

KARATE
ONE
YOUTH LEAGUE

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Karate 1 – Youth League

HARARE

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1. WELCOME MESSAGE

1.1 Greeting from the from the President of the Zimbabwe National Karate Federation

It is with great honour and delight that I extend a warm welcome to all participants of the 18th Edition of the WKF World Youth Camp and Karate-1 Youth League Tournament, set to take place in Harare, Zimbabwe, from 25 to 28 March 2026.

This event marks a historic milestone. For the first time ever, a WKF youth camp is being hosted on African soil. We are deeply honoured to be the ones to open this exciting chapter in the global karate calendar, and we are ready to share not only the spirit of karate, but also the warmth and culture of our beautiful nation.



Zimbabwe was recently named “The Best Country to Visit in 2025” by Forbes Magazine, a recognition that speaks volumes of our country’s breathtaking natural beauty, rich cultural heritage, and unmatched hospitality. From the majestic Victoria Falls to the rolling hills of Nyanga and the vibrant pulse of Harare, Zimbabwe welcomes you with open arms.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Government of Zimbabwe for their support in allowing this prestigious event to take place. We are also profoundly thankful to the World Karate Federation for trusting us with this opportunity and awarding Zimbabwe the right to host such a high-profile event. We are also deeply grateful to the Union of African Karate Federations for their unwavering support and solidarity in making this historic African debut possible. To the parents, guardians, national federations and clubs who made sacrifices to ensure their athletes could be here, we thank you. You are the backbone of our sport’s growth.

To all the athletes, technical officials, coaches, volunteers, and supporters, I say: welcome to Zimbabwe. We are excited to share this unforgettable moment with you as we unite through sport, build lasting friendships, and showcase the future of global karate.

May this event not only be a celebration of competition, but also a powerful reminder of the values we hold dear, these are respect, discipline, and unity.

Joe Rugwete

President

Zimbabwe National Karate Federation

2. INTRODUCTION

The Karate 1 – Youth League is a competition conceived to highlight the impact of Karate in young ages.

Established under the umbrella of Karate 1 and designed to complete Karate 1-Premier League and Karate 1 - Series A, the Karate 1 - Youth League aims to become a platform for the development of youngsters in their quest to progress in the sport.

The competition was devised to respond to the increasing interest of young competitors to have more options to compete at the highest level and it puts the focus on karatekas aged 12 to 17.

The number of competitors for **Kumite** modality is distributed as follows:

- **Junior:** limited to a maximum of 96 athletes per category
- **Cadet:** limited to a maximum of 96 athletes per category
- **U14:** limited to a maximum of 64 athletes per category

For **Kata** modality the number of competitors is distributed as follow:

- **Junior:** limited to a maximum of 128 athletes per category
- **Cadet:** limited to a maximum of 128 athletes per category
- **U14:** limited to a maximum of 64 athletes per category

All members of WKF are permitted to participate.

The WKF Competition Rules in force will be applied.

3. INTRODUCTION KARATE 1- YOUTH LEAGUE HARARE 2026

The Karate 1 – Youth League (HARARE 2026) 2026 will be held next 26-29/03/2026, at the “**City Sports Centre**” in Harare, Zimbabwe

Venue Address: 528G+HR8 / 528G+JR3, Harare, Zimbabwe

Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/spRc3uYBe5vmHjX7?g_st=ipc

4. COMPETITION INFORMATION

4.1 Categories

Junior (16 - 17 years old): 12 categories (10 Kumite + 2 Kata)

- Female Kumite: - 48kg, - 53kg, - 59kg, -66kg, +66kg
- Male Kumite: - 55kg, - 61kg, - 68kg, - 76kg, +76kg
- Kata: Female, Male

Cadet (14 - 15 years old): 11 categories (9 Kumite + 2 Kata)

- Female Kumite: - 47kg, - 54kg, -61kg, +61kg
- Male Kumite: - 52kg, - 57kg, - 63kg, - 70kg, +70kg
- Kata: Female, Male

Under 14 (12 - 13): 11 categories (9 Kumite + 2 Kata)

- Female Kumite: - 42kg, - 47kg, -52kg, +52kg
- Male Kumite: - 40kg, - 45kg, - 50kg, - 55kg, +55kg
- Kata: Female, Male

4.1.1 Age

IMPORTANT NOTE

The age limit of competitors for the corresponding category will be the first day of the entire event.

4.2 Prizes

The event prizes (medals and trophies) are to be provided by the host.

In each individual category, the first prize will be a gold medal.

The second prize will be a silver medal.

The third prizes will be bronze medals.

5. CONTACT INFORMATION

5.1 Organizers contact details

Iván Delfino WKF Marketing Manager

Email: idelfino@wkf.net

Events department: events@wkf.net

5.2 Local Organising Committee contact details

ZIMBABWE Karate Federation

Tel: +263 714210287

Email: president@zimkarate.org

5.3 WKF Event Supervisor contact

The WKF Event Supervisor for this Youth League event is Mohamed Elhosienny, contact details are as follows:

Email: melhosienny2@hotmail.com

5.4 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

The Karate 1-Youth League complies with the highest level of presentation. In order to guarantee the correct delivery of the event, and to ensure the suitable quality of the tournament, the following brands exclusively are **WKF Approved** for use in the 2026 Karate 1-Youth League Season.

“WKF APPROVED” SPORT PROTECTIONS



*Click on the logos

CHECK THE COMPULSORY PROTECTIONS FOR THIS COMPETITION

WKF Helmet and Children Chest Protector for those under 14 years of age are used according to WKF Competition Rules:

<https://wkf.net/karateprotections/protections/children-chest-protector>

<https://www.wkf.net/karateprotections/protections/helmet-protection>

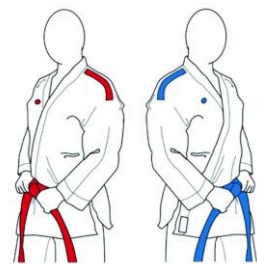


WKF Female Chest Protector for those under 14 years of age female athletes are used according to WKF Competition Rules.

OFFICIAL KARATEGI KARATE 1 – YOUTH LEAGUE

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

The authorized companies to use these karategis models are:



ADIDAS

ARAWAZA

BESTSPORT

BUDO-NORD

DAEDO

HAYASHI

PUNOK

MOOTO

SMAI

TOKAIDO

WACOKU

WESING

FUJIMAE

KO

KUROBUSHI

SHUREIDO

TUSAH

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WKF APPROVED HIYAB

In addition, the following additions to attire are allowed: Voluntary religiously mandated headwear approved by the WKF.

The brands with WKF Approved Hiyab are the following:

- Arawaza
- Budo-Nord
- Daedo
- Punok
- SMAI
- Tokaido



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“WKF APPROVED” TATAMIS

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PROGNOME
TATAMI BY TROCELLEN

TaiShan

TATAMIX
STORE

WESING 九日山

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7. EVENT SCHEDULE

THERE WILL BE 3 ACCREDITATION DATES AND 4 WEIGH-IN DATES
THE WEIGH-IN IS MANDATORY. IN THE EVENT THAT IT IS NOT EXECUTED, THE
INSCRIPTION WILL BE CANCELLED

WEDNESDAY 25/03/2026	ACTIVITY	PLACE
10:00-18:00	Official Accreditation (For All Categories)	Rainbow Towers Hotel
10:00-18:00	Weigh-in (Only for Junior Category)	Rainbow Towers Hotel
17:00-18:30	Accredited Coach Briefing	Rainbow Towers Hotel
19:00-19:30	Coaching Meeting & Draws	Rainbow Towers Hotel
THURSDAY 26/03/2026	ACTIVITY	PLACE
11:00-12:00	Referee Briefing	Rainbow Towers Hotel
12:00-18:00	Additional Accreditation (Only For U14, Cadet and Junior Categories)	Rainbow Towers Hotel
12:00-18:00	Weigh-in (Only for Cadet and Junior Category)	Rainbow Towers Hotel
FRIDAY 27/03/2026	ACTIVITY	PLACE
12:00-18:00	Additional Accreditation (For U14 and Cadet Categories)	Rainbow Towers Hotel
12:00-18:00	Weigh-in (Only for Cadet Category)	Rainbow Towers Hotel
SATURDAY 28/03/2026	ACTIVITY	PLACE
12:00-18:00	Weigh-in (Only for U14 Category)	Rainbow Towers Hotel

Competition Schedule - CITY SPORTS CENTER	
Thursday, 26/03 09:00	<u>Eliminations & Repechages Junior</u> Kata Individual Male/Female Kumite Individual, Male (- 55kg, - 76kg, +76kg) Kumite Individual, Female (- 66kg, +66kg) <u>Finals Junior</u>
Friday, 27/03 09:00	<u>Eliminations & Repechages Cadet & Junior</u> Cadet Kata Individual Male Kumite Individual, Male Junior (- 61kg, - 68kg) Kumite Individual, Female Junior (- 48kg, - 53kg, -59kg) Cadet (-61Kg, +61kg) <u>Finals Cadet & Junior</u>
Saturday, 28/03 09:00	<u>Eliminations & Repechages Cadet</u> Kata Individual Female Kumite Individual, Male (- 52kg, - 57kg, - 63kg, - 70kg, +70kg) Kumite Individual, Female (- 47kg, - 54kg) <u>Finals Cadet</u>
Sunday, 29/03 09:00	<u>Eliminations & Repechages U14</u> Kata Individual Male/Female Kumite Individual, Male (-40kg, -45kg, -50kg, -55kg, +55kg) Kumite Individual, Female (-42kg, -47kg, -52kg, +52kg) <u>Finals U14</u>

This final Competition Program will be available on the WKF website after online registration closes in order to adequate it to the final number of athletes participants.

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

Detailed information will be communicated at due time.

Competition Venue: “City Sports Centre” in Harare, Zimbabwe

Venue Address: 528G+HR8 / 528G+JR3, Harare, Zimbabwe

https://maps.app.goo.gl/spRc3uYBe5vmHJjX7?g_st=ipc

8. 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. For more information about ranking rules click [here](#).

The current ranking is based on a dynamic file, getting updated at the beginning of each month and after each event on the WKF Event Calendar.

The Event Ranking is defined as a static file which reflects on the ranking on the opening day of the online registration for a given event.

9. ONLINE REGISTRATION & OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION

Registration for a Youth League event must be processed ONLINE.

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

No registration will be accepted after the official online registration deadline.
Any requests after that will be declined.

Onsite registrations will NOT be accepted.

Registrations subjected to the payment of a registration fee will not be validated until the payment is completed through the online payment platform.

Onsite payments will NOT be accepted.

Individuals, Clubs and National Federations are responsible for the quality of the entered registration data.

The online registration record will be openly disclosed to everyone from the beginning, allowing consultation by WKF NFs of all registered participants in real time.

Any issue regarding online registration must be notified to the software provider and to the WKF, five days before the first day of competition at the latest, so that they can be properly taken in consideration without the smooth running of the process altered.

Technical Support for Online Registration

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

9.1 Athlete Registration

Athlete registration is divided into two phases (all phases will open and close at 12:00 h GMT +0 on the listed day):

- **Phase 1, from 26 December to 10 January 2026:**
 - 1st window 26 December to 2 January: Registration only by National Federations. Maximum, 1 athlete per category.
 - 2nd window 3 January to 10 January: Registration of TOP 10 athletes in the Event Ranking of each category
- **Phase 2, from 11 January to 12 March 2026:**
 - 1st window (3 days): registration only for Kata (all age groups)
 - 2nd window (3 days): registration only for U14 Kumite
 - 3rd window (3 days): registration only for Cadet Kumite
 - 4th window (3 days): registration only for Junior Kumite
 - Afterwards: open registration with no restrictions

All **competitor** registrations must be made **ONLINE**:

ATHLETES
REGISTRATION

9.1.1 Entry Fee

The entry fees (per individual category entry) are as follows:

- Youth League events are per individual category entry is € 90.

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

9.2 Non-Reported Absences

1. Any cancellation of an online registration must be for a justified and duly accredited cause and must be communicated in writing to the WKF (events@wkf.net) at least 48 hours before the first day of the competition. Title: YL Absence + (event) + (WKF ID)
2. Participation can only be refused for the following justified reasons:
 - Injury or health-related reasons.
 - Disciplinary sanctions.
 - Personal reasons (work or family nature).
3. In cases of unjustified and unaccredited absence, a €300 fine will be imposed on the athlete during the next registration for a WKF Official event.

9.3 Replacement List

1. You may sign up for the Replacement List when a category is full by selecting your desired category during the normal registration process, after which payment will not be requested and your entry will be listed as Replacement List – ‘Category’.
2. The Replacement list is only to be used as a means of contacting the athlete if an entry declares their absence prior to the event. It does in NO WAY imply or suggest that you have been registered for the event, or that you have been promised a place in the event. Penalties for Unjustified Absence

9.4 Contacting a Replacement

If an absence is confirmed via WKF, then, the first registered athlete will be contacted immediately by email with instructions to complete their payment within a strict 24 hours.

Failure to complete the registration within 24 hours will lead to the complete removal of the entry and the next person on the replacement list will be contacted.

After the registration closes, you can still be put your name onto the replacement list manually by writing the WKF (events@wkf.net) up to 7 days before the competition. Title: YL Replacement List + (event) + (WKF ID)

9.5 Referees Registration

[REFeree
REGISTRATION](#)

After accessing the registration page, you will need to choose your registration group:

- **Referees with WKF and/or Continental License:** the WKF reserves the right to stop the registration once the number of registered referees with WKF and/or Continental License has reached the number of 120.
- **Referee Commission Members**
- **Referees ranked within the top 30 of the WKF Referee Ranking** on the opening date of registration for each event.
- **NF Referees without WKF and/or Continental License**

The Referee Ranking applicable for HARARE 2026 YL will be the one of the opening day of the online registration, 26/12/2025.

[REFeree RANKING](#)

[TOP 30](#)

All **referee** registrations must be made **ONLINE**

Referee registration will open on December 26 at 12:00 h GMT+0 and close March 12 at 12:00 h GMT +0.

9.6 Coaches Registration

The minimum level required to perform as a coach in Youth League events is the **WKF Accredited Coach Certification (Coach level 1)**.

All **coach** registrations must be made **ONLINE**

**COACH
REGISTRATION**

Coach registration will open on December 26 at 12:00 h GMT+0 and close March 12 at 12:00 h GMT +0.

9.7 Official Onsite Accreditation

Onsite official accreditation will take place on:

- Wednesday, 25/03/2026, from 10.00 a.m. to 18.00 p.m. at the Rainbow Towers Hotel for **all categories**.
- Thursday, 26/03/2026, from 12.00 a.m. to 18.00 p.m. at the Rainbow Towers Hotel for **U14, Cadet and Junior categories only**.
- Friday, 27/03/2026 from 12.00 a.m. to 18.00 p.m. at the Rainbow Towers Hotel for **U14 and Cadet categories only**.

Weigh-in must be done on:

- Wednesday, 25/03/2026 from 12.00 a.m. to 18.00 p.m. at the Rainbow Towers Hotel for **Junior category only**.
- Thursday, 26/03/2026 from 12.00 a.m. to 18.00 p.m. at the Rainbow Towers Hotel for **Junior and Cadet category only**.
- Friday, 27/03/2026 from 12.00 a.m. to 18.00 p.m. at the Rainbow Towers Hotel. for **Cadet and Junior category only**.
- Saturday, 28/03/2026, from 12.00 a.m. to 18.00 p.m. at the Rainbow Towers Hotel for **U14 category only**.

If changes are required during the official accreditation session due to incorrect registration data, a fee of €50 will be charged for each change.

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

The athlete's accreditation must contain an updated photograph that allows the athlete to be identifiable throughout the event.

Only members of national federations recognized by WKF are admitted to participating, as per the Karate 1 - Youth League Organising Rules 2026.

All participants must submit an official passport for the WKF identification and validation at the accreditation session.

Every competitor's accreditation must be done in person by the athlete's delegate by bringing the athlete's passport to the accreditation session.

Any competitor who may not have collected their accreditation during official registration, either personally or through their delegate, WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAW.

The weigh-in will be carried out immediately after receiving the accreditation. Those athletes who fail to attend the weigh-in WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAW.

10. MANDATORY DOCUMENTS

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED AT OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION

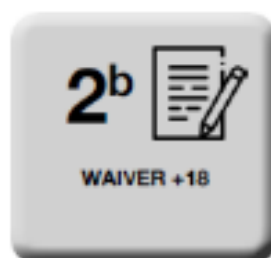
All participants (Coach, Athletes, Referees, Officials) must submit a printed and signed Waiver of Liability form at the onsite accreditation.

There are 3 kinds of forms; one is for the Club/Team Delegate, while the other 2 are for all other participants (Over 18 years old and under 18 years old). Please find the links to each of them below.

Waiver of Liability Forms:

- i. NF/Team Representative Waiver ([link](#))
- ii. Individual +18 Form ([link](#))
- iii. Individual - 18 Form (Parental Consent) ([link](#))

• The NF/Team Delegate takes full responsibility for the validity of all signatures and information provided.



11. ANTIDOPING EDUCATION

As a participant in karate, it is your responsibility to follow the WKF Anti-Doping Rules. Click [here](#) to take an Anti-Doping Education & Learning Course and learn more about your responsibilities and visit our [website](#). In exchange for a few hours, you help keep karate a clean sport.



Course Recommendations

International-level Athletes Education
High Performance Coach Education
Medical Professionals Education
Parents of Elite Athletes Education

12. WKF COACH COURSE PROGRAMME

According to the WKF Coach Educational Programme, **the minimum certification required to take part in Karate 1 – Youth League events is the “Accredited Coach” (level 1)**. To obtain such certification, coaches must attend the corresponding **briefing**.

The Accredited Coach licence can be obtained:

- through the [WKF E-learning platform for Coaches](#).
- or by attending one of the Programmes for Coaches that the WKF will hold in official events.

A WKF Programme for Coaches (Level 1) will be held in all Karate 1 - Youth League events 2026.

12.1 WKF Coach Programme / Accredited Coach Certification Harare 2026

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

12.1.1 Schedule

ACCREDITED COACH BRIEFING				
WEDNESDAY	25/03/2026	FROM 17:00 HRS	TO 18:30 HRS	Rainbow Towers Hotel

12.1.2 Online Registration

Coaches wishing to attend the Briefing for obtaining the “WKF Accredited Coach Briefing” in **Harare** must be registered online with a deadline set on March 12, 2026 (15 days prior to the event) through the link below:

**WKF ACCREDITED
COACH CERTIFICATION
REGISTRATION**

Registration for the Accredited Coach Course will open on December 26 at 12:00 h GMT+0 and close March 12 at 12:00 h GMT +0.

Should you have any difficulties when registering, please contact karate1@sportdata.org for technical support.

12.1.3 Fees

Please be reminded that the fees for the Program for WKF Coaches are as follows:

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

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 Press

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

Media professionals can register to request press accreditations through the online registration form which can be found here:

PRESS REGISTRATION

Video recording will not be allowed

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

14. COMPETITION VENUE

“City Sports Centre” in Harare, Zimbabwe

Address 528G+HR8 / 528G+JR3, Harare, Zimbabwe

Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/spRc3uYBe5vmHJjX7?g_st=ipc

15. TICKET FOR SPECTATORS

No tickets required- free access for spectators

16. HQ HOTEL

Rainbow Towers Hotel

[1 Pennefather Ave, Samora Machel Ave, Harare, Zimbabwe](#)



17. OFFICIAL HOTELS

17.1 Hotel Prices

WORLD KARATE FEDERATION		HARARE			VIB SPORTS a brand of VIB group		
WKF YOUTH LEAGUE							
24-30 MARZO 2026							
PRICE PER PERSON AND DAY							
HOTEL	PRICE SINGLE ROOM PER NIGHT AND PERSON BREAKFAST INCLUDED	PRICE DOUBLE ROOM PER NIGHT AND PERSON BREAKFAST INCLUDED	PRICE TRIPLE ROOM PER NIGHT AND PERSON BREAKFAST INCLUDED	DINNER PER PERSON AND DAY	SHUTTLE BUS PER DAY AND PERSON HOTEL- VENUE-HOTEL	ROUND TRIP TRANSFER AIRPORT	
Rainbow Towers	193,00 USD	120,00 USD		35,00 USD	25,00 USD	45,00 USD	
New Ambassador	193,00 USD	137,00 USD		35,00 USD	25,00 USD	45,00 USD	
Hyatt Meikles	273,00 USD	137,00 USD		52,00 USD	25,00 USD	45,00 USD	
Monomotapa	187,00 USD	100,00 USD		41,00 USD	25,00 USD	45,00 USD	
Bronte	193,00 USD	118,00 USD		29,00 USD	25,00 USD	45,00 USD	
Cresta Lodge	193,00 USD	121,00 USD	121,00 USD	36,00 USD	25,00 USD	45,00 USD	
Cresta Jameson	143,00 USD	121,00 USD		36,00 USD	25,00 USD	45,00 USD	
Cresta Oasis	171,00 USD	108,00 USD	108,00 USD	36,00 USD	25,00 USD	45,00 USD	
Holiday Inn	237,00 USD	121,00 USD		43,00 USD	25,00 USD	45,00 USD	

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

All Hotel Reservations – Contact Information (Including HQ Hotel)

Email: wfkharare2026@vbrtravelgroup.com

Tel: +34 919 89 88 00

All prices are per person, per night:

Hotel: includes breakfast.

Dinner: buffet style at the hotel.

New Ambassador

88 Kwame Nkrumah Ave, Harare, Zimbabwe



Hyatt Meikles

Corner 3rd Street and Jason Moyo Avenue, PO Box 594, 263 Harare, Zimbabwe



Monomotapa

Park Lane, Julius Nyerere Way, 54, Harare, Zimbabwe



Bronte

132 Baines Avenue, Corner Simon Muzenda Street, Harare, Zimbabwe



Cresta Lodge

Cnr Samora Machel Avenue East, and Robert Mugabe Road, Harare, Zimbabwe, 00000



Cresta Jameson

Cnr Samora Machel Avenue & Park Street, Harare, Zimbabwe



Cresta Oasis

124 Nelson Mandela Ave, Harare, Zimbabwe



Holiday Inn

Samora Machel Avenue And, Fifth St, Harare, Zimbabwe



17.2 Transport Services

Shuttle: Transfers during the day between hotel and venue.

Airport: Transfers between airport and hotel (round trip).

17.3 Meals at the Venue

Information will be updated soon

18. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Zimbabwe has three visa categories:

- **Category A – Visa-free:** Citizens of certain countries do not need a visa. https://www.chaloafrica.com/zimbabwe-visas?utm_source=chatgpt.com
- **Category B – Visa on arrival / e-Visa:** Many countries (EU, USA, Australia, etc.) can get a visa on arrival or apply online. <https://www.evisa.gov.zw/>
- **Category C – Visa required in advance:** Nationals of some countries must obtain a visa before traveling. https://travel-info.co.zw/essentials/visas-and-entry?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Passport requirement: Must be valid for at least 6 months beyond arrival.

Application online: Official portal — <https://www.evisa.gov.zw/>

19. HARARE INFORMATION

19.1 About HARARE

Harare is the capital and largest city of Zimbabwe, serving as the country's main political and economic center. Founded in 1890 and renamed in 1982, the city covers about 982 km² and sits on a high plateau at 1,483 meters, giving it a mild climate. With a population of around 1.8 million (over 2.4 million in the metro area), Harare is a hub for government, finance, manufacturing, and trade, as well as a key center for processing agricultural products such as tobacco and maize.

19.2 How to get to HARARE

Harare is accessible mainly by air through **Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport (HRE)**, which is the largest airport in Zimbabwe and handles most international and regional flights. Major airlines operate routes connecting Harare to key hubs such as Johannesburg, Addis Ababa, Nairobi, Dubai, and Doha, providing convenient links from Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and other parts of Africa. Travelers within Southern Africa can also reach Harare by regional flights or long-distance road transport from neighboring countries, though flying remains the most efficient option. Local taxis, shuttle services, and private transfers are available from the airport to the city.

19.3 Practical Information

How to pay: Most people pay in cash or with a credit card

Tax free: Zimbabwe does not currently operate a tourist VAT refund system; VAT on purchases is not refundable for visitors.

Currency: The main currency in use is the Zimbabwean Dollar (ZWL), but US Dollars (USD) are widely accepted for most transactions and are commonly used by visitors.

Electricity: Zimbabwe uses **220–240V** electricity at 50 Hz.

The plug types in Harare are **Type D** and **Type G (UK-style)**. A plug adapter may be needed depending on your device.

Language: The official language is **English**, widely used in business and daily communication. Shona and Ndebele are also commonly spoken.

Time: Harare operates on Central Africa Time (CAT), which is GMT+2 all year round (no daylight-saving time).

20. 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.

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