



Guide for studying or teaching the WKF Kumite Competition Rules

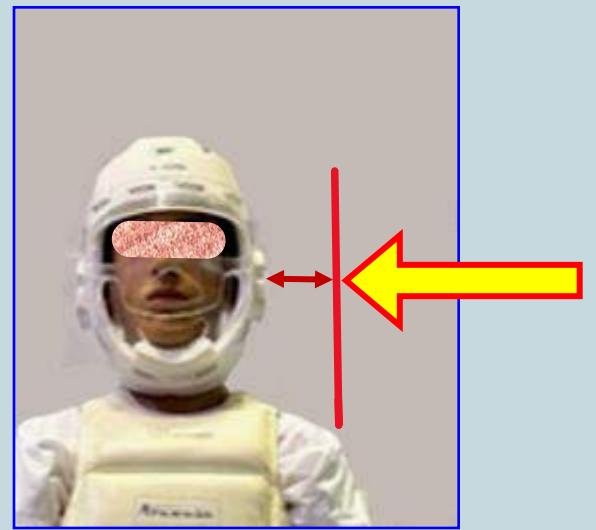
The first images show what's new for 2026

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

**Effective from
1st January 2026**



SCORE DISTANCE KUMITE CADETS & U-14



SKIN TOUCH
5 cm. hand techniques
10 cm. foot techniques

SCORE DISTANCE **KUMITE JUNIORS & SENIORS**



SKIN TOUCH
2 cm. hand techniques
5 cm. foot techniques

KUMITE U-14

**WKF APPROVED
EXTERNAL
BODDY PROTECTOR**



**+ FOR FEMALES
WKF APPROVED
INTERNAL
CHEST PROTECTOR**

A white, ribbed, V-neck chest protector with a front panel and shoulder guards.

HELMET



WKF APPROVED

NEW EXPRESSIONS

Video Review Supervisor
Video Review Judge (VRJ)

Competitor - Contestant
Athlete

Ten seconds Rule
Any Athlete who lies flat on the floor

A new way of defining
Jodan and Chudan

Karate 1
Karate one

PL
SA
YL

DIVERSE

New signal time JOYSTICKS: up to 1.5 seconds

Calling out "TSUZEKETE" before passivity is mandatory

**Max. time for reviewing the VR is 30 seconds
after that a decision must be made and announced**

**The Coach must request for YUKO, WAZA-ARI or IPPON
and stand up during the video review**

**The Coach may change the level of the score
up until the Referee finishes the signal**

RULES MODIFICATIONS

NF may modify the rules for the purpose of national or other competitions not on the official WKF programme

NO ALTERATIONS CAN BE MADE TO

The safety of the Athletes

Use of protective equipment

Scoring, prohibited behaviour

Warning and penalties

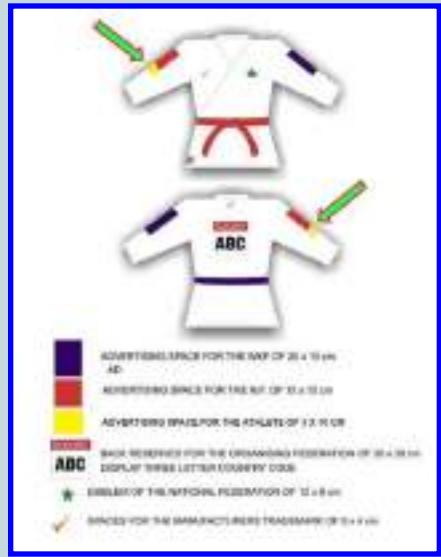
Injuries and accidents in competition

Criteria for decision

PROHIBITED BEHAVIOUR

Kicking techniques against a downed opponent who is lying flat on the floor





Advertising space
for the Athletes
(5 x 10 cm)

**BACK NUMBERS
ARE MANDATORY**
K1 Premier League
World Championships
World Cup (Teams)



RIGHT ARM!



WKF
Approved
GREEN
Karate-Gi



UPGRADED GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING AN OFFICIAL PROTEST

36 → 26

Matter of Judgment vs Matter of Procedures

An accepted protest
does not mean that a bout or match
will automatically be redone

COMPOSITION KUMITE TEAMS

ELIMINATION SYSTEM

TEAM	BOUTS	BOUTS	COMPUSORY	OPTIONAL	TOTAL
COMPOSITION	INITIAL	SUBSEQUENT	BACK-UP	BACK-UP	TEAM
TABLE	ROUNDS	ROUNDS	T-MEMBERS	T-MEMBERS	MEMBERS
Male Elimination	5	Min. 3	0	2	5 to 7
Female Elimination	3	Min. 2	0	1	3 to 4

ROUND ROBIN SYSTEM

TEAM	BOUTS	BOUTS	COMPUSORY	OPTIONAL	TOTAL
COMPOSITION	INITIAL	SUBSEQUENT	BACK-UP	BACK-UP	TEAM
TABLE	ROUNDS	ROUNDS	T-MEMBERS	T-MEMBERS	MEMBERS
Male Round-robin	5	5	2	1	7 to 8
Female Round-robin	3	3	1	1	4 to 5

COMPOSITION KUMITE MIXED TEAMS

TEAM	BOUTS	BOUTS PER	COMPULSORY	OPTIONAL	TOTAL
COMPOSITION	INITIAL	SUBSEQUENT	BACK-UP	BACK-UP	TEAM
TABLE	ROUNDS	ROUNDS	T-MEMBERS	T-MEMBERS	MEMBERS
Mixed Teams Elimination	4	MIN. 3	0	2: (1F) + (1M)	4 to 6
M.T. With Weight Categories	6	MIN. 4	0	0	6

The teams must present all Athletes in the designated weight categories - 3 male and 3 female
 Same categories as for Multiple Sport Games

WHO BEGINS?: When the draw is done, it is specified for each Team match who starts (male or female)

HIKIWAKE: If the last bout was male, the tiebreaker bout will be with a female and vice versa

YOGAI

**An Athlete that delivers a scoring technique
and then exits before “YAME”
will be given the score and not JOGAI**

IF NO SCORE the Athlete will be given JOGAI

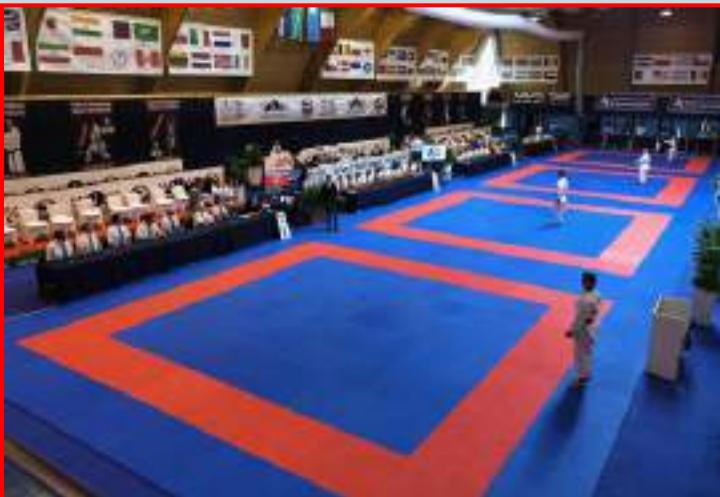
**An Athlete inside the Tatami can score
on an opponent that is exiting or has exited**

The score will be given and NO Jogai to the opponent

IF NO SCORE: Jogai to the opponent

REFEREES & JUDGES

**STRICTLY FORBIDDEN
PHONES CALLS
WEAR SMARTWATCHES
IN THE FIELD OF PLAY**



**Exception
Chief Referee / RC Chair & Secretary
Appeal Jury-1**

COACHES - MALE & FEMALE

ELIMINATIONS & MEDAL BOUTS

**In official WKF events
Exception Youth League**

**It is not permitted to change
the Coach during a bout**

**In team matches
it is allowed to change the
Coach between bouts**

**Sandals and open-toe
shoes are prohibited**

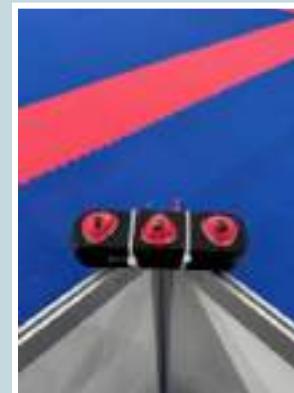


Sunglasses are not allowed



VIDEO REVIEW

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and stand up during the video review**



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exceed 30 seconds**

FUKUSHIN SHUGO!

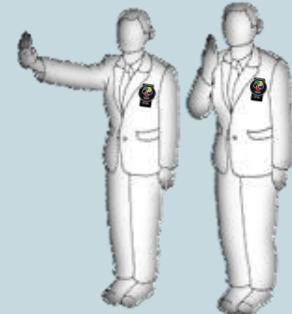
WHEN DIRECTLY GIVING HANSOKU

APPLYING THE 10 SECONDS RULE

DOCTOR WITHDRAW AN ATHLETE

MANDATORY

ALL SHIKKAKU SITUATIONS
DISQUALIFICATION FOR
TIME-WASTING SITUATIONS



WKF EVENTS YEAR-1

Karate-1 Event

WKF Referee Course (New Candidates)

Ind. World Championships Qualification Phase

WKF Referee Course (Upgrade license)

Ind. World Championships Final phase

WKF EVENTS YEAR-2

Karate-1 Event

WKF Referee Course (New Candidates)

World Championships Cadets - Juniors & U21

WKF Referee Course (Upgrade license)

World Championships for Teams

WORLD CUP

WKF Referees & Judges must have the corresponding license according to the event

Conditions and Requirements for WKF Referees 2025

PREMIER LEAGUE
Must have Kata J-A and/or Kumite R-A

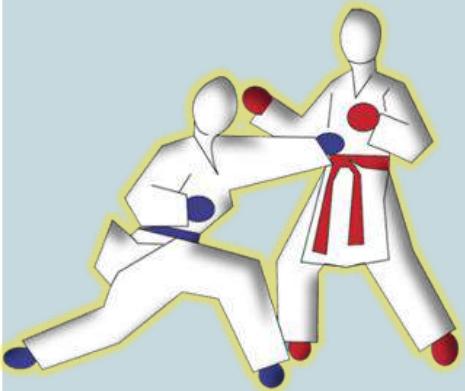
NOR	ALMUND	HARADSON	RA	JB	He can only officiate in Kumite
SWE	ERIK	JOHANSSON	X	JA	He can only officiate in Kata
ISL	ÁRÓRA	KERSTINDOTTIR	RA	JA	She can officiate in both

KUMITE COMPETITION FORMATS

Elimination system with repechage
Individuals or Teams

Round Robin followed by elimination
Senior World Championships Individuals
& Teams (World Cup) Premier Leagues

Two-pool Round Robin system
Multiple Sport Games/Olympic Games

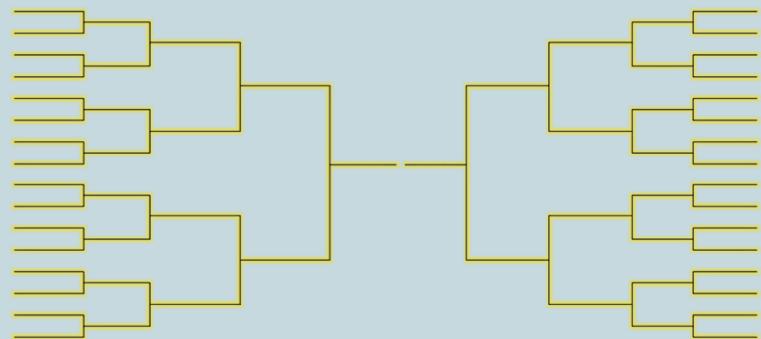


COMPETITION FORMAT
Elimination system
with repechage

Individual & Teams
Kata & Kumite
Female & Male



TIE RESOLUTION
Most bouts won
Most scored points
Extra bout (Hantei)





ROUND-ROBIN COMPETITION



**During the elimination phase following Round-robin
Male Teams can't present less than 3 Athletes
Female Teams cannot present less than 2**

**The Team must complete all Round-robin bouts
to remain in the competition**

If not, all bouts and matches will be cancelled

**All victory and scoring points earned by other Teams
when meeting the eliminated Team will be voided**

IF AN ATHLETE IS TAKING OUT BECAUSE OF INJURY IN A ROUND-ROBIN BOUT

**All previous bouts are voided from the result
Unless it is the last bout for the disqualified Athlete
in which case the result of the bout is recorded**



DISQUALIFICATION IN ROUND-ROBIN COMPETITION

If an Athlete receives HANSOKU in a Round-Robin bout

The offender's score is set to zero

**Opponent's score is set to the higher of 4 points
or points earned by techniques**

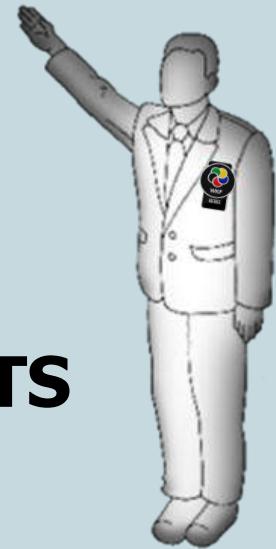
If an Athlete receives KIKEN or SHIKKAKU in R-R bout

All previous bouts are voided from the result

**Unless it is the last bout for the disqualified Athlete, in which case
the result of the bout is recorded in the usual manner**

**THE WINNER OF A GROUP
IN INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM
ROUND-ROBIN COMPETITION**

**IS THE ATHLETE OR TEAM
HAVING THE MOST VICTORY POINTS**



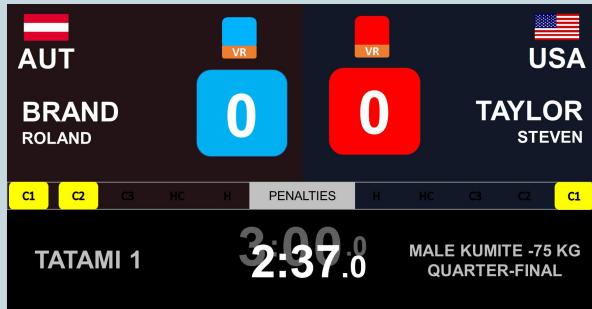
**IN CASE OF A TIE BETWEEN TWO OR MORE
ATHLETES OR TEAMS**

**IT WILL BE SOLVED ACCORDING TO
ARTICLE 12 IN THE COMPETITION RULES**

**POINTS EARNED AS A RESULT OF THE OPPONENT'S
DISQUALIFICATION IS ALWAYS COUNTED AS YUKO**

IF THE TIME HAS NOT BEEN RECORDED

**AND BOTH COACHES AGREE ON THE REMAINING TIME
THE ISSUE CAN NO LONGER BE PROTESTED**



FORMAT KUMITE PREMIER LEAGUES

32 Athletes per category

8 Round Robin groups of 4 competitors

1st Bout Round Robin

2nd Bout Round Robin

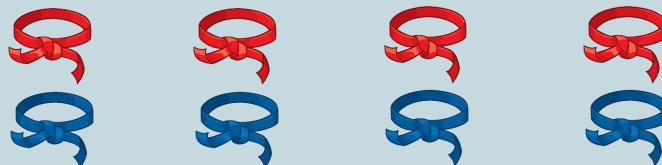
3rd Bout Round Robin

4th Bout Quarter-finals

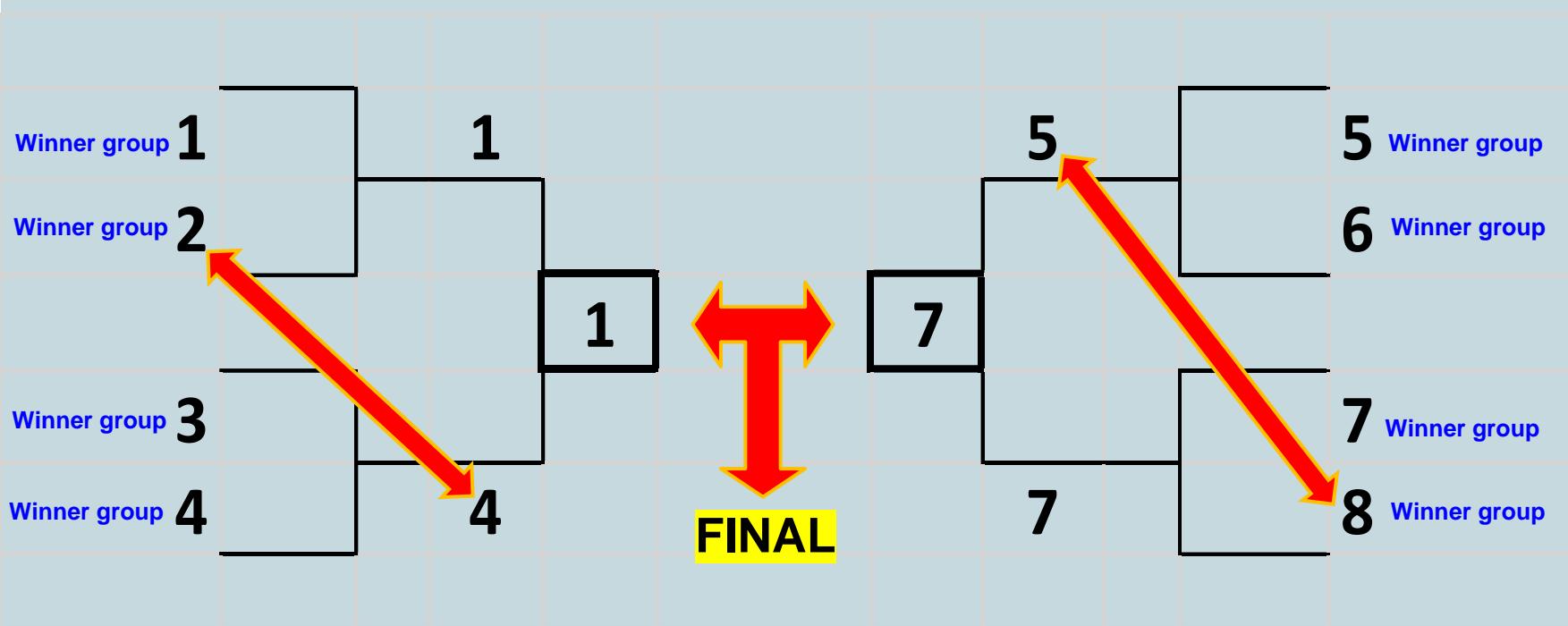
5th Bout Semi-finals

6th Bout Medal bouts

**THE WINNERS IN EACH GROUP
GO TO THE QUARTER FINALS**



KUMITE PREMIER LEAGUES



KUMITE

DURING THE ROUND ROBIN

- 3** points for the winner of the bout
- 1** point for draws where points are scored
- 0** points for draws where no points are scored



THE TASK OF THE **RESPONSIBLE TM**

**BE COMPLETELY IN CONTROL OF WHAT
HAPPENS DURING THE BOUT**



R-TM



KANSA



SS



SK

THE INTEGRITY OF THE APPEALS JURY

FUNCTION OF THE SUPERVISOR

OTHER APPEALS JURY MEMBERS

TATAMI MANAGERS

CHIEF REFEREE



THE TASK MUST BE COMPLETED THE SAME DAY



PASSIVITY



CANNOT BE GIVEN

**TO AN ATHLETE THAT
IS LEADING ON
POINTS or SENSHU**

**DURING THE FIRST 15
SECONDS OF THE BOUT**

DURING ATO-SHIBARAKU

**“TSUZEKETE”
BEFORE PASSIVITY**

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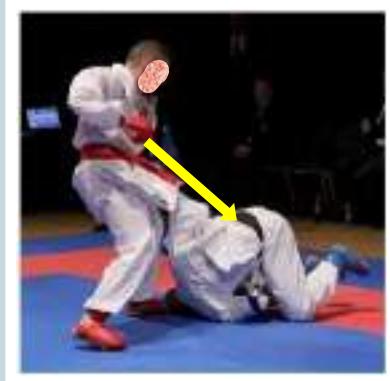


**EXCESSIVE CELEBRATION
DURING & AFTER THE BOUT**

PLEASE CONTROL IT



IPPON

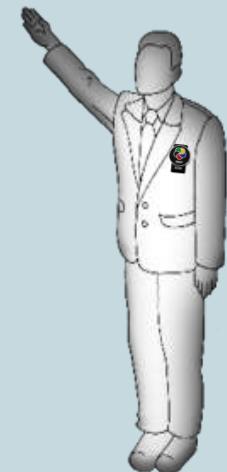


Exception of HIZA-GAMAE
One knee touching the mat while
executing a technique

**Any technique against an opponent
whose any part of the body other than
the feet is in contact with the Tatami**



JODAN GERI



A technique is valid if..

(Scoring criteria no. 4)

**MAINTAINING AWARENESS
DURING AND AFTER EXECUTING THE TECHNIQUE**

TURNING AWAY IS NOT MAINTAINING AWARENESS

**FALLING DOWN AFTER COMPLETING A TECHNIQUE
IS NOT MAINTAINING AWARENESS**

Unless the fall is caused by a foul by the opponent



HANTEI

EQUAL SCORE & NO SENSHU
Individual - Round Robin - Team

Higher number of IPPON
Higher number of WAZA ARI

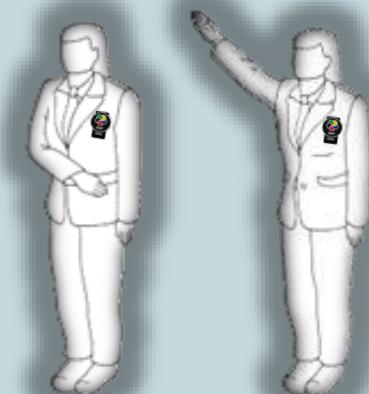
STILL A TIE?
HANTEI / HIKIWAKE

**SUPERIORITY OF
TACTICS & TECHNIQUES**
During the whole bout

HANTEI
First the 4 Judges

4-0: OK
3-1: OK

2-2: Referee breaks the tie



KANSA



**Will be seated at the
Official table next to the TM**

**STOPS THE BOUT TO
INSTRUCT THE REFEREE
REGARDING A
CONTRAVENTION OF THE
RULES**

**How Kansa calls
the Referee**

KANSA

21 POWERS AND DUTIES

The Referee did not observe a JOGAI

**For any other unforeseen situation that
reasonably requires the bout to be halted**

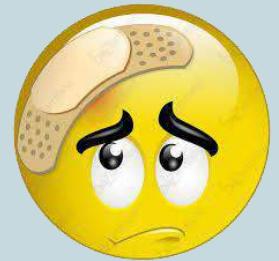
**In instances where Kansa is in doubt about a verdict, he/she
has the right to check the video review recording**

An injured Athlete who wins by disqualification and is permitted to continue



May also win a second bout by disqualification due to injury

But is immediately withdrawn from further Kumite competition in that tournament

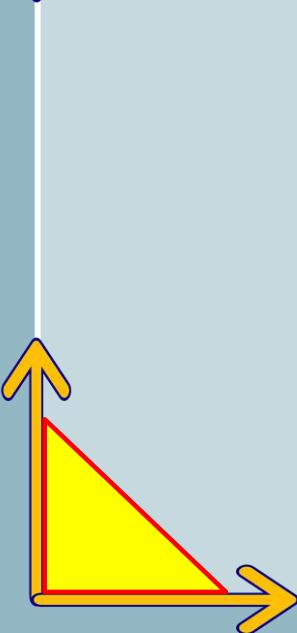
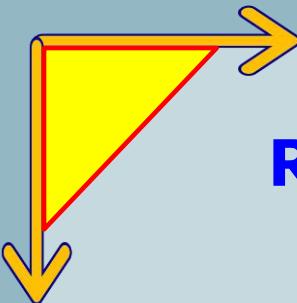




**JUDGES
ONLY TASK**

**GIVE
POINTS**

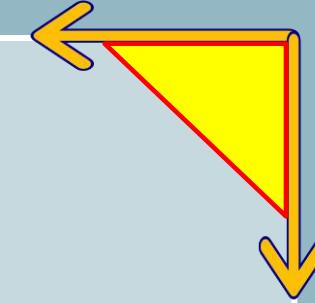
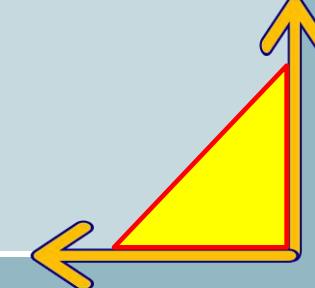
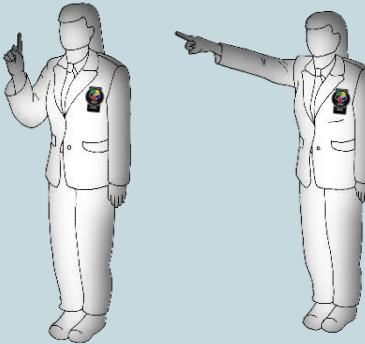




**REFEREE GIVES
WARNINGS
PENALTIES
SIGNALS
COMMANDS**

**GOOD POSITION
ON THE TATAMI**

**YOU MUST SEE
JOGAI**



KANSA!

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Karate Gi



**Jackets with Red and Blue
marks on the shoulders**



**MANDATORY
AT ALL OFFICIAL WKF EVENTS**

Jackets with GOLD marks on the shoulders



MANDATORY

**K1 Premier League for incumbent
GRAND WINNERS**

**World Seniors Championships for incumbent
WORLD CHAMPIONS & WORLD CUP**

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WKF APPROVED FROM THE 1ST JULY 2025



WKF APPROVED PROTECTIONS



WKF APPROVED KARATE-GI



ADIDAS

ARAWAZA

BESTSPORT

BUDONORD



DAEDO

HAYASHI

PUNOK

MOOTO



SMAI

TOKAIDO

WACOKU

WESING

FUJIMAE

KO

KOROBUSHI

SHUREIDO

TUSAH

KARATE-GI KUMITE TEAM MEMBERS

Marks on the shoulders must be of the same colour



Jackets without marks on the shoulders

NOT APPROVED FOR WKF OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS



Jackets with white marks on the shoulders

NOT APPROVED FOR WKF OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS



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NO!

OFFICIAL DRESS

Original manufacturer's labels!



**IF AN ATHLETE ARRIVES TO THE TATAMI WITH
UNREGULATED EQUIPMENT OR KARATE-GI
AND IS GIVEN TWO (2) MINUTES TO CORRECT MATTERS**

**THE COACH MAY HAVE HIS/HER COACHING LICENSE SUSPENDED FOR A
PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS AFTER THE EVENT HAS FINISHED**

**UNLESS THE EQUIPMENT AND ATTIRE
HAS BEEN CHECKED BY A WKF CONTROLLER**

**CHIEF REFEREE
KANSA**



EXCESSIVE CELEBRATION POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS DEMONSTRATION

**Athletes must respect the ceremony of salutations
before, during and after the bout or match**

**Falling on one's knees, political or religious
expressions are prohibited**

May be subject to a fine equal to the protest fee

The TM is responsible for informing the Official table

	INCIDENT REPORT COMPETITOR'S EQUIPMENT RELIGIOUS/POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS	
DATE: _____	EVENT: _____	
CATEGORY: _____	COMPETITOR'S NAME: _____	
COUNTRY: _____	COACH'S NAME: _____	
DESCRIPTION:	COACH <input type="checkbox"/>	COMPETITOR/TEAM <input type="checkbox"/>
_____ _____		
TATAMI: _____	TM: _____	SIGN: _____

COACHES TEAM EVENTS

TWO (2) COACHES ALLOWED WITH THE TEAM

ONLY ONE (1) IN THE COACH-BOX



**OTHER COACH SEATING WITH THE TEAM
MAINTAINING ORDER BUT NOT COACHING**

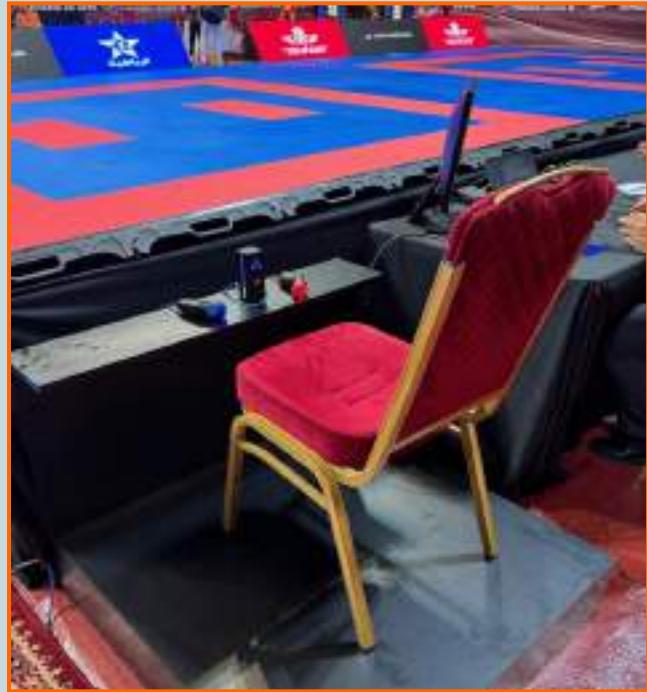
**NEXT ATHLETE IS ALLOWED TO
LOOSEN UP BEFORE HIS/HER BOUT**



Each Judge will be equipped with JOYSTICKS



**Signal time: up to
1.5 seconds**



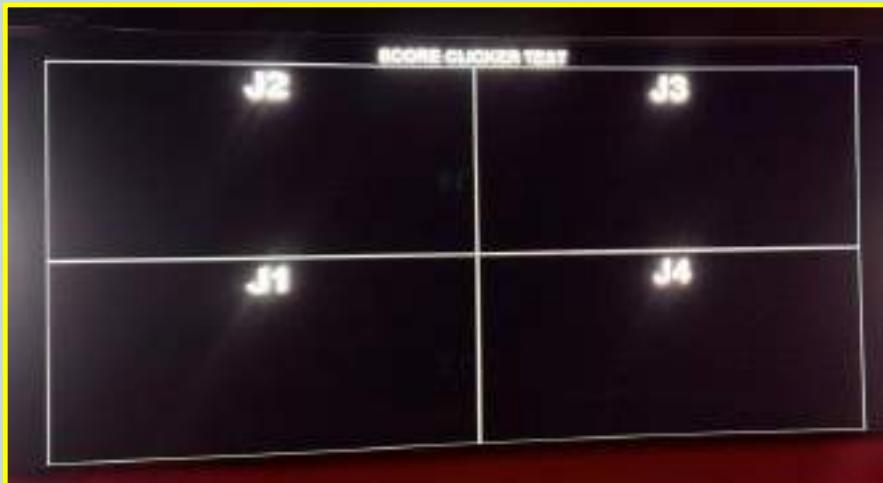
JOYSTICKS



POSITION OF THE JUDGES



JOYSTICKS FUNCTIONALITY CONTROL

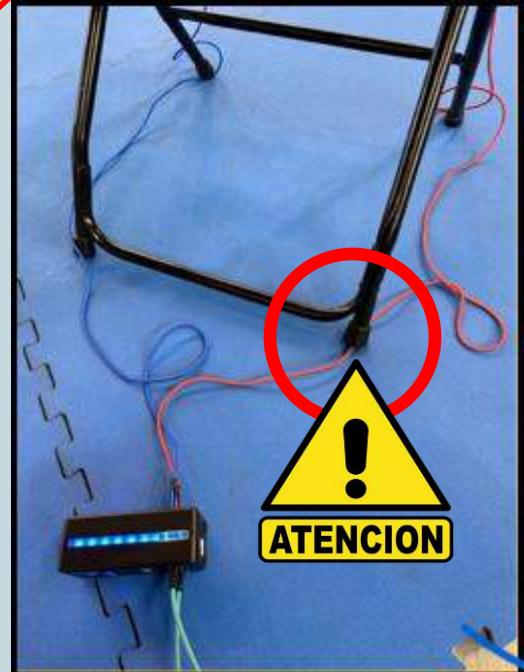


JUDGES ACTIVITY CONTROL

SCORE OBSERVER SERVICE					
TIME	ACTION	J1	J2	J3	J4
18:00:58	TIME STOP				
18:00:57.942	SCORE			1	
18:00:29	TIME STOP				
18:00:28.065	SCORE			3	
18:00:04	TIME STOP				
18:00:04.079	SCORE	1			
18:00:03.978	SCORE DETECTED		YUKO	YUKO	
18:00:03.978	SCORE			1	
18:00:03.889	SCORE		1		
17:59:31	TIME STOP				
17:59:06	TIME STOP				
17:59:06.045	SCORE DETECTED		YUKO	YUKO	YUKO
17:59:06	TIME STOP				1
17:59:05.997	SCORE				1
17:59:05.899	SCORE DETECTED		YUKO	YUKO	
17:59:05.897	SCORE		1		
17:59:05.786	SCORE			1	
17:58:47	TIME STOP				
17:58:47.718	SCORE DETECTED	YUKO	YUKO		YUKO
17:58:47.691	SCORE	1			
17:58:47	TIME STOP				YUKO
17:58:47.305	SCORE DETECTED		YUKO		1
17:58:47.301	SCORE		*		

JOYSTICKS

BLUE: OK
RED: MALFUNCTION



JUDGE'S RED JOYSTICK (AKA)

**JUDGE 1 & 4
RIGHT HAND**



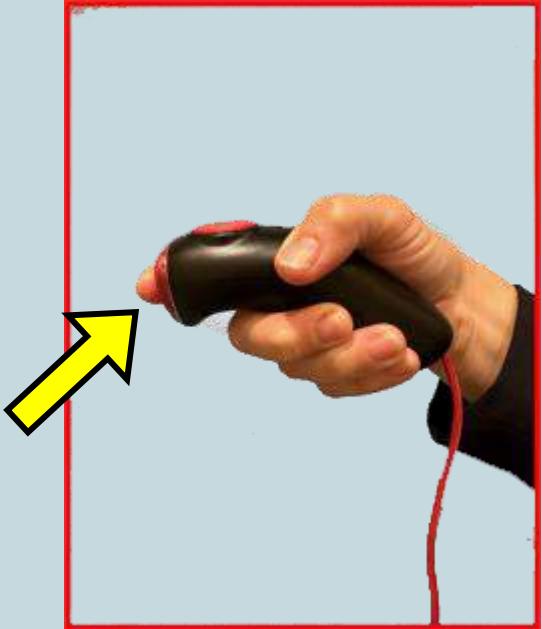
**JUDGE 2 & 3
LEFT HAND**



Vibration



YUKO



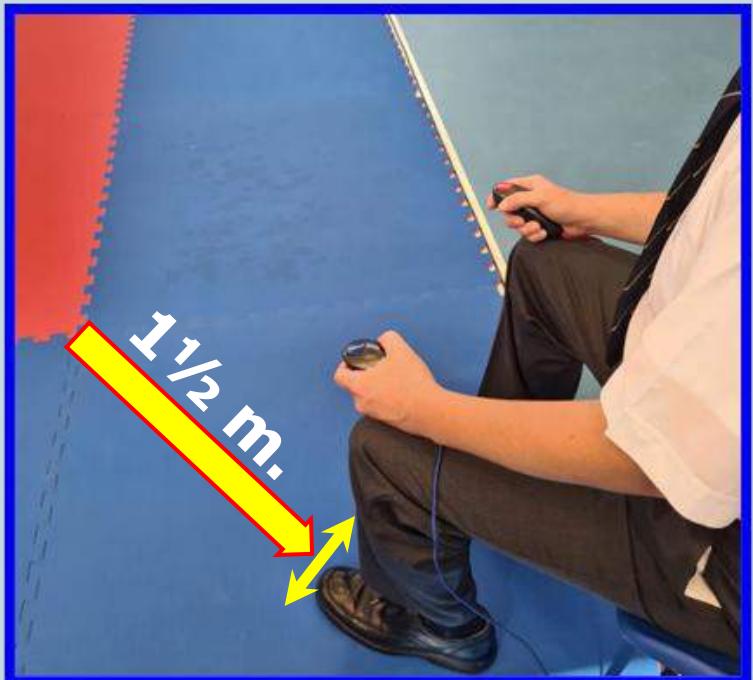
WAZA ARI



IPPON



IF YOU ARE SITTING INSIDE



FOR YOUR AND THE
PROTECTION OF THE
ATHLETES

JOGAI LINES
MUST BE CLEAR
OF INTERFERENCE

WITH JOYSTICKS OR FLAGS - SIT CORRECTLY!



YES

WITH JOYSTICKS OR FLAGS - SIT CORRECTLY!

NO



NO



NO



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AUT

BRAND
ROLAND

VR

0

VR

0



USA

TAYLOR
STEVEN

C1

C2

C3

HC

H

PENALTIES

H

HC

C3

C2

C1

TATAMI 1

3:00
2:37.0

MALE KUMITE -75 KG
QUARTER-FINAL

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 AUT	 VR	 VR	 USA								
BRAND ROLAND			TAYLOR STEVEN								
C1	C2	C3	HC	H	PENALTIES	H	HC	C3	C2	C1	
TATAMI 1					1:37.8	MALE KUMITE -75 KG QUARTER-FINAL					

SCOREBOARD - POINTS

1 POINT
(YUKO)

2 POINTS
(WAZA-ARI)

3 POINTS
(IPPON)

1 POINT
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(WAZA-ARI)

3 POINTS
(IPPON)

SCOREBOARD POINTS

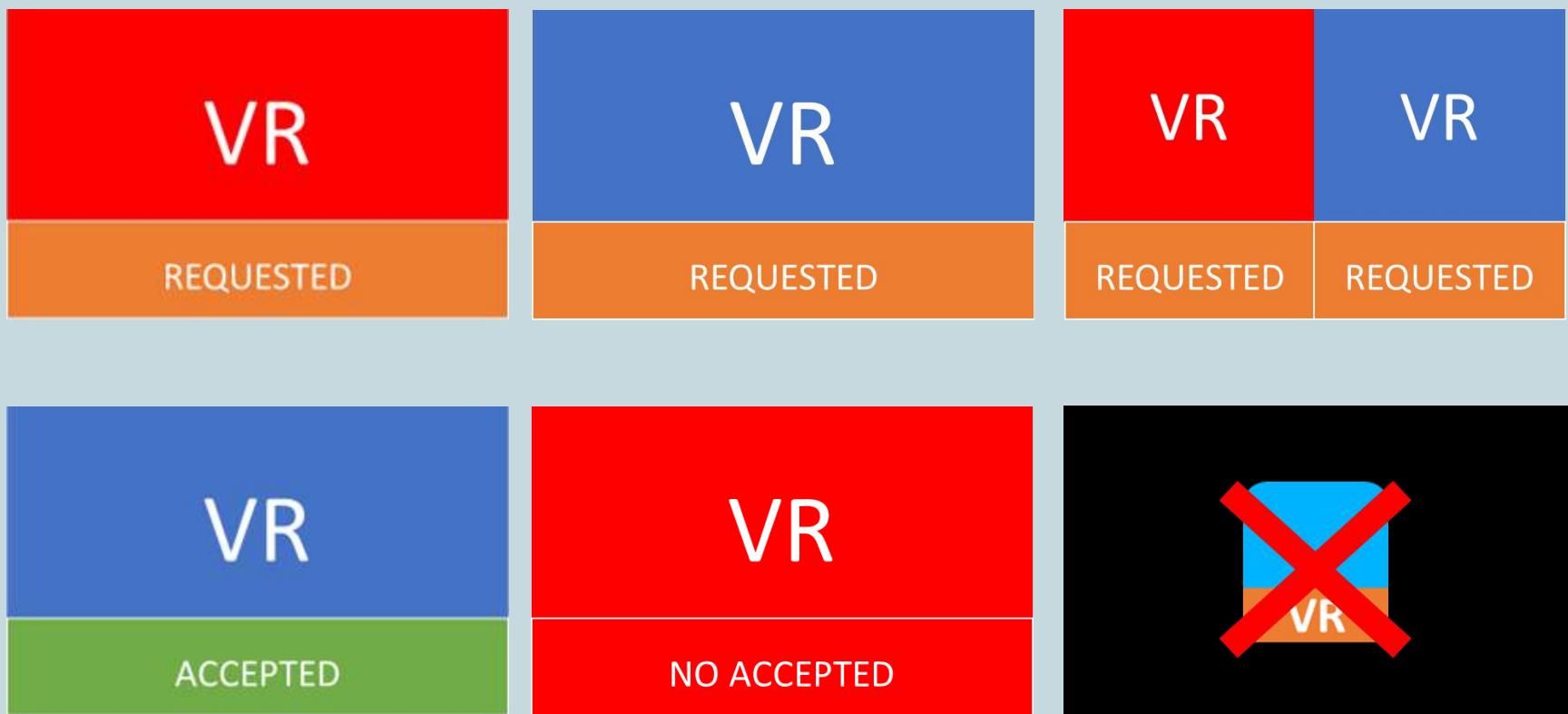
1 POINT

(YUKO)

1 POINT

(YUKO)

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HANTEI

JUDGES DECISION
(HANTEI)

2 POINTS 2 POINTS



FINAL DECISION
(CENTRAL REFEREE)

BOUT WINNER

FLAG

NF

LAST NAME
NAME

AKA

TATAMI 1

MALE KUMITE -75 KG
QUARTER-FINAL

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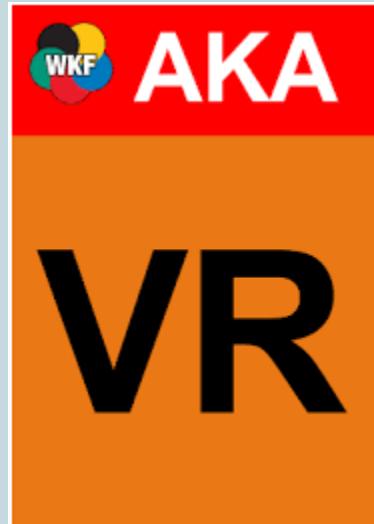
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VIDEO REVIEW



THE COACH MUST STAND UP DURING THE VIDEO REVIEW

ONE VR JUDGE

ELIMINATIONS



MEDAL BOUTS



VIDEO REVIEW RESULTS

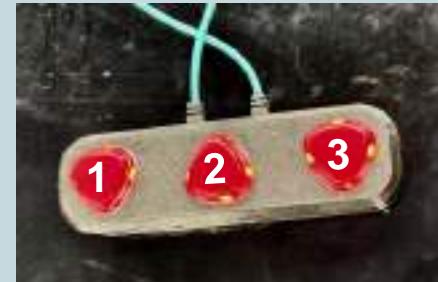
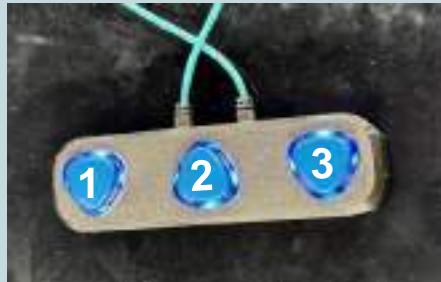
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VR	YUKO
	WAZA-ARI
	IPPON
VR	YUKO
	WAZA-ARI
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VIDEO REVIEW CARD

**CONVENTIONAL
ELIMINATION
SYSTEM**

**ELIMINATIONS
SEMI-FINALS
REPECHAGES
MEDAL BOUTS**



VIDEO REVIEW CARD

**ROUND-ROBIN AT PREMIER LEAGUES
(INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION)**

GROUPS OF FOUR (4) ATHLETES

DURING THE ROUND-ROBIN

QUARTER-FINALS

SEMI-FINALS

MEDAL BOUTS

**ROUND-ROBIN
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAMS
GROUPS OF FIVE (5) TEAMS**

**A COACH MAY
ONLY USE 1 VR
CARD PER BOUT**

**FEMALE
TEAMS**



**2 VR Cards
per match**

**Round-Robin
Quarter-Finals
Semi-Finals
Medal Bouts**

**MALE
TEAMS**



**3 VR Cards
per match**

**Round-Robin
Quarter-Finals
Semi-Finals
Medal Bouts**

VIDEO REVIEW CARD

WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

PHASE 1

Round-Robin groups with 3 - 4 Athletes: 1 VR card

Round-Robin groups with 5 - 6 Athletes: 2 VR cards

Elimination 1st Round (24 groups): 1 VR card

Qualification bout 1 VR card

PHASE 2 Final Phase

Round-Robin: 1 VR card
Round of 16: 1 VR card
Quarter-finals: 1 VR card
Semi-finals: 1 VR card
Medal bouts: 1 VR card



VIDEO REVIEW

Athletes can discretely signal their Coach to request VR



Coaches can request for a higher score than the Judges are giving

If both Coaches requests video review at the same time VRJ awards the point(s) only to the Athlete scoring first

Unless the scoring techniques are at the same time points will be given to both Athletes

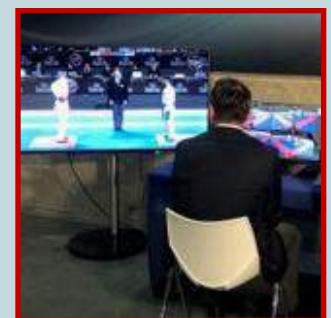
VIDEO REVIEW

**One Athlete obtains a point (Judges)
the other Coach request VR**

**VRJ can award a valid score only if it is before or
simultaneously than the other Athlete**

EXCEPTION

**No points awarded by the Judges
Only one Coach request Video Review**



VIDEO REVIEW

**The VR Judge will evaluate
the last 6 seconds before stopping the bout**

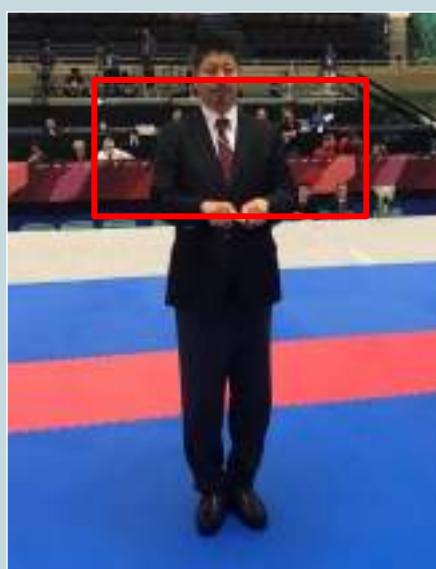
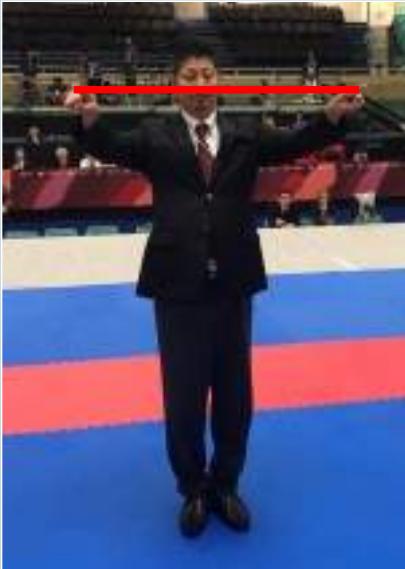
**If necessary and to make best possible decision
additional time can be added**

**The sequence must be reviewed at normal speed
can in addition be viewed in slow motion or zoom**

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VIDEO REVIEW SIGNAL



1

2

3

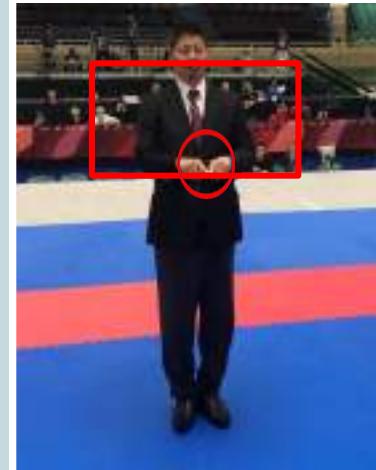


VIDEO REVIEW



when not able to see the technique, VRJ shows MINAI

**When one Coach request...
the second Coach must
request before the Referee
finish the signal**



VIDEO REVIEW

YES! Point & VR-Card remains
NO! No point & VR-Card is taken away

Coach request VR and regrets
The procedure will take place



VIDEO REVIEW

**Coach requests VR, two or more Judges
show score for the same Athlete**

Point will be given & VR-Card remains

**Coach requests VR, technique is too hard
Warning/penalty is given
VR-Card remains**

SINGLE LINE OF WARNINGS & PENALTIES



**SINGLE
CATEGORY**



PROHIBITED BEHAVIOUR



TOTAL OF 17 TYPES

CHUI & HANSOKU CHUI

CHUI

**Up to three times - Smaller infractions
Do not reduces the chances of winning**



HANSOKU CHUI

**After the third CHUI
More serious infractions that
reduces the chances of winning**

REFEREE'S SIGNALS

CHUI-1

Warning



CHUI-3

Warning



**ALWAYS SHOW FIRST
WHY YOU GIVE THE WARNING**

CHUI-2

Warning

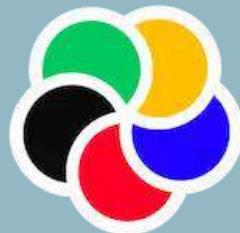


REFEREE'S SIGNALS

HANSOKU-CHUI
Warning



HANSOKU
Disqualification



MOST OFFENSES ONE STEP AT THE TIME

JOGAI **CLINCHING** **MUBOBI** **GRABBING**
WRESTLING **PASSIVITY** **CONTACT**
UNCONTROLLED
TECHNIQUES **SIMULATED**
ATTACKS **PUSHING**

WITH SOME EXCEPTION

EXCEPTIONS

CHUI - HANSOKU CHUI - HANSOKU

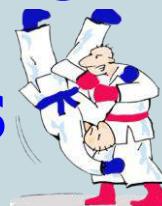


HARD CONTACT



ATTACKS TO THE FACE WITH OPEN HAND

DANGEROUS THROWS



ATTACKS: ARMS - LEGS - GROIN - JOINTS - INSTEP

EXCEPTIONS

CHUI - HANSOKU CHUI - HANSOKU/SHIKKAKU



EXAGGERATING INJURY

FEIGNING INJURY



MIN. HANSOKU CHUI - HANSOKU/SHIKKAKU



AVOIDING COMBAT UNDER ATO SHIBARAKU

FEIGNING INJURY WHEN THE POINT IS GIVEN





OVERREACTION TO CONTACT

Slight overreaction: **CHUI**

Obvious display of exaggeration: **HANSOKU CHUI**

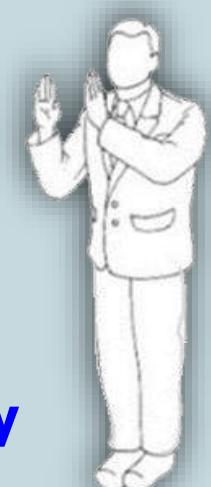
A more serious exaggeration: **HANSOKU** directly

FEIGNING AN INJURY

Any instance of feigning an injury: **CHUI**

Obvious display of feigning: **HANSOKU CHUI**

A more serious simulation: **SHIKKAKU** directly



SIGNALIN POINTS

**Points may be signalled even if the Judge
cannot see the actual point of impact**

**If the technique is executed correctly
and can be observed to obviously
not have been obstructed
in reaching the target**



REFEREEING PANEL

- 1 Referee (SHUSHIN)**
- 4 Judges (FUKUSHIN)**
- 1 Match Supervisor (KANSA)**
- 1 Score Supervisor**
- 1 Video Review Judge**



SUPPORTING OFFICIALS

- 1 Tatami Manager**
- 3 TM Assistants**
- 1 Score/timekeeper**
- 2 Coach Supervisor**
- 2 Controllers (1M. & 1F.)**

DEFORMITIES OR AMPUTATIONS

**If don't allow the secure fitting
of the protective equipment**

**If it can represent a risk to
the athlete or their opponent**



Competing in Kumite will not be permitted

IN ANY DOUBT THE REFEREE SHOULD ASK THE DOCTOR

MALE TEAM

Initial round: minimum five (5) Athletes

Following rounds: minimum three (3) Athletes



FEMALE TEAM

Initial round: minimum three (3) Athletes

Following rounds: minimum two (2) Athletes

WHO CAN COACH A BOUT?

Only the Coach designated for that specific bout is allowed to coach the competitor from the coach box

All other registered and accredited Coaches or/and registered member of the delegation



**ARE NOT ALLOWED TO
INTERFERE - COACH - GUIDE THE ATHLETE
Risk of having their accreditation withdrawn**

OFFICIAL PROTEST

Announced by the Coach or
NF representative immediately
after the end of the bout



This is a digital representation of the WKF Official Protest Form for Kumite. It features a header with the text 'WKF OFFICIAL PROTEST FORM KUMITE' and the WKF logo. The form is divided into several sections: 'PROTESTER INFORMATION' (containing fields for Name, Address, and Contact Information), 'COMPETITION INFORMATION' (containing fields for Competition Name, Date, and Location), 'PROTEST DESCRIPTION' (a large area for detailing the protest), and 'SIGNATURE' (a section for the coach or NF representative to sign). At the bottom, there is a 'CONFIRMATION' section with checkboxes for 'I declare that the protest is valid' and 'I declare that the protest is invalid'.



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Request the official protest
form from the Tatami Manager

OFFICIAL PROTEST

**The protest must be completed, and the fee submitted
to the TM within 5 minutes after announcing
the intention to protest**

**Tatami Manager will complete the
information regarding the Referee
Panel involved in the protest**

**PAYMENTS
ON-SITE**

**USD \$
EURO €**

OFFICIAL PROTEST

An accepted protest does not mean that a bout or match will automatically be redone

**RC Chairman or the Chief Referee of the event may also announce a protest to the Appeals Jury
No protest fee will apply**

The Appeals Jury

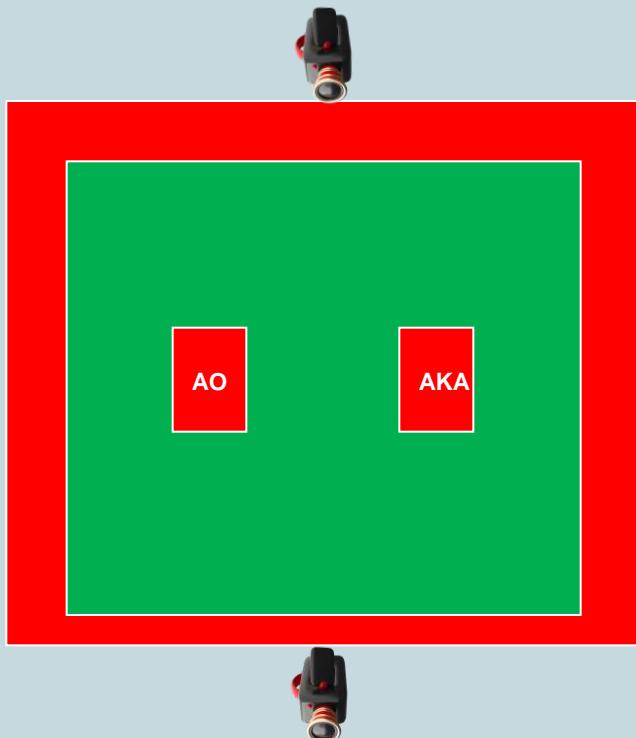
6 Senior Referees

3 Members

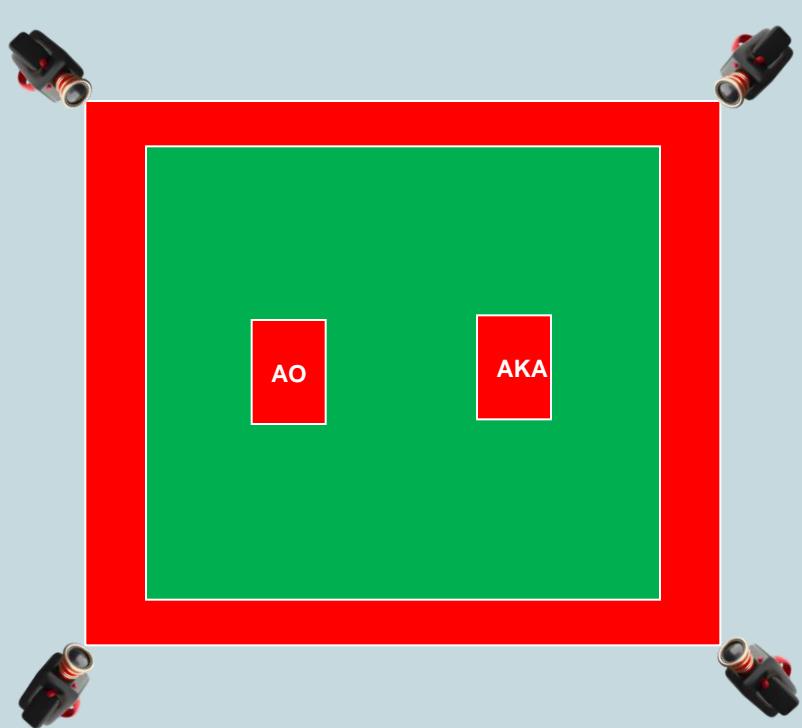
3 Supplementary



2 cameras position



4 cameras position



TSUZUKETE!!

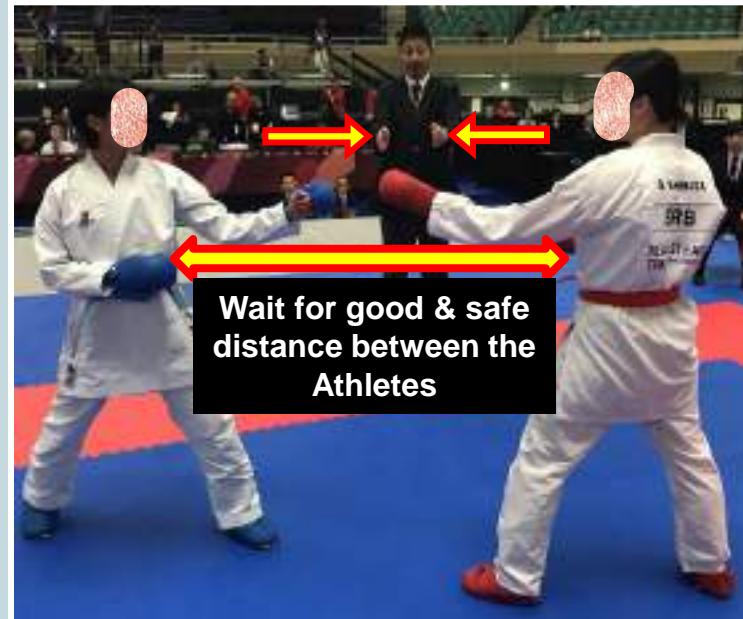


WAKARETE

Wakarete!! (Separate)



Tsuzukete!! (Resume fighting)



WAKARETE

PLEASE REMEMBER

DON'T BE SO STRICT

RECOGNIZE FIGHT AT CLOSE DISTANCE

UNDERSTAND THE GAME AND TACTICS

GIVE A LOUD ORDER AND A CLEAR SIGNAL

**HAVE THE RIGHT DISTANCE AND POSITION
WHEN APPLYING WAKARETE**

WAKARETE CAN BE GIVEN DURING ATO-SHIBARAKU

WAKARETE

IF DURING THE SEPARATION OF A GENUINE WAKARETE SIGNAL & COMMAND

A COMPETITOR MAKES A TECHNIQUE?

A warning or penalty will be given



IF THE TECHNIQUE IS TOO HARD?

A warning or penalty for not doing Wakarete

A warning or penalty for uncontrolled technique



NO POINTS & NO VIDEO REVIEW

JOGAI : Exception of the Wakarete rule

WAKARETE

**IF A TECHNIQUE IS MADE AT THE SAME TIME
AS THE REFEREE ORDERS WAKARETE?**

NO WARNING OR PENALTY WILL BE GIVEN

Just stop the bout: "YAME"



**And resume it again: "TSUZUKETE HAJIME"
in the usual way**

Referee's signal: Warning & Torimasen

WAKARETE

WHEN THE REFEREE ORDERS WAKARETE
AND ADOES A TECHNIQUE

JUDGES



DON'T SIGNAL FOR POINTS!

WAKARETE

ONE SEPARATE THE OTHER FOLLOWS? Warning/penalty

ONE SEPARATE THE OTHER PUSHES? Warning/penalty

TECHNIQUE DONE AFTER WAKARETE? Kansa/TM react!

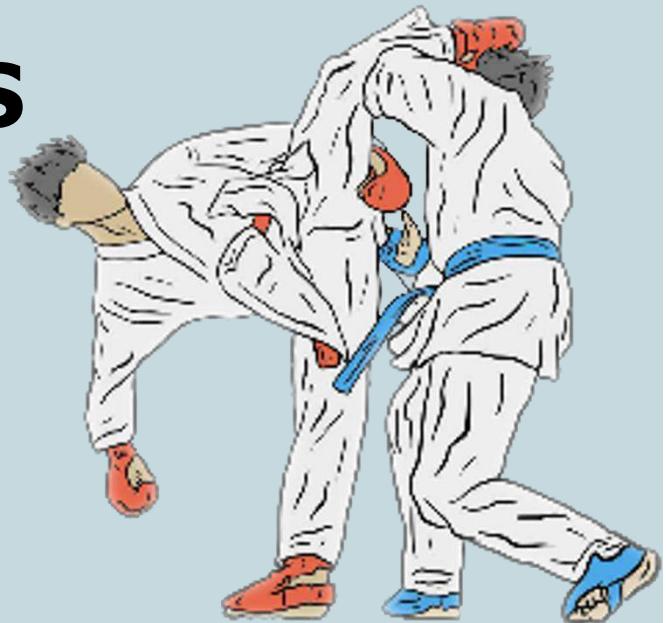
Ato Shibaraku Less than 15 seconds

**No Passivity!
No Tsuzukete!
KANSA?**



WE ARE A CONTACT SPORT

**OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS
THE HEALTH & SAFETY
OF OUR ATHLETES!!**



**DEMAND ALWAYS CORRECT
INFORMATION FROM THE DOCTOR**

Avoid misunderstandings!



AVOID ALL KINDS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

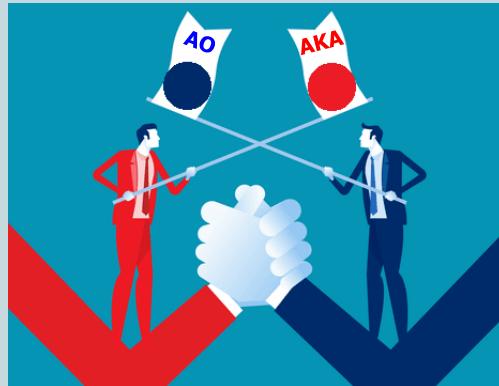


FOR MEDAL BOUTS

Nationality
Residency
Family ties in-laws
Athlete/Coach relationship

TM:s
Round-Robin

AVOID ALL KINDS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST



AVOID VERY SEVERE CONSEQUENCES



TIME SCOREBOARD WHITE - YELLOW - RED



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0:00.₁

STILL TIME LEFT



0:00.₀

TIME IS UP



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AFRICA



ASIA



EUROPE



OCEANIA



PANAMERICA



201
NF

ONE RULE BOOK!
THE SAME APPLICATION IN ALL COMPETITIONS!



CORRECT & CLEAR SIGNALS AND COMMANDS



**BE
PROFESSIONAL**

**LOOK FOR
PERFECTION**

**UNDERSTAND
YOUR TASK**

**GET INVOLVED
WHEN YOU
HAVE TO!!**



DON'T BREAK THE CHAIN



BE SUCCESSFUL



TATAMI MANAGER

REFEREE

COACH SUPERVISOR

JUDGE

CHIEF REFEREE

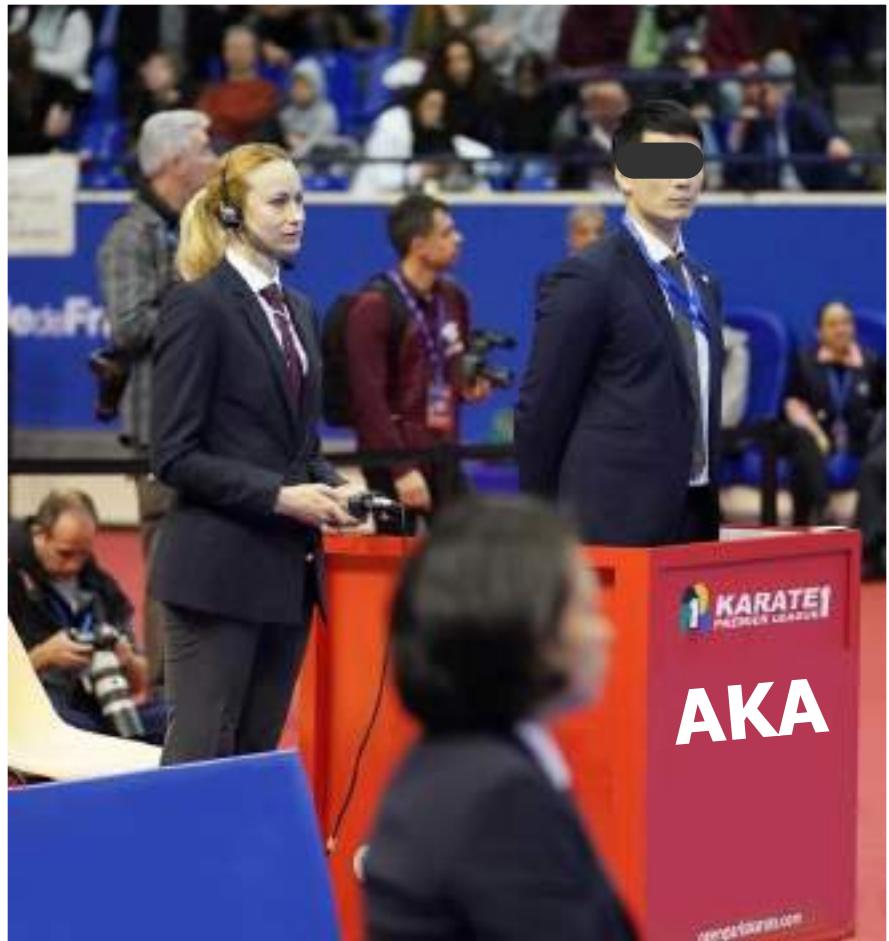
CONTROLLER

KANSA

VIDEO REVIEW

**APPEALS
JURY**

SCORE SUPERVISOR



THE JOB OF THE COACH SUPERVISOR

TWO SITUATIONS!!

JODAN GERI & FALLING DOWN



**WHY IS THE
ATHLETE
LYING DOWN
ON THE FLOOR?**

PROTECTIVE COMPULSORY EQUIPMENT



**WKF APPROVED GROIN
GUARD FOR MEN**

ALL MALE CATEGORIES

**DON'T FORGET TO ASK
THE ATHLETES**

WKF APPROVED GROIN GUARD FOR MEN

**If an Athlete has been asked before the bout
and confirms but it is not true
the Athlete will receive SHIKKAKU**



**If not been asked, and is not wear a groin guard,
The Athlete will be given two (2) minutes to
correct the matter and will receive a
warning for MUBOBI**

**WKF
APPROVED**



INTEGRATED CHEST PROTECTOR



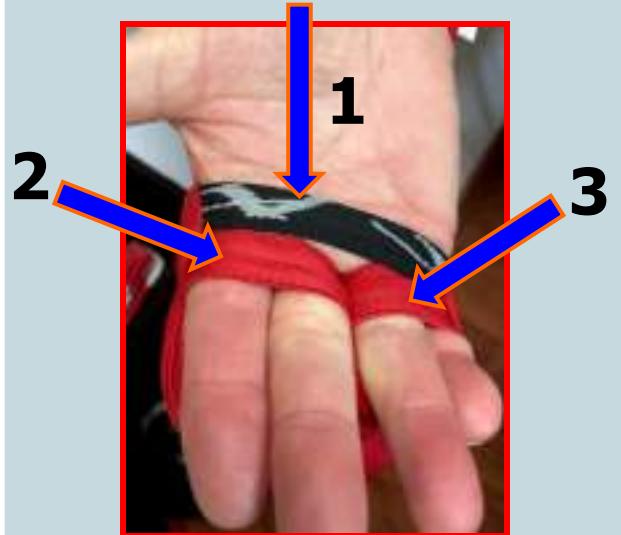


**BODY
PROTECTOR**
**FILLER
MATERIAL
MUST
REMAIN**



WKF approved mitts

Must fit the Athlete's hand



Must fit the Athlete's hand



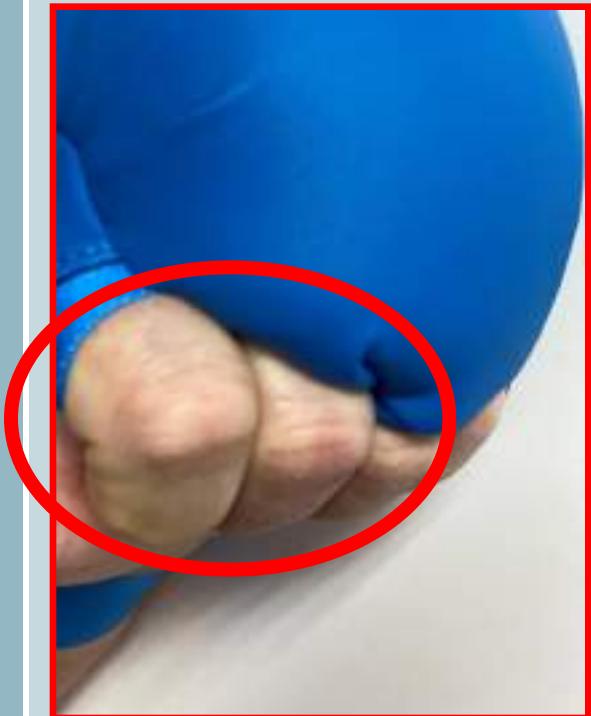
**The safety of the Athletes
is your Responsibility**



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NO!



YES!



VOLUNTARY WKF HOMOLOGATED BLACK HEAD SCARF

**Female
COACHES**



**Female
REFEREES**



VOLUNTARY WKF HOMOLOGATED BLACK HEAD SCARF

FEMALE
Athletes



MALE
Athletes - Coaches - Referees



Duration of a Kumite bout

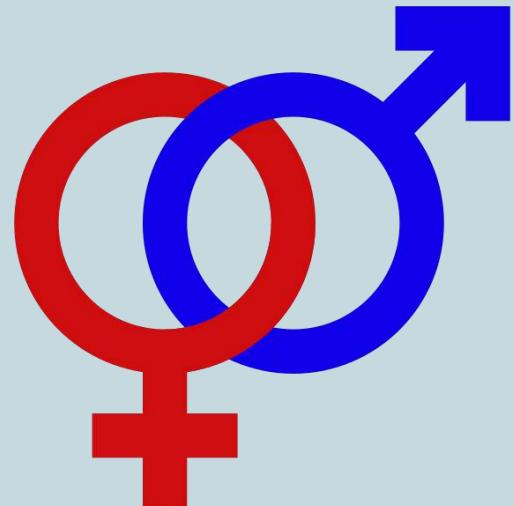
MALE & FEMALE

SENIORS 3 min

UNDER 21 3 min

CADETS & JUNIORS 2 min

U-14 1.5 min



MUBOBI

**CHILDREN - CADETS
JUNIORS - SENIORS**

**EXCESSIVE CONTACT
INJURY**



Attacks with an open hand to the face

BE CAREFUL!



AKA and AO are disqualified by HANSOKU
The opponents scheduled for the next round
WILL WIN BY BYE

MEDAL BOUT?

Winner will be declared by HANTEI
Unless one has more points or SENSHU

**IF TWO ATHLETES INJURE EACH OTHER
AND ARE DECLARED UNABLE TO CONTINUE...**

WINNER: MOST POINTS/SENSHU

EQUAL INDIVIDUAL BOUT: HANTEI

EQUAL RR/TEAM MATCHES: HIKIWAKE

EQUAL DECIDING TEAM MATCH: HANTEI



An Athlete who wins a bout through disqualification due to injury is not allowed to fight again in the competition

**WITHOUT PERMISSION
FROM THE TOURNAMENT DOCTOR**

After the second time, the athlete will no longer be able to compete in Kumite

WKF HAVE A SAFE SPORTS POLICY AGAINST ALL KINDS OF HARASSMENT AND ABUSE

**For the safety and rights
of our Athletes and Members**



BE AWARE!

Negative interaction between Coaches and Athletes

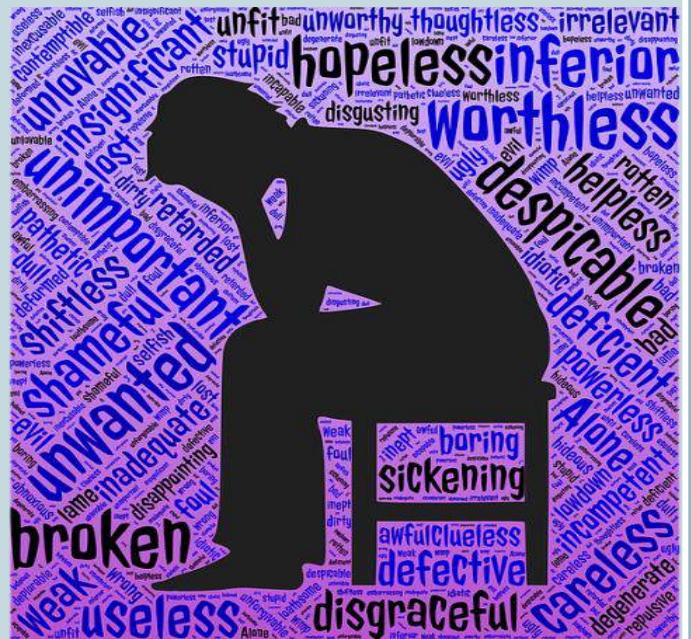


WILL NOT BE TOLERATED



REPORT ALL HARMFUL BEHAVIOUR!

**CHIEF REFEREE AT VENUE
ENTOURAGE COMMISSION
TECHNICAL COMMISSION
REFEREE COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY &
LEGAL COMMISSION**



TEAM & ROUND ROBIN (Individual) ALL POINTS COUNTS



AKA: 7 - AO: 0

AKA: IPPON

RESULT: 10 - 0

CAN AN ATHLETE GET TWO DIFERENT WARNINGS AT THE SAME TIME?



IF YOU START THE MATCH
And there is an injury!



WHAT TO DO?

“PUSHING BY”
KICKING
SWEEPING
THROWING

NO JOGAI - NO WARNING

GUMSHIELDS



1st. time OK

2nd. Time Reminder

3rd. time Warning/penalty

Match Supervisor

Very important function AUTHORITY
Senior & experienced Referee



Must ensure that the Athletes are wearing approved equipment

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Standard procedure for giving points

When giving points the Referee must identify....

First the scoring Athlete AKA - AO

Second the scoring area CHUDAN - JODAN

Third the scoring technique TSUKI - UCHI - KERI

Fourth the score awarded YUKO – WAZA-ARI - IPPON

Team

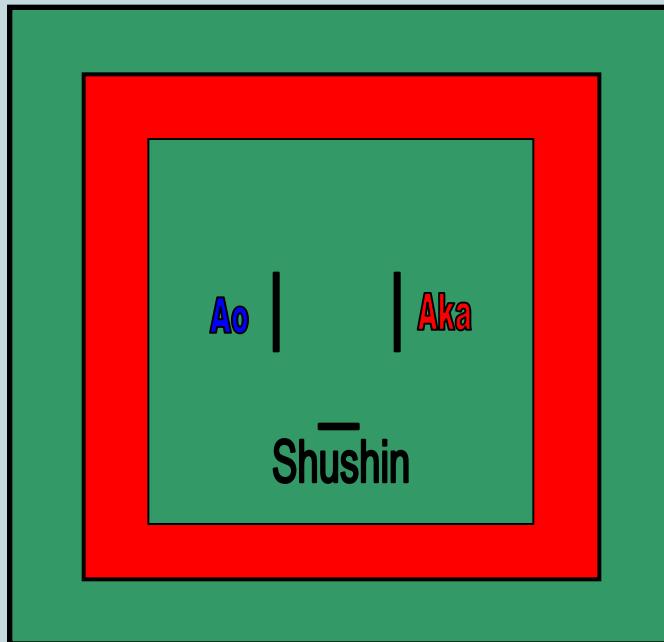
First match 1

2

3

4

Last match 5



Kumite

1 First match

2

3

4

5 Last match

Match order

WHEN CAN A COACH WRITE A PROTEST?



WHAT TO DO?

Interfering?

Harming the
prestige & honour
of Karate?

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JUDGES AND REFEREES



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HONESTY

DEDICATION

EFFORT

Been correct

Learn

Private

**Never a conflict
of interest**

Knowledge

Social

Integrity

Commitment

Career

Fairness

Acceptance

Economical

Humble



**DON'T FORGET THAT
WE ARE HERE FOR **ALL** ATHLETES**



**NOT FOR OUR OWN
NATIONAL FEDERATION
PRESIDENT
STUDENT
FRIEND**



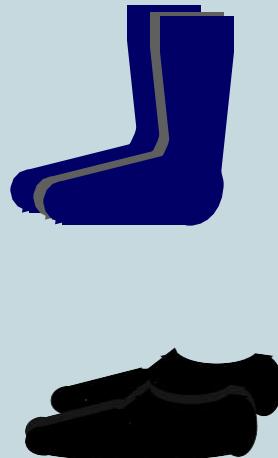
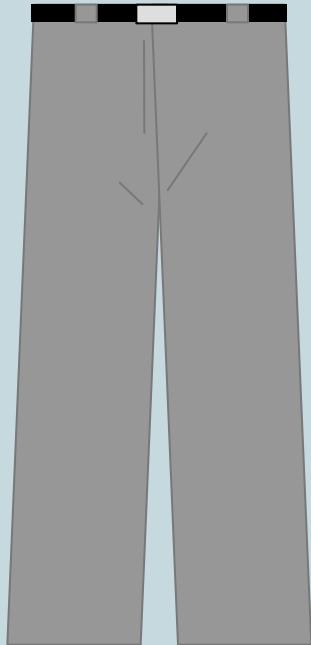


**FIND THE WAY
TO BE
SUCCESSFUL
IN THE TATAMI**

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UNIFORM





UNIFORM OFFICIALS

**NAVY BLUE
19-4023 TPX**

**PANTONE
18-0201 TPX**

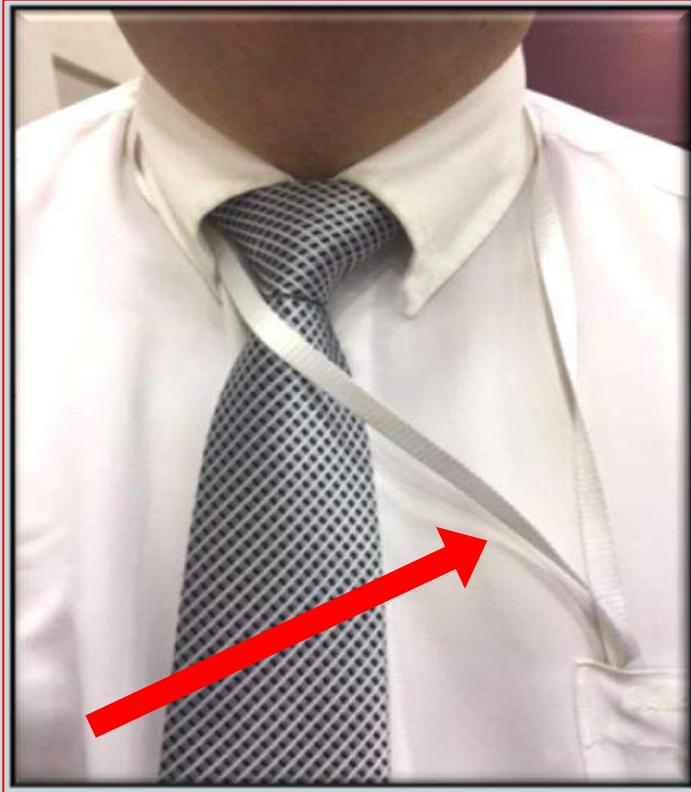
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NO!



Discreet white cord!



**BLACK
whistle**

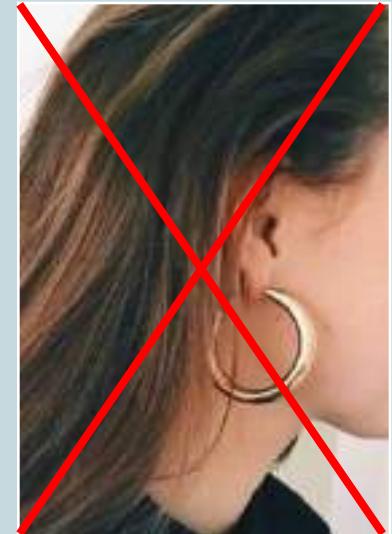


REFEREES

Plain wedding band



Discreet earrings



CREDIBILITY



NEVER OFFICIATE
WHEN HAVING
A CONFLICT
OF INTEREST



IS EVERYTHING

YOU ARE A REFEREE!!
YOU ARE NOT...

COACH
SENSEI
PARENT
REPORTER
DOCTOR



PROTEST??

DON'T GET INVOLVED!!

DON'T TRANSLATE

DON'T DO RECOMMENDATIONS



CREDIBILITY!



BEHAVE CORRECTLY



6 MONTHS SUSPENSION!!

BEHAVE CORRECTLY AT ALL TIMES!



Many are
Watching
Listening
Recording
Filming

BE AN
EXAMPLE!

Don't touch the Athletes!!! Call the doctor



Referees & Judges AT WKF EVENTS...



0-tolerance alcohol

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Payment License Renewal (PLR)

Every 4 years
Written examination



Every 4 years
Payment license





REFEREES DRAW

**Based on nationality
and country of residence**

ANY OTHER CONFLICT OF INTEREST?

REFEREES PANEL FOR THE FINALS



Computer draw!

8-3: 5

Requirements for officiating at World Championships

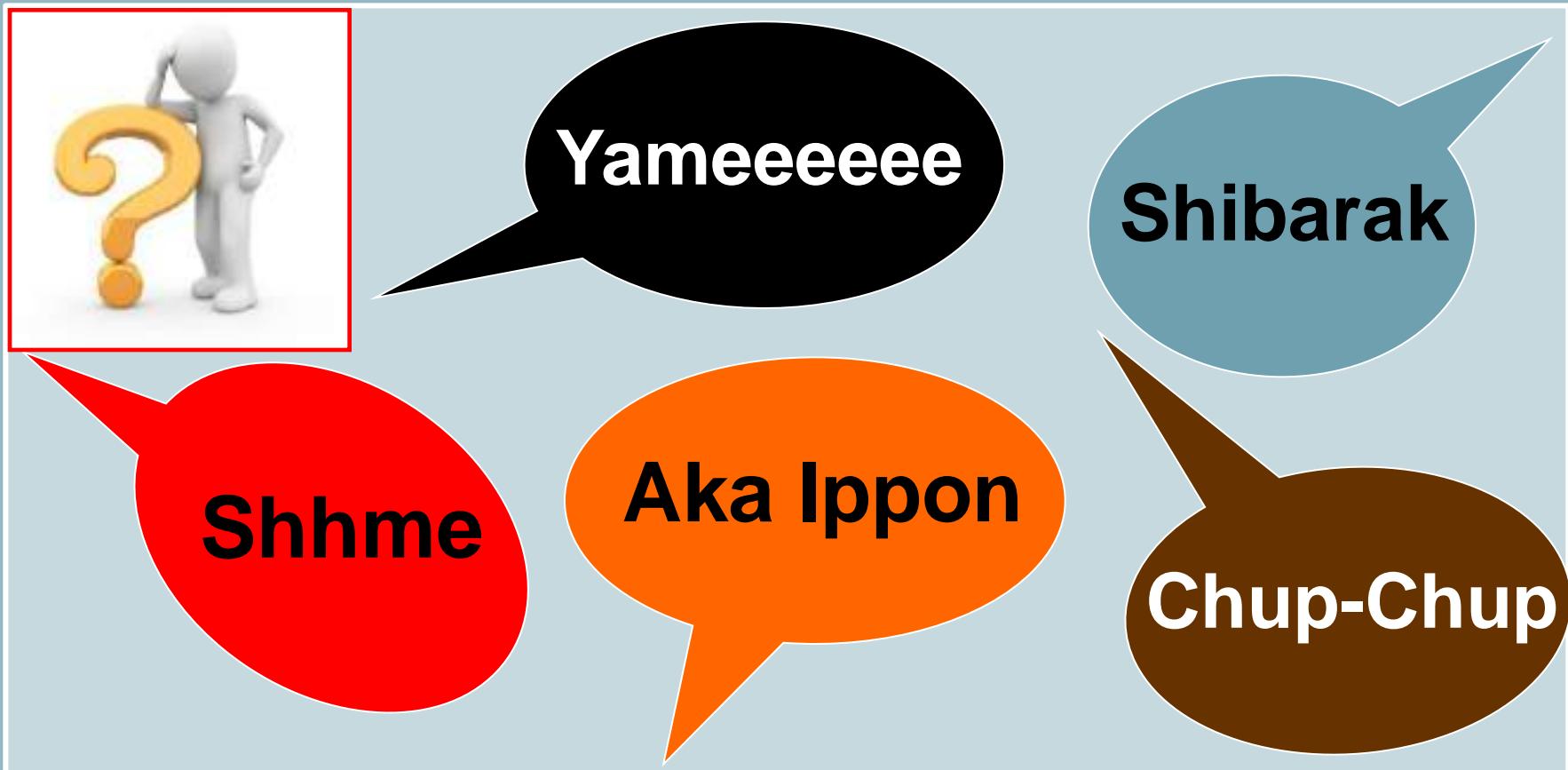


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- **Competition Rules**
- **Info Referee Course**
- **List WKF Referees & Judges**
- **list WKF Referee's Ranking**
- **Theory questions Kata & Kumite**
- **Application form Referee Courses**
- **Working Rules of the Referee Commission**



SIGNALS & COMMANDS



**Injured Athletes will be
examined outside the Tatami**

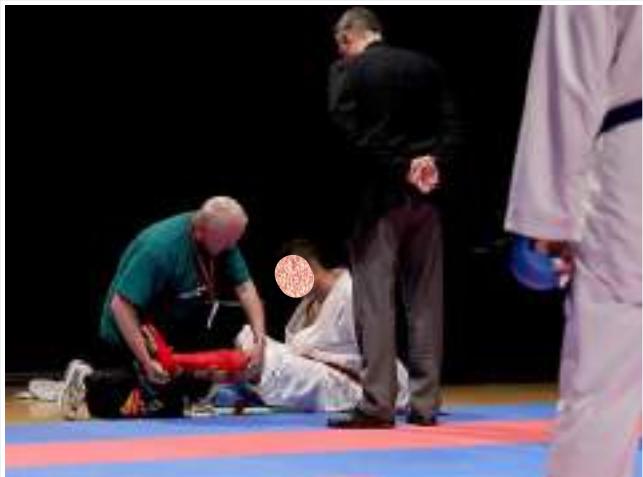


**Unless the injury calls for
examination on the Tatami**



Injured Athlete?

Three (3) minutes medical treatment



TM gives the order to start the 3 min. count

After three minutes...

**REFEREE'S DECISION
UNFIT TO FIGHT OR
EXTENSION OF TREATMENT**



INJURIES & DANGEROUS TECHNIQUES



INJURIES & DANGEROUS TECHNIQUES



Your “YAME” is very important



**If the Doctor says "YES"
The Referee can say "NO"**

**If the Doctor says "NO"
The Referee can never say "YES"**

TATAMI

KATA



KUMITE



SAME DIMENSIONS

KUMITE



CORRECT

Jacket ties must be tied



Yes!



No!

If broken during the bout don't change!

**One or two discreet rubber bands
or ponytail retainers are permitted**



OFFICIAL DRESS



KATA & KUMITE **Difference between**

KIKEN

&

DISQUALIFICATION

HANSOKU:
The bout

KIKEN:
The whole category

SHIKKAKU:
The entire tournament

SENSHU

First unopposed point advantage



SENSHU

Standard procedure

- 1. Give the point accordingly**
- 2. "Aka (Ao) Senshu" while holding your bent arm with the palm facing inward to the side of the scoring Athlete**



SENSHU

Score Supervisor

The symbol is a **check mark before the point**



SENSHU

Score Supervisor

SENSHU when the point is YUKO: ✓ ○

SENSHU when the point is WAZA-ARI: ✓ ○—○

SENSHU when the point is IPPON: ✓ ○—○

SENSHU HOW TO REMOVE IT

SENSHU when the point is YUKO:  

SENSHU when the point is WAZA-ARI: 

SENSHU when the point is IPPON: 

LOSING SENSHU

After Successful video request

Cat. 2 warning for avoiding combat
during ATO SHIBARAKU



No further SENSHU can be awarded Aka/Ao
HOW TO DO IT?

10 SECONDS RULE



WHEN AN ATHLETE...



THE 10 SECONDS RULE MUST BE APPLY



10 SECONDS RULE

- ❖ **YAME!**
- ❖ **DOCTOR!**
- ❖ **START COUNTING...**
(in English)



10 SECONDS RULE

COUNT...



KEEP COUNTING!



10 SECONDS RULE AFTER 10 SECONDS...



10 SECONDS RULE



10 SECONDS RULE



WHAT TO DO ?

Was the technique valid?

Was it properly applied to the proper area?

Was the technique well controlled?

Was it Mubobi?

**What caused the Athlete
to remain on the floor?**

**In all cases where
the Referee starts
counting...
the doctor will be
asked to examine
the Athlete**



GUIDELINE (more than 10 seconds on the Tatami)

IKKEN

Ao is off his feet - his own fault

Ao Kiken - Aka no Kachi

Aka Mubobi

Aka next Chui - Aka Kiken - Ao no Kachi

GUIDELINE (more than 10 seconds on the Tatami)

HANSOKU

Aka does very hard technique, Ao can't continue

Aka Hansoku - Ao no Kachi

Aka technique is hard but not for Hansoku

Ao can continue

Aka warning - Ao Hansoku (Exaggeration)

Aka no Kachi

GUIDELINE (more than 10 seconds on the Tatami)

SHIKKAKU

Aka acted maliciously

Aka Shikkaku - Ao no Kachi

**Aka's technique fulfilled all 6 criteria
skin touch and no injury at all**

**Aka point - Ao Shikkaku
(Aka no Kachi)**

**An Athlete should not be penalized for being winded
(loss of breath as a consequence of a technique)**

**Or for reacting to an impact even if the technique
merited a point by the opponent**

**GIVE THE ATHLETE TIME,
GIVE THE POINT AND RESUME THE BOUT**

“All grabbing is for immediately action”

WITH ONE HAND: TWO OFFENSIVE

Grab & score



Grab, sweep & score



“All grabbing is for immediate action”

With one hand: one defensive

**When folding down grab for
breaking the fall (UKEMI)
but when on the floor
the Athlete has to let it go**



“All grabbing is for immediately action”

**When catching a kick (Jodan/Chudan)
with the purpose of taking down the opponent**



No KANSA at the line-up



GI JACKET



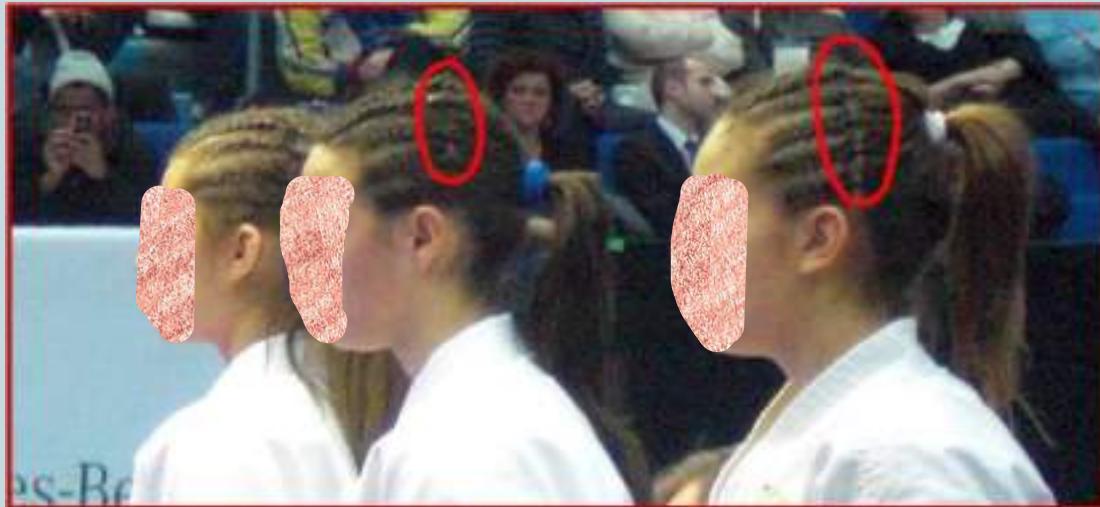
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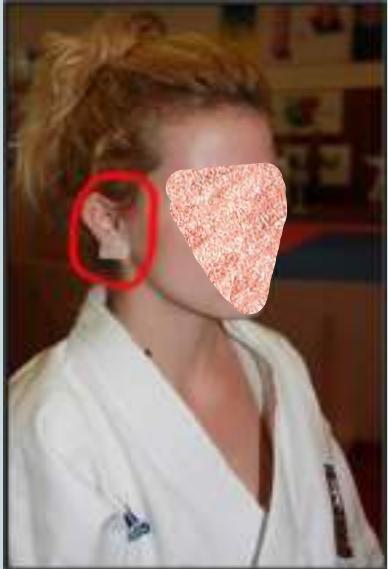
**Hair decorations
Metal hairgrips
Ribons
Beads
Piercing**



DECORATIONS



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TAPE IS
DECORATION!

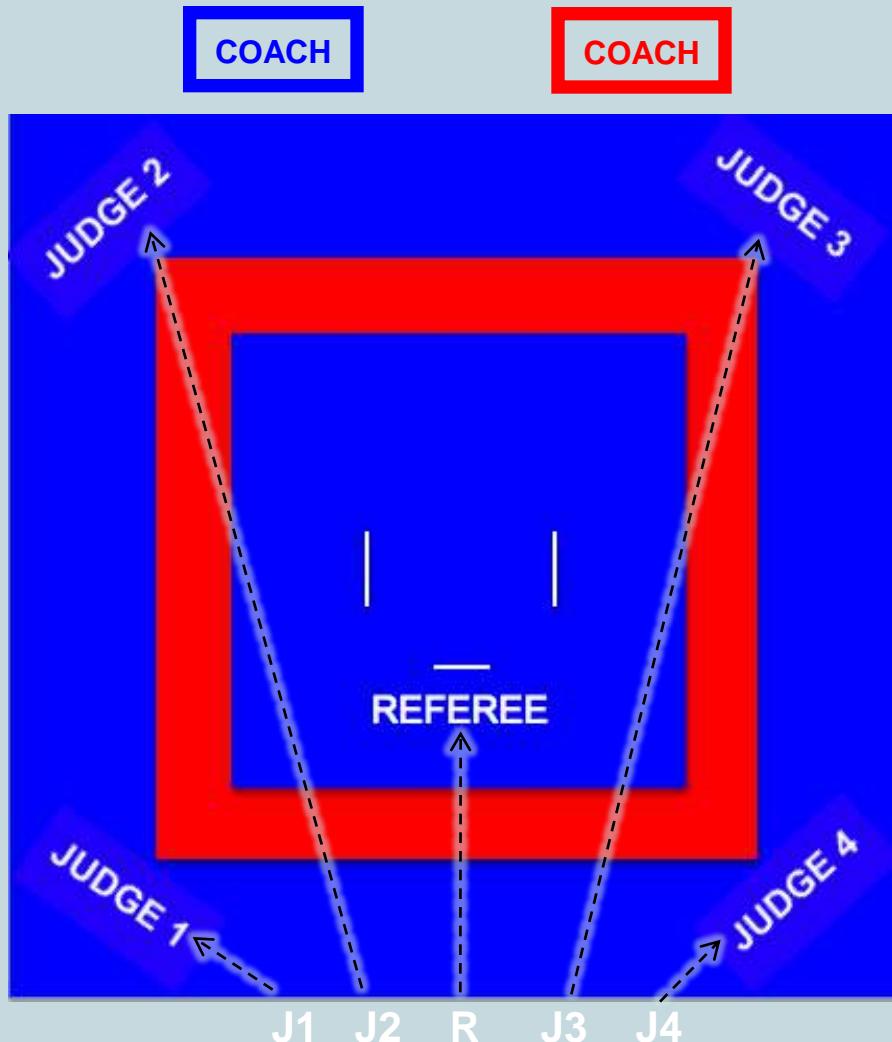


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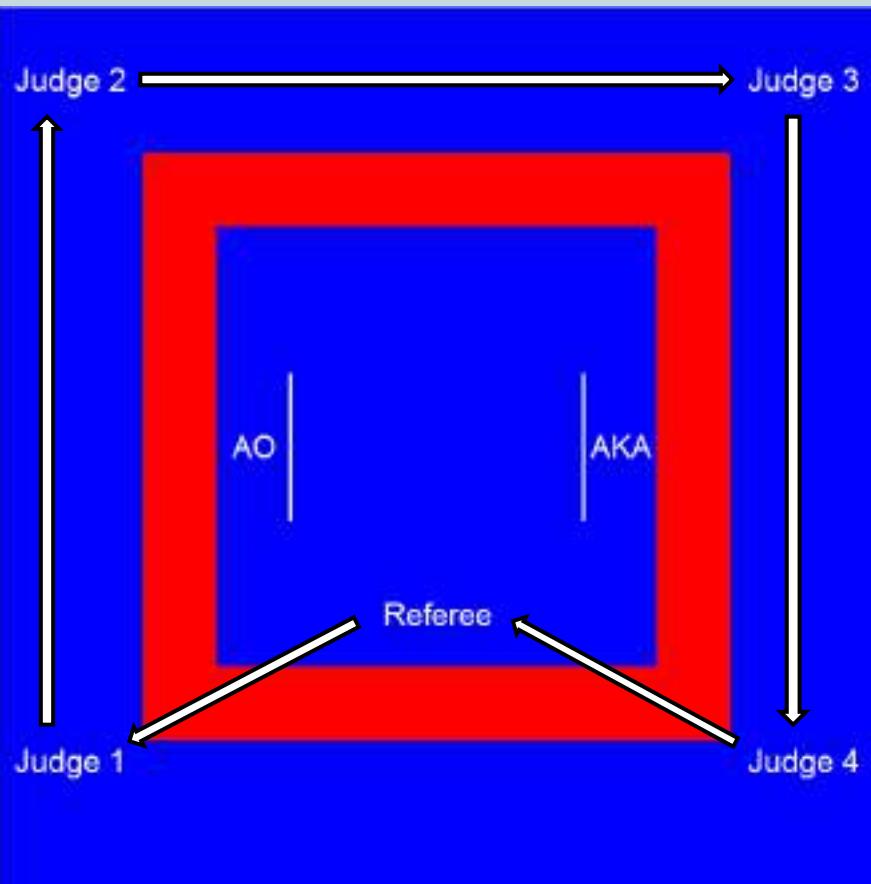
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In team matches the Referee and the judges with the required Referee qualification will rotate for each bout

KANSA WILL NOT ROTATE

Aka throws Ao



Ao is out – Aka is in



Aka can score



The minimum warning for running away - avoiding combat - wasting time during ATO SHIBARAKU...



Hansoku Chui

POINTS

- 1. Approved & effective technique**
- 2. Against an approved attack area**
- 3. Fulfil 100% the six criteria**

- 100% Good form**
- 100% Sporting attitude**
- 100% Vigorous application**
- 100% Awareness**
- 100% Good timing**
- 100% Correct distance**

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Good Form
Effectiveness

Sporting Attitude
A non-malicious attitude

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Vigorous Application

Power and speed

Awareness

Total concentration & control
(before - during - after)

Good Timing

Greatest potential effect

Correct Distance

Greatest potential distance

YUKO

**Tzuki or Uchi
delivered to any
scoring area**



GIVING POINTS

YUKO (1 point)



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WAZA-ARI

CHUDAN GERI



GIVING POINTS

WAZA-ARI (2 points)



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IPPON

JODAN GERI



IPPON



Any technique against an opponent whose any part of the body other than the feet is in contact with the Tatami



Exception of HIZA-GAMAE
One knee touching the mat while executing a technique



GIVING POINTS

IPPON (3 points)



Resting time for Athletes

BETWEEN MATCHES

EQUAL TO THE DURATION TIME OF THE MATCH

REPERCHARGE/SEMI FINALS

IN THE CASE OF CHANGE OF EQUIPMENT & COLOUR
FIVE (5) MINUTES

Prohibited attack areas/techniques



Prohibited attack areas/techniques



(AKA) YES!



(AO) NO!



AVOIDING COMBAT IS

**Running away
Clinching - Wrestling
Pushing - Seizing
Standing chest to chest
Jogai**



**THE REFEREE MUST CONSTANTLY
OBSERVE THE INJURED ATHLETE**

A short delay allows injury symptoms to develop



Observe the Athlete



Stay with the doctor



Bandages - Padding - Supports because of injury

**Done or approved by the doctor
and approved by the Referee**



This is a prohibited behaviour



This is a prohibited behaviour



COACH

- 1. Must wear a tracksuit and shoes**
- 2. Display official identification**
- 3. Must sit in the chair provided**
- 4. Must not interfere with the bout**

THE COACH MUST KNOW

Rules of competition

Anti Doping rules

Competitors & coach behaviour

Rules for writing a protest

Rights and duties

Fair play manners

**DURING THE
ELIMINATIONS**

**TRACKSUIT
SHOES
&
ACCREDITATION**



DURING MEDAL BOUTS FEMALE COACHES



**DRESS/PANTSUIT
JACKET & SKIRT
DARK COLOURS
SHOES**

DURING MEDAL BOUTS MALE COACHES



**DARK SUIT
SHIRT & TIE
SHOES**

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NO!

Our future... Please handle with care!



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THANK YOU VERY MUCH



GOOD
LUCK!