

International Karate Organization Kyokushinkaikan Presents

The 4th World Weight Category Championships

2009 Women's World Karate Championships

2009 The 5th International Youth Karate Tournaments

2009 International Senior Karate Tournaments

2009 International Kata Karate Competitions

2009 World Youth Karate Championships

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It is our pleasure to announce HONBU received over 1.500 entries for our championships event from Branch Chiefs all over the world including from Japanese branches. Several hundred of enthusiastic supporters will also travel to Japan adding more excitement to this highly expected and truly unique international karate festival hosted by IKO Kyokushinkaikan, President Kancho Shokei Matsui. IKO HONBU would like to thank all fighters, supporters, instructors along with IKO Branch Chiefs for strong support. To make this event successful, it is HONBU's requests for each branch chief to carefully check and confirm FIGHTER'S LIST and submit HOTEL reservation to HONBU in duly time.

- 1) FIGHTER'S LIST ---- Many errors were found. Date of birth and registered category discrepancies and invalid photos were most common errors made on-line registration. You will receive a current list of your team from HONBU next week so that you can check each fighter's registration status and make collection or cancellation if necessary. Cancellations or make changes before June 12th will be valid but NO 'NEW' entry will be permitted. Any cancellation or changing category after June 12th will not be accepted and full amount of entry fee will apply.
- 2) HOTEL RESERVATION ---- Room shortage in the Official Hotels may cause some inconvenience for participants due to High Holiday season according to JTB Travel agent. JTB Travel Agent would like to receive an accurate HOTEL Reservation Request Form from branch chiefs via HONBU as early as possible in order to secure enough rooms and beds under Kyokushin Group. (Please read and fully aware of hotel reservation procedures and cancelling policies)
- 3) BLACK BELT EXAMINATION for 3rd Dan and up ---- HONBU will offer black Belt examination on August 24th (Mon.) for qualified members who currently hold 2nd Dan or above. If you have members interested in taking the black belt test, please ask HONBU for qualification. (Time and place will be announced later.)
- 4) TOURNAMENT TICKET---- All participants will receive a complementary ticket (Reserved Ticket-A , 2nd floor) for the Men's 4th World Weight Category Championships upon check-in / weigh-in. Discounted tickets are now on sale, please inquiry HONBU by e-mail for more details.
- 5) Official BUS to Makuhari Messe Event Hall ----- HONBU provide one way bus from each of four official hotels to venue for all fighters, officials and supporters on August 21st & 22nd for free of charge. Men's World Weight fighters and seconds as well as top 4 fighters and their seconds from the World Youth Elite + Women's World who advanced to the final rounds will be transported by official BUS on August 23rd from Metropolitan Hotel Only. No BUS from Makuhari to Ikebukuro will be available for the entire tournament period. Please use the public transportations.

Should you have any questions, please send e-mail to j.hibino@kyokushin.co.jp

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