



## 2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS -INFORMATION ON RULES OF ELIGIBILITY-

### 1- INFORMATION ABOUT AGE ELIGIBILITY

#### 1. KUMITE:

Athletes aged 18, 19 and 20 years old may compete in individual U21 as well as Senior individual and Senior team divisions.

Youth, Cadet, Junior and U21 athletes may compete in the age category for which they are eligible as of the first day of the 2018 National Championships, and may ALSO register to compete in an older age category provided they will be of the correct age to compete in the said category on the first day of the 2018 Cadet & Junior Pan American (PKF) Karate Championships (expected to be August 22, 2018), or, in the case of 17 year-old athletes competing in a Senior 18+) division, on the first day of the 2018 Senior World (WKF) Karate Championships (expected to be November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018). However, athletes must be aged 12 or 13 years on the first day of the competition (March 9, 2018) in order to compete in the Youth divisions at the 2018 National Championships. It will be allowed for age-eligible athletes to be registered and to compete in both Youth and Cadet divisions.

Participants in all divisions must be aware that unless they are of age to compete in a specific division at key international events taking place during the 2018-2019 season (on the dates of these events, such as the 2018 Cadet & Junior Pan American (PKF) Karate Championships, the 2018 Senior Pan American (PKF) Karate Championships, the 2018 Senior World (WKF) Karate Championships, etc.), they may NOT represent Canada (in such divisions) at these competitions.

## 2. KATA:

Athletes aged 18, 19 and 20 years may compete in individual U21 as well as Senior individual and Senior team divisions.

Youth, Cadet, Junior and U21 athletes may compete in the age category for which they are eligible as of the first day of the 2018 National Championships, and may ALSO register to compete in an older age category provided they will be of the correct age to compete in the said category on the first day of the 2018 Junior Pan American (PKF) Karate Championships (anticipated to be August 22, 2018), or, in the case of 15 year-old athletes competing in a Senior (16+) division, on the first day of the 2018 Senior World (WKF) Karate Championships (expected to be November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018). However, in order to participate in the Youth division at the 2018 National Championships, athletes must be of age (12 or 13 years old) on first day of competition (March 9, 2018). It will be allowed for age-eligible athletes to be registered and to compete in both Youth and Cadet divisions.

(AN EXTRA NOTE ABOUT KATA: Please note that the minimum age for U21 kata at international events is 18. The minimum age for Senior individual and Senior team kata at international events is 16. So it is possible that an athlete qualifies for Senior kata, but not for U21 kata.)

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