



2026 West Coast Open International Martial Arts Championships

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August 1st, 2026

Dear Sensei, Coach, and Athlete,



We are pleased and honored to invite you to participate in the **2026 West Coast Open Martial Arts Championships** on Sunday, October 11, 2026. This year's event will once again be held at the beautiful Pierce College Gymnasium in Lakewood, WA. It is a perfect venue that will allow us to organize an enjoyable event for everyone! This competition will also feature Sensei's and competitors from Canada and across the USA, including Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, Montana, and Idaho. The quality of the competition and officiating promises once again to be the finest in the USA.

We are proud to have the assistance and sponsorship of the Pierce County South Sound Sports Commission and appreciate their hard work in making this a successful event. We are also grateful to our ring and medal sponsors, whose support helps greatly to enhance the experience of parents, spectators, and athletes. Our referee corps are amongst the best in the USA and are committed to ensuring a fair and safe playing field for everyone. Our volunteer staff, as you all know, provide the accommodating support that insures a smooth running tournament.

All competitors, officials, and volunteers are welcome to participate in this goodwill event, so mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 11th**, and join us at the **2026 West Coast Open International Martial Arts Championships!**

Modified WKF/USANKF rules will be used.

Online registration available at: www.karatetmaster.com

\$10 fee added to online registration after October 3rd

For more information, visit our website at: www.westcoast-open.com

Sincerely,

Chuck Sweigart

Tournament Director

USA Karate Region 1 Lead Referee

World Karate Federation Referee



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Fact Sheet

- Date:** Sunday, October 11, 2026
- Location:** Pierce College Health Education Center Gymnasium
9401 Farwest Drive SW
Lakewood, WA 98498
- Schedule:** Referee Meeting 8:00 a.m.
Competition begins at 8:30 a.m.
- Rules:** Karate: Modified USANKF rules will apply Download complete rules and information at www.westcoast-open.com
- Fees:** \$90 for 1 division
\$10 for each additional division (Kobudo add \$20)
Online registration add \$10 beginning Sunday, October 3.
- Make checks payable to:
West Coast Open
- Mail payment and registration to:
West Coast Open
5610 75th Street W
Lakewood, WA 98499
- *Do not mail registration and fees after September 29th.**
- Registration Info:** **On-line registration available.** Visit www.karatetmaster.com
****Add \$10.00 after October 3rd ****
Registration closes Friday, Oct. 9th. At 8:00pm
No on-site registration will be accepted.
- General Admission:** \$8 per person. Children 5 and under admitted free.
- Additional Info:** www.westcoast-open.com
- Tournament and general questions:
Chuck Sweigart 253-224-8772
E-mail: csweigart9@comcast.net



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Registration Form

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ Age: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____ Instructor: _____
 Club/School Name: _____ Style: _____
 Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

COMPETITION INFORMATION					
Sex	Age	Level	Division	Fees	
☐ M	☐ 5 & under	☐ Beginner (1 year & under)	☐ Kata	☐ 1 Division	\$90
☐ F	☐ 6 & 7	☐ Novice (1-2 years)	☐ Kumite	☐ # Add Divisions: _____ x \$10	
	☐ 8 & 9	☐ Intermediate (2-3 years)	☐ Kobudo	For Kobudo add additional \$20	
	☐ 10 & 11	☐ Advanced (3+ years)		No Registrations accepted at the door!	
	☐ 12 & 13	Weight _____ lbs.			
	☐ 14 & 15	Beg/Nov to be split when possible			
	☐ 16 & 17	Int/Adv to be split when possible			
	☐ 18-34				
	☐ 35-44				
	☐ 45 & up				
				TOTAL:	

Release Agreement – Read carefully before signing

In consideration of being allowed participation in any way in the West Coast Open (WCO), athletic / sport program, and related events and activities, the undersigned:

1. Agrees that prior to participating the participant and/or parent or guardian (if under 18), will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if the participant and/or, parent or guardian, believes anything is unsafe, they will immediately advise the supervisor of the WCO tournament or other tournament officials of such condition(s) and refuse to participate.
2. Acknowledges and fully understands that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result from not only from their action, inaction, or negligence, but the action, inaction, or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the condition of the premises of any equipment used. Further, the participant, and/or parent or guardian acknowledges that there may be other risks not known or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. The participant and/or parent or guardian assumes all of the foregoing risks and accepts personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability, or death.
3. Releases or waives, discharges and covenants not to sue the WCO, its officers, its affiliated clubs, staff, officials, volunteers, regional sports organizations, their respective administrators, directors, agents, coaches, and other employees of the organization, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessees of premises used to conduct event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releases" from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs, and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses, or damages on account of injury including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by negligence of the release or otherwise.
4. **All entries are final, no refunds will be given.** I fully understand that any medical treatment given will be of a first aid treatment only. I consent that any pictures furnished by me or any pictures taken of me in connection with the tournament can be used for publicity, promotion or television showing in the future, and I waive compensation in regard thereto. All participation in any event or class in this tournament is by permission only. The Director or his authorized agent(s) reserve the right to refuse entry to any person, school, team, or club.
5. Please note: **All athletes must be covered by health or medical insurance in order to compete.**
☐ I have Medical Insurance
6. Statement of health: By my and/or Parent/Guardian's signature below I confirm that I am in sound health and there is no reason why I cannot participate on this event. The undersigned has read the above waiver and release, understand that they have given up substantial rights by signing it and sign it voluntarily.

Signature _____ Date _____
 If under 18 years of age, the approval of a parent or legal guardian is required. I, the undersigned, have read and specifically understand the above release and agree to be bound by its terms on behalf of my spouse, my child, and myself.

Signature of parent/legal guardian _____ Date _____

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Team Divisions

Team Name: _____

Instructor's Name: _____

Club/School Name: _____

Club/School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

CATEGORIES

☐ Male
TEAM KATA

- ☐ 9 and under
- ☐ 10-13 Team Kata
- ☐ 14-17 Team Kata
- ☐ 18-34 Team Kata
- ☐ 35+ Team Kata

☐ Female
TEAM KUMITE

- ☐ 9 and under
- ☐ 10-13 Team Kumite
- ☐ 14-17 Team Kumite
- ☐ 18-34 Team Kumite
- ☐ 35+ Team Kumite

☐ Family Kata

All teams must be
Exclusively male or female
Except family Team Kata.
Kumite teams will fight in
order of height smallest to
largest

Team Division - \$105 per team / \$35 per member

- 1) Name: _____ Age: _____
Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____
- 2) Name: _____ Age: _____
Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____
- 3) Name: _____ Age: _____
Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

All teams must be exclusively male or female. Kata teams must consist of three members. Kumite teams must consist of at least two members. See complete rules at: www.westcoast-open.com.

Age brackets may be further broken down. Kumite will fight in order of size-smallest to biggest. All 3 members of each team will fight regardless of match score.

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Volunteer Form

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Are you 18 years or older?

☐ Yes

☐ No

What job(s) would you like to volunteer for?

☐ Scorekeeper / Timer

☐ Staging

☐ Security

☐ Set Up

☐ Tear Down

☐ Medical

☐ Hospitality

☐ Other

If other please list: _____

Do you have previous experience volunteering with a Marital Arts Competition?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If "Yes" please tell us about your experience. _____

What days are you available?

☐ Saturday for setup

☐ Sunday

☐ Both

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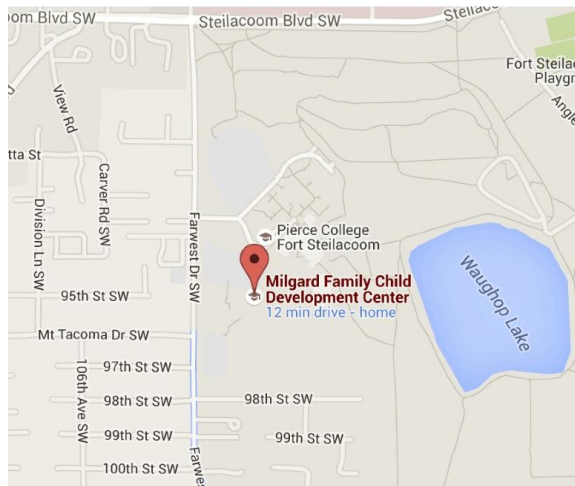
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Directions

Pierce College Health Education Center Gymnasium
9401 Farwest Drive SW
Lakewood, WA 98498

The West Coast Open takes place in Western Washington approximately 40 miles south of SeaTac International Airport. The Pierce College Health Education Center Gymnasium is located on the Pierce College campus at 9401 Farwest Drive SW, Lakewood, WA 98498.



Driving Directions

1. From I-5 Southbound/Northbound: Take Exit 124 (Gravelly Lake Dr.) Head WEST on Gravelly Lake Dr.
2. At the Fork, keep LEFT to stay on Gravelly Lake Dr. for about 1 mile.
3. Turn left onto Washington Blvd SW.
4. In about 1.2 miles use any lane to turn SLIGHTLY RIGHT onto Military Rd SW.
5. In $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile, turn RIGHT onto 112th St. SW.
6. Turn LEFT onto Farwest Dr. SW.
7. In about 1 mile Pierce College will be on the right.

Parking

The Pierce College Health Education Center Gymnasium offers free parking for all participants and spectators.



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Host Hotel

Best Western Liberty Inn Dupont

1400 Wilmington Dr.
Dupont, WA 98327

Special West Coast Open Rate
\$135 per night plus tax
Must reserve before September 19th.

Call 253-912-8777 for Reservations

Mention West Coast Open
Free hot breakfast daily
Indoor Pool
Free high-speed wireless Internet
Free parking





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Modified USA-NKF / WKF Kumite and Kata Rules of Competition

KUMITE RULES

I. Required Equipment

- Clean white karate-gi
- Red and blue WKF style fist pads, red and blue belt
- Red, blue, or white USA Karate/WKF style shin/foot protectors
- Mouth guard
- Groin guard (male contestants)
- Head gear and body protection for contestants under 14 (recommended)

DIVISIONS

All kumite and kata divisions will use the repechage system to determine third place.

The contestant that scores unopposed first (Senshu) wins the bout if it ends in a tie score. If there is no senshu, and the score is tied, the winner is automatically decided by who scored the most ippons, or waza-ari's. otherwise, the judges will decide the winner (Hantei) based upon who showed superior tactics during the bout.

13 year olds and under

- **Duration of bout 1:00 (Adv 1:30)**
- **8 point spread**
- Light skin touch to the head, face, or neck is allowed.(not the throat) Jodan techniques can score when stopped within 10 cm of the target for kicks, and 5cm for punches.

14-17 year olds

- **Duration of bout 1:30 (Adv 2:00)**
- **8 point spread**
- Light skin touch to the head, face, or neck is allowed (not the throat)
- 14-15 Jodan techniques can score 10 cm for kicks and 5 cm for punches.
- 16-17 Jodan techniques can score 5cm for kicks and 2 cm for punches

18+ year olds

- Duration of bout 1:30 (Adv 2:00)
- 8 point spread
- Light touch to the face, neck, or head can score (not the throat)

18+ advanced WKF rules apply



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III. SCORING: Target areas = head, face, neck (including the throat), chest, side, back, abdomen. In order to score, the technique must meet all six of the scoring criteria.

YUKO (1 point)

- Tsuki (punches) or uchi (strikes) to any of the seven target areas

WAZA ARI (2 points)

- Keri (kicks) to the back, side, chest, or abdomen

IPPON (3 points)

- Kicks to the face, head, or neck
- Any scoring technique which is delivered on an opponent while any part of the opponent's body, other than their feet, is on the tatami.

IV. PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR

- Techniques which make **excessive contact**, having regard to the scoring area attacked, and techniques which make contact with the throat.
- Attacks to the arms, legs, groin, joints, or instep.
- Attacks to the face with open hand techniques (e.g. teisho or nukite).
- Dangerous or forbidden throwing techniques.
- Feigning or exaggerating injury.
- Exit from the competition area (**Jogai**) not caused by the opponent.
- Self-endangerment by indulging in behavior which exposes the contestant to injury by the opponent, or failing to take adequate measures for self-protection (**Mubobi**).
- **Avoiding combat** as a means of preventing the opponent having the opportunity to score.
- **Passivity**. Not attempting to engage in combat after a short period of time.
- Clinching, wrestling, pushing, or seizing, or standing chest to chest without attempting a throw or other technique.
- Grabbing the opponent with both hands for any other reasons than executing a takedown upon catching the opponents kicking leg.
- Grabbing the opponent's arm or karate gi with one hand without immediately attempting a scoring technique or takedown.
- Techniques, which by their nature, cannot be controlled for the safety of the opponent and dangerous and uncontrolled attacks.
- Attacks with the head, knees, or elbows.
- Talking to, or goading the opponent, failing to obey the orders of the Referee.
- **Discourteous behavior** towards the Refereeing Officials, or other breaches of etiquette.

V. WARNINGS AND PENALTIES

- Chui 1, Chui 2, Chui 3, and Hansoku Chui are warnings.
- Hansoku and Shikkaku penalties that result in disqualification.



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KATA RULES

All divisions will use the repechage system to determine third place.

- 3 or 5 Judges.
- Red and blue flag system will be used.
- Beginner/Novice/Intermediate competitors can repeat the same kata in each round.
- Beginner and Novice competitors must perform only the following kata:
Taikyoku/Kihon kata, Heian/Pinan kata, Gekisai/Chi no kata,
Fukyu/Ten no kata.
- Competitors (aka and ao) will perform their kata simultaneously.
- Advanced divisions are required to perform at least two kata alternating in each round.
- Intermediate divisions should perform intermediate level kata, based on the intermediate list from USA Karate

18+ Advanced

- Flag system will be used. Competitors age 16 and above can compete in this division.
- Must alternate at least 2 kata.

*Tournament Director reserves the right to add, eliminate, combine, or split divisions. **Intermediate and advanced divisions will be separated/split whenever possible. Beginner and novice divisions will be separated/split whenever possible.***



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Program Advertisement and Sponsorship

Thank you for your support of the 2026 West Coast Open. Please provide all the pertinent information listed below:

- All program advertising requires a camera ready ad.
- Ring sponsors and signature sponsors must submit via e-mail a company logo and all information that will appear on the ringside banner.
- Business card program advertisers can submit a business card that will be scanned.
- Personal program ads must provide all text that will appear on the ad. May also provide a photo.
- Any graphics or formatting may incur an additional fee of \$35 per hour.
- Deadline for all advertising is October 1st
- Deadline for signature and medal sponsorship is September 15th

Company Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Website _____

Please check:

☐ Signature Sponsor \$4100	☐ Banner Sponsor \$500	☐ Ring Sponsor \$600
☐ Full Page Ad \$ 400	☐ Half Page Ad \$ 250	☐ 1/4 Page Ad
☐ 1/4 Page Ad No Web Ad \$135	☐ Ring of Champions \$750	☐ with 1 Yr. Web Ad \$185
☐ Business Card Ad No Web \$75	☐ Business Card Ad with 1 Year Web Ad \$ 125	☐ Personal Program Ad \$ 25

Additional Information and/or Text:

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Program Ads Sponsorships

Signature Sponsorship - \$4100

Includes:

Business Logo on Medal Lanyards
Promo Announcement at Medal Awarding
Ringside Banner/Event Booth/6 VIP Passes
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Business Logo on Program Cover and Event T-Shirt
Business mentioning in all advertisements and press releases
1 Yr. Web Ad

Banner Sponsorship - \$500

Includes:

Banner at Head Table
Promo Announcement at Medal Awarding
Event Booth/4 VIP Passes
Full Page Program Ad
1 Yr. Web Ad

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Includes:

Ringside Banner
Promo Announcement at Ring Designation
Full-Page Program Ad
1 Yr. Web Ad

Full Page Program Ad - \$400

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1 Yr. Web Ad

½ Page Program Ad - \$250

Includes:

1 Yr. Web Ad

¼ Page Program Ad - \$135

Add 1 Yr. Web Ad for \$50

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Add 1 Yr. Web Ad for \$50

Personal Program Ad - \$25

Business-card size