

2023 WAKO CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

November 28th 2022

Dear WAKO Canada Club,

We are excited to announce the **2023 Annual Canadian National Kickboxing Championships** - the largest running Kickboxing Tournament in Canada! The WAKO Board is also excited to announce that the 2023 Nationals is the 20th Anniversary of our NSO.

The Board has decided to focus our event on the National Priority of Truth and Reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous peoples. Over the past two years Canadians have continued to learn about the impact of colonial history of our First Nations. In the spirit of reconciliation national sport associations are using major events as vehicles to educate our community.

WAKO Canada has commissioned famous Canadian Ojibway Artist – Patrick Hunter – to design the artwork on our National Title belt and awards for the 2023 Nationals. Patrick has an incredible background as an advocate for Truth and Reconciliation but also for diversity education. The opening ceremony will also give a platform of our national diversity.

The Nationals will again feature all Kickboxing disciplines (K1, Low Kick and Full Contact) and Kick Light with divisions for junior, intermediate and senior athletes in the two experience classifications (novice/open).

ADDITIONAL AWARDS!

Best Supporting Club Award – *Most number of Entries*
Top Female Senior Athlete - Top Male Senior Athlete - Top Intermediate Athlete - Top Junior

WAKO Canada will also be holding Forms/Weapons and Point Sparring Divisions. These divisions will be Canadian Open Titles and winners will receive Championship Medals. *The Nationals for Point/Forms/Weapons will be held April 28th in Quebec City.*

Only clubs registered for 2023 with WAKO Canada - will be allowed to enter athletes.

All athletes must have a current WAKO Passport and 2023 Sticker Code (for ring sport) before entering the Nationals. If athletes are not registered the discounted fees will not be accepted.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING POLICIES FOR THE 2023 NATIONALS

- Only participants registered for 2023 with WAKO Canada can register for the Nationals
- Three Participants are required to make a Nationals Division
- If there are less than 3 participants in a division – athletes will be moved to the closest discipline/category/weight division to make 3 participants
- Coaches will be notified immediately of any move
- Athletes must indicate their 1st – 2nd – 3rd Choice of Divisions when registering for the Nationals

All Senior and Veteran medalist qualify for the 2023 WAKO WORLD Championship (PORTUGAL); while all participants qualify for the 2023 INTERCONTINENTAL TEAM event in South Africa.

Make plans to enter Canada's largest Kickboxing Tournament!

WAKO Canada Board of Directors

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