



The XXI Pan American Junior Karate Championships 2010  
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## WKF Women's Officiating Symposium

Monday, August 16th, 2010 from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

At the Centre Sheraton Montreal Hotel ([map](#))

Room: Drummond Centre & Est

All women and girls 14 years and older who are interested in officiating. This includes current and aspiring officials, as well as coaches and athletes. Please note that the instructors are able to provide instruction in English, French and Spanish.

### Price

- There is no charge for this event.

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### Panelists

*Norma Foster (Canada)*

Norma Foster has studied Karate for forty years and holds the exceptional rank of 7th degree black belt with the JKF Wado Kai. She is also the only female in the world and one of 2 persons outside Japan to hold an examiner's license from that organization.

A former member of the WKF Referee Council, she is currently the chair of the WKF Gender Equity Committee and the Karate Canada Officials Committee, in addition to being the technical director of the JKF Wado Kai Canada.

An exceptional teacher, Norma is also a Canadian champion in each of the disciplines of individual kumite, team kumite, individual kata and team kata, and competed internationally for Canada at the World Championship and Commonwealth Championships. She is one of the few competitors who have ever claimed gold in individual kumite and kata at the national championships in the same year.

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Norma is a certified coach, a member of the BC and Burnaby Sport Hall of Fame and a member of the team who developed and piloted the Fit4Defense program.

*Fariba Madani (United States of America)*



Born in Iran and now a citizen of the United States of America, Mrs. Madani holds a masters degree in Architecture and a 3rd degree black belt in karate.



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An extraordinary, goal-oriented woman, Mrs. Madani was the first national referee from Colorado, and then the first U.S. female referee at the Pan American level, for both kata and kumite. She decided then to be the first female referee from the United States at the World level, and achieved this distinction in November 2004 at the world championships in Mexico.



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In July 2005, during the USA-National Karate-Do Federation meeting, she was nominated to be a member of the referee council, the first woman ever to be named to the council. As a final note, Mrs. Madani has just become a member of the WKF Referee Council, the governing body of officiating world-wide.



*Maria Elena Quinones (Venezuela)*

A citizen of Venezuela, Mrs. Quinones is a 6th Dan in the Shito Ryu style of karate, and has been officiating at PKF championships since 1985 as well as the WKF championships since 2003.

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