overview

- (1) Competitions: Boys and girls (aged 6 to 14, as of April 1, 2026)
- (2) Demonstrations: General (aged 15 and above, as of April 1, 2026)
- (3) Seminars
- (4) Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- (5) Exchange Events
- (6) Other events appropriate to the purpose of the basic policy

4 Organizers

Okinawa Karate World Tournament Executive Committee, Okinawa Prefecture, Okinawa Dento Karatedo Shinkokai

5 Supporters

Support will be requested from government agencies, prefectural municipalities, local media companies, and other relevant entities.

6 Duration

The duration of the tournament shall be no more than 9 days, including reserve days, from late July to early August 2026.

7 Venue

The tournament will be held at the Okinawa Convention Center, Okinawa Karate Kaikan, or other venues that have the necessary facilities and parking for holding the tournament.

8 Operational system

For the preparation and implementation of the event, related organizations/groups such as Okinawa Prefecture, Okinawa Dento Karatedo Shinkokai, local economic organizations, media, and others, organize the Okinawa Karate World Tournament Executive Committee and operate the tournament.