



Guide for studying or teaching the WKF Para-Karate Competition Rules

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

WKF PARA-KARATE COMPETITION RULES



**Effective from
1st Jan. 2026**

**The WKF able-bodied
Competition Rules for Kata
will apply with the
following exceptions:**

PARA-KARATE

CLASSIFICATION & KATA COMPETITION RULES

PARA-KARATE CLASSIFICATION RULES

Eligibility to compete in Para-Karate

**Ensure that an Athlete's disability
is relevant to his/her performance**



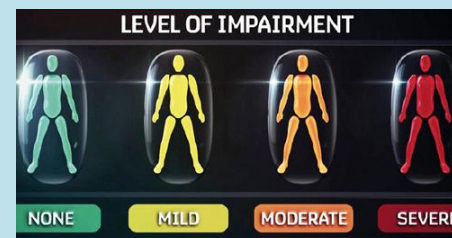
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PARA-KARATE CLASSIFICATION RULES

**WKF CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE
CLASSIFICATION PANELS
CLASSIFIERS & ADMINISTRATORS**

**Conduct athlete evaluation
before the Championships**



PARA-KARATE CLASSIFICATION RULES

**Evaluation is for giving score compensation
EXTRA POINTS**

From 0.00 to 3.00 extra points

**Those points will be added
to the Judge's final score**

**Only to Visually and Physically disabled (K10 & K30)
NOT THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED (K21 & K22)**

PARA-KARATE

INDIVIDUAL KATA ONLY

4 SPORT CLASSES IN 3 CATEGORIES

Visually-Disabled Athletes



Intellectually-Disabled Athletes



Physically-Disabled Athletes



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Visually-Disabled

K-10 Athletes with visual disability

Blindfolds are mandatory

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Intellectually-Disabled

K-21 Athletes with low to moderate intellectual disability

K-22 Athletes with more severe disability

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Wheelchair Athletes

**K-30 Athletes with Physical or Motor Disabilities
will compete using Wheelchairs**



ALL OTHER CLASSES PERFORM KATA STANDING UP

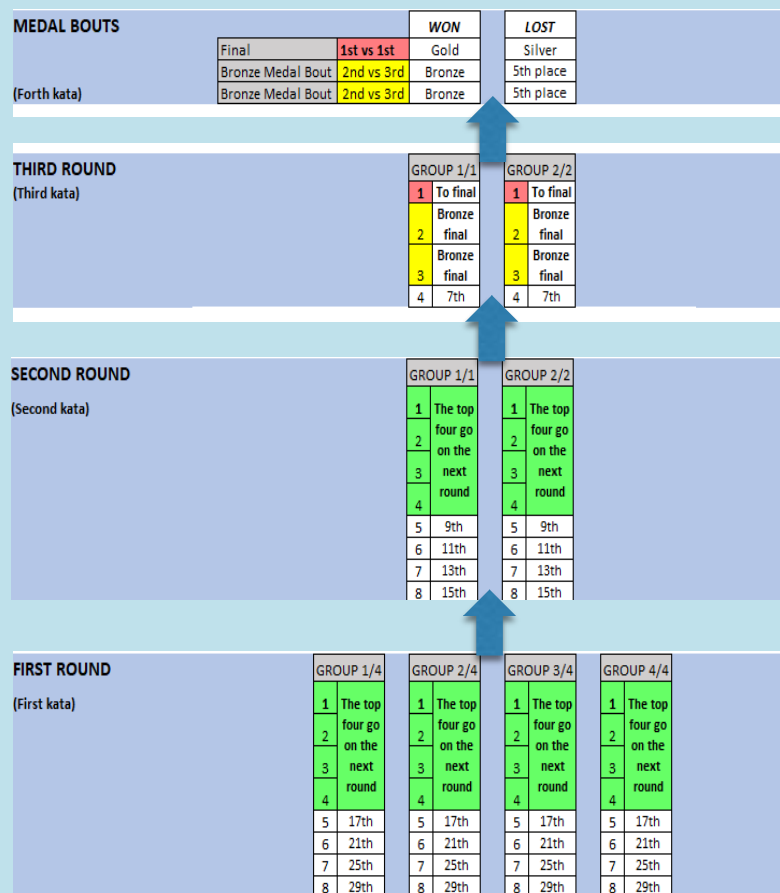
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PARA-KARATE COMPETITION FORMAT

**GROUPS
OF 8**

**AGE +16
Female
Male**



PARA-KARATE EVALUATION

JUDGES + EXTRA POINTS

JUDGE1	JUDGE-2	JUDGE-3	JUDGE-4	JUDGE-5	JUDGE-6	JUDGE-7	EXTRA P.	TOTAL
7.6	7.5	7.8	8.3	7.7	7.4	8.0	1.2	39.8

GROUPS OF 8 ATHLETES
ELIMINATION SYSTEM
IS USED IN PARA-KARATE COMPETITION

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Number of Athletes	Number of groups	Number of Kata performed to win	Athletes in the second round
2	1	1	Zero (No second round)
3	1	2	Medal Bout (only for gold)
4	2	2	Medal Bout (only for gold)
5 to 10	2	2	Medal Bout
11 to 24	2	3	8 Athletes
25 to 48	4	4	16 Athletes
49 to 96	8	4	32 Athletes
97 to 192	16	5	64 Athletes
193 or more	32	6	128 Athletes

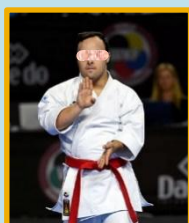
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**Technical performance specification
according to the sport class**

VISUALLY DISABLED
**Space orientation
and Embusen**



**PHYSICALLY
DISABLED**
**Skill, control, and
movability of the
wheelchair**



INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED
**Fluidity of techniques
and movements**

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IN CASE OF...



**EMERGENCY
EVACUATION**

National Coaches are responsible for the safe removal of the Athletes

Doping Control

Additional Classification testing

National Coaches are responsible for the athlete's attendance

PARA-KARATE

**Coaches &
Assistants**



Medical service animals



**Therapy & emotional
support animals**



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Medical service animals certified to detect life-threatening conditions are allowed outside the Tatami



Therapy animals, emotional-support animals or pets are not allowed in the Tatami or its perimeter.



PARA-KARATE

Wheelchair Athletes can protect their feet from injuries by wearing sport shoes and socks

Shoes & socks must be white without any trademarks



Shoes & socks no longer than the ankles



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Prescription Sports Glasses are allowed for intellectually-disabled and wheelchair Athletes



Glasses must be secured to the head with a strap and approved by the Para Karate Commission

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Prostheses - canes - crutches are not allowed in Competition



Blindfolds without logo & discrete colour: grey - blue - black



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**Electric wheelchairs &
Wheelchairs with electric drive support**

NOT ALLOWED

**1 or 2 anti-tip castor attached to the back
of the wheelchair for safety purposes**

ALLOWED



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NO



NO

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Wheelchairs used at the Classification must also be used at the competition

If different: DISQUALIFICATION

Leg straps must be white and without logos

Maximum 3 straps placed between the ankles and the hip



Fixation of the upper body is not allowed

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ADVERTISING ON WHEELCHAIRS

Only on the main wheels

PROHIBITED PLACEMENTS

Backrest - Armrest
Side guards - Frame
Footplate - Castors



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Intellectually-Disabled category may repeat the same Kata in all rounds



All other categories must perform a different Kata in each round



Variations in the performance are accepted due to the type of impairment

PARA-KARATE FOULS

**Loss of balance - Asynchronous movement
Audible cues - Belt coming loose - Time wasting**

**Leg straps or sport glasses coming off their
proper places during performance**



PARA-KARATE DISQUALIFICATION



**Blindfolds uncovering
one/both eyes or
falling off during the performance**

**Coach instructions
during the performance**



**Wheelchair performance:
Use of the non-affected leg**

PARA-KARATE DISQUALIFICATION



**REASONS FOR
DISQUALIFICATION
SHOULD BE TREATED
WITH CARE**



PARA-KARATE DISQUALIFICATION

**Clinical conditions can
influence certain behaviors**

**Judges must
“Fukushin Shugo”
before disqualifying**



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ASSISTANTS & COACHES

PROPER SHOES

No sandals and open-toe shoes

Sunglasses are not allowed



Eliminations



Coach

Assistant

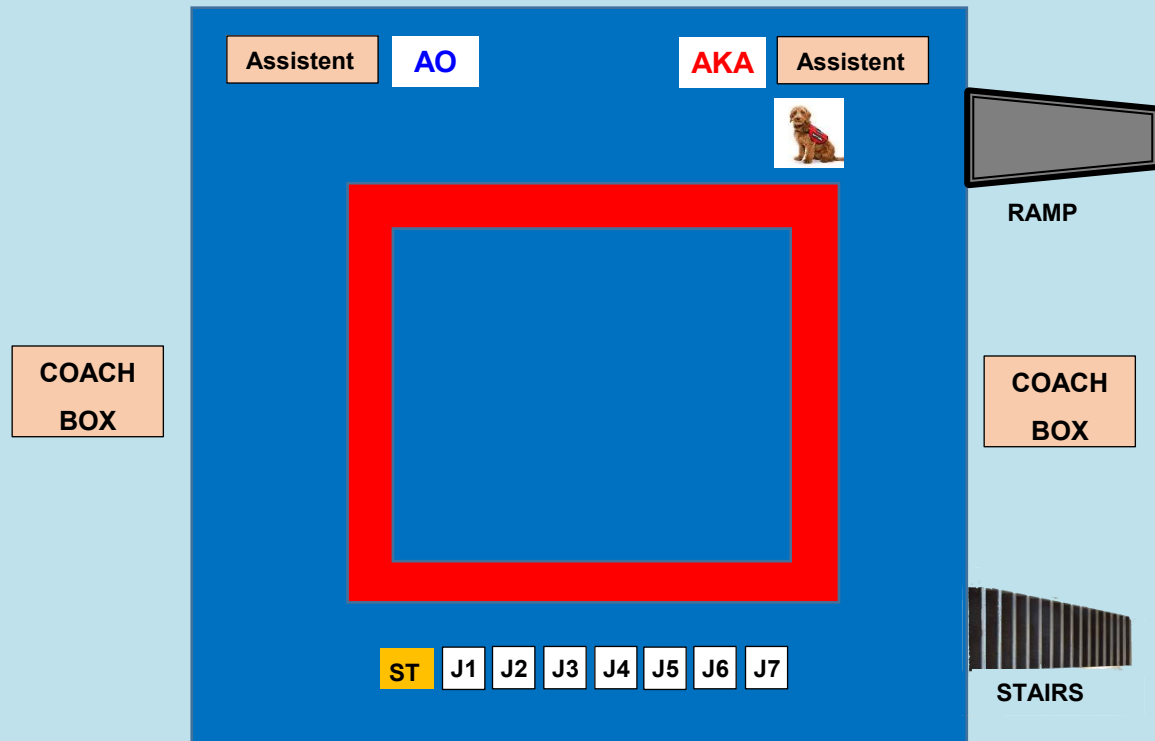
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Coach

Assistant

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VERY MUCH**

