



KARATE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA



ABSTRACT

The Karate Federation of Nigeria conducted the Karate event at the 22nd National Sports Festival (OGUN 2024) on Wednesday, 21st to Sunday 25th May, 2025 at the Civic Center, Obafemi Awolowo Square, Ikenne, Ogun State.



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**KARATE FEDERATION OF
NIGERIA**

REPORT ON 22nd NATIONAL SPORTS FESTIVAL OGUN 2024 [KARATE]



KARATE EVENTS

M-INDIVIDUAL KATA

F - INDIVIDUAL KATA

M-TEAM KATA

F - TEAM KATA

INDIVIDUAL KUMITE

INDIVIDUAL KUMITE

M-60KG

F - 50KG

M-60KG

F - 50KG

M-60KG

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M-60KG

F - 50KG

M-TEAM KUMITE

F - TEAM KUMITE

DATE AND LOCATION

21ST – 25TH MAY, 2025

**CIVIC CENTER, OBAFEMI AWOLOWO SQUARE
IKENNE – OGUN STATE**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Karate event of the 22nd National Sports Festival was held at the Civic Centre of the Obafemi Awolowo Square, Ikenne, Ogun State from the 21st to 25th of May, 2025.

There was a total of **233 entries** from **28 states**. With the Onsite registration, only **193 competitors** were accredited from **26 States**, One (1) Athletes were disqualified from one states (Ogun State for Under-Age offence).

The twenty- six (26) states that participated in the 22nd National Sports Festival include: ***Abia, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Bauchi, Bayelsa, Borno, Cross Rivers, Delta, Edo, Ekiti, FCT, Gombe, Imo, Jigawa, Kaduna, Katsina, Kwara, Lagos, Nasarawa, Niger, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Oyo, Rivers and Sokoto states.*** The two states whose athletes did not show up for accreditation include Kano and Zamfara states.

Male	Female
20 competed in the Individual Kata;	16 competed in the Individual Kata;
14 competed in the Team Kata;	08 competed in the Team Kata;
24 competed in the male -60kg;	15 competed in the male -50kg;
21 competed in the male -67kg	12 competed in the male -55kg
18 competed in the male -75kg;	11 competed in the male -61kg;
14 competed in the male -84kg	12 competed in the male -68kg
19 competed in the male +84kg;	12 competed in the male +68kg
13 competed in the Team Kumite;	14 competed in the Team Kumite;

From the total of **238 matches** that took place, medalists emerged from **14 states out of the 26 states** that featured competitors. Out of the Six Geo-Political Regions in Nigeria, only four had at least one medalist. (Except the North East and North West Region), showing relatively, the growing popularity, spread and strength of Karate-do across Nigeria.

The National Sports Commission (NSC), had requested to the Federation to invite the National and Local Technical officials. States were advised to come with **Qualified Accompany Referees** to meet up the short fall for Technical Officials.

A Technical/ Coaches Certification Course was held to put the latest World Karate Federation competition rules on the burner for a strict enforcement at the National Sports Festival.

Furthermore, the latest ICT Software Technology in combination with the WKF Event Management System was deployed at the event to assist the officiating. With emphasis on Video Review.

The Coaches Association brought a Protest on an Underage player from Ogun State, against the eligibility to participate in the Senior Category championship. Subsequently, Ayodele Rahmot was disqualified from participation. Her registration as an athletes in the Federation's Senior Championships falls prey to the WKF Rules and regulations.

INTRODUCTION

The Game of Karate was one of the featured sports at the 22nd Edition of the National Sports Festival held at Civic Centre of the Obafemi Awolowo Square, Ikenne, Ogun State from the 21st to 25th of May, 2025. This presentation includes a detailed report of the Karate event, which was organized by the Karate Federation of Nigeria (KFN).

KFN EVENT OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the program were as follows:

1. To organize a Karate event that is closely aligned with World Karate Federation international standards.
2. To organize an event that is fair and seen to be fair to all participants.
3. To screen and further shortlist promising talents with enhance Ranking to the National Camp in preparation for the 2025 UFAK African Karaate Championship to be held in Abuja , July, 2025.
4. To observe and continuously put our Accredited Coaches/Referees on their toes and developmental stride.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

TIME	PROGRAM SCHEDULES	VENUE
Tuesday 20th May, 2025		
10.00am – 01.00pm	Stakeholders Meeting	Civic Centre, OAS
Wednesday 21st May, 2025		
08.00am – 09.30am	(NKCA) Association Meeting	Civic Centre, OAS
10.30am – 12.00noon	Registration for Coaches Upgrading Course & State Coaches Screening	Civic Centre, OAS
12.00pm – 3.30pm	Coaches Certification Kumite Course – Theory	OAS Upstairs
04.00pm – 05.00pm	Coaches Certification Kata Course – Theory	OAS Upstairs
Thursday 22nd May, 2025		
08.00am – 04.00pm	Weigh In (All categories)	OAS Upstairs
08.00am – 10.30am	Coaches Certification Kata/Kumite – Practical	
11.30am – 01.00pm	Kumite Theory Examination & Accreditation Renewal	Ditto
04.00pm – 05.30pm	KFN Coaches Certification 2025 (Examination Results) & Award of Coaches Tag	Ditto
04.00pm – 06.00pm	NKRC Referees/Judges Briefing	OAS Upstairs
Friday 23rd May, 2025		
08.30am – 10.30am	Accredited Coaches Meet & Draws	OAS Upstairs
10.30am – 11.30am	Referees & Tatami Managers Briefing	Ditto
COMPETITION PROGRAM		
12.00pm – 02.00pm	Individual Kata (Male & Female)	OAS Main Hall
02.00pm – 03.00pm	Team Kata (Male & Female)	Ditto
04.00pm – 6.00pm	Individual Kumite Male: -60kg & Female: -50kg	Ditto
Saturday 24th May, 2025		
09.00am – 12noon	Individual Kumite Male: -67kg, -75kg & Female: -55kg, -61kg	OAS Main Hall
Break Period		
01.00pm – 04.00pm	Individual Kumite Male: -84kg, +84kg & Female: -68kg, +68kg	Ditto
Sunday 25th May, 2025		
08.00am – 10.30am	Team Kumite Female	OAS Main Hall
11.00am – 02.30pm	Team Kumite Male	Ditto
Break Period		
Closing Ceremony for Karate Event		
04.00pm – 05.00pm	Medals & Certificate Presentation	Ditto
Good will Messages		

GENERAL INFO & PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

Divisions

F – Ind & Team Kata
F -50kg, -55kg, -61kg, -68kg & +68kg
M - Ind & Team Kata
M -60kg, -67kg, -75kg, -84kg & +84kg

General Weigh-in

8.00am – 02.00pm
Civic Centre OAS
22nd May

Draws

05.00pm – 07.00pm
Civic Centre OAS
22nd May

No of Athletes

	Entries	Weighed In	DSQ	Qualified
F - Ind & Team Kata	24	NA	-	24
F - 50kg, -55kg, -61kg, -68kg & +68kg	84	84	1	83
M - Ind & Team Kata	34	NA	-	34
M -60kg, -67kg, -75kg, -84kg & +84kg	109	109	-	109
	227	193	1	-

COMPETITION INFORMATION

Ranking Used

No Ranking

Seeding

Seeding

VR Quota

Yes - Camera

Score Board

2 per Mat

No of Referees

33 (19)

Draws

Published Immediately – 22nd May. 2025

Statistics of Participating States

Statistics Description	Number of Teams	Teams
Passed Weigh-In and Competed	28	Abia, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Bauchi, Bayelsa, Borno, Cross Rivers, Delta, Edo, Ekiti, FCT, Gombe, Imo, Jigawa, Kaduna, Katsina, Kwara, Lagos, Nasarawa, Niger, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Oyo, Rivers and Sokoto states.
Athletes who were disqualified during accreditation	1	Ogun State
Did not Show Up in Ogun 2024	(2)	Kano and Zamfara States.

PICTORIAL



NKRC Referee/Judges



(KFN) ICT in Action





MEDALISTS

Here are the medalists for the Karate event at the 8th National Youth Games, 2024

1. Senior Individual Kata (Female)

S/NO	Name	DRM	State	Result
1	Ngozi Okoro	2040	Rivers State	Gold
2	Elizabeth Oghenewogaga	1043	Dela State	Silver
3	Ibeh Nancy Chinenye	2895	Lagos State	Bronze
4	Juliet Ikeh	3082	Abia State	Bronze

2. Senior Individual Kata (Male)

S/NO	Name	DRM	State	Result
1	Oluwaseun Olorunbe	4434	FCT-Abuja	Gold
2	Bright Ebenezer Achinike	3135	Abia State	Silver
3	Ismail Omoniyi Adeyemo	5371	Ogun State	Bronze
4	Idris Abdullahi	2003	Rivers State	Bronze

3. Senior Team Kata (Male)

S/NO	State	Name of Athletes	DRM	Result
1	FCT-Abuja	Olorunbe Oluwaseun, Taiwo Fagboro, Kehinde Fagboro & Bobby Ogene	4434, 4426. 4430 & 4432	Gold
2	Lagos State	Abbey Taiwo Ahmed, Richard Onipede Qazeem, Ahmad Oloyede Olawale	2887, 2894 & 2885	Silver
3	Delta State	Emmanuel Nweke, David Agbolade, Hakeem Bello & Joseph Omu	1037, 1028 & 10797, 1047	Bronze
4	Edo State	Ifijen Gracious, Osaghae, Jimoh Bright & Bright Aransomwan	7066, 9253, 6589 & 6600	Bronze

4. Senior Team Kata (Female)

S/NO	State	Name of Athlete	DRM	Result
1	Rivers State	Nwankwo Ujunwa, Okoro Ngozi, Chiadikaobi Chinaemerem & Nwankwo Amarachi	2049, 2040, 2043 & 2034	Gold
2	Delta State	Nkechi Okeke, Omotayo Olayinka, Nwankwo Chizoba & Godfirst Sampson	1020, 1050, 1038 & 1045	Silver
3	Abia State	Juliet Ikeh, Zainab Adulsalam, Hauwa Adulsalam & Esther Paul	3082, 6997- 6960 & 11209	Bronze
4	Edo State	Chukwuemeka Gift, Okafor Gift, Hollandia Iliasu	7070, 9038, 7090 & 7094	Bronze

5. Senior -50kg (Female)

S/NO	Name	DRM	State	Result
1	Chukwuemeka Gift	7070	Edo State	Gold
2	Chizoba Nwankwo	1038	Delta State	Silver
3	Ngozi Okoro	2040	Rivers State	Bronze
4	Edak Bassey Ekpeyoung	3611	Oyo State	Bronze

6. Senior -55kg (Female)

S/NO	Name	DRM	State	Result
1	Godfirst Sampson	1045	Delta State	Gold
2	George Elizabeth	7603	Bayelsa State	Silver
3	Juliet Ikeh	3082	Abia State	Bronze
4	Mmesoma Rita Okoroji	7398	Anambra State	Bronze

7. Senior -61kg (Female)

S/NO	Name	DRM	State	Result
1	Chinenye Ibeh	2895	Lagos State	Gold
2	Constance Abode	2026	Rivers State	Silver
3	Eunice Okoye	10750	Ogun State	Bronze
4	Daniel Christabel Ochanya	3355	Nasarawa State	Bronze

8. Senior -68kg (Female)

S/NO	Name	DRM	State	Result
1	Rita Ogene	4425	FCT-Abuja	Gold
2	Blessing Onyeme	5765	Delta State	Silver
3	Patience Offiong	4148	Akwa Ibom State	Bronze
4	Sarah Chidinma Ochuba	3599	Oyo State	Bronze

9. Senior +68kg (Female)

S/NO	Name	DRM	State	Result
1	Ujunwa Nwankwo	2049	Rivers State	Gold
2	Chioma Ani	3596	Oyo State	Silver
3	Jaachi Ugochukwu	1044	Delta State	Bronze
4	Ogochukwu Gift Okafor	9038	Edo State	Bronze

10. Senior -60kg (Male)

S/NO	Name	DRM	State	Result
1	Saidu Ahmed	2017	Rivers State	Gold
2	Albert Light	1052	Delta State	Silver
3	Hamza Muntari	3342	Nasarawa State	Bronze
4	Kingsley Eno Udoh	3556	Cross River State	Bronze

11. Senior -67kg (Male)

S/NO	Name	DRM	State	Result
1	Rustum Francis	3552	Cross River State	Gold
2	Shittu Sulaimon	1040	Delta State	Silver
3	Mubarak Mohammad	2031	Rivers State	Bronze
4	Uchenna Nwaonu	7401	Anambra State	Bronze

12. Senior -75kg (Male)

S/NO	Name	DRM	State	Result
1	Olorunbe Oluwaseun	4434	FCT-Abuja	Gold
2	Ridwan Olaleye	1030	Delta State	Silver
3	Prince Bassey Usani	3554	Cross River State	Bronze
4	Felix Abode	1996	Rivers State	Bronze

13. Senior -84kg (Male)

S/NO	Name	DRM	State	Result
1	Israel Jegede	4433	FCT-Abuja	Gold
2	Joseph Omu	1047	Delta State	Silver
3	Emmanuel Okpokiri	3123	Abia State	Bronze
4	Triumphant Ifijen	6614	Edo State	Bronze

14. Senior +84kg (Male)

S/NO	Name	DRM	State	Result
1	Wilkinson Agbeishoma	7075	Edo State	Gold
2	Hope Adele	1033	Delta State	Silver
3	Bobby Ogene	4432	FCT-Abuja	Bronze
4	Chibuzor Nwanchukwu	5809	Imo State	Bronze

15. Senior Team Kumite (Male)

S/NO	State	Name of Athletes	DRM	Result
1	Rivers State	Abode Felix, Saidu Ahmad, Kingsley Fineface, Emmanuel Ogbuagu, Jaja Macgold, Idris Abdullahi & Mubarak Muhammad	1996, 2017, 2011, 2056, 2010, 2003 & 2031	Gold
2	FCT-Abuja	Bobby Ogene, Israel Jegede, Olorunbe Oluwaseun, Lekan Adeleke, Benjamin Onobu, Tosin Mustapha & Fagboro Taiwo	4432, 4433, 4434, 4436, 4428, 4426 & 4426	Silver
3	Cross Rivers State	Samuel Chibuike, Kingsley Eno Udoh, Rustum Francis, Prince Bassey Usani & Dickson G.. Dickson	3546, 3556, 3553, 3554 & 3558	Bronze
4	Delta State	Hope Adele, David Omotayo, Ridwan Adeleke, Joseph Omu, Shittu Sulaimon, Albert Light & Akinlolu James	1033, 1028, 1030, 1047, 1040, 1052,& 4213	Bronze

16. Senior Team Kumite (Female)

S/NO	State	Name of Athletes	DRM	Result
1	Delta State	Godfirst Sampson, Blessing Onyema, Jaachi Ugochukwu & Elizabeth Oghenevwogaga	1045, 5765, 1044 & 1043	Gold
2	Rivers State	Ujunwa Nwankwo, Chinemerem Jennifer, Constance Abode & Amarachi Nwankwo	2049, 2043, 2026 & 2034	Silver
3	FCT-Abuja	Ruth Omani, Rita Ogene, Harriet Fongoh & Kelly Neh	11103, 4425,4424 & 4420	Bronze
4	Oyo State	Chioma Ani, Ochuba Sarah & Edak Bassey	3596, 3599 & 3611	Bronze

MEDAL TABLE

Below is the medal table for the Karate event of the 22nd National Sports Festival – OGUN 2024

S/N	Position	Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Team No of Medals
1	1st	Rivers State	5	2	4	11
2	2nd	FCT-Abuja	5	1	2	8
3	3rd	Delta State	2	9	3	14
4	4th	Edo State	2	-	4	6
5	5th	Lagos State	1	1	1	3
6	6th	Cross River	1	-	3	4
7	7th	Abia State	-	1	4	5
8	8th	Oyo State	-	1	3	4
9	9th	Bayelsa State	-	1	-	1
10	10th	Anambra State	-	-	2	2
11		Nasarawa State	-	-	2	2
12		Ogun State	-	-	2	2
13	13 th	Imo State	-	-	1	1
14	14 th	Akwa Ibom	-	-	1	1
15	15 th	Borno State	0	0	0	
16		Sokoto State	0	0	0	
17		Osun State	0	0	0	
18		Ondo State	0	0	0	
19		Jigawa State	0	0	0	
20		Bauchi State	0	0	0	
21		Kwara State	0	0	0	
22		Gombe State	0	0	0	
23		Ekiti State	0	0	0	
24		Kaduna State	0	0	0	
25		Katsina State	0	0	0	
			16	16	32	

RECORD BREAKING ATHLETES

The passion and quality of Karate displayed at the 22nd National Sports Festival was very impressive, and clearly showed the amount of work Coaches around the country are putting in to develop Karate athletes at the grassroots.

Of the 193 Athletes that competed, Six (6) had been discovered to have set records in this year's event. These Athletes name would be submitted to the Elites Athletes Department of the National Sports Commission (NSC). These discovered Athletes should be monitored and supported.

The names are as follows:

S/N	Record Breaking Athlete	Category	State
1	OLUWASEU OLORUNBE (MOST OUTSTANDING)	Individual/Team Kata & -75KG	FCT-ABUJA
2	RITA OGENE	-68KG	FCT-ABUJA
3	GODFIRST SAMPSON UKOHA	-55KG	DELTA STATE
4	SAIDU AHMED	-60KG	RIVERS STATE
5	UJUNWA NWANKWO	+68KG	RIVERS STATE
6	ISRAEL JEGEDE	-84KG	FCT-ABUJA

CHALLENGES

- 1. No provision for Karate Electronic System:** There were no budgetary plans for the provision of critical Karate ICT/Electronic officiating equipment and personnel. The Federation resorted to self-help.
- 2. Insufficient number of Invited Officiating Referees:** Technical officials allocated for Karate were usually not enough. This caused a huge strain on the referees on Conflict of Interest.

CONCLUSION

The Karate event at the 22nd National Sports Festival was successfully completed without hitches. According to most participants, it was fair, transparent, organized and timely. The event achieved its purpose of providing a platform for exposing our Karate players to a high-level competitive experience and in the process discover the most promising amongst them.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Increase Number of Invited Referees: The NSF is an ideal tournament to further develop and grooming of our National Referees. Inadequate officiating officials had been the bane in the NSF. Increasing the number of officiating officials would help to ameliorate this and simultaneously allows much rotation that keeps the referees sharp and agile.

This low number of Referees had always put so much strain on the organizing and meeting the standards stipulated. Karate Technical Officials include: the Referee/JUDGES, the ICT experts/Personnel and the Technical/Organising



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