

March Madness National Karate Championships Divisions

5 Events: Kata; Weapons; Self Defense; Chanbara; Sparring

Kata – 27 Divisions

5yr & under	(Kyu Ranks)
6-year-old	(Kyu Ranks)
7-8-year-old	(Novice; Intermediate+Advanced)
9-10-year-old	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
11-12-year-old	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
13-17-year-old	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
18-34-year-old	(Novice; Advanced)
35+ Executive	(Novice; Advanced)
Handicapable	(All Ranks/Ages)
Junior Black Belt	(12yr & under; 13-14; 15-17-year-old)
Black Belt Female	(18-34; 35-42-year-old; 43+ Senior)
Black Belt Male	(18-34; 35-42-year-old; 43+ Senior)

Weapons – 26 Divisions

5yr & under	(Kyu Ranks)
6-year-old	(Kyu Ranks)
7-8-year-old	(Novice; Intermediate+Advanced)
9-10-year-old	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
11-12-year-old	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
13-17-year-old	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
Adult Kyu Ranks	(18-34-year-old; 35+ Executive)
Handicapable	(All Ages/Ranks)
Junior Black Belt	(12yr & under; 13-17-year-old)
Black Belt Creative	(17yr & under; 18+ Adult)
Black Belt Female	(18-34; 35-42-year-old; 43+ Senior)
Black Belt Male	(18-34; 35-42-year-old; 43+ Senior)

Self Defense – 20 Divisions

5yr & under	(Kyu Ranks)
6-year-old	(Kyu Ranks)
7-8-year-old	(Novice; Intermediate+Advanced)
9-10-year-old	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
11-12-year-old	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
13-17-year-old	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
Adult Kyu Ranks	(18-34-year-old; 35+ Executive)
Junior Black Belt	(12yr & under; 13-17-year-old)
Adult Black Belt	(18-42-year-old; 43+ Executive)
Handicapable	(All Ages/Ranks)

Chanbara – 23 Divisions

5yr & under	(Kyu Ranks)
6-year-old	(Kyu Ranks)
7-8-year-old	(Novice; Intermediate+Advanced)
9-10-year-old	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
11-12-year-old	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
13-14-year-old	(Novice+Intermediate; Advanced)
15-17-year-old	(Novice+Intermediate; Advanced)
Adult Kyu Ranks	(18-34-year-old; 35+ Executive)
Junior Black Belt	(12yr & under; 13-17-year-old)
Adult Black Belt Female	(18-34-year-old; 35+ Executive)
Adult Black Belt Male	(18-34; 35-42-year-old; 43+ Senior)

Sparring – 51 Divisions

5yr & under Kyu Ranks	(Small; Tall)
6-year-old Kyu Ranks	(Small; Tall)
7-8-year-old Female	(Novice; Intermediate+Advanced)
7-8-year-old Male	(Novice; Intermediate+Advanced)
9-10-year-old Female	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
9-10-year-old Male	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
11-12-year-old Female	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
11-12-year-old Male	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
13-14-year-old Female	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
13-14-year-old Male	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
15-17-year-old Female	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
15-17-year-old Male	(Novice; Intermediate; Advanced)
18-34-year-old Female	(Novice; Advanced)
18-34-year-old Male	(Novice; Advanced)
35+ Executive Female	(Novice; Advanced)
35+ Executive Male	(Novice; Advanced)
Junior Black Belt Female	(12yr & under; 13-17-year-old)
Junior Black Belt Male	(12yr & under; 13-14; 15-17-year-old)
Black Belt Female	(18-34; 35-42-year-old; 43+ Senior)
Black Belt Male 43+	(Large Division Split)
Black Belt Male 35-42	(Large Division Split)
Black Belt Male 18-34	(Light; Middle; Heavy Weight)

Division Splits:

• 3 Splits—Novice; Intermediate; Advanced

- Novice—1st 1/3 of Belt System
- Intermediate—2nd 1/3 of Belt System
- Advanced—3rd 1/3 of Belt System
- Example: 10 Kyu Ranks
 - Novice—10th Kyu –7th Kyu
 - Intermediate—6th Kyu –4th Kyu
 - Advanced—3rd Kyu –1st Kyu

• 2 Splits—Novice; Advanced

- Novice—1st 1/2 of Belt System
- Advanced—2nd 1/2 of Belt System
- Example: 9 Kyu Ranks
 - Beginner—9th Kyu –5th Kyu
 - Enhanced—4th Kyu –1st Kyu



***Note: Intermediate+Advanced = Intermediate Ranks and Advanced Ranks

***Note: Novice+Intermediate = Novice Ranks and Intermediate Ranks

Mandatory Gear:

Weapons – Max height of Bo is 6' weapons must be made of solid material, no hollow weapons, weapons must be safe, no live or sharp blades.

Self Defense – Both Competitor and Attacker MUST wear head gear. Cannot turn any weapon on Attacker.

Chanbara – Must have own helmet with facemask and foam sword. Max sword length is 40"

Sparring – Must have own vinyl or foam dipped feet, hand, and headgear, mouthpiece, and groin protector for males.

For the complete, up-to-date Rule Book please visit:

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These divisions are subject to change throughout the year, based on number of competitors per division. Divisions with less than 4 competitors are subject to be combined so that there is adequate competition. Large divisions may be split in a manner that will yield approximately 2 equal divisions. The promoter and head tournament coordinators have the final say. For the most current divisions that will be ran at this tournament visit <http://americankarateboardman.com/march-madness/>

