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OFFICIAL BULLETIN

**20TH EGKF CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**KARATE GOJU-RYU**

**SOUMAGNE (LIÈGE) BELGIUM**  
CENTRE SPORTIF DE SOUMAGNE  
PLACE DE LA GARE, 1

**14 / 17 SEPTEMBER 2023**

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Belgium, 20 March 2023

## OFFICIAL INVITATION

Dear Goju friends,

It is with enormous illusion and pleasure that I welcome you all at Soumagne for our 20<sup>th</sup> EGKF Goju-ryu Championship. A city that from the end of the 19th century and until the 1960s, flourished due the numerous coal mines and a large Cooperative factory and that, since then had to endure its transformation due to the end of coal mining. Mines are long closed and cleaned residences and shopping areas Gave place.

It is this endurance characteristic I would like to recall. As a matter of fact, we should have been here some years ago, but COVID pandemic prevented us for coming and postponed this Championship in Belgium Wallonia. And I want to underline postponed, since I always gave my personal guarantee that we would not skip the Championship in Belgium and that we would return as soon as situation allowed it. And here we are for our 20th Championship.

Some words of gratitude for those who stood and preserve this dream, above all the organizers Senseis Pieter Harms and Ali Azizi and of course the continuous support of the FFKAMA - Fédération Francophone de Karaté et des Arts Martiaux Associés. My thanks and gratitude must be extended to all the other who helped us being here.

It is a pleasure to meet all our friends in Soumagne again, and allow me to extend a big hug to our Ukrainian friends that will join us here in spite of the terrible war of invasion moved against their country.

Goju-ryu really move mountains' as we usually say.



Humberto Nuno de Oliveira

President of World and European Goju-ryu Karate Federation

Officer of the Order of the Crown of the Kingdom of Belgium



Dear Goju Ryu friends,

I welcome you to this 20th European Goju Ryu Championships in Soumagne, Belgium.

We are very happy and proud to be able and to organize this championship. It took a lot of effort after the difficult corona period, but thanks to the efforts of Ali Azizi sensei and his team, we succeeded. Thank you very much.

When I took this initiative thirty years ago, as one of the founders of the EGKF, there were only five countries. Now we have grown to 26 countries with different Goju Ryu systems.

This growth is due to all of you, you have sent your best athletes to the championships and thus contributed and the growth and prominence of our EGKF. I sincerely hope that we can continue to build on this and further promote our beloved Goju Ryu style.

Many thanks for your commitment and you're coming to our hospitable Belgium for this wonderful EGKF Goju Ryu championship. May the best ones win.



Pieter Harms

- President of BOGA
- President IOGKO
- Treasurer EGKF-WGKF



The organizing committees and I have the distinct honor of inviting Goju-Ryu karatekas from all over Europe to the 20th edition of the EGKF European Championship.

This prestigious event will take place from September 14th to 17th, 2023, in Soumagne, a charming city in the province of Liège, Belgium.

This year, the European Championship coincides with the 24th anniversary of the founding of Ali Azizi's dojo and Goju-Ryu Karate in the Wallonia region of Belgium. That's why Goju-Ryu Karate Do Kuyukai Belgium makes it a duty to organize this exceptional event with the utmost care, in order to offer an unforgettable experience to all participants, whether they are athletes, coaches, officials, family and spectators.

The small town of Soumagne, located in the heart of Belgium, provides an ideal setting for hosting this prestigious tournament. We are committed to making every effort to ensure that visitors from all over Europe are received under the best possible conditions and can fully enjoy this celebration of karate and Belgian culture.

We sincerely hope that you will respond favorably to our invitation and that you will join us in celebrating this unforgettable moment. We look forward to welcoming you to Soumagne city for a memorable event.



Ali AZIZI 7. Dan

- President, Belgium Goju-Ryu Karate Do Kuyukai
- Goju-Ryu Kuyukai Europe



Welcome to Soumagne!

The municipality of Soumagne is located on the outskirts of the city of Liège. It has 9 villages and 17,300 inhabitants. Very close to the German and Dutch borders, its privileged geographical position makes it a top destination for discovering our bordering countries.



Located in the very heart of the «Pays de Herve», famous for its bocage landscapes and local products, whose reputation is well-established, Soumagne is also rich in a mining past that has contributed to its economic and social development. Several vestiges of this glorious era are still present, such as the magnificent Belle-Fleur, a listed monument, or the richly wooded slag heaps.

Besides to a very pleasant living environment with many agricultural areas, Soumagne offers its citizens an intense associative and sports life of which the Sports Center is one of the driving forces. For 4 days, it will welcome you to practice your favorite sport in quality facilities.

We are fortunate to have among our sports clubs, the Goju-Ryu Karate of Soumagne, created in 2005 and boasting no less than 100 members. And thanks to its President Ali Azizi, we will host the 20th European Goju Ryu Karate Championship in a few months. His dynamism and the investment of the entire club have made this organization possible. We will do our best to ensure that you fully enjoy your sports stay with us and feel at home.

Karatedo wa rei ni hajimari, rei ni owaru koto wo wasuru na. – “Don’t forget that karate begins and ends with respect”, is the motto of karate. In addition to this respect, an essential quality in life, the values conveyed by this discipline are also essential to give a taste for sports and the desire to surpass oneself:

kindness, courtesy, generosity, humility, loyalty, friendship, courage, dignity, sincerity, serenity, honor, perseverance, or self-mastery.



We wish you an excellent stay in Soumagne, the European capital of karate from September 14 to 17!

Benjamin HOUET

- Mayor of Soumagne



Accommodation:

HQ Hotel:

Globales Post Hotel Wellness Liège – Hotels Globales  
Rue Hurbise 160, 4040 Herstal, Belgique



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This hotel offers a wonderful Spa for those who want to relax their mind and body as well as a gym for staying in shape. The Globales Post & Wellness Hotel is popular amongst Formula 1 lovers due to its close proximity to the Formula 1 Circuit known as Spa-Francorchamps, one of the oldest and most loved race circuits in the Formula 1 calendar.



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

- **EVENT DATE:** From September the 14<sup>th</sup> to September the 17<sup>th</sup>
- **VENUE:** Soumagne, BELGIUM
- **TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION:** The Organizing Committee is responsible for and full control of the technical organization of the Karate competition, in consultation with the international technical delegates when necessary.
- **DRAWING OF LOTS:** The drawing of lots will be conducted by officials appointed by the Organizing Committee. The draws will be computerized.
- **DRESS CODE:** All contestants and team officials (coaches, managers, etc.), Referees and judges must wear the prescribed uniforms according to the WGKF recommendations.

## SCHEDULES AND EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITIES	PROGRAM	PLACE
Until September the 13 <sup>th</sup>	Arrival of National Teams		
Thursday, September the 14 <sup>th</sup>	Registration Check (10:00-17:00) All teams must proceed with the registration. Referee Course (check appendix 1) Coach Course	Registration Referee course, Examination Stage kumite with World Champion Jasem Vishgaei and Diego Vandeschrik (17:30 -20h-:30)	Soumagne Sports center
Friday, September the 15 <sup>th</sup>	Competition day 1 (9:00-18:00) Open Ceremony (18:00 – 19:00). All teams must be present for official country representation and photo.	All categories kata, kumite , team Seniors,U21, Masters , para karate (Male, female)	Soumagne Sports center
Saturday, September the 16 <sup>th</sup>	Competition day 2 (9:00-18:00) Sayonara Party (20:00 – 01:00)	All categories kata, kumite , team Cadets (U16) Juniors (U18) (Male, female)	Soumagne Sports center
Sunday, September the 17 <sup>th</sup>	Competition day 3 (9:00-18:00) Closing Ceremony	All categories kata, kumite , team U14, U12, U10, (Male, female)	Soumagne Sports center

The Victory Ceremonies shall be held after competition of every 5/8 categories.

## General Rules:

- The judgement will be done by flags.
- WKF rules will be applied for the categories of CADETS, JUNIORS and SENIORS, following the mandatory protocols.
- U14 Kumite, will be mandatory the use of protections, Teeth, gloves, shin, foot and the use of helmet will be mandatory, the organization will supply the helmets on location.

THE PROGRAM MAY UNDERGO VARIATIONS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS.





ALL PARTICIPATING TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING ALONG THEIR OWN COUNTRY FLAG AND NATIONAL ANTHEM.



## OFFICIAL CATEGORIES

## Kata Individual

CATEGORIES	AGE FROM	AGE TO	SEX	EUR	LIMIT TEAM
KATA CHILDREN [8-9] FEMALE	8	9	F	35	6
KATA CHILDREN [8-9] MALE	8	9	M	35	6
KATA KIDS [10-11] FEMALE	10	11	F	35	6
KATA KIDS [10-11] MALE	10	11	M	35	6
KATA MINICADETS [12-13] FEMALE	12	13	F	35	6
KATA MINICADETS [12-13] MALE	12	13	M	35	6
KATA CADET [14-15] FEMALE	14	15	F	35	3
KATA CADET [14-15] MALE	14	15	M	35	3
KATA JUNIOR [16-17] FEMALE	16	17	F	35	3
KATA JUNIOR [16-17] MALE	16	17	M	35	3
KATA U21 [18-20] FEMALE	18	20	F	35	3
KATA U21 [18-20] MALE	18	20	M	35	3
KATA SENIOR [16+] FEMALE	16	99	F	35	3
KATA SENIOR [16+] MALE	16	99	M	35	3
KATA VETERAN [35+] FEMALE	35	99	F	35	3
KATA VETERAN [35+] MALE	35	99	M	35	3
KATA MASTERS [45+] FEMALE	45	99	F	35	3
KATA MASTERS [45+] MALE	45	99	M	35	3
KATA GRAND MASTERS [55+] FEMALE	55	99	F	35	3
KATA GRAND MASTERS [55+] MALE	55	99	M	35	3
KATA GRAND MASTERS [65+] FEMALE	65	99	F	35	3
KATA GRAND MASTERS [65+] MALE	65	99	M	35	3
KATA BLIND-VISUALLY IMPAIRED [16+] FEMALE	16	99	F	35	3
KATA BLIND-VISUALLY IMPAIRED [16+] MALE	16	99	M	35	3
KATA LEARNING DISABILITIES [16+] FEMALE	16	99	F	35	3
KATA LEARNING DISABILITIES [16+] MALE	16	99	M	35	3
KATA WHEELCHAIR USER [16+] FEMALE	16	99	F	35	3
KATA WHEELCHAIR USER [16+] MALE	16	99	M	35	3

## Kumite Individual

CATEGORIES	AGE FROM	AGE TO	SEX	EUR	LIMIT TEAM
KUMITE CHILDREN [8-9] FEMALE -27KG	8	9	F	35	6
KUMITE CHILDREN [8-9] FEMALE -32KG	8	9	F	35	6
KUMITE CHILDREN [8-9] FEMALE +32KG	8	9	F	35	6
KUMITE CHILDREN [8-9] MALE -27KG	8	9	M	35	6
KUMITE CHILDREN [8-9] MALE -32KG	8	9	M	35	6
KUMITE CHILDREN [8-9] MALE +32KG	8	9	M	35	6
KUMITE KIDS [10-11] FEMALE -37KG	10	11	F	35	6
KUMITE KIDS [10-11] FEMALE -45KG	10	11	F	35	6
KUMITE KIDS [10-11] FEMALE +45KG	10	11	F	35	6
KUMITE KIDS [10-11] MALE -36KG	10	11	M	35	6
KUMITE KIDS [10-11] MALE -43KG	10	11	M	35	6
KUMITE KIDS [10-11] MALE +43KG	10	11	M	35	6



CATEGORIES	AGE FROM	AGE TO	SEX	EUR	LIMIT TEAM
KUMITE MINICADETS [12-13] FEMALE -42KG	12	13	F	35	6
KUMITE MINICADETS [12-13] FEMALE -48KG	12	13	F	35	6
KUMITE MINICADETS [12-13] FEMALE +48KG	12	13	F	35	6
KUMITE MINICADETS [12-13] MALE -40KG	12	13	M	35	6
KUMITE MINICADETS [12-13] MALE -45KG	12	13	M	35	6
KUMITE MINICADETS [12-13] MALE -50KG	12	13	M	35	6
KUMITE MINICADETS [12-13] MALE -55KG	12	13	M	35	6
KUMITE MINICADETS [12-13] MALE +55KG	12	13	M	35	6
KUMITE CADET [14-15] FEMALE -47KG	14	15	F	35	3
KUMITE CADET [14-15] FEMALE -54KG	14	15	F	35	3
KUMITE CADET [14-15] FEMALE +54KG	14	15	F	35	3
KUMITE CADET [14-15] MALE -52KG	14	15	M	35	3
KUMITE CADET [14-15] MALE -57KG	14	15	M	35	3
KUMITE CADET [14-15] MALE -63KG	14	15	M	35	3
KUMITE CADET [14-15] MALE -70KG	14	15	M	35	3
KUMITE CADET [14-15] MALE +70KG	14	15	M	35	3
KUMITE JUNIOR [16-17] FEMALE -48KG	16	17	F	35	3
KUMITE JUNIOR [16-17] FEMALE -53KG	16	17	F	35	3
KUMITE JUNIOR [16-17] FEMALE -59KG	16	17	F	35	3
KUMITE JUNIOR [16-17] FEMALE +59KG	16	17	F	35	3
KUMITE JUNIOR [16-17] MALE -55KG	16	17	M	35	3
KUMITE JUNIOR [16-17] MALE -61KG	16	17	M	35	3
KUMITE JUNIOR [16-17] MALE -68KG	16	17	M	35	3
KUMITE JUNIOR [16-17] MALE -76KG	16	17	M	35	3
KUMITE JUNIOR [16-17] MALE +76KG	16	17	M	35	3
KUMITE U21 [18-20] FEMALE -50KG	18	20	F	35	3
KUMITE U21 [18-20] FEMALE -55KG	18	20	F	35	3
KUMITE U21 [18-20] FEMALE -61KG	18	20	F	35	3
KUMITE U21 [18-20] FEMALE -68KG	18	20	F	35	3
KUMITE U21 [18-20] FEMALE +68KG	18	20	F	35	3
KUMITE U21 [18-20] MALE -60KG	18	20	M	35	3
KUMITE U21 [18-20] MALE -67KG	18	20	M	35	3
KUMITE U21 [18-20] MALE -75KG	18	20	M	35	3
KUMITE U21 [18-20] MALE -84KG	18	20	M	35	3
KUMITE U21 [18-20] MALE +84KG	18	20	M	35	3
KUMITE SENIOR [18+] FEMALE -50KG	18	99	F	35	3
KUMITE SENIOR [18+] FEMALE -55KG	18	99	F	35	3
KUMITE SENIOR [18+] FEMALE -61KG	18	99	F	35	3
KUMITE SENIOR [18+] FEMALE -68KG	18	99	F	35	3
KUMITE SENIOR [18+] FEMALE +68KG	18	99	F	35	3
KUMITE SENIOR [18+] FEMALE OPEN	18	99	F	35	3
KUMITE SENIOR [18+] MALE -60KG	18	99	M	35	3
KUMITE SENIOR [18+] MALE -67KG	18	99	M	35	3
KUMITE SENIOR [18+] MALE -75KG	18	99	M	35	3
KUMITE SENIOR [18+] MALE -84KG	18	99	M	35	3
KUMITE SENIOR [18+] MALE +84KG	18	99	M	35	3
KUMITE SENIOR [18+] MALE OPEN	18	99	M	35	3
KUMITE VETERAN [35+] FEMALE +1,6M	35	99	F	35	3
KUMITE VETERAN [35+] FEMALE ≤1,6M	35	99	F	35	3
KUMITE VETERAN [35+] MALE +1,7M	35	99	M	35	3
KUMITE VETERAN [35+] MALE ≤1,7M	35	99	M	35	3
KUMITE MASTERS [45+] FEMALE +1,6M	45	99	F	35	3
KUMITE MASTERS [45+] FEMALE ≤1,6M	45	99	F	35	3
KUMITE MASTERS [45+] MALE +1,7M	45	99	M	35	3
KUMITE MASTERS [45+] MALE ≤1,7M	45	99	M	35	3
KUMITE GRAND MASTERS [55+] FEMALE +1,6M	55	99	F	35	3
KUMITE GRAND MASTERS [55+] FEMALE ≤1,6M	55	99	F	35	3
KUMITE GRAND MASTERS [55+] MALE +1,7M	55	99	M	35	3
KUMITE GRAND MASTERS [55+] MALE ≤1,7M	55	99	M	35	3
KUMITE GRAND MASTERS [65+] FEMALE +1,6M	65	99	F	35	3
KUMITE GRAND MASTERS [65+] FEMALE ≤1,6M	65	99	F	35	3
KUMITE GRAND MASTERS [65+] MALE +1,7M	65	99	M	35	3
KUMITE GRAND MASTERS [65+] MALE ≤1,7M	65	99	M	35	3

### Kata Team

CATEGORIES	AGE FROM	AGE TO	SEX	EUR	LIMIT TEAM	TEAM SIZE
TEAM KATA KIDS [8-10] FEMALE	8	10	F	120	1	3 - 3
TEAM KATA KIDS [8-10] MALE	8	10	M	120	1	3 - 3
TEAM KATA MINICADETS [11-13] FEMALE	11	13	F	120	1	3 - 3
TEAM KATA MINICADETS [11-13] MALE	11	13	M	120	1	3 - 3
TEAM KATA CADETE & JUNIOR [14-17] FEMALE	14	17	F	120	1	3 - 3
TEAM KATA CADETE & JUNIOR [14-17] MALE	14	17	M	120	1	3 - 3
TEAM KATA SENIOR [16+] FEMALE	16	99	F	120	1	3 - 3
TEAM KATA SENIOR [16+] MALE	16	99	M	120	1	3 - 3
TEAM KATA SENIOR MIX [16+] AND [2+1 / 1+2]	16	99		120	1	3 - 3
TEAM KATA MASTERCLASS [35+] FEMALE	35	99	F	120	1	3 - 3
TEAM KATA MASTERCLASS [35+] MALE	35	99	M	120	1	3 - 3

### Kumite Team

CATEGORIES	AGE FROM	AGE TO	SEX	EUR	LIMIT TEAM	TEAM SIZE
TEAM KUMITE CHILDREN [8-9] FEMALE	8	9	F	120	1	2 - 4
TEAM KUMITE CHILDREN [8-9] MALE	8	9	M	120	1	2 - 4
TEAM KUMITE KIDS [10-11] FEMALE	10	11	F	120	1	2 - 4
TEAM KUMITE KIDS [10-11] MALE	10	11	M	120	1	2 - 4
TEAM KUMITE MINICADETS [12-13] FEMALE	12	13	F	120	1	2 - 4
TEAM KUMITE MINICADETS [12-13] MALE	12	13	M	120	1	2 - 4
TEAM KUMITE CADET [14-15] FEMALE	14	15	F	120	1	2 - 4
TEAM KUMITE CADET [14-15] MALE	14	15	M	120	1	2 - 4
TEAM KUMITE JUNIOR [16-17] FEMALE	16	17	F	120	1	2 - 4
TEAM KUMITE JUNIOR [16-17] MALE	16	17	M	120	1	2 - 4
TEAM KUMITE SENIOR [18+] FEMALE	18	99	F	120	1	2 - 4
TEAM KUMITE SENIOR [18+] MALE	18	99	M	120	1	3 - 7
TEAM KUMITE SENIOR MIX [18+] AND [3M/2F + 1M]	18	99		120	1	3 - 7

### REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS:

- The registration deadline for all entries is September the 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- All registrations must be made online, within the above-mentioned deadline, through the Sportdata platform.
- According to our regulations, the previous champion has a special entry. As the pandemic did not allow our European championships to be held, the place to be counted for this purpose will be the Champions of the World Championship in Italy last year.
- There will be the introduction of the "Wild Card"  
The "Wild Card" is a tournament entry awarded to an individual that fails to qualify in the normal way (but considered having a high ranking or winning a qualifying stage). One per nation will be given and chosen freely by the leader of each nation.
- The organizing committee wishes to have your Nation's confirmation of participation, once you have received the Championship Details.

### FEES:

- 35,00 € / Individual entry
- 120,00 € / Team entry
- 30,00 € / Additional category
- 100,00 € / Referee Course and examination (EGKF license)





- 35,00 € / Referee Briefing
- 35,00 € / Coach Course (EGKF license)
  
- 25,00 € / PAX – Kumite Seminar JASSEN VISHGAEI (IRN)
  
- 25,00 € / PAX – Sayonara Party (Includes meal, drinks without alcohol)

ENTRANCE:

- Belgium public: 10,00€
- Foreigners' public: 10,00€ for the 4 days or 3,00€ per day!

PAYMENTS:

- GOJURYU KARATE CLUBE SOUMAGNE/BLEGNY  
IBAN : BE53 0689 3984 5353  
BIC : GKCCBEBB

Proof of transfer must be sent to [20egkfbelgium@gmail.com](mailto:20egkfbelgium@gmail.com) with the list of enrolled athletes.

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## APPENDIX 1

## Referee course schedule

Thursday September the 14 <sup>th</sup>		
SCHEDULE	DESCRIPTION	LOCAL
09:00 – 11:00	Referees Briefing and Theory Seminar	To be determined
11:00 – 12:00	Referees Theory Examination	To be determined
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break	
13:00 - 15:00	Referees practical Training and Examination	To be determined
15:00 – 16:30	Coaches License Course and Referees briefing (Without referees who did examen or take part at the morning briefing)	To be determined