Welcome!

Decision: World Championships in Malaysia

Implementation: 1st January 2012
What are the objectives?
What do we want to accomplish?

A more vigorous Karate!
A stronger attitude among the competitors!
Minimizing winnings by penalties!
A more understandable competition!
HIGHLIGHTS

• New Referee Panel and the Referee’s right to vote
• Karate Gi and Obi.
• Amount of flags needed for point, warning or penalty
• Removal of Sai Shiai & new definition of Jogai

• Warnings & penalties
• Removal of penalty points

• Giving warnings for the first instance of C2
• New prohibited behaviour under C2

• New names for giving 1 point, 2 points & 3 points
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

Referees & Judges

The four judge system (4 judges plus 1 referee) is adopted

Each judge seated in the corners of the Tatami in the Safety area
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

KANSA (Arbitrator): **Match Supervisor**

Match Area Controller (MAC): **Tatami Manager**
Referee and Judges

No Match Supervisor at the line-up
Referee and Judges

In *team matches* the panel will rotate for each bout - provided that all hold the required license

*(The Match Supervisor will not rotate)*
Referee and Judges

The Referee can move about the entire Tatami including the safety zones

Do not stand in front of the judges or the Match Supervisor!
Why four Judges?
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

Body protection for all competitors
plus chest protector for female competitors
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

The red and blue belts must be without any personal embroideries or markings

Only the label of the manufacturer!
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

Contestants must wear a white karate Gi without stripes, piping or personal embroidery
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

SHUKOKU – KEIKOKU - HANSOKU-CHUI

Cat. 1  Cat. 2

Are warnings!

NO POINTS TO THE OPPONENT
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

HANSOKU & SHIKKAKU

Are penalties!
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

No points awarded when imposing warnings...

with the exception of (in team matches)
8 point score for a match won by penalty
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

In order to give points and/or penalties...
The Referee need a minimum of 2 judges
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

The referee only has a vote when dissolving a tie break

If two judges hold an opposing opinion to the two other judge
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

The Referee can request confirmation

In cases of Mubobi contra contact

In cases of points versus warnings/penalties
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

Judges will indicate scores/penalties before the Referee stops the bout

The Referee must stop the bout if two or more judges signal a score, warning or penalty for the same competitor
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

The referee has the ability to stop the match before the judges give flag signals

but...

will always await the options of the judges before announcing...

points

warnings

penalties
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

In case both contestants receive two flags each for a score...

The Referee will award both scores!
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

If 2 flags for the same contestant show a different score the lower score will be applied

The same will apply to warnings and penalties
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

If a contestant scores with more than one consecutive technique before Yame, the contestant will be awarded the higher point regardless of in which sequence the techniques scored.

Example...

If a kick followed a successful punch, the points for the kick would be awarded regardless if the punch scored first.
However, when there is a majority for a level of score, warning or penalty between the judges, the majority will take precedence.
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Sai Shiai is removed from all bouts!

If there is no scores, or it is equal scores at fulltime the match will be decided by HANTEI

In team matches, if after the extra bout there is no scores, or it is equal scores at fulltime the match will be decided by HANTEI
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

JUDGES...
When giving points

Keep the flags out until the Referee has announced the point
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

New definition for JOGAI

Exit from the competition area not caused by the opponent!
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

The minimum **warning** for exaggeration of injury...

**Hansoku Chui** (Cat. 2)
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

The minimum warning for running away - avoiding combat - wasting time during Atoshi Baraku...

Hansoku Chui (Cat. 2)
Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

New Category 2 prohibited behavior: **Passivity!**

The Referee signal is circling the fists around each other in front of the chest

The flag signal is pointing the flags inward and circling them around each other
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JUDGE’S FLAG SIGNALS FOR CAT. 1

FIRST CIRCLE WITH THE RED/BLUE FLAG THEN CROSS THE FLAGS

RED FLAG IN FRONT FOR AKA

BLUE FLAG IN FRONT FOR AO
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As a general rule, injury contestants will be examined by the doctor outside the Tatami... unless the injury calls for examination on the Tatami
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POINTS

YUKO (1 point)

WAZA-ARI (2 points)

IPPON (3 points)
Picking the winner

INDIVIDUAL MATCH

Match wins by POINTS
If equal score or no points:

HANTEI
Referee & Judges together

TEAM MATCHES

Team that wins most matches
If equal number of matches

Team that has more points
If equal nr. points

New ind. match
If equal or no score:
Thank you for your attention & Good luck!

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