



Joint press release announcing English Karate Working Group

A working group has been created to establish a new federated national governing body (NGB) for karate in England, with the working title English Karate. This new body will represent the interests of karate associations in England and coordinate common procedures and protocols for the governance and administration of its member associations. It will also work to standardise the technical rules and procedures for karate to establish a quality standard for teaching and grading in England. The new body will seek Sport England recognised NGB status on behalf of its member associations.

This work follows a period of discussion between five of England's largest karate associations, supported by Sport England and the Sport and Recreation Alliance. This process resulted in the development of a structure which meets the governance standards expected under the Voluntary Code of Good Governance and the recently published UK Code of Sports Governance.

The working group is made up of nominated representatives from the Amateur Martial Association, the English Karate Federation, the Federation of English Karate Organisations, Karate England and the Karate Union of Great Britain, the organisations involved in discussions over the last 18 months and the founding members of English Karate, the new federated body. Once formally established, membership will be open to any national karate association in England.

Bringing together the English karate community to cooperate under the banner of a recognised national governing body will increase the profile and development of karate in England. It will also provide new opportunities to seek funding and commercial partnerships which will benefit all those participating in the sport.

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