

ISTANBUL 2021



KARATE1
PREMIER LEAGUE

12 - 14 March 2021



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1. WELCOME MESSAGE

1.1 Greeting from the Head of the host NF

Dear Friends,

It is a great honor for me, on behalf of the Turkish Karate Federation, to welcome you to the Karate 1 – Premier League in Istanbul, Turkey. Turkish National Karate Federation has the experience of World and European Karate Championships organizations. With great expectation and excitement, we look forward to the start of the Karate 1 – Premier League in Istanbul, which will be held on the event of the XXXII Summer Olympic Games in



Tokyo. Istanbul is a historical city where you will find a wide range of cultural and entertainment events that will make your stay unforgettable. This is a city that has a great sports tradition and an excellent sports infrastructure.

We would like to thank the WKF and its president, Mr. Antonio Espinós, for their support in organizing these championships. Importantly, we wish to express our most sincere gratitude to Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, The President of Turkey, for his contribution and assistance in the development of our sport. We look forward to your arrival in Istanbul. Enjoy all that we can offer you. We wish you achieve excellent results.

See you in Istanbul.

Esat Delihasan
President of the Turkish Karate Federation

2. INTRODUCTION

The Karate1-Premier League is the most important league event in the world of Karate. It comprises of a number of the most prominent Karate competitions and endeavours to bring together the best Karate athletes in the world in an open Championships of unprecedented scale and quality.

Initiated in 2011, the 2021 edition is formed by five events being held in the cities of Lisbon, Istanbul, Rabat, Tashkent and Moscow thus stating Karate's impact all around the world and its global scale. The city of Istanbul hosts a Karate 1-Premier League event for the 7th time.

At the final Premier League event 2021 or the first Premier League event 2022, the champions of each category are presented with the "Grand Winners" award. In order to be eligible to receive the "Grand Winners" award, competitors have to participate in at least 4 events in 2 continents of the season.

3. INTRODUCTION KARATE 1-PREMIER LEAGUE ISTANBUL 2021

The Karate 1 – Premier League Istanbul 2021 will be held next 12-14 March 2021, Istanbul.

4. COMPETITION INFORMATION

4.1 Categories

The competition categories are identical to those of Senior World Championships except for Kumite team.

KATA

Individual Female/Male

Team Female/Male

KUMITE

Female -50 kg, -55kg, -61 kg, -68 kg, +68kg

Male -60 kg, -67 kg, -75 kg, -84 kg, +84 kg

4.2 Prizes

For individual categories (Kumite and Kata):

- Gold Medalist: 750 €
- Silver Medalist: 500 €
- Third Places: 200 €

For Kata team categories:

- Gold Medalist: 750 €
- Silver Medalist: 500 €
- Third Places: 200 €

5. CONTACTS INFORMATION

5.1 Organizers contact details

TURKISH KARATE FEDERATION
Bestepe Mahallesi Nergiz Sokak No: 7/A Kat 19 Daire 44 (Viatower İş Merkezi)
Yenimahalle/Ankara
Tel +90 312 310 61 90 – 94 Fax +90 312 309 3262
Mail karate@karate.gov.tr
Web www.karate.gov.tr

5.2 Local Organising Committee contact details

ERCUMENT TASDEMIR
General Coordinator
Mobile +90 533 632 1852
Mail turkishkarate@gmail.com

5.3 WKF Event Supervisor contact

The WKF Event Supervisor for this Premier League event is Mr. Esteban Perez. His contact details are as follows:

Email: esteban@wkf.net

Telephone: +34 679336867

5.4 Covid Team contact

Michael Wenner (mail: mwenner@wkf.net)

5.5 Safe Sport contact

WKF events must be safe for all athletes and participants and entirely free from any form of non-accidental violence, namely, harassment and abuse. Any such behaviour will not be tolerated.

If you or someone you know has been the victim of abuse or harassment in Karate, get help and report it.

Your first point of contact for any incident at this event is the WKF Event Supervisor, whose contact information you can find detailed above.

Otherwise, any other incident can be reported via the [WKF Official Complaint Form](#) and sent to: safekarate@wkf.net

6. WKF APPROVED PROTECTIONS, KARATEGIS & TATAMIS

SPORT PROTECTIONS “WKF Approved”



*Click on the logos to see the brand information

KARATEGI “Premier League”

Kumite and Kata karategis with the brand name embroidered on the shoulders in **RED** or **BLUE** are of mandatory use in Karate 1-Premier League tournaments.

The authorized companies to use these karategis models are those with Sport Protections “WKF Approved”, listed below;

ADIDAS – ARAWAZA – BEST SPORTS - BUDO NORD – DAEDO – HAYASHI – PUNOK - SHUREIDO – SMAI – TOKAIDO – WACOKU – WESING

TATAMIS “WKF Approved”



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WESING 九日山

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* Click on the logos to see the brand information

7. REFEREE COURSE PROGRAMME

DATE	TIME	PROGRAMME	VENUE
Sunday, 7th March	10:00 – 15:00	Kata and Kumite registration & payment CHECKING OF THE COVID DOCUMENTATION (Negative PCR Certificate and WKF Health Questionnaire)	WOW HOTEL CONVENTION CENTER
	16:00 – 18:00	Kumite Theory and Theory Examination	
Monday, 8th March	09:00 – 13:00	Kumite Practical Examination-Group 1	
	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
	14:00 – 19:00	Kumite Practical Examination-Group 2	
Tuesday, 9th March	09:00 – 13:00	Kumite Practical Examination-Group 3	
	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
	14:00 – 19:00	Kumite Practical Examination-Group 4	
Wednesday 10th March	09:00 – 11:30	Kata – Theory and Theory Examination	
	11:30 – 13:30	Kata – Practical Examination	
	13:30 – 14:30	Lunch	
	15.00 – 17:00	Kata – Video Examination	
Thursday 11th March	08:00 – 15:00	RC Administration	
	16:00 – 17:00	Examination Results	
	17:00 – 18:00	Licence Renewal	
	19:00 – 20:30	Referees Briefing	

Friday 12th – Sunday 14th March

The first two days of the Premier League competition (Friday and Saturday) will be the confirmation event for the Candidates having previously passed the corresponding exam. Therefore, Candidates will have to be available for officiating during these two days of competition.

Istanbul 2021 - WKF Referee Kata Course

https://www.sportdata.org/wkf/set-online/veranstaltung_info_main.php?active_menu=calendar&vern=517#a_eventhead

Istanbul 2021 - WKF Referee Kumite Course

https://www.sportdata.org/wkf/set-online/veranstaltung_info_main.php?active_menu=calendar&vern=516#a_eventhead

8. EVENTS SCHEDULE

DUE TO THE CURRENT EMERGENCY HEALTH SITUATION THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD UNDER THE WKF COVID-19 PROTOCOL;

Key Elements

www.bit.ly/WKF_COVID19_protocol

WKF COVID Event Protocol

https://www.wkf.net/pdf/WKF_COVID_protocol.pdf

In order to respect and properly follow the WKF Covid-19 protocol, **the schedules below will be strictly followed.**

THURSDAY Date 11/03/2021	ACTIVITY	PLACE
ATHLETES REGISTRATION		
09:00 – 17:00 hrs	<p>The onsite registration of ATHLETES will be completed as follows;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHECKING OF THE COVID DOCUMENTATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONSITE REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATIONS' DELIVERY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEIGHING</p> <p>Timeslots by alphabetic order of Countries will be applied to ensure a smooth onsite registration process. Such timeslot will be established once finished the online registration.</p>	WOW HOTEL CONVENTION CENTER

18:30 hrs	DRAWS and COACH MEETING	ONLINE
OFFICIALS REGISTRATION		
09:00 – 17:00 hrs	<p>The onsite registration of OFFICIALS will be completed as follows;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHECKING OF THE COVID DOCUMENTATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANTIGEN TEST</p> <p>Upon receive a negative result of the antigen test, DELIVERY OF ACCREDITATIONS.</p> <p>Timeslots by alphabetic order of Countries will be applied to ensure a smooth onsite registration process. Such timeslot will be in coordination with the Athletes Registration timeslot.</p>	WOW HOTEL CONVENTION CENTER
OFFICIATED COACHES REGISTRATION (non-attendees to the Coach Programme)		
09:00 – 17:00 hrs	<p>The onsite registration for COACHES will be completed as follows;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHECKING OF THE COVID DOCUMENTATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANTIGEN TEST</p> <p>Upon receive a negative result of the antigen test, DELIVERY OF ACCREDITATIONS</p> <p>Timeslots by alphabetic order of Countries will be applied to ensure a smooth onsite registration process. Such timeslot will be in coordination with the Athletes Registration timeslot.</p>	WOW HOTEL CONVENTION CENTER
WKF COACH PROGRAMME SCHEDULE		
09:00 – 17:00 hrs	<p>The onsite registration for those COACHES PARTICIPANT IN THE WKF COACH PROGRAMME will be completed as follows;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHECKING OF THE COVID DOCUMENTATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONSITE REGISTRATION AND PRE - ACCREDITATIONS' DELIVERY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANTIGEN TEST</p> <p>THE TIMETABLE FOR THE COACH PROGRAMME IS LISTED BELOW:</p>	WOW HOTEL CONVENTION CENTER

	17:00 – 17:30 hrs	ANTIGEN TEST FOR THOSE COACHES ATTENDING TO THE ACCREDITED COACH BRIEFING	
	17:30 – 19:00 hrs	ACCREDITED COACH BRIEFING	
	18:00 – 19:00 hrs	ANTIGEN TEST FOR THOSE COACHES ATTENDING TO THE KUMITE EXAMINATION	
	19:00 – 19:30 hrs	KUMITE COACH EXAMINATION	
	19:00 – 19:30 hrs	ANTIGEN TEST FOR THOSE COACHES ATTENDING TO THE KATA EXAMINATION	
	19:30 – 20:00 hrs	KATA COACH EXAMINATION	
20:30 hrs	COACH EXAMINATIONS RESULTS		
20:30 hrs	Upon receive a negative result of the antigen test and complete the WKF Coach Programme, DELIVERY OF THE EVENT ACCREDITATIONS		
REFEREES REGISTRATION			
Referee Registration 09:00 – 14:00 hrs	<p>The onsite registration for REFEREES will be completed as follows;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHECKING OF THE COVID DOCUMENTATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANTIGEN TEST</p> <p>Upon received a negative result of the antigen test, DELIVERY OF ACCREDITATIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFEREE BRIEFING</p> <p>The Referees' briefings will be held in groups* as listed below:</p>		WOW HOTEL CONVENTION CENTER
Referee Briefing 15:30 – 19:00	15:00 – 15:30	ANTIGEN TEST – REFEREE GROUP 1	
	15:30 – 16:00	REFEREE BRIEFING – REFEREE GROUP 1	
	16:00 – 16:30	ANTIGEN TEST – REFEREE GROUP 2	
	16:30 – 17:00	REFEREE BRIEFING – REFEREE GROUP 2	
	17:00 – 17:30	ANTIGEN TEST – REFEREE GROUP 3	
	17:30 – 18:00	REFEREE BRIEFING – REFEREE GROUP 3	
	18:00 – 18:30	ANTIGEN TEST – REFEREE GROUP 4	
	18:30 – 19:00	REFEREE BRIEFING – REFEREE GROUP 4	
	*Attendants to each of the groups will be notified once online registration is closed		

COMPETITION PROGRAMME

FRIDAY March 12 th , 2021	ACTIVITY	PLACE
<u><i>Eliminations & Semifinals</i></u>		
09:00 hrs	Kata Individual Female	WOW CONVENTION CENTER
11:00 hrs	<i>Kata Team Male</i>	
<u><i>Eliminations & Repechages</i></u>		
12:00 hrs	<i>Kumite Male – 60 kg</i>	WOW CONVENTION CENTER
14:00 hrs	<i>Kumite Female – 50 kg</i>	
16:00 hrs	<i>Kumite Male – 67 kg</i>	
18:00 hrs	<i>Kumite Female– 55 kg</i>	
20:00 hrs	<i>Kumite Male – 75 kg</i>	

SATURDAY March, 13 th , 2021	ACTIVITY	PLACE
<u><i>Eliminations&Semifinals</i></u>		
09:00 hrs	<i>Kata Individual Male</i>	WOW CONVENTION CENTER
11:00 hrs	<i>Kata Team Female</i>	
<u><i>Eliminations & Repechages</i></u>		
12:00 hrs	<i>Kumite Female – 61 kg</i>	WOW CONVENTION CENTER
14:00 hrs	<i>Kumite Male – 84 kg</i>	
16:00 hrs	<i>Kumite Female– 68 kg</i>	
18:00 hrs	<i>Kumite Male + 84 kg</i>	
20:00 hrs	<i>Kumite Female + 68 kg</i>	

SUNDAY March 14 th , 2021		ACTIVITY	PLACE
<u><i>Third Places Bouts</i></u>			
09:00 hrs	Kata Individual Female/Male		WOW CONVENTION CENTER
	Female (-50), Male (-60)		
	Female (-55), Male (-67)		
	Female (-61), Male (-75)		
	Female (-68), Male (-84)		
	Female (+68), Male (+84)		
12:55 hrs	Kata Team Female / Male		
13:55 hrs	Break		
<u><i>Finals</i></u>			
15:00 hrs	Kata Individual Female / Male		WOW CONVENTION CENTER
	Female (-50), Male (-60)		
	Female (-55), Male (-67)		
	Female (-61), Male (-75)		
	Female (-68), Male (-84)		
	Female (+68), Male (+84)		
	Kata Team Female / Male		
18:30 hrs	<u><i>Award Ceremony</i></u>		

The detailed competition schedule will be fixed after closing the online registration in order to adequate it to the final number of athletes.

Only the categories appointed will be allowed to stay in the stadium during the authorized timetables.

Detailed information will be communicated at due time.

9. RANKING

Competitors can earn ranking points in every Karate 1 event according to the official WKF Ranking Criteria, point 3.2 of the WKF World Ranking Rules;

https://www.wkf.net/pdf/wkf_worldranking_rules.pdf

The applicable ranking will be the one updated on the day of the registration opening, **January 22nd, 2021.**

http://accreditation.qtixx.com/wkfranking/ranking_main.php?hidemenu=true&hidedob=true&numberofranked=200&ranking_category=0&enddate=2021-01-01

10. ONLINE REGISTRATION & OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION

All registration in a Premier League event must be processed ONLINE. Onsite registrations will NOT be accepted.

The registration will be validated once completed the online payment through the payment platform.

10.1 Online Registration Process

The registration starts on 22nd January, 2021 and close one week before the tournament, on 5th March, 2021 at the 12:00 hrs GMT +0 and it is divided in the following three phases (all phases will close at the 12:00 hrs GMT +0 of the listed day);

- **Phase 1, from January 22nd to February 5th, 2021:** Limited to the NFs, TWO competitors per category and country, ranked among the position n° 1 and n° 50 (included) of the WKF ranking, regardless of double positions.
- **Phase 2, from February 5th to 19th, 2021:** If any of the TWO registrations of the phase 1 have not been completed by the NFs, free registration of athletes, ranked among the position n° 1 and n° 50 (included) of the WKF ranking, regardless of double positions (always keeping the limit of TWO per country).
- **Phase 3, from February 19th to March 5th, 2021:** Free registration, limited to 64 athletes per category, ranked among the position n° 1 and n° 200 (included) of the WKF ranking, regardless of double positions.

All **competitor** registrations must be made **online** through the following Sportdata link;

<https://www.sportdata.org/wkf/set.php?id=470>

All **referee** registrations must be made **online** through the following Sportdata link;

<https://www.sportdata.org/wkf/set.php?id=501>

All **coach** registrations must be made **online** through the following Sportdata link;

<https://www.sportdata.org/wkf/set.php?id=500>

Individuals and National Federations are responsible for the quality of the entered registration data. Once close the online registration, any comments will have to notified to both, the software team and the WKF, at latest five day before the first day of competition.

Technical Support for Online Registration

In case of any questions concerning the online registration please directly contact the Sportdata software team via the email address; karate1@sportdata.org or office@sportdata.org

10.2 Entry Fee

The entry fees are € 75 per individual category entry and € 150 per team category entry.

10.3 Payment

All payments must be processed through the ONLINE PAYMENT PLATFORM. Onsite payments will NOT be accepted.

10.4 Official Accreditation

The official accreditation will take place on Thursday, 11/03/2021, from 09.00 a.m. to 17.00 p.m. at the WOW Hotel Convention Center.

If changes are required during the official registration session, because of incorrect or missing registration data, a fee of € 20 is charged for each change.

At registration, accreditation cards will be issued with the participants main data, a photograph and information about registered categories. The accreditation card must be worn at all times during the event.

Only members of national federations recognized by WKF are admitted to participate, as per Premier League Organising Rules 2021 (PL OR Point 6 Registration).

All participants must submit an official document (passport or other valid ID card) for the WKF identification and validation at the accreditation session.

The accreditation of any competitor must be done by the athlete or the athlete's coach, in person bringing the athlete passport or other valid ID at the accreditation session.

The competitor who has not collected, either personally or through his/her coach the accreditation during the official registration, will not be included in the draw.

The weighing will be carried out immediately after receiving the accreditation, those athletes who will not attend the weighing will not be included in the draw.

11. BACK NUMBERS

The use of back numbers is compulsory for all categories and modalities in Karate 1 – Premier League events.

All competitors are required to carry - properly sewn on the back of their karategi's jacket - the back number provided at the registration.

If the back number is not properly sewn, it can be a reason for disqualification.

12. WKF COACH PROGRAMME

According to the WKF Coach Educational Programme, **the minimum certification required to take part in Karate 1 – Premier League events is the “Kumite or Kata certification” (level 2).** To obtain such certification, coaches must pass the corresponding **Kumite or Kata examination.**

The Kumite or Kata coach licence can be obtained;

- via the WKF E-learning platform for Coaches; www.elearning-wkf.net
- or by attending to one of the Programmes for Coaches that the WKF held in official events.

A WKF Programme for Coaches will be held in all Karate 1 - Premier League events 2021.

Only coaches in possession of the “WKF Accredited Coach” level have access to the “WKF Kumite or Kata certification“.

Due to the health recommendations of social distancing because of the Covid 19 pandemic, we recommend to obtain/renew the coach licenses through the WKF E-learning platform.

12.1 WKF Programme for Coaches, Istanbul 2021

Please find below the Coach schedule and the details for the registration process:

12.1.1 Schedule

Please see section “7. Event Schedule” for the detailed registration and antigen test schedules.

Accredited Coach Briefing				
Thursday	11/03/2021	from 17:30 hrs	to 19:00 hrs	WOW HOTEL CONVENTION CENTER
Certified Kumite Coach Examination				
Thursday	11/03/2021	from 19:00 hrs	to 19:30 hrs	WOW HOTEL CONVENTION CENTER
Certified Kata Coach Examination				
Thursday	11/03/2021	from 19:30 hrs	to 20:00 hrs	WOW HOTEL CONVENTION CENTER

*** Please note that it is possible to take part in both the “Accredited Coach Briefing” and the “Certified Kata and/or Kumite Coach Exams”.***

12.1.2 Online Registration

Those coaches who wish to attend to the “WKF Coach Programme” in Istanbul must be registered online with deadline **March 5th, 2021** through the following link;

<https://www.sportdata.org/wkf/set.php?id=503>

Should you have any difficulties when registering, please contact support@sportsid.org for technical support.

12.1.3 Fees

We would like to remind you that the fees for the Program for WKF Coaches are as follows:

Briefing for “Accredited Coach” level (new application or license renewal)
300 CHF

Examination for “Certified Kumite Coach” (new application or license renewal)
250 CHF

Examination for “Certified Kata Coach” (new application or license renewal)
250 CHF

12.1.4 Payment

All payments must be made through Sportdata platform.

No other methods of payment will be accepted.

Registrations and payments onsite will not be accepted.

13. MEDIA

13.1 TV Production

All the events of the 2021 Karate 1 – Premier League will broadcast on TV. The competition on Sunday will be available to a worldwide viewing audience through a high-quality TV production which will be provided to TV networks around the world following the agreement of the WKF with these networks.

Due to these agreements VIDEO RECORDING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.

13.2 Press

Press accreditation can only be given to professional journalists working for a media and having proof of their credentials.

Media professionals must follow the WKF COVID-19 Protocol, including presenting a negative PCR test and completing the health questionnaire provided at the online registration. Learn more about WKF COVID-19 Protocol here: www.bit.ly/WKF_COVID19_protocol

Moreover, they will be required to wear a certified face mask at all times and will be compelled to follow the local sanitary measures and WKF COVID-19 Protocol.

Media professionals can register to request press accreditations through the on line registration form which can be found here: https://www.sportdata.org/wkf/set-online/veranstaltung_info_main.php?active_menu=calendar&vern=470&ver_info_action=pressregistration#a_presshead

Should you need more information about press or media related issues, please contact to the World Karate Federation's office: press@wkf.net

14. COMPETITION VENUE

WOW HOTEL CONVENTION CENTER

Yeşilköy, Atatürk Cd. No:15 - 17 D:19, 34149 Bakırköy/İstanbul



15. OFFICIAL HOTELS

15.1 HQ Hotel

WOW ISTANBUL HOTEL HQ



Istanbul's biggest congress center with accommodation facilities, WOW Hotels serves with its 360 standard rooms specially decorated considering all needs and comfort.

WOW Airport Hotel meets the accommodation, taste, entertainment and invitation needs of its guests under a single roof with its cafes and restaurants, entertainment options, health club and meetings halls of different size.

15.2 Hotels Prices

HQ HOTEL	Full Board		
	Single	Double	Triple
WOW ISTANBUL HOTEL (5 Star)	145 €	95 €	85 €

HQ HOTEL	Full Board		
	Single	Double	Triple
WOW AIRPORT HOTEL (4 Star)	120 €	85 €	75 €

Prices are per person and per night basis.

The competition and Covid-19 test shall be done in WOW Convention Center where the hotel is located. Due to Covid-19 precautions ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST STAY IN THE OFFICIAL HOTEL.

Due to Covid-19 all restaurants are closed in Istanbul in order to solve this situation open buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided in the hotels.

Please contact Akmer Spor Organizasyon Turizm ve Insaat Ltd. Sti. at the e-mail; akmertravel@gmail.com for hotels reservations and conditions.

Payments for the hotel reservations;

Akmer Spor Organizasyon Turizm ve Insaat Ltd. Sti.

Bank: Yapi Kredi Bankasi

Iban: TR31 0006 7010 0000 0046 7865 20

Swift: YAPITRISXXX

15.3 Airport Transfers

Istanbul Airport – Hotel – Istanbul Airport

1-4 Persons 180 €

5- 8 Persons 250 €

9-21 Persons 400 €

Over 21 Persons 750 €

Please contact: akmertravel@gmail.com for airport transfers.

16. COVID-19 SANITARY PROTOCOL

DUE TO THE CURRENT EMERGENCY HEALTH SITUATION THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD UNDER THE WKF COVID-19 PROTOCOL;

Key Elements

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WKF COVID Event Protocol

https://www.wkf.net/pdf/WKF_COVID_protocol.pdf

WKF COVID-19 Protocol Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8pu7nK2xB4o&t=57s>

17. VISA REQUIREMENTS

For details of Visa application and equipment please contact your nearest Turkish Embassy or representative. Note: If you need VISA support with the additional fee, you can contact us by e-mail: karate@karate.gov.tr

18. CITY / COUNTRY INFORMATION



18.1 About Istanbul

Istanbul is Turkey's most populous city as well as its cultural and financial hub. Located on both sides of the Bosphorus narrow strait between the Black Sea and the Marmara Sea, Istanbul bridges Asia and Europe both physically and culturally. Istanbul's population is estimated to be between 12 and 19 million people, making it also one of the largest cities in Europe and the world.

Expanding the ancient Roman colony of **Byzantium** by the order of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, the imperial city of **Constantinople** was for nearly a thousand years the last remaining outpost of the Roman (later termed Eastern Roman or Byzantine) Empire. It was finally conquered by the Ottoman Sultan Mehmed II on 29 May 1453, an event sometimes used to mark the end of the Middle Ages. It was the nerve centre for military campaigns that were to enlarge the Ottoman Empire dramatically. By the mid 1500s, Istanbul, with a population of almost half a million, was a major cultural, political, and commercial centre. Ottoman rule continued until it was defeated in WWI and Istanbul was occupied by



the allies. When the Republic of Turkey was born in 1923 after the War of Independence, Kemal Atatürk moved its capital to the city of Ankara. However, Istanbul has continued to expand dramatically; today its population is approximately 14 million and increases at an estimated 400,000 immigrants per year. Industry has expanded even as tourism has grown.

18.2 How to get to Istanbul

By plane

Istanbul New Airport

(IATA: IST, ICAO: LTFM) was opened on 29 October 2018. It became the main international airport in Istanbul, Turkey. After Istanbul Atatürk Airport was closed, all its passenger flights were transferred to Istanbul New Airport.

The airport is located in the Arnavutköy district, which is on the European side of Istanbul.

Sabiha Gökçen Airport

Istanbul also has a second airport, **Sabiha Gökçen International Airport** (IATA: **SAW**), located in the Anatolian side of the city **Sabiha Gökçen International Airport**.

By train

The Marmaray extension is now opened- make sure you check the Turkish railways website at tcdd.gov.tr. as many routes have now changed.

You probably need a visa in advance to enter Turkey by train – see the note on visas in the section on Ataturk airport.

By bus

Most buses and coaches terminate at the colossal Esenler *Otogar*, about 10 km west of the city center, located on the European side. The station can be easily reached via the Otogar stop on the M1. Companies may also have courtesy minibuses or taxis which will allow you to easily access the center of the city.

18.3 Practical Information

Language

The official language is Turkish and mostly spoken language is English.

Time Zone, Electric and Water

Turkey uses EET or Eastern European Time (GMT + 2), for summer, the rule is EEST or Eastern European Summer Time, which is one hour ahead. 220 Volts electric is used with two pins plugin.

Currency

TRY Stats Name: Turkish Lira 5 TL, 10 TL, 20 TL, 50 TL, 100 TL, 200 TL Symbol: Kuruş: Kr

Weather

Cloudy and sunny 9-10 Degree's 19.5 Working Hours and Days

Health Security and Insurance

Bakırkoy State Hospital is the main health unit in the competition area. In case of emergency situations following numbers should be called;

Health Urgency 112

Police 155

Side Events

Training Camp

A training camp with Turkish National Team will be held on 7th of March, 11th of March 2021 in WOW Convention Center. In case you are interested in attending please contact; akmertravel@gmail.com to process your reservation.

All teams are requested to stay in the official hotel.

19. OMISSIONS

As regards that the specific items are not expressly foreseen in the present bulletin reference is to be made to the general rules and guidelines contained in WKF Regulations.