4th Shureido Open Friendship Karate Okinawa

1. Purpose of the Tournament

This tournament aims to cultivate discipline and character development in youth through karate, fostering respect and justice, encouraging friendship beyond dojo affiliations, and contributing to youth development and community revitalization.

2. Organizer

Shureido Open Friendship Karate Tournament Executive Committee

3. Supporters

- Tomigusuku City
- Tomigusuku City Sports Association
- Okinawa Traditional Karate Promotion Association
- Okinawa Karate Federation
- Shureido

4. Venue

Tomigusuku City Gymnasium

5-2 Toyosaki, Tomigusuku City, Okinawa 901-0225

5. Schedule

Day 1: Saturday, September 20, 2025

Categories:

- Elementary (5th–6th grade): Boys Kata / Kumite, Girls Kata / Kumite
- Junior High School: Boys Kata / Kumite, Girls Kata / Kumite

Day 2: Sunday, September 21, 2025

Categories:

- Free Fun (non-dojo daycare / preschoolers): Boys/Girls Kata
- Preschool A (3–4 y/o, dojo-affiliated): Boys/Girls Kata
- Preschool B (5–6 y/o, dojo-affiliated): Boys/Girls Kata, Mixed Kumite
- Elementary (1st-4th grade): Boys/Girls Kata / Kumite

Daily Schedule (Both Days):

• 08:00: Doors Open

• 08:15: Referee/Coaches/Staff Meeting

• 08:45: Opening Ceremony

• 09:00: Competition Start

• 15:00: End of Competition & Seminar

6. Participants

No limit on number of entries per dojo/organization.

Participants may enter both Kata and Kumite.

Number of Coach:

- 1 Head Coach
- Up to 5 Coaches

7. Eligibility

- 1. Participants must be covered by sports accident insurance (handled by each dojo/organization).
- 2. Kumite competitors must be trained in the Japan Karate Federation (JKF) / World Karate Federation (WKF) U12 and Cadet Rules.

8. Awards

Top 8 participants in each category will be awarded as follows:

- Champion
- Runner-up
- Two 3rd place finishers
- Four Fighting Spirit Awards (5th–8th)

9. Competition Rules

[Kata]

1. All traditional Kata practiced at each dojo are permitted (creative/free-style Kata is not allowed).

"Free Fun" participants may perform basic Kata learned at daycare.

2. Single-elimination tournament using flag judgment system. No repechage.

- 3. Repeating the same Kata throughout the tournament is allowed.
- 4. No Bronze Medal match.
- 5. Kata Competition Format:
 - o Matches are conducted with red and blue belts performing simultaneously.
 - o The competitor with the lower match number wears a red belt.
 - o Judging criteria is only based on overall speed, power and balance.
 - Fouls include:
 - Failure to bow before and after the performance (two bows required).
 - Pauses exceeding 3 seconds (considered as forgotten the Kata).

(Kumite)

- 1. Matches follow Japan Karate Federation rules / World Karate Federation (WKF) rules, with tournament-specific agreements.
- 2. Single-elimination format. No repechage or bronze match.
- 3. Duration of Time and Scoring:

Grades 1-2 (Elementary):

- Duration: 1 minute full-time
- Victory by:
 - o 4 points first obtain, or
 - o Highest score at end of time, or
 - o "First point scored" in case of a tie

Grades 3-6 and Junior High:

- Duration: 1 minute full-time
- Victory by:
 - o 6 points first obtain, or
 - Highest score at end of time, or
 - o "First point scored" in case of a tie

Tiebreaker Rules (All Divisions):

- 1. If still tied, winner is determined by:
 - o Number of Ippon (full point) scored
 - o Then Waza-ari (half point)
 - Then referee panel decision

Safety Equipment

- 1. All Kumite gear (fist protectors, headgear, body protectors, instep and shin guards) must be certified by JKF or WKF (in red/blue).
- 2. Boys (Grade 3 and up) must wear groin protectors.
- 3. No match participation without full protective gear.
- 4. Participants must bring their own equipment.

Attire Regulations

For Managers & Coaches:

- Karate gi or white polo/dress shirt with gray/navy/black slacks
- Wear ID strap (business card size) prepared by the dojo with tournament-issued coach card

For Competitors:

- Clean white karate Gi
- Tournament bibs (blank) will be sent by Shureido
- Bibs Writing:
 - Boys: black in color letters
 - o Girls: red in color letters
 - o Include: grade, name, and dojo

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- Bib must be sewn firmly onto the back of the Gi (no safety pins allowed)
- No metal hair accessories, ribbons, or jewelry
- Use inconspicuous black hair bands if needed

10. Referees & Judges

Each dojo should dispatch at least one referee, if possible.

- Dress: white shirt, gray/navy/black pants
- Ties will be provided by the OC
- No color restrictions on indoor shoes or whistles
- Please dispatch referee and judge to help ensure a safe and fair competition

Referee registration link:

https://forms.gle/uWmDVoq7vk7ytpgAA

11. Health and Injury Policy

- All participants must undergo a medical check-up within one week before the event.
- The organizer provides basic first aid only and is not liable for any further treatment.

12. Participation Fees

- 1. ¥3,000 per event per participant
- 2. ¥6,000 for both Kata and Kumite
- 3. ¥500 extra if not insured
- 4. Seminar-only (non-competitors): ¥3,000
- 5. Payment must be consolidated per dojo and sent via bank transfer before the deadline.
- 6. No refunds, even for withdrawal.
- 7. Foreign participants can be paid onsite before the competition starts.

Bank Details:

- Bank Name: Ryukyu Bank
- Branch: Shogyo Danchi (Branch 336)
- Account No.: 102127 (Ordinary Account)
- Account Holder: Shureido Open Friendship Karate Tournament

13. Application Process

- Submit Excel application form and payment proof via email only
- Download form from the designated link
- One application per dojo/organization
- https://tinyurl.com/26rjh5cp

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14. Deadline

Friday, August 22, 2025 at 5:00 PM (strictly enforced)

- No changes allowed after the bracket draw
- Inquiries:
 - o Email: shureido.open@gmail.com
 - o Fax: 098-850-9337
 - o Contact: Moriteru Nagamine (Tournament Office)
 - o Phone: 080-2727-5865

15. Draw

- Conducted by the Tournament Executive Committee
- Draw Date: Friday, August 29, 2025

16. Miscellaneous

Tournament Pamphlets:

- Match schedules will not be announced in advance
- Pamphlets must be pre-ordered via the application form
- Includes bonus items like cheering balloons (limited quantities)

Schedule Details:

• Finalized based on number of participating teams

Parking:

• Limited parking space; please carpool as much as possible

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