

Membership Report

Membership Overview - 2026 Season

For the 2026 season, 24 dojos are registered with Karate Nova Scotia, an increase of one club compared to 2025. These dojos collectively represent 931 members, which reflects an approximate 5% decrease from last year's total. This follows a 4% increase in the previous year and a 3% increase the year before that, marking a notable shift in year-over-year membership trends.

Changes in Club KNS Affiliation

Two new dojos joined KNS within the past year:

- ICMAF
- Infinity Martial Arts Karate

However, Bridgewater Uechi-Ryu Karate Academy chose not to renew its membership for 2026.

Club Size Distribution

The average club size is 39 members across all registered dojos. When the three largest clubs are removed from the calculation, the average drops significantly to 20 members, highlighting the wide range of club sizes within the organization.

Demographics

A full breakdown of age, gender, and regional distribution can be found in the demographic chart at the end of this report. We remind you that we do share aggregated demographic info with Sports NS and Karate Canada. As a reminder, Karate Nova Scotia shares aggregated demographic data with Sport Nova Scotia and Karate Canada to support provincial and national reporting requirements, funding assessments, and long-term program planning

Membership Processes

It's important that all information entered in Martial Member remains accurate and up to date. We rely on this data for membership tracking, payment records, event and program planning,

and for preparing funding applications. Keeping the system current ensures we can operate smoothly and continue offering high-quality programs for our members.

The official membership and insurance season runs from November to October each year. The next renewal period begins November 1, 2026. We ask that all dojos complete their base membership submission by December 31, 2026. This deadline is essential because the Karate Canada (KC) renewal period begins January 1, and Karate NS must submit accurate membership numbers and fees at that time.

Please also remember that if your dojo's membership numbers change throughout the year, you are responsible for updating your Martial Member records and adjusting fees accordingly.

Beginning this coming year, Karate NS will continue its focus on enforcing membership renewal deadlines. Dojos that fail to meet the core membership submission requirements will be designated Not in Good Standing, and membership benefits — including insurance coverage — will be suspended until compliance is restored.

To support your own dojo fee structure planning for September, the projected fee structure will be:

Fee Type	2026 (Nov 1, 2026)
Dojo	\$75
Kyu	\$40
Dan	\$40

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2026 Club Demographics As of April 26	DANs	KYUs	Female (¹)	Male (¹)	<18(²)	18+	Member Total
Bushino Ki Karate Club	2	27	19	10	22	7	29
CASK Karate Do Halifax	2	25	15	11	19	8	27
Cheticamp Karate Club	1	12	5	8	11	2	13
Digby Karate Club	2	19	10	11	19	2	21
East Coast Wado	8	61	44	25	53	16	69
East Hants Karate Club	5	16	13	8	13	8	21
Halifax Karate Dojo	3	8	9	2	6	5	11
Halifax Ryuseikan	14	82	71	25	70	26	96
Halifax World Kanreikai Karate	1	4	5	0	2	3	5
Hants Shore Karate Club	2	24	14	12	17	9	26
ICMAF	2	0	1	1	0	2	2
Infinity Martial Arts Karate	3	1	2	2	3	1	4
MAMBEC	0	100	59	41	98	2	100
Mukashi School of Karate	13	4	11	6	0	17	17
Murphy's Karate Academy	20	294	201	113	252	62	314
New Glasgow Karate Club	5	19	14	10	20	4	24
Northumberland Karate - Trenton	11	36	34	13	36	11	47
Performance Karate	1	7	6	2	5	3	8
Shiro Tora Karate Club	2	9	7	4	5	6	11
SMU Karate Club	4	16	11	9	0	20	20
Valley Karate Club	4	6	8	2	4	6	10
Windsor Karate Club	11	9	8	12	8	12	20
Young's Uechi-Ryu Karate & Fitness	5	2	5	2	0	7	7
Total	125	806	589	341	680	251	931

1. One member has identified as non-binary. Male/Female total is off by.
2. Birthdates not included in data submissions result in an age of ZERO, so the member is recorded in <18 Category