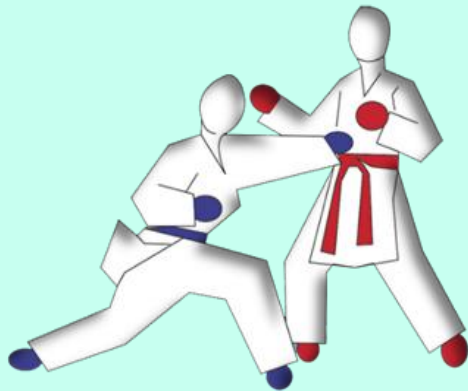




## **Guide for studying or teaching the WKF 2 Judges 1 Referee & 1 Kansa Judging System**

To understand this presentation, a very good knowledge of the competition rules is necessary.  
The statements, drawings, and photos  
are self-explanatory.

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## **WKF TWO JUDGES ONE REFEREE ONE KANSA JUDGING SYSTEM**

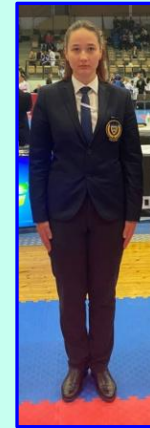
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**KUMITE**

**ONE REFEREE**



**ONE KANSA**



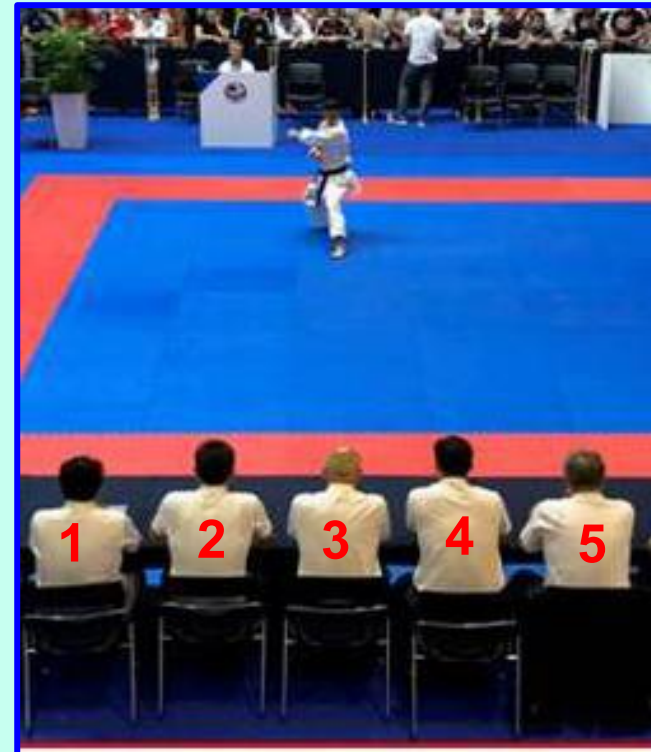
**TWO JUDGES**

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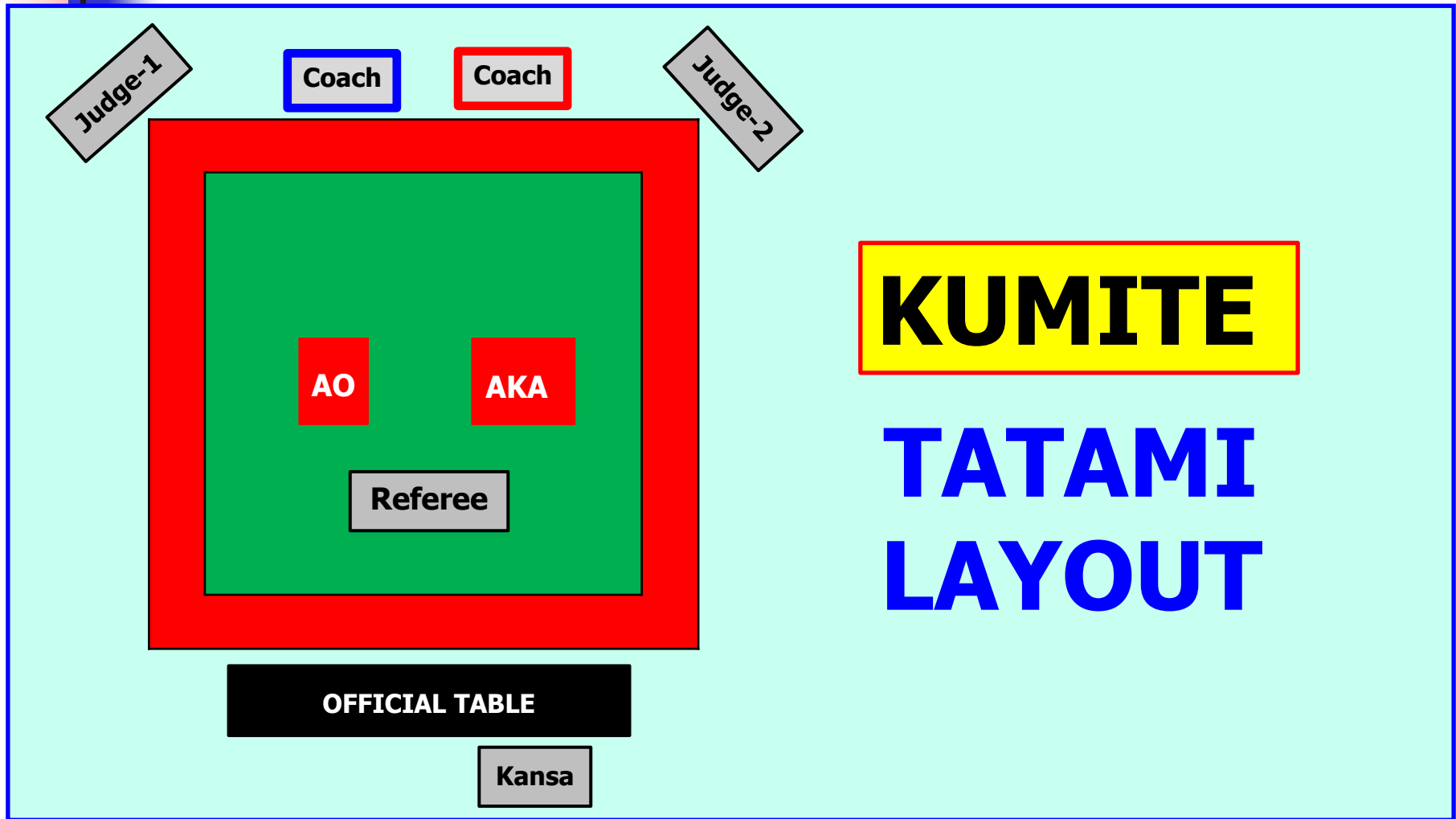


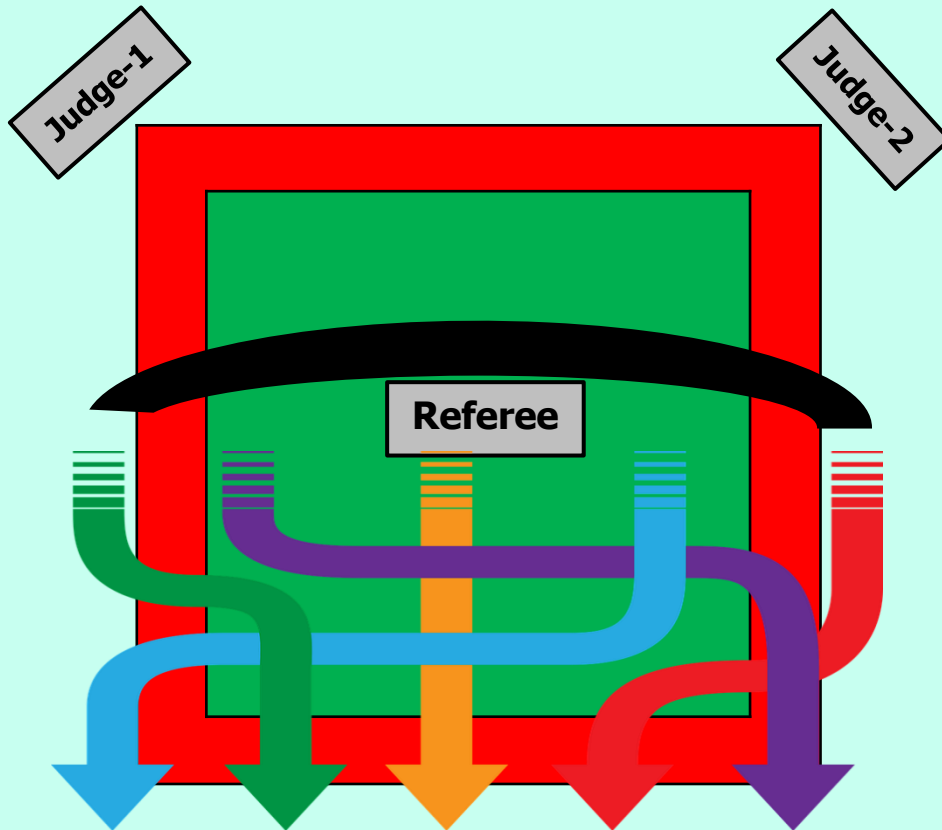
**KATA**

**FIVE JUDGES**



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## REFEREE'S POSITION

**FOR GIVING  
POINTS**



**THE REFEREE ONLY NEEDS  
THE SUPPORT OF ONE OF THE JUDGES**

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**In addition to showing points**



**Judges will assist the Referee by signaling  
Jogai & excessive contact**



**BUT THE REFEREE REMAIN AUTONOMOUS IN  
APPLYING WARNINGS AND PENALTIES**



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## THE REFEREE CAN SHOW AND ASK SUPPORT FOR POINTS



**YUKO**



**WAZA-ARI**



**IPPON**

**BUT WHEN GIVING, THE SIGNALS ARE THE SAME AS IN THE RULE BOOK**



**IF THE TWO JUDGES OR  
ONE JUDGE AND THE REFEREE**

**SHOW DIFFERENT POINTS  
FOR THE SAME ATHLETES**



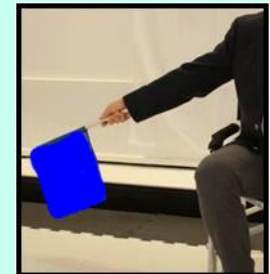
**THE HIGHER WILL BE GIVING!**

## SKIN TOUCH IS ALLOWED IN CHILDREN & CADETS

**JUDGES ARE ABLE TO SHOW  
ALL EXCESSIVE CONTACT  
IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE REFEREE**



**JUDGES WILL ALSO SHOW  
JOGAI AND POINTS  
MADE BY THE ATHLETES**



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**ALL WARNINGS/PENALTIES ARE  
THE DUTY OF THE REFEREE**



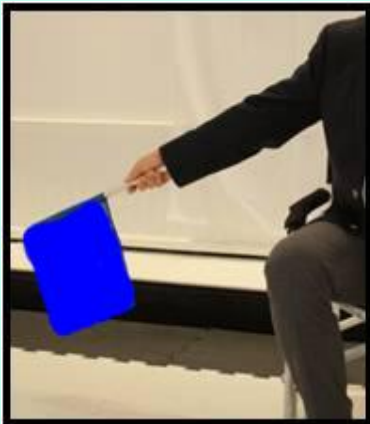
**JOGAI AND OTHER WARNINGS  
MUST BE GIVEN BY  
THE REFEREE ALONE**

**ONE JUDGE SIGNALS FOR POINT  
AND THE OTHER FOR WARNING OR PENALTY  
THE REFEREE DECIDES BY  
SUPPORTING ONE OF THE JUDGES**

**IF BOTH JUDGES SIGNAL POINT  
BUT FOR DIFFERENT ATHLETE**

**THE REFEREE WILL AWARD  
BOTH POINTS**

**UNLESS THERE IS  
AN OFFENSE**



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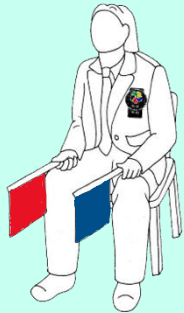
**THE REFEREE CANNOT GO AGAINST  
THE OPINION OF BOTH JUDGES  
SHOWING THE SAME SIGNAL (point)**



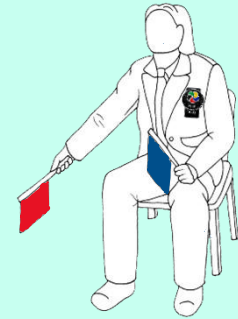
**ONLY IN CASE OF  
EXCESSIVE CONTACT  
OR ANY OTHER OFFENSE**



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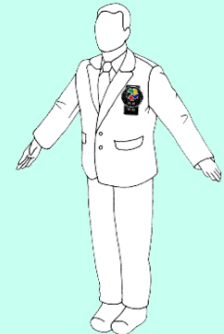


**DURING THE BOUT IN PROGRESS  
IF ONLY ONE JUDGE SIGNALS  
FOR POINT OR WARNING**



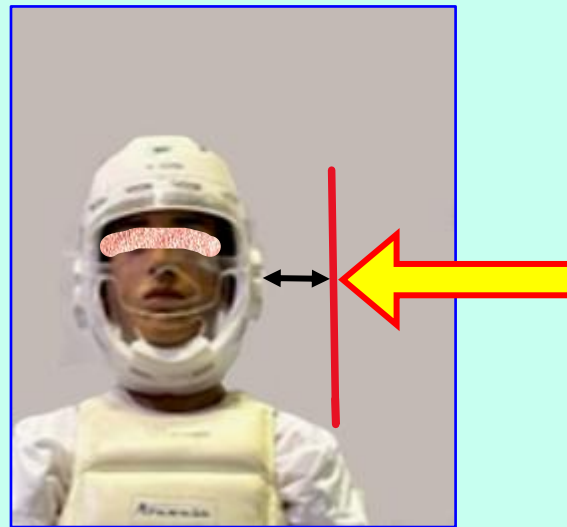
**AND THE REFEREE DOESN'T AGREE  
WITH THE SIGNAL**

**THE REFEREE WILL INDICATE  
TORIMASEN  
WITHOUT STOPPING THE BOUT**



## SCORE DISTANCE

**KUMITE**  
**U-14**



**SKIN TOUCH**

**10 cm. foot techniques**

**5 cm. hand techniques**



## SKIN TOUCH

### KUMITE CADETS

**JODAN TSUKI/UCHI  
JODAN GERI**

**IS ALLOWED**

Score distance: { **SKIN TOUCH**  
10 cm. for foot techniques  
5 cm. for hand techniques



## REFEREE

**FIND THE BEST DISTANCE**  
**CHILDREN - CADETS**

**SKIN TOUCH**  
**IMPACT**  
**EXCESSIVE**  
**CONTACT**



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**MUBOBI**

**THE SAME RULE FOR**

**CHILDREN - CADETS**

**JUNIORS - U21 - SENIORS**

**A: EXCESSIVE CONTACT**

**B: INJURY**



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# **KATA & KUMITE RULES**

## **U-12 & U-14**



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**U-14: 12 - 13**  
**YEARS OLD**



## U-14 Kumite categories

**Male:** -40 kg, -45 kg, -50 kg, -55 kg, +55 kg

**Female:** -42 kg, -47 kg, -52 kg +52 kg

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## KUMITE U-14

### WKF APPROVED EXTERNAL CHILDREN BODY PROTECTOR



### + FOR FEMALE WKF APPROVED CHEST PROTECTOR



### WKF APPROVED



### HELMET

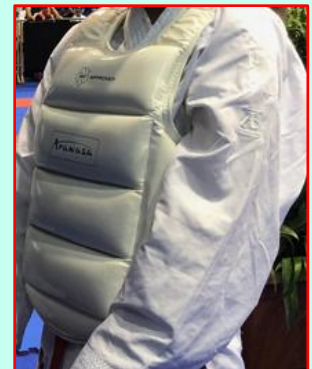


## KUMITE U14

**Bout: 1½ minute**



**Well controlled techniques  
to the body (chudan area)**





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# **KUMITE U-14**

## **Tatami: 8x8**



## KATA U-14

**No specific deviations  
from the standard rules**

**Limitation to the list  
to less advanced Kata  
may be used**



## **CHILDREN UNDER 12**

**Tatami: 6x6 or 8x8**

**Failing to complete  
the Kata give a second attempt  
without reduction of score**

## CHILDREN UNDER 12

**Very well controlled  
techniques to the body**



**No sweeping or takedowns  
techniques are allowed**



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**WE ARE A CONTACT SPORT!**

**Our priority is the  
HEALTH & SAFETY  
of our athletes!!**

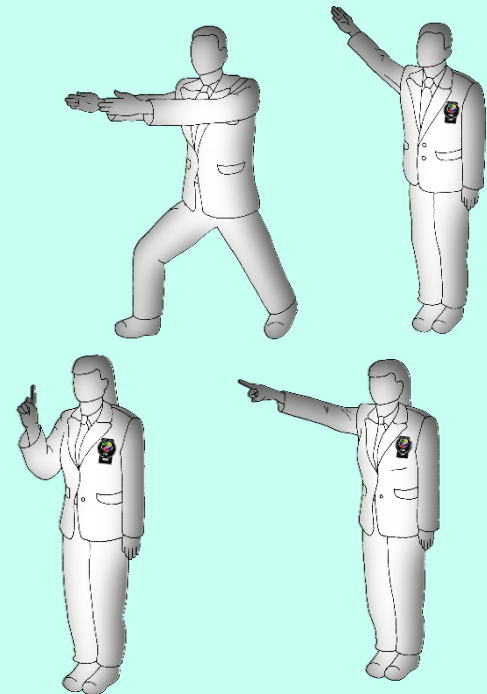


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# **JUDGES & REFEREES**

**THE SAFETY OF THE  
COMPETITORS  
IS YOUR  
RESPONSABILITY!**



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**THANK YOU VERY MUCH**



**GOOD LUCK!**