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To all WKC member federations

The President

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Dear Mr. President,

Recently Vice-President Dietrich went to Florida to meet Mr. Joe B. Mirza, Chairman of the WKC USA Karate and Vice-President of the WKC, in Ft. Lauderdale in order to make detailed plans for the forthcoming 7th WKC World Championships in June this year. I am very grateful for the hard work that has gone in to organizing this very important tournament. I would sincerely like to thank the American Organizing Committee and its chairman Joe B. Mira for all the enthusiasm and commitment that have went in to taking on such a huge task for the benefit of the WKC and its members.

Here is some important news on:

1. All federations whose participants need a visa for entering the USA must submit a letter of application (see attached sample letter) until the 15st April 2009 (**definite deadline**, no later applications will be considered) to the following address (and a copy to the WKC Office):

You have to state full name, date of birth, passport number, sex (m/f), length of stay (arrival/departure date), position in the team (competitor, referee/judge, coach, president, supporter etc.) The letter has to be signed by the President of the respective member federation and stamped with seal of the federation.

Send this letter as a word document. You will receive a confirmed invitation then for the people listed from the WKC USA Organising Committee. With this confirmation you may apply for the visa at the nearest US diplomatic mission in your country.

Following on to this you must give the full address of the US diplomatic mission in your country where you are going to apply for the visa (including fax and e-mail). The *US Department of Homeland Security* will notify that mission of your intention to apply for visa for your team.

Your complete list should be mailed to the address of the local organiser in the USA:

WKC USA Karate 237 East Prospect Avenue MOUNT PROSPECT, Illinois 60056 USA

Fax: 001-847-797-0510

E-mail: wkc.usa.karate@gmail.com

- 2. As these championships are only for adults the minimum age for all competitors is 18 years on the day of competition. There will be no exceptions, neither for individual nor team event, kumite or kata. Please note the *Old Boys* and *Old Girls* have to be 40 years of age minimum on the day of competition. All passports will be checked.
- 3. Due to the heavy work load of so many activities in Ft. Lauderdale with the (World Championships, Masters Seminar, and especially the very large AAU Nationals with thousands of participants) the planned Pan American Cham**pionships** has been changed to another date and place.
- 4. On the eve of the championships the Elective Congress will take place. Please think about any item which you want to have included in the agenda and whom you might want to propose for election for any position in the Executive Committee. In the beginning of April we will mail the draft agenda to you.

<u>Notice:</u> Several federations applied for membership in the WKC. Some of them have asked for an invitation to World Championships but if they have not paid the registration and membership fees to the WKC they cannot be invited to the championships.

We will keep you informed on all changes or news on the world championships and related events. Please check our webpage regularly for new updates.

Sincerely yours

Marko Nicović President World Karate Confederation

Sample letter

Name Address of WKC member federation

(federation's stationary/letterhead)

Date

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E-mail: wkc.usa.karate@gmail.com

Dear Mr. President,

Please send to us an invitation letter for the below mentioned members of our team who wish to take part in the 7th WKC World Championships in Ft. Lauderdale 2009.

We will apply for visa for the USA at the US embassy/consulate

Full address of respective US diplomatic mission

(Please state full address incl. Fax and e-mail)

No.	Family Name	Given	Date of Birth	Passport No.	m/f	Position	Arr.
		Name					Dep.
							dd/mm
1	SMITH	Henry	04/10/1958	A1234567	m	President	08/06
							20/06
2	BROWN	John			m	Referee	08/06
							20/06
3	MILLER	Anne			f	Coach	09/06
							16/06
4	BUSH	James			m	Competitor	09/06
							16/06

And so on