



**WORLD KARATE FEDERATION**  
**The President**

**To: All WKF NFs**

**Madrid, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019**

Dear Presidents,

I am very pleased to inform you that Karate has been included in the sports programme of the next Youth Olympic Games to be held in Dakar (Senegal) in 2022.

This is a great accomplishment for our sport. The Youth Olympic Games are the most important underage sporting event in the world, and our participation in this event gives us one more opportunity to demonstrate our many values at the Olympic stage.

The inclusion of Karate in the programme of Dakar 2022 represents the second time that our sport will participate in the Youth Olympic Games after the successful edition of the event in Buenos Aires in 2018. Now, we will have the tremendous privilege to show the remarkable magnitude of our sport at young ages in Dakar.

While the dates of the Karate tournament at the Youth Olympic Games 2022 are yet to be confirmed (the Games are scheduled from October 21 to November 15, 2022), we can inform you that the Karate competition in Dakar will follow the same format as it did in Buenos Aires: kumite competition with three categories per gender. The main difference is that the number of competitors will be increased to 12 per category (in Buenos Aires it was 8 per category).



I am convinced that all of you will understand the tremendous relevance of this announcement to our sport and to the future of our discipline, and I hope that you will celebrate, disseminate and make the necessary arrangements to make the utmost of this historic moment for the whole Karate family.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antonio Espinós", written in a cursive style.

**Antonio Espinós**  
**WKF President**