



Clarifications and Amendments to WKF Championships Rules for 2017 ManSask Karate Open Championships



Article 1 - Kumite Competition Area

- 1.1 The mats will be 1m x 1m, 1 inch thick, interlocking, and need not be WKF approved.
- 1.2 Ring sizes are 10 x 10 as set out in WKF Rules – BUT this size is a guideline and dimensions may differ upon the discretion of the tournament director / committee.

Article 2 - Official Dress

- 2.1 Referees and Judges should wear the official uniform designated by the Officials Committee. The Referees and Judges may remove their jackets at the discretion of the Officials Committee.
- 2.2 Gi emblems
All athletes will wear a standard karate gi with reasonable emblems and markings. Sponsors, advertising and stripes on gi are acceptable.
- 2.3 Coaches
Coaches shall wear a track suit or karate gi and shall display their official identification.
- 2.4 Body Protector / Chest Protector
The use of WKF style body protectors and chest protector is recommended but optional.
- 2.5 Face Masks
The use of facemasks is prohibited.
- 2.6 Glasses
To ensure the safety of the competitors, glasses are not allowed during kumite bouts. Regular glasses may be worn during kata competition.
- 2.7 Groin protection is mandatory for all male kumite competitors 12 years of age and up.
- 2.8 Gum shield is compulsory for kumite competitors at all levels except flag kumite competition.
- 2.9 Gloves / fist protectors must be foam filled and vinyl covered WKF style. Cloth or leather gloves are not permitted.
- 2.10 The use of WKF style shin/instep pads is mandatory for competitors ages 12 and up.



2.11 Religious Head Covering

Competitors may wear religious head coverings if approved by the Chief Official. A letter of request must be signed by the competitor or their parent/guardian if the competitor is younger than 18 years of age, and submitted by the tournament registration deadline.

Article 3 - Organization of Kumite and Kata Competitions

3.1 Competition divisions, draws and elimination systems (eg: single, double, repechage) will be determined by the Tournament Commissioner.

3.2 There is no limit to the number of competitors per dojo.

3.3 Brown and black belt kata division cannot repeat a previously performed kata, except during medal rounds where a kata from a previous round may be repeated.

3.4 Green and purple belts must alternate between at least 2 katas, one in each alternate round, but may repeat a previously performed kata during medal rounds.

3.5 White, Yellow and orange belts may repeat the same kata in each round.

3.6 Kata competitors under the age of 12 years will perform their kata at the same time. Ages 12 years and up will perform individually.

3.7 Duration of kumite matches for competitors:
Under the age 12 will be 1 minute and 30 seconds (1:30 running time);
Over the age of 12 yrs. kyu belts kumite matches will be 2 minutes (stop time) and in the event of a tie the judges and referee will decide the winner via a show of flags (Hantei);
Black belt kumite matches will be 2 minutes (stop time), and in the event of a tie, an extra bout will ensue with a duration time of 30 seconds.

3.8 Legal and controlled take-downs will be allowed for competitors 12 years and up.

A double elimination format will be used in individual kumite divisions ages 12 and up.

Article 8 - Prohibited behaviour

8.1 Prohibited take down

Kani waza (scissor takedown) is considered a dangerous takedown and is prohibited.

8.2 Disruptive / Disrespectful coaches and team members



The members of the Officials Committee and Referee Panel are empowered by the rules to impose appropriate penalties upon athletes to control disruptive and disrespectful behaviour of coaches and team members, or delegations.

- 8.3 No contact to the head, face, or neck, is allowed with hand techniques for competitors under 18 years of age. Any contact, no matter how light, will be penalized. Jodan kicks may make the lightest touch (“skin touch”) and still score. Any more than a skin touch will require a warning or penalty.

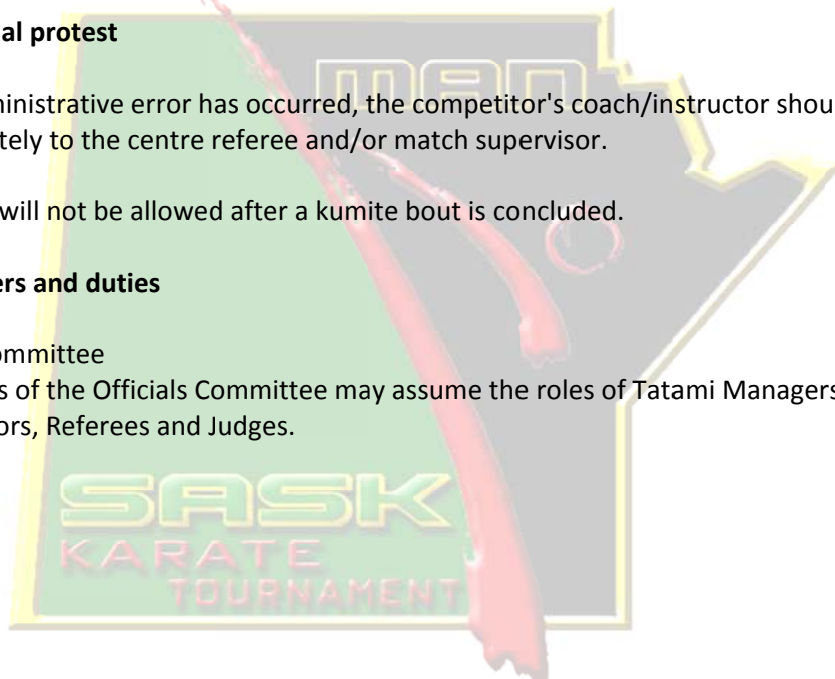
If an athlete displays excessive force or aggressive behaviour, the competitor will be deemed disqualified from the match. The Karate Manitoba Board of Directors may meet to hand out further disciplinary action.

Article 11 - Official protest

- 11.1 If an administrative error has occurred, the competitor's coach/instructor should signal the error immediately to the centre referee and/or match supervisor.
- 11.2 Protests will not be allowed after a kumite bout is concluded.

Article 12 - Powers and duties

- 12.3 Officials Committee
Members of the Officials Committee may assume the roles of Tatami Managers, Match Supervisors, Referees and Judges.



- Scorekeeper will announce the names of the competitors as they come up;
- Scorekeepers will advise the officials when it is a medal round;
- Scorekeeper will announce the winner Aka (Red) or Ao (Blue);
- Under the age of 12 yrs. matches will be 1 minute and 30 seconds (running time);
- Over the age of 12 yrs. Kyu belt matches will be 2 minutes (stop time), and in the event of a tie the judges and referee will decide the winner via a show of flags (Hantei);
- Black Belt kumite matches will be 2 minutes (stop time), and in the event of a tie, an extra bout will ensue with a duration time of 30 seconds;
- When center referee calls “Yame” (stop) the clock is stopped;
- When center referee re-starts the match – start the clock;
- Scorekeeper is to announce when 10 seconds remain in the match.

Points:

Signal for one point (Yuko)



Signal for two points (Wazari)



Signal for three points (Ippon)



Penalties:

Signal for Category 1 Penalty



Signal for Category 2 Penalty

