



# WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

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## TO ALL WKF NF's

Madrid, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Dear President:

As you know, starting 1st of January 2009, the WKF "Face Mask" protection will be compulsory for the kumite CADET categories worldwide. The Face Mask is a unique concept and much different from any other protection used in Martial Arts and combat sports. It has been tested to guarantee full compliance with the targets defined, keeping at the same time the identity of the competitors before the public.

The Face Mask has been patented and registered, being the WKF the owner of all the rights.

It will be commercially available worldwide before the end of next October, through the national distribution networks of the five main brands approved by the WKF, namely Adidas, Arawaza, Budoland, Sports Master and Tokaido. The addresses of these five distributors are already available in the WKF website [www.wkf.net](http://www.wkf.net).

The Face Mask will be of compulsory use in all National Championships from 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2009.

We enclose you the digital image of the Face Mask as provided by the manufacturer.

This is a crucial and decisive step in the modern WKF and karate history. We kindly ask you to provide the best and broadest diffusion of it between all the members of your Federation.

Regards

**Antonio Espinós**  
WKF President