



# **REFEREE RULES**



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## Article 1. General Referee Rules

- REFEREE is kickboxing educated and licensed official whose basic task is to implement these rules during kickboxing competitions.
- It is MANDATORY for referees and judges to participate in international kickboxing championships and tournaments to speak a minimum of English to communicate during the championships.
- English is the official language of WAKO and its referees in all international kickboxing championships and tournaments. In competitions at national or local level, the official language of the national federation may be used in official communication.
- All International referees (A/B) Class must have a good capability of speaking and reading English.
- Before, during and after their work on any kickboxing tournaments referees and judges will respect Referees' Code of Conduct and all rules of WAKO IF

### Age limit for referees and judges

The official age for officiating at WAKO title tournaments as a Central referee or Judge has to be 21 years minimum. There is no age limit for WAKO Referees and Judges as long as they are medically fit and healthy and can perform their duties on tatami or in the ring.

## Article 2. Definitions of referee's duties

The status of 'International Referee' or 'Judge' is obtained by first time participation in an international WAKO tournament and according to their qualification by the Chief Referee of the country. All international referees must be a qualified A / B / C Class Judge / Referee

### Nomination and selection of an international Referee / Judge

After the candidate has successfully participated in an international tournament, the Chairman of Referee Committee will be informed. The people responsible for nominating Referees in the run-up to an international championship (Continental or World Championship) decide which international Referees are reported to the Chairman of Referee Committee as eligible.

The Chairman of Referee Committee selects the Referees, subsequently, they will be invited by the WAKO Referee committees.

### Pre-conditions for participation as an international Referee / Judge

In addition to having gained experience in an international tournament, the candidate must possess an advanced knowledge of English as well as good knowledge of applying the WAKO rules.

Excellent physical and mental fitness is essential. Furthermore, for participation in international tournaments the Official Referees seminar must always be attended.

If referees / judges do not attend the international referee's seminar they will **NOT** be allowed to participate as an official at that tournament.

### Duties of an international Referee / Judge during an international tournament

While an international championship is taking place (Continental or World Championship) the Referees are to work as a team. An international Referee from the Referee committees will be appointed by the Chairman of Referee committee to carry out any duty necessary for the correct proceedings of the tournament



### Article 3. Roles of judges in the competition

The roles of the judges in the competition are:

- Chief referee
- Supervisor
- Observer
- Central referee
- Judge
- Timekeeper
- Scorekeeper
- Kick counter

#### Article 3.1. Chief referee

- The Chief referee on WAKO World, Continental championships, World and Continental cups is named by WAKO Referee Committee among the referees for each fighting area. On the other kickboxing tournaments Chief referees are named by the organizer of the national federation's chief referee.
- His main goal is to:
  - Organize the work of the Central referees and Judges making sure that all activities are according WAKO Rules.
  - Organize the Central referees and judges according to the nationalities of kickboxers and to observe every single fight in order to be ready to educate referees and judges in case of mistakes or to be able to handle protests. They can alternate their role.
  - Responsible for the correct compilation of the draw list with results, and at the end they will sign the draw list and give it to the ring and tatami coordinators.
- Chief referee is a member of the tournament Appeal protest committee
- In case of protests, they must follow procedures and they make a first-level decision. If the protester is not satisfied with their decision, the Chief Referee will explain all details of the protest to the tournament Appeal protest committee, who will make a final decision.
- In the event of a formal protest, if the Chief referee is from the same country as one of the fighters who are protesting, then they will be excluded from resolving the protest and will be replaced by a Chief referee from another fighting area.
- Chief referee supervises the Central referees and judges, they can change a Central referee's decision only in case of a "material mistake".
- In musical forms the Chief Referee will give the signal to competitors to start performing and also coordinate the work of other judges.
- Chief referee must speak fluent English.

#### Article 3.2. Supervisor

- Supervisor is named by Chairman of WAKO Referee Committee for each international WAKO competition among referee committee members or the best referees
- Supervisor's main goal is to supervise work of observers and chief referees and to ensure that competition is conducted in accordance to WAKO Rules.
- Supervisor is the member of tournament Appeal protest committee.
- In in the event of a formal protest, and the Supervisor is from the same country as one of the fighters who are protesting, they will be replaced by another member of the Referee Committee.



### Article 3.3. Observer

- Observer is named by Chairman of WAKO Referee Committee for two or more fighting areas on each international WAKO competitions
- Observer's main goal is to supervise the work of the chief referees on the fighting areas that are under his responsibilities and to ensure that competition on those areas are conducted in accordance to WAKO Rules.
- Observer is a member of the tournament Appeal protest committee.
- In the event of a formal protest, if the Observer is from a country from which one of the fighters whose protest was protested is excluded from resolving the protest and will be replaced by another member of Referee Committee.

### Article 3.4. Central referee

- Central referee is named by chief referee for each fight on the tatami or in the ring
- The main goal of the central referee is to ensure that the fight is conducted in accordance with WAKO Rules and with the maximum safety of both kickboxers.
- Only the Chief referee and the Supervisor / Observer can change a Central referee's decision, but only in case of "material mistake"

#### Article 3.4.1. Central Referee - Tatami

The role of a Central referee is primarily based on the following principles.

- There is one Central Referee per fight
- The Central referees shall be selected by the Chairman of Tatami Sports or his appointed deputy
- They will make sure that the rules of fair play are strictly observed.
- They will have the power to control the Tatami and Kickboxers.
- Their first responsibility is the safety of the kickboxers.
- They shall have the power to stop the fight to award points or penalties.
- They are the only person who has the authority to stop the fight.
- The Central referee in light contact and kick light may issue warnings and penalties for rules violations and exits on his own. Only in case they need to clarify not seen or doubtful situations brought to their attention, he will consult judges and following majority agreement with the judges make decision.
- He shall not award points in point fighting fights without at least one judge score the same point.
- When they issue a warning or a penalty, no points can be given to the offending kickboxer.
- They must give all commands in ENGLISH.
- They will be responsible for the enforcement of the rules throughout the competition and ensure that all scores, penalties and warnings are recorded correctly.
- In cases where the referee feels a disqualification may be appropriate, except in cases or instances requiring automatic disqualification, the Chief referee shall be consulted.
- The Central referee in tatami disciplines must use medical gloves and must change them after every fight in which blood has occurred.

##### Article 3.4.1.1. Central referee in point fighting

- It is the Central referee who stops the fight and calls all scoring to award the points according to a majority decision. The side judges cannot talk to each other than the Central referee or tatami chief referee during a fight.



### Article 3.4.2. Central referee - Ring

The role of a Central referee is primarily based on the following principles.

- Their First responsibility is the safety of the kickboxers.
- The Central referee in ring-sports must use medical gloves and must change them after every fight in which blood has occurred.
- They shall have the power to stop the fight to give penalties.
- They are the only person who has the authority to stop the fight.
- The Central referee may issue warnings and penalties for rules violations on his own. Only in case they need to clarify none seen or doubt situations, he will then consult judges and following a majority agreement with the judges make a decision.
- When giving verbal warnings Central referee will not give an order to the time keeper to STOP THE TIME
- When giving official warnings Central referee will give an order to time keeper to STOP THE TIME.
- They must give all commands in ENGLISH.
- They will be responsible for the enforcement of the rules throughout the competition and ensure that all scores, penalties and warnings are recorded correctly.
- In cases where the Central referee feels a disqualification may be appropriate, except in cases or instances requiring automatic disqualification, the Chief referee shall be consulted.
- In the case of a KD, they may suspend the count if a kickboxer deliberately refuses to withdraw to a neutral corner or is reluctant to do so.

### Article 3.4.3. Central referee duties

The Central referee must:

- Check the mouth guards.
- Check the right positions of Judges before the fight.
- Make sure that a weakened kickboxer does not suffer unjust and unnecessary blows.
- They announce the winner by electronic scoring after the command of the Chief referee.
- In case of using scoring paper, at the end of the fight, gather and check the scoring papers of the three Judges.
- After verification, they must hand them to the Chief referee and announce the winner following command of Chief referee

### Article 3.4.4. Central Referee commands

Central referee use following commands:

- **SHAKE HANDS** - this command is used by the Central referee at the beginning of the fight to give an order to kickboxers to touch the gloves and show respect to each other.
- **FIGHT** - this command is used by the Central referee at the beginning of the fight in order to start the fight, also each time to order the fight to continue.
- **BREAK** - this command is used by the Central referee to break a body to body position, after which each kickboxer must make one step back before continuing the fight.
- **STOP** - this command is used by the Central referee to order the kickboxer to stop fighting
- **STOP TIME** - this command is used by the Central referee to order the time keeper to stop measuring active time of the fight.
  - Forming the letter **T** with hands, to give the order for time keeper to stop the clock until referee says the command **FIGHT**. When the central referee says **STOP TIME**, he must say the reason why he has stopped the clock.





Central referee will give the order **STOP TIME** on these occasions:

- When he gives an **official warning** to a kickboxer (the opponent must immediately go to the neutral corner)
  - When a kickboxer asks for stoppage of time by rising their right hand (opponent must immediately go to the neutral corner)
  - Wherever the fight is stopped, it must restart with both competitors approximately in the same positions (on tatami) or in centre (on ring).
  - When they see that it's necessary to correct a kickboxer's equipment or uniform
  - When they see that a kickboxer is injured (maximum time for doctor's intervention is 2 minutes for each kickboxer).
- To resume the fight, the Central referee gives the command "**TIME**" and then "**FIGHT**".
  - If the Central referee feels a kickboxer is using time-stops to rest or to prevent his opponent from gaining advantage, a warning will be given by the central referee and the kickboxer may be following a discussion with the judges, disqualified for delaying the fight or refusing to fight.
  - If a Central referee (after having so decided by majority decision with the three Judges) disqualifies a kickboxer or stops the fight, they must first indicate to the Chief of the Ring / Tatami the kickboxer who has been disqualified and give the reasons for stopping the fight, so that the Chief of the Ring / Tatami can inform the announcer, who will then, make a public announcement.
  - In order not to disturb a close fight, the Central referee should not stand in the way or step in too early. He must indicate to the kickboxer, by appropriate signs or gestures, any violation of the regulations.
  - In case of one or both kickboxers are deaf, the Central referee can touch the shoulders or arm of the fighter with their hand to "stop" or "break" the fight.

### **Article 3.4.5. Central referee power**

The Central referee has the power to:

- Stop a fight at any moment due to health and safety reasons, if he finds that it is too one-sided.
- Stop a fight at any moment if one of the kickboxers has received an unauthorized blow or is wounded, or if he considers a kickboxer unable to continue.
- Stop a fight at any moment if he finds the kickboxer behaving "unsportsmanlike". In such a case, the Central referee can disqualify such kickboxer.
- Warn a kickboxer or stop the fight and give a penalty to a kickboxer for an offence.
- Warn, penalise or even disqualify a coach or a second who has broken the regulations or does not obey his orders.
- Disqualify, with or without a warning, a kickboxer who has committed an offence.

### **Article 3.4.5.1. Penalties**

- There are three kinds of warning CAUTION, VERBAL WARNING and OFFICIAL WARNING.
- There are two kinds of penalty MINUS POINT and DISQUALIFICATION.
- A Central Referee may without stopping the fight give a caution to a kickboxer at any moment. Central Referee may give ONLY ONE caution during the same bout.
  - In order to give a verbal warning the Central Referee must stop the fight but not the time and explain clearly the violation of the rules facing the offender. Central Referee may give ONLY ONE verbal warning during the same bout.
- In order to give the official warning, the Central Referee must stop the fight, and time, put the opponent to the neutral corner and facing the Chief of the ring / tatami and Time Keeper point to



the offender and explain the violation of the rules.

- Only four official warnings can be given during the same bout
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Official warning
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Official warning first minus point
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Official warning second minus point
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Official warning disqualification
- Warnings and penalties will be carried through the fight to all rounds what will be showed on the screens.
- Minus points and disqualification can be given directly without any warnings, but the Central Referee's decision must be approved by Chief of the ring / tatami

### **Article 3.5. Judge**

- Judge is named by the chief referee for each fight on the tatami or in the ring
- The main goal of the judge is to score separate points achieved by both kickboxers during the fight
- Judge score only what he sees.
- Only the Chief Referee and the Supervisor / Observer can change a judge's decision if he confirmed that he has made a mistake and switched the score.

#### **Article 3.5.1. Judge's duties**

- Judge is responsible for checking the uniform and equipment of kickboxers before the fight
- Judge 1 (red) and Judge 3 (blue) check the safety equipment and clothes of the kickboxers before entering the ring / tatami, Judges check hand wraps and gloves before kickboxers come into the ring / tatami with the gloves. The Central referee is obliged to check only mouth guards.

#### **Article 3.5.2. Judges - Tatami**

- There are two (Point fighting) or three (Light contact and Kick light) judges per fight.
- The judges are to assist the referee to ensure the safety of the kickboxers.
- They shall check kickboxers before each fight to ensure proper safety equipment is being used.
- When a judge sees what he considers a legal score, he must indicate so immediately by hand, by clicker or electronic score as appropriate to the style.
- The judges must keep constant watch over the fighting area and inform the Central referee when one of the kickboxers leaves the area.
- If a judge spots an action which he feels is in violation of the rules he must contact the referee and inform him of his views.

##### **Article 3.5.2.1. Judges in point fighting**

- Check the equipment of the fighter according to which side the kickboxer is on (Red / Blue)
- Hold his side of tatami and signal points or warnings during the fight.
- Seek to make sure there on the right side of the kickboxer according to the Central referees signals. Each judge must independently consider the merits of the two kickboxers and choose the winner according to the regulations.
- During the fight, he will not talk to kickboxer, other judges, or anybody else, with the exception of the Central referee. The judge should, by signals, notify the referee about any incidents that would affect points / warnings given.
- He will not leave his place until the decision has been announced.



### Article 3.5.2.2. Judges in forms

- Judges will sit apart at least 1 meter away from each other,
- No talking will be allowed only to discuss with the Chief referee
- All Musical / Creative Forms Judges must have knowledge and understanding of all Team Forms / Martial arts techniques in Open hand, weapons, weapon releases and weapon body rolls,
- After a form's performance 4 / 6 judges and 1 Chief referee will score the performance as follows:
- Children (CH), Younger cadets (YC), Older cadets (OC), Juniors (J), Senior (S): From 7.0 to 10.0 in all official tournaments including World and Continental championships
- In World Championships there will be 6 Judges and 1 Chief Referee,
- No more than two (2) of the six (6) Judges may be from a Continental Federation.
- For example, a judge panel should be made up of:
  - Judge No 1 - Must be from Europe,
  - Judge No 2 - Must be from Pan American,
  - Judge No 3 - Must be from Africa
  - Judge No 4 - will be the Chief Referee they can be from any Country,
  - Judge No 5 - Must be from Oceania,
  - Judge No 6 - Must be from Asian,
  - Judge No 7 - Can be from any Continent - Europe / Pan America / Africa / Oceania / Asian
- If any Judge from the other continents is not in attendance, then the next qualified judge available will be used,
- At the Continental championships each of the 5 / 7 Judges will be from a different country,
- At the end of each performance, the judges make up their decisions according to the established criteria,
- The Chief referee will advise the judges how many points to deduct if there were any illegal techniques or violation of the rules,
- After the competitor has finish their performance, at the command of the Chief referee, they will raise their score boards, visible to the competitors and the audience, and keep them in the air until announcer in office has counted all marks,

### Article 3.5.3. Judges in ring

- Each Judge must independently consider the merits of the two kickboxers, and must chose the winner, according to the regulations.
- During the fight, they will not talk to kickboxers, coaches, other judges, or anybody else, with the exception of the Central referee.
- They may, if necessary, at the end of a round, notify the Central referee about any incident that they have missed.
- The Judge will not leave his place until the decision has been announced, because he can be asked to decide the winner in case of draw by pushing red or blue button.

### Article 3.6. Timekeeper

- Time keeper is named by Chief referee for each fight on the tatami or in the ring
- The main goal of time keeper is to measure the fight time (active fighting time with breaks, the start and stop of the fight, medical time, walk over time), in accordance to the WAKO rules.
- He will be seated at the fighting area (ring or tatami) central table.
- Ten seconds before the beginning of each round, he will give the order "Seconds out."
- He will give the signal for the beginning of the round by raising the hand.



- He will give the signal for the end of each round by ringing the gong or by throwing a pad inside the fighting area (ring or tatami).
- He will announce the number of the round, before it starts.
- He will stop measuring the time of the fight temporarily, when asked to do so by the Central referee.
- He will keep track of extra time with a watch or a stopwatch,
- If, at the end of a round in the ring disciplines, and a kickboxer is on the floor, and the Central referee is counting

### Article 3.7. Scorekeeper

- Score keeper is named by Chief referee for each fight on the tatami or in the ring
- Main goal of score keeper is to record all scores, warnings and penalties given by the Central referee
- In addition to entering the data into a computer scoring system, the score keeper records the results and marks the winner on the draw sheets or on a fighting schedule sheet.
- One of the roles of scorekeeper is a role of announcer for fighting area.

### Article 3.8. Kick counter

- Kick counter is named by the Chief referee for each full contact fight in the ring
- Kick counter is mandatory in all official WAKO authorized competitions in full contact disciplines
- A kick-counter is a Judge who sits in the neutral corner of the ring, (when the electronic scoring system is not used) or near the Time Keeper (when the electronic system is used). The coaches must be able to see the counter, if the electronic scoring system is not used.
- Main goal of the Kick counter is to register valid kicks during each round of full contact fight
- Kick counter reports to the Central referee after every round the number of missing kicks of each kickboxer.
- It is mandatory that the kick-counter uses a board with visible red and blue numbers (when the electronic system is not used).

### Article 3.9. Number of officials per tatami

- At the World and Continental Championships and World Cups, a minimum number of referees is required to ensure the neutrality of the trials as follows:
  - **Point fighting:** 1 chief referee + 6 referees / judges  
Their duties during the fight are:  
1 chief referee, 1 central referee, 2 judges, 1 score / time keeper, 2 judges stand by
  - **Light contact / Kick light:** 1 chief referee + 8 referees / judges  
Their duties during the fight are:  
1 chief referee, 1 central referee, 3 judges, 1 score/time keeper, 3 judges stand by
  - **Forms:** 1 chief referee, 4 judges, 1 judge stand by
- The Chairman of WAKO International Referee Committee of Tatami Sports or his nominated representative for World, Continental championships and World and continental cups can designate 1 experienced referee as a Supervisor for 2 tatamis on which fights of the same discipline take place. On the other kickboxing tournaments Supervisors are named by organiser of the national federation's Chairman of referee committee. Chief referee may not assign a judge for a fight as Central referee, judge or score / time keeper of the same nationality as one of the kickboxers
- During the fight, except in exceptional cases (force majeure), the Chief referee cannot change the Central referee or judges. Force majeure shall be deemed to have caused the Central referee or judge to have taken ill or to have found a big and intentional violation of the rules.



### Article 3.10. Number of officials per ring

- At the World, Continental Championships and World Cups, a minimum number of referees and judges is required to ensure the neutrality of the fights as follows:
  - **Full contact:** 1 chief referee + 10 referees / judges  
Their duties during the fight are: 1 chief referee, 1 Central referee, 3 judges, 1 score/time keeper, 2 kick counters, 3 judges stand by
  - **Low kick / K1 Style:** 1 chief referee + 8 referees / judges  
Their duties during the fight are: 1 chief referee, 1 Central referee, 3 judges, 1 score/time keeper, 3 judges stand by
- Chief referee may not assign a judge for a fight as Central referee, judge or score / time keeper of the same nationality as one of the kickboxers
- During the fight, except in exceptional cases (force majeure), the Chief referee cannot change the Central referee or judges. Force majeure shall be deemed to have caused the Central referee or judge to have grown ill or to have found a big and intentional violation of the rules.

### Article 3.11. Referee and judges - general

- Each fight on an international championships and kickboxing tournaments is scored by three international Judges (except PF where there is one Central referee and two judges).
- To ensure neutrality, the Central referees and the three Judges for each fight will be selected by the Chief referee with overall responsibility of the fighting area, according to the following rules:
  - In no way may two of the Judges / Central referees of the same fight come from the same country on WAKO World and continental championships and World and continental cups unless it is due to an uncontrollable reason.
- The three Judges will be seated away from the spectators and close to the fighting area.
- Positions of each of the three Judges must be suitable in order to allowed them to have clear a vision of the fighting area.
- In PF the Central Referee and two judges with their position in the triangle ensure that at least two of them clearly see the performance of the techniques in the fight.
- The rest of the judges should be seated in a barrier which is a small distance from the fighting area, so they don't have any possibility to influence the ongoing fight, if something happens. The Chief Referee and Supervisor must solve the issue without influence off the judges who are not involved in the fight.
- All Judges and Referees should undergo, in their own countries, a basic medical test before officiating in any official WAKO Championships. Their valid medical certificate should be brought with them during Championships and shown on demand to the Chief referee.
- Judges must use the electronic scoring system to count the points while on duty.
- Judges / referees must attend the pre agreed WAKO referee international academy / seminars / camp, and minimum one World cup before they will be allowed to officiate in a World or Continental Championships that year (WAKO A Class Events).
- Their referees' license / card must be renewed every two years.
- To ensure neutrality, the Central referees and the three Judges for each fight will be selected by the Chief referee with overall responsibility of the fighting area, according to the following rules:
  - In no way may two of the Judges / Central referees of the same fight come from the same country unless it is due to an uncontrollable reason.
- For international fights between the teams of two or more National Federation / Associations, a fight could be supervised according to an agreement between the official representatives of the Federation / Associations in question, provided that the agreement does not go beyond WAKO Rules.



- Persons in charge of the refereeing / judging of a fight or a series of fights, will not at any moment of the fight (or fights) be allowed to act as a manager, trainer, coach or second of a kickboxer or team of kickboxers taking part in a fight, nor act as an official in a fight in which a kickboxer from his country participates.
- In case that Judge / Referee does not respect WAKO rules and commits serious mistakes in performing his duty they can be suspended and replaced during the fight by the chief referee. His position will be taken by the next available Judge / Referee upon the decision of the chief referee.

#### **Article 4. Selection of referees for duties in the competition**

- The Chairman of each Committee is responsible to name Supervisors / observers for Tatami or Rings
- With Supervisor deploy Central referees and judges for Tatami and Rings.
- With each Supervisor they check tatami, rings, official table equipment, referee and judge uniforms and they will permit the start of competition.
- Referee Committees are named by WAKO Board of Directors and stay in charge for 4 years unless decided by the WAKO Board.

##### **Article 4.1. Referees and judges for World Championships**

- All International Judges / Referees that are eligible for attendance at a World championship, must have attended at least 2 International championships including minimum one World Cup, and a WAKO referee international academy / seminars / camp, before they are allowed to officiate in a World or Continental Championships that year (WAKO A Class Events).
- All Referees / Judges MUST be A / B grade.

##### **Article 4.2. Referees and judges for Continental Championships**

- All International Judges / Referees that are eligible to officiate at a Continental championship must have attended at least 2 International championships within the same year as their own continental championships, they must have attended an official referees Seminar / training camp.
- All referees and judges MUST be A / B grade.

##### **Article 4.3. Referees and judges for World and Continental Cups**

- All International Judges / Referees that are eligible to officiate at a Continental championship must have attended at least 2 International championships within the same year as their own continental championships, they must have attended an official referees Seminar / training camp, all referees and judges MUST be A / B grade

##### **Article 4.4. Referees and judges for international tournaments**

- All Judges / Referees that are eligible to officiate at an International championship's must have attended at least 8 national tournaments within an 18 months period, they must have attended official referees Seminars, and have permission from their Countries Chief referee, new International Referee's and Judges will be assessed to International C grade by the Chief referee of the tournament, all referees and judges must be A / B / C grade



#### **Article 4.5. Referee and judges for national championships**

All Judges / Referees that are eligible to officiate at National championship's must have attended one of their chief referees of seminars, passed the written test and attended a practical training session, to keep their standard of officiating, knowledge of applying WAKO rules, they must keep active throughout the year with attending as many tournaments as possible to better themselves.

#### **Article 4.6. Assignment of duties of referee / judges in a competition**

- The Chief Referee of the competition determines which Referees will be the Chief referees, observers, and supervisors of the tatami / ring, these duties are assigned to the most experienced judges, as a rule of A Class referees.
- On World, Continental Championships and on World and Continental Cups, the Chief Referee of the competition takes into account the continental / national representation of the judge in these positions
- The Chief Referee of the tatami / ring changes the fighting area each competition day, and according to decision of the Supervisors and Observers, individual Referees and judges may be moved around to other fighting areas.
- Chief referees for each fight on the tatami / ring, appoints a central referee and scoring judges as well as other judges who can be time keepers or / and kick counters.
- When assigning Referees to the position of Central Referee and Judges, the Chief Referee of the tatami / ring shall take into account the quality and experience, the proper arrangement of all referees and judges assigned to the tatami / ring, and in particular the neutrality of the judges, according articles 3.11 and 9 of these Rules.
- When assigning duties, the Chief Referee of tatami / ring keeps records of the schedule on a form (see Appendix)

#### **Article 4.7. Evaluating the work of referees and judges**

- At the end of each competition day, the Chief Referee, in collaboration with the observer and supervisor, evaluates the work of each referee / judge.
- The evaluation is done on a form which is given in Appendix 3. Referee's / Judges Qualification
- The overall grade in the competition for each referee / judge is one of the conditions for his advancement and promotion to a higher class



## Article 5. Registration of referees / judges for competitions

### Article 5.1. Registration procedure

- All WAKO competitions must use the WAKO Approved electronic registration system (at the present time service provider is SportData)
- All World, Continental Championships and Cups registrations must be done online using WAKO approved registration system
- Registration closes one (1) week (7 days) in advance of the World and Continental Championships, and a minimum of 3 days in advance of World and continental cups of weight control start date. Before registration closes, they will be visible on the SportData web site and responsible persons of national federations / clubs will be able to make corrections and changes.
- After the registration deadline (7 days before the start of the weight control for World or Continental Championships), registrations are closed and no changes are allowed except withdrawal of registration.
- Personal registration (referees, judges) must include following data:
  - Name and surname
  - Nationality
  - Date of birth
  - Photo (JPEG or PNG format, resolution 400 x 600 px minimum, maximum size 1 Mb)
  - Status
  - Medical Clearance Certificate
  - Any other official documentation as required by WAKO IF Board
- Registration for competition will be done based on personal registration by choosing selected WAKO competition.

### Article 5.2. On line registration

- Each participant will be registered in selected role (kickboxer, coach, referee, official).

### Article 5.3. Required referees' documentation

- Each referee / judge, that registers for the competition, must have the following certified documentation which they will hand over to the chief referees during the personal registration
  - Passport or Identity Card
  - Official residence card of permanent residence in the country they want to represent, If the kickboxer does not have the nationality of the national team for which he/she represents.
  - WAKO Medical certificate (see appendix 1)
  - WAKO Liability Waiver (see appendix 2)
  - WAKO Referees' code of Conduct (see appendix 4)
- All documents must be clearly written and filled in at home just before the competition.
- All documents and certificates must have a referee's passport or ID number

### Article 5.4. Accreditation procedure

- Each participant in the World or Continental Championships must be accredited through the SportData registration system
- There are several types of accreditation:
  - Kickboxers





- Coach
- Judge
- Doctor / Medic
- Official
- Organiser / Organising Committee
- Staff
- VIP
- VIP - guest
- Guest
- Journalist
- All listed World or Continental Championship participants must be registered by SportData's registration system, within the prescribed registration deadlines
- SportData administrator will prepare accreditations that will be printed by the organizer upon completion of registration
- The organizer will ensure the possibility of printing on-site accreditations during official weighing (corrections or subsequently registered guests)
- Accreditation must include the following information:
  - Championship name, location, country and date of the event
  - Picture of an accredited person
  - QR code with all the data
  - Abbreviated country code
  - Flag of the state
  - Name and surname
  - Category or function
  - Status(see examples of accreditation cards in appendix 5)
- The organizer, with the WAKO Organizing Committee, will determine the right of access to certain areas for the above accredited persons.

### **Article 6. Yearly referee's / judge's registration (Sport ID)**

All Referees / Judges who are going to participate in the WAKO World / European Championships, World / European Cups or any other international tournaments must be registered in time before coming to competitions by Sport Data / Sport ID.

### **Article 7. Medical check and medical certificate for referees and judges**

- All Referees/Judges who are going to participate in the WAKO World / European Championships, World / European Cups must pass the medical check and get the medical certificate "Medical fit" at home before coming to the above-mentioned championships.
- The Medical Certificate form is in Appendix 1. WAKO Medical certificate for referees
- Chairman of the IF/EU Referee Committee or the named person from the Organizing Committee must check the presence of such kind of certificate.



## Article 8. Checking kickboxer's equipment and clothes before a fight

- Before the fights start the side judges for Points Fighting must check the fighter's safety equipment,
- In Light Contact and Kick Light the Central referee will check the fighters,
- Starting with the head working down to feet of the kickboxers,

### Article 8.1. Checking kickboxer's equipment and clothes on the tatami

Check is as follows:

- Head: Check for no steel buckles, check inside of head guard for jewellery, earing's etc.
- Check the back / top of the headguard to see if it is tight and fastened correctly,
- Check the fighters mouth guard, and check for piercings in the tongue, and if wire brace is fitted, if fitted with a bottom wire brace then the kickboxer has to wear both top and bottom mouth guards,
- Check inside of the Gi, V Top for Points Fighting, T Shirt for Light contact and vest for Kick Light for jewellery, (necklaces)
- Check females for chest guards,
- Check their gloves for cracks / splits or tears, (point fighting gloves) 10oz kickboxing gloves for light contact and kick light, (gloves must be in good condition, the inner material must be compact)
- Check for hand wraps, (Light contact / kick light) optional for points fighting,
- Check trousers (Points fighters / Light contact) shorts for kick light (No Thai writing or logos allowed, (they cannot turn them inside out)
- Check groin guards for both male / female, (all ages)
- Check legs for shin guards, (football shin guards are not allowed) no shin and insteps allowed,
- Check feet for boots, no cracks, splits, or tears, toes / heels must be totally covered,

### Article 8.2. Checking kickboxer's weapons and clothes in forms

Competitors competing in forms may wear any kind of legally recognised kickboxing or uniform as traditional kimono,

- Chief referee of the forms must check the clothing or uniforms of all competitors
- Uniform must be in a clean and decent state,
- Competitors must wear a traditional martial arts belt,
- No soft form uniforms or sashes will be allowed,
- T-Shirts will NOT BE ALLOWED
- Sweat bands on arms / wrist are allowed,
- Check to see if competitors are wearing jewellery or piercings of any kind,
- Check the safety and state of their weapon/s.
- No live blades (sharp weapons) can be used in any competitor's performance

### Article 8.3. Checking kickboxer's equipment and clothes in the ring

Check is as follows:

- Head: Check for no steel buckles, check inside of head guard for jewellery, earing's etc.
- Check the back / top of the headguard to see if it is tight and fastened correctly,
- Check the fighters mouth guard, and check for piercings in the tongue, and if wire brace is fitted, if fitted with a bottom wire brace then the kickboxer has to wear both top and bottom mouth guards,
- Check females for chest guards,



- Check their gloves for cracks / splits or tears, 10oz kickboxing gloves for ring disciplines, (gloves must be in good condition, the inner material must be compact),
- Check for hand wraps,
- Check trousers (Full contact) shorts (Low kick / K1 Style) (no Thai writing or logos allowed, (they cannot turn them inside out)
- Check groin guards for both male / female, (all ages)
- Check legs for shin guards (Full contact) (sock type shin guards are not allowed) no shin and insteps allowed,
- Ankle support (optional) is allowed
- Check feet for boots, no cracks, splits, or tears, toes / heels must be totally covered,
- Check legs for shin guards (Low kick / K1 Style) (must cover the shin and instep)
- Foot wraps (Low kick / K1 Style) (optional) (must be covered with the ankle support)
- Ankle support (Low kick / K1 Style) (optional, if foot wraps are not used)

## **Article 9. Ensuring the neutrality of referees / judges**

- It is the Chief referee / Observer's job to make sure no judge or Centre referee is officiating a fighter from the same country, in the WAKO World and continental championships and World and continental cups (see Article 3.11.)
- Chief referee of the tatami or ring keeps a record of the schedule of referees / judges for each fight, taking strict account of the experience of all the referees / judges as well as the neutrality of the judges, as mentioned before (form "Referee work order" is Appendix 8)

## **Article 10. Open scoring electronic system**

### **Article 10.1. Open scoring electronic system - tatami**

- For point fighting discipline an open scoring electronic system may be used (see explanation in Chapter 4 - Point fighting rules)
- For light contact and kick light discipline, an open scoring electronic system may be used.
- Each fight is scored by three individual judges, sitting in three corners of tatami.
- This system is as follows:
  - All three judges use a mouse with buttons indicating the two corners (red and blue).
  - A screen will show the point status for both kickboxers from the various judges at all time.
  - The displays will be visible for the audience and for the coaches involved either with TV screens and/or a roll-up screen.
  - Fouls, warnings, minus points and time is also shown on the screen, administrating from the computer of the secretariat of each tatami area.
- The system will be administered by the score / time keeper
- The fight and its history are stored as a pdf-file in the computer at jury's table.  
(See examples in appendix)

### **Article 10.2. Open scoring electronic system - ring**

- For all ring sports open scoring electronic system scoring shall be used.
- This system is as follows: All three judges use a mouse with buttons indicating the two corners.



- A screen will show the point status for both kickboxers from the various judges at all time.
- The displays will be visible for audience and for the coaches involved either with TV screens and or a roll-up screen. Fouls, warnings, minus points and time is also shown on the screen, administrating from the computer of the secretariat of each ring.
- The system will be administered by the timekeeper.
- The fight and its history are stored as a PDF-file in the computer.  
(See examples in appendix)

## **Article 11. Appeals against referees' decisions**

### **Article 11.1. Competition protests / appeal**

- The written protest must describe clearly the problem. The Chief referee must deliver the protest to the Appeal protest Committee who will consider the problem and handled it immediately.

### **Article 11.2. Official Appeal Protest Committee**

- Official Appeal protest Committee is composed of the following:
  - Chairman of Referee Committee of ring or tatami (who will act as a chairman of Appeal Protest Committee)
  - Supervisor / Observer
  - Chief referee
- No two members may be appointed from the same National Federation.
- Chairman of Referee committee should also appoint three additional members with designated numbering from 1 to 3 that automatically replace any of the originally appointed Appeals Jury members in a conflict of interest situation (same nationality, family, relationship by blood, etc... or involved in the alleged incident or issue)
- The following sequence must be followed when making a protest. It is hoped that at each stage the priority is for an amicable resolution, but if not then:

### **Article 11.3. Procedure of prompting the protest**

- The coach or their representative must immediately after the fight declare about their wish to submit the protest.
- They must take the Official WAKO Protest Form (see Appendix 10) from the Chief of the ring / tatami, fill it out and return back to the Chief of the ring with the protest fee (100 €, paid in-front) during 10 minutes after the fight which result, they are going to protest.
- The Appeal Protest Committee will examine the protest and declare the result after 5 minutes maximum after receiving the protest.
- It takes only 15 minutes total for prompting and examining the protest.
- Official Appeal protest committee review protest and make final decision.
- If the protest is found invalid, the deposit (protest fee) will be donated to WAKO.
- If the protest is successful, decision will be changed and the protest fee will be refunded.

### **Article 11.4. Irregular protests**

- Irregular protests regarding disagreements of decisions, where kickboxer's protest by delaying further programs in the ring / tatami, such as sitting down in the ring / tatami, decided by themselves or stimulated by his coach / team to do so is not allowed



- In case of such irregular protest, reaction will be made by Chief referee, Supervisor and Chairman of Referee Committee of ring or tatami.
- The consequence for such behaviour can be that the total team of the discipline can be excluded.
- In case of further escalation of conflict due to this action and if security staff has to intervene, it will lead to immediately disqualification of the whole national team.
- The decision of above situation on World and Continental championships will be made by WAKO Board of directors. On the other championships, cups and tournaments decision will be made by interim committee consisting of National federation president or his representative, organizer (promoter) and chief referee.
- A protest will only be accepted in a written letter and a protest will not be handled if actions mentioned above are in place.

#### **Article 11.5. Video evidence**

- Video footage is not applicable to WAKO competition events.
- Video footage may not be used to resolve or review any queries, complaints or points of clarification.

#### **Article 11.6. Special violations of rules**

- If a kickboxer, coach or a whole team protests by entering or not leaving the ring or tatami immediately after the fight on the WAKO World and Continental championships, WAKO Board of Directors is allowed to disqualify the whole team. On other championships, cups and tournaments disqualification decision will be made by interim committee consisting of National federation president or his representative, organizer (promoter) and chief referee.

#### **Article 12. Change of referee's decision**

- Only the Chief referee and the Supervisor can change a Central referee's / Judge's decision in case of "material mistake".
- Material mistake is considered following:
  - Judge switch the kickboxer's corner
  - Wrongly recorded points or penalties by scorekeeper
  - Significant wrongly application of the rules by Central referee
- Changing of decision is applicable with immediate effect and it must be recorded in written form.

#### **Article 13. Behaviour of referees / judges in competition**

- All Chief referees, Observer's, Referees, Judges must behave in all WAKO World and Continental championships and World and Continental cups, international and their own National tournaments,
- They must be punctual and on time,
- They must ask for permission from their Chief referee who also will ask permission from the supervisor / chairman to leave the tournament area.
- All referees / judges will be seated at all times and watch the fights so they can educate themselves and help less qualified officials on their tatami / ring.
- Must not be chewing gum or have anything in their mouths whilst officiating a fight,



## Article 14. Referee's clothes

- The Referee and the Judges should be dressed in the following manner:
  - Navy-blue jacket with emblem of WAKO
  - Only a small WAKO badge is allowed on the lapel of the jacket
  - White official IF WAKO shirt with short sleeves
  - WAKO bow tie (judges and central referees) or WAKO tie (chief referees and supervisors)
  - Black trousers without turn-ups,
  - Dark blue or black socks.
  - Black gym shoes without laces, heels and logos of any colour, with the exception of WAKO logo. (See appendix 7)
- His sight must be at least 6 dioptic per eye.
- A Central referee is not allowed to wear glasses, but he may wear soft contact lenses only.
- Spectacles/glasses are allowed for Judges / table officials only (not judges in point fighting fights).

## Article 15. Referee's code of ethics / conducts

### Article 15.1. Dignity

Referee's / Judges:

- Must not be under the influence or smell of any alcohol during the entire period of any WAKO tournaments in which they participate in.
- Must not smoke in the competition venue.
- Must not use a mobile phone / iPad whilst at the tatami or ring, including sat at the tatami / ring score table or at the referees seating area.
- Must not conduct themselves in any manner that is derogatory to WAKO IF.
- Must not violate any rules and regulations of social behaviour with members of the locals and visiting countries' citizens.
- Must at all times conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner, giving due regard, respect and courtesy to fellow Referees / Judges, Supervisor and Chief Referee.

### Article 15.2. Integrity

- Must not, directly or indirectly, solicit, accept or offer any form of remuneration or commission, nor any concealed benefit, service or gift of any nature that could be considered as a bribe, be connected with anyone related to any tournament in which they participate in bribery, this may lead to an investigation and action being taken against the said referee / judge
- Only official souvenirs from the WAKO Country may be given or accepted, as a mark of respect or appreciation,

### Article 15.3. Confidentiality

- Referees / Judges must not collude or collaborate with any party by violating the approved WAKO Rules or any WAKO Referee Rules that are in use at that given time.
- When performing duties as a WAKO Referee / Judge / Official, referees / judges must not communicate with anybody about any tournament related issue within the tournament venue and / or any other location for the entire period of the tournament, especially to persons from their own country such as National federation members, technical officials, media and the public.
- Referees / judges must not socialise with or become intimate with kickboxers, coaches, or enter into any relationship or take any action that casts doubt on the impartiality as a WAKO Referee / Judge or Official



- Officials must treat any information they may receive, from WAKO IF in relation to their position as a WAKO Referee/ Judge / Official, confidentially and, in particular, must not disclose any confidential information with any other officials or members of the public.

#### **Article 15.4. Availability**

- Referees / Judges must be on time for ALL tournament assignments or jobs assigned.
- They must be available to attend all arranged official Referees/ Judges meetings on or before the tournament day.
- Must fulfil all duties assigned to them by the Supervisor, Chief Referee or Chairman of Referee Committee.

#### **Article 15.5. Responsibility**

- All referees / judges must maintain a good physical condition, with personal hygiene and a professional appearance at all times when performing their duties as a WAKO Referee / Judge or Official.
- Every referee / judge is obliged to perform a medical examination once a year and obtain a valid medical certificate. Only referees / judges who have been rated "Medically fit" can participate in WAKO competitions.
- Each referee / judge, at competition registration for the competition, must show or pre-upload during online registration (if enabled) a valid Medical Certificate (not older than 1 year) (Medical Certificate form is attached)
- They must not criticise or attempt to comment on calls or decisions made by other referees / judges, unless where requested by the Supervisor or Chief Referee.
- Referees / judges must respect the WAKO Rules / WAKO Referee Rules plus all other rules that apply to and within WAKO IF, including the Code of Ethics.

### **Article 16. Education and seminars**

#### **Article 16.1. Seminars - general**

- International Seminars (Cross border) (athlete, referee, coach and medical-anti-doping) organized outside of the competition must be approved, verified and included in the WAKO calendar.
- Seminar programs must be aligned with the WAKO Educational program and WAKO Rules
- The organizer of the seminar is obliged to announce the seminar in a timely manner, and to get verification and approval from the concerned committee (athlete, coach, referee or medical-antidoping) to hold a seminar.
- Prior to inclusion seminar in the WAKO calendar, the promoter must submit a request for consent to organize an international kickboxing seminar. The application form can be found in appendix 32
- In order for the seminar organizer to get approval for the seminar from the committee, organizer must first submit the invitation letter, the poster, the seminar program, the name and surname of the seminar leader and speakers and who the seminar's participants are.
- The chairman of the committee (athlete, coach, referee or medical-antidoping) will give his consent for the seminar after the consent of the members of the committee, as soon as possible if the previous conditions are met and if the seminar is organized in accordance with the WAKO Rules.

#### **Article 16.2. Seminars before championships and tournaments**

- In preparation of World / Continental Championships and World Cups the Committee organizes seminars so to make sure that the judging and behaviour of referees are at their best.



- When sending out letters of invitation to championships and cups, WAKO HQ will write an extra note concerning referees and judges including all demands for their preparations.
- The organization of seminars will be as follows:
  - All referees and judges must have a copy of the updated rules which will be presented during the seminar.
  - By tests, make sure that all judges and referees talk a minimum of English.
  - By the English also rate the referees and judges into categories (both in language and experience).
  - The seminars will deal with each kickboxing discipline and specific rules.
  - Make sure that all referees and judges wear the same uniforms according WAKO rules
- The sequence in a seminar contains:
  - Verbal introduction and explanations.
  - Verbal explanation of main issues that normal causes problem in order to harmonize the judges.
  - Any video presentation to explain situations.
  - Practice teaching using kickboxers in action.
  - Using scorecards or / and explaining digital system.
  - Written tests/exams.
  - Registration.
- All referees and judges are registered and are given points during a championship and approbated events.
- The best referees and judges will be invited as official referees to participate in the WAKO World and Continental Championships.
- The referees and judges will get their license based on their performance in the WAKO World and Continental championships.

### **Article 16.3. Program**

- Chairman of the IF / Continental Referee Committee is responsible for creating the education program for each seminar (theory, video from the previous championships with Referee's mistakes, difficult situations which are not mentioned in the rules, practice and the written test).

### **Article 16.4. Seminars**

- Seminars for referees and judges must be organized before each World / Continental Championships or World / Continental Cups.
- Each Referee or Judge is obliged to attend seminars organized by the IF / Continental Referee Committees before officiating in the World / Continental Championships or World / Continental Cups.

### **Article 16.5. Seminar request / approval**

- International referee seminars (cross border) organized outside of the competition must be approved, verified and included in the WAKO calendar.
- Seminar programs must be aligned with the WAKO Educational program and WAKO Rules
- The organizer of the seminar is obliged to announce the seminar in a timely manner, and to get verification and approval from the Chairman of Referee committee to hold a seminar.

### **Article 16.6. Knowledge tests**

- Each Referee or Judge must pass the written test during the seminar before the World / Continental Championships.

### **Article 16.7. Attendance obligations for referees**

- Each Referee or Judge is obliged to attend minimum one World / Continental Championships and one World / Continental Cup during the year.





### **Article 16.8. Referee Academy**

- Once a year (within a two year period) each Referee or Judge, no matter what kind of license they have, is requested to attend WAKO Referee Academy.

### **Article 17. Grading system**

- At the end of each year each Referee or Judge will take the position they deserve in the WAKO Ranking List.
  1. This will depend on the number of competitions attended during the year.
  2. The number of mistakes they committed during officiating as the Referee (material mistakes) or Judge (split decisions).
  3. How often they were used during the Championships.
  4. Discipline and behavioral violations.
  5. Knowledge of English language

### **Article 18. Referee classes**

- International Referee Classes: A, B, C.
- National Referee Classes: A, B, C.

### **Article 19. Conditions for each class**

- National A; B; C Referee Classes are issued by the National Referee Committee after passing the theory seminar with the written test and practice during (at least) two National Championships -
- National license is valid for two years. Licenses can be renewed after two years or can be upgraded after one year.
- In National Federations the Chief Referee is named by the Chief of the National Referee committee from the well experienced "A" Class Referees.
- International A, B, C Referee's Classes are issued by the IF Referee Committee, after passing the seminar with the written test organised at the World Championships, Or after completing the Championships by the Continental Referee Committee after passing the seminar without the written test and completing the Continental Championships.
- All Referees and Judges must speak minimum English in order to communicate with other Referees and Judges.
- International A; B; C licenses are valid for two years and must be renewed after the above mentioned period.
- International A; B; C licenses are issued by the Chairman of the IF Referee Committee after the discussion with the Chairman of the IF / Continental Referee Committee.
- International C license can be issued by the Chairman of the IF Referee Committee after passing the seminars and the written test with the practice in the WAKO Referee Academy.
- In order to upgrade their international license Referees or Judges must:
  - attend minimum one World / Continental Championships and two World / Continental Cups,
  - attend seminars before above mentioned tournaments,
  - pass the written test before the World Championships,
  - have minimum mistakes as the Judge (split decisions) and no mistakes as Referee.
  - have the lowest marks from judging in international competitions A - Excellent or B - Very good



- that referee / judge has participated in the WAKO Referee Academy at least once in two years and that the tests conducted there have been awarded with at least: grades A- Excellent or B - Very Good
- The Chief Referee is named by the Chairman of the IF Referee Committee by the selection from the "Chief Referee Team" (8 persons).

### **Article 20. Licensing of referees**

- National license is given by the National Referee Committee,
- International License is given by the IF Referee Committee.

### **Article 21. Referee's card**

- Gold cards with A, B, C international licenses are given by the IF Referee Committee.
- The National Referee Committee may issue a national Referee card, but under the conditions prescribed by the national Referee Rules

### **Article 22. Public list of licenced referees**

- The Official Ranking List with international licenced Referees / Judges with their licences will be published on the WAKO web site and will be renewed each year.

### **Article 23. Referee committees**

Referees Committees are formed at the following levels:

- IF (World) Referee Committee
- Continental Referee Committee
- National Referee Committee
- Referee committee can be divided into Ring Referee Committee and Tatami Referee Committee

The Referee Committee is divided into two sections: Ring Sports and Tatami Sports. Each of the sections has a minimum of 6 members, covering both genders from a minimum of 3 Continents.

#### **Duties:**

The Referee Committee meets before the World, Continental Championships, World Cups and International A/B/C Class open tournaments. If necessary, the members initiate other meetings but are requested to meet during the said events / tournaments. Otherwise they communicate by e-mail, mail, conference call or by telephone / Skype.

#### **Responsibility:**

- The Referee Committee is headed by the Chairman of each section (Ring and Tatami Sports) and is responsible to lead, train and organise all referee and judge activities during the World Championships and World Cups, details description of responsibilities is defined in the Sport rules.
- The Committee is responsible to initiate and organize worldwide activities for the purpose of developing referees.
- The Chairman has the duty to delegate his/her responsibility to other members of the Referee Committee in his/her absence.
- The Committee organises seminars at the request of the President and in collaboration with a refereeing development strategy. The Committee organises and hosts referee development camps (WAKO Academy), under the instruction and with the written permission of WAKO President.



- The Committee can certify referees that have been through a prescribed educational course and in the case of A class practical assessment of competence.
- The Committee creates a list of proposed referees for the President or invites to Continental and World Championships.
- The Committee keeps and manages a master list/database of all referees' activities in World / Continental Championships, World / Continental Cups and all international A / B / C class events.

#### **Article 23.1. WAKO IF Referee committees**

The Referee committee is a Committee within WAKO IF. It is active during all international championships and also in between championships. The assignment of missions and work is given by the Chairman of Referee Committee.

##### **Article 23.1.1. Selection of the of Referee Committee's members**

Members of the Referee committee are nominated by the Chairman of Referee Committee. The decision of the referees selected are confirmed by the WAKO IF / Continental Board of Directors.

##### **Article 23.1.2. Pre-conditions for qualifying as member of the Committee**

Members of the Referees committee support the Chairman of Referee Committee in relation to their respective disciplines. They possess the necessary knowledge of the rules and must be able to propose improvements and to conduct Referee seminars. A member of the Referee committee should be capable of replacing the Chairman of Referee Committee during their absence at international championships.

##### **Article 23.1.3. Duties of the Referee Committee**

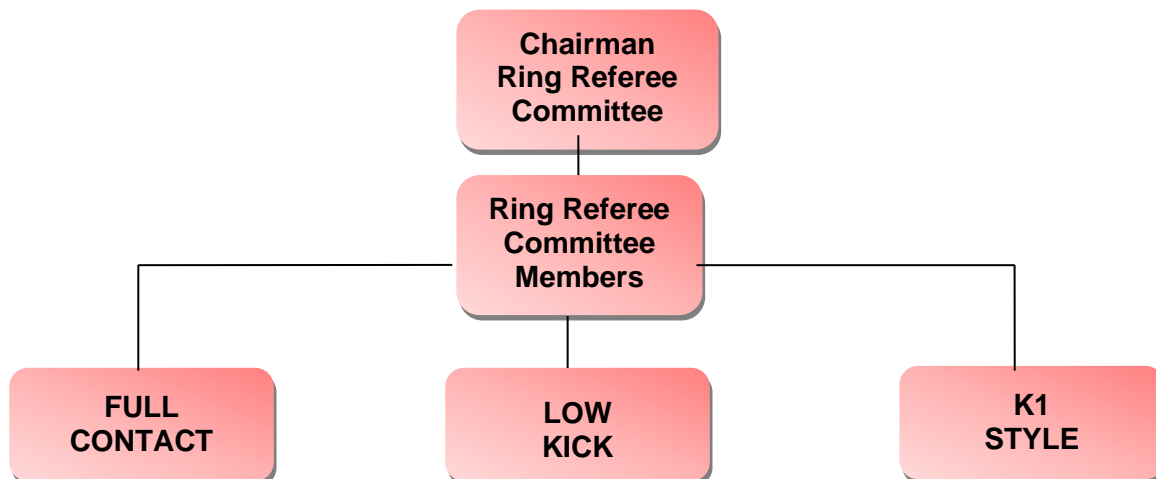
The Referee committee is responsible for the correct application of the regulations and its members take on duties with regard to the Referee seminar or conduct it themselves. A member of the referee committee may receive tasks as Chief Referee / Observer / Supervisor of the tatami / ring or tasks with regard to replacing the Chairman of Referee Committee during their absence. Committee members come up with suggestions for improving the seminars, Referee training and the Referee organisation, they also suggest regulation improvements and realise them if appropriate. In the regions assigned to them, they are responsible for Referee training in their respective disciplines and they coordinate the training procedures with the Chief Referee of the country.

##### **Article 23.1.4. Qualification**

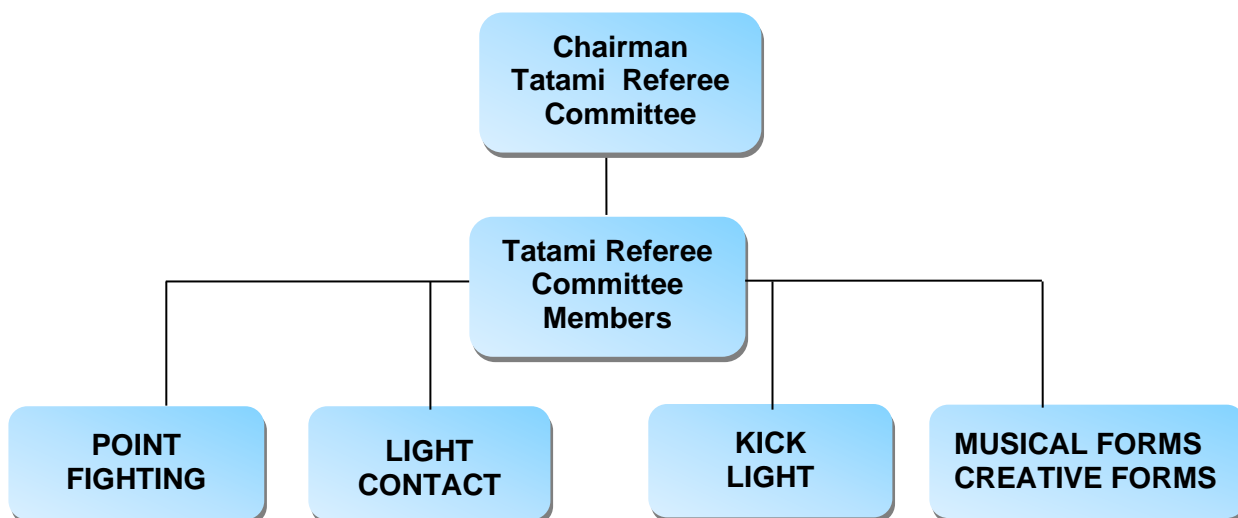
Qualification is given by the practical assignment and the Chairman Referee Committee. However, a committee member must be A Class / grade referees, (NO LOWER)

### Article 23.1.5. Referee Committee Tree

#### Article 23.1.5.1. Ring Referee Committee



#### Article 23.1.5.2. Tatami Referees Committee



#### Article 23.1.6. Chairman of Referee Committee

- The Chairman of Referee committee is a permanent function, exercised during and in between international tournaments and championships.
- The Chairman of Referee committee can transfer his function to another member of the Referee committee during their absence.

#### Article 23.1.7. Selection of the Chairman of Referee Committee

- The Chairman of Referee Committee is chosen by the WAKO IF / Continental Board of Directors.
- The Chairman of Referee Committee on national level is chosen by National federation's Board.



#### **Article 23.1.8. Pre-conditions for being eligible as Chairman of Referee Committee**

- Beside experience with international tournaments and championships a good command of English and membership in different bodies and committees of WAKO are indispensable characteristics of a candidate for Chairman of Referee Committee.
- In addition, they have to have good connections in the WAKO context.

#### **Article 23.1.9. Duties of a Chairman of Referee Committee**

- The Chairman of Referee Committee coordinates all Referee duties within WAKO IF. They nominate for the international championships the Referees whose names were put forth by the individual countries. During international championships they can make Referee assignments any time.
- The Chairman of Referee Committee is responsible for the training of the Referees, the present guidelines and the assignments of Referees on the occasion of international championships.
- Furthermore, the Chairman of Referee Committee takes decisions with regard to admission, downgrading and selection of international Referees and committee members.

#### **Article 23.1.10. Qualification**

- Qualification takes place by the Board of Directors.

#### **Article 23.2. WAKO Continental Referee committees**

- The WAKO Continental Referee Committee is formed and operates in the same way as the WAKO IF Referee Committee.
- The Chairman of the WAKO Continental Referee Committee is chosen by the WAKO Continental Board.

#### **Article 23.3. National Referee committee**

- The WAKO National Referee Committee is organized at the national level and is responsible for refereeing and referees in the national federation and for refereeing and referees on international competitions organized by the national federation (except for the World and Continental Championships and World and Continental Cups).
- The National Referee Committee may act as a joint committee (tatami and ring)
- The Chairman of the National Referee Committee must be at least a judge of the International Class
- Chairman of the National Referee Committee is responsible for training national referees and judges and granting national licenses (according to the rules of the national federation)

#### **Article 23.4. Referees' fees**

- The amount of referee fees on WAKO World and Continental Championships and World and Continental cups is determined by a decision of the WAKO IF Board.
- The amount of referee fees at national and other international B and C class tournaments is determined by the national federation that organizes the competition, determined by its decision WAKO IF Board



### **Article 24. Rule changes**

- Only WAKO Board of Directors have the power to officially approve rule changes either nominated by them or nominated by committees appointed by them.
- A change of rule must be communicated with the committee related to the subject.
- When changes of rules in the chapters, the changes become operative at minimum of 1 month after decisions taken.
- The date for an operative new rule must be communicated well to all committees and member countries in WAKO.
- Changes can be operative with immediate action if obvious mistakes are found in the text or if defined from the Board of directors if it is seen as critical for health and security or in case of "force majeure".
- If a change is valid immediately it must be well communicated to all member countries by mail and by publishing on the official WAKO web page. The exception for such practice is that there cannot be rule changes just in front of or during the World or Continental Championships.
- The Board of Directors can change rules at any time. However, changes must be communicated well to all member countries by mail and on the official web page. The date for an operative change must be well communicated.


### **Article 25. Special notes**

- For better readability the text uses masculine pronouns throughout. However, all references to persons apply to both genders.
- These rules will come in force on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, and remain in place a minimum of two years. During the application of these rules for the next 2 years, each WAKO member with the approval of the President of the National Federation has the right to propose a change, improvement or better clarification of the rules.
- The proposed change of rules is sent to the WAKO IF Rules Committee (WAKO Technical director) via a special form - see in appendix 13. The proposed change must first be approved by the Referee Committee



## Appendix

### Appendix 1. WAKO Medical certificate for referees



## WORLD ASSOCIATION OF KICKBOXING ORGANIZATIONS

<b>MEDICAL CERTIFICATE</b>		For:	
for referee / judge		<input type="checkbox"/> - annual registration <input type="checkbox"/> - championship - competition	

<b>Country Code</b>	<b>WAKO National Federation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport No. / <input type="checkbox"/> Identity card No.

Sports ID Number	Family name	Given name	Middle name	Nationality / Citizenship

Gender M / F	Kickboxing discipline Ring / Tatami / Forms	Duty (cross one or both possibilities) Referee / Judge

I hereby confirm that the referee / judge indicated above has passed a pre-participation screening following his/her national laws and WAKO Medical Rules (SEE PAGE TWO), and he/she is

### Medically FIT

to take part to the current WAKO event and to referee / judge in kickboxing.

Under current WAKO Medical Rules, I confirm, moreover, that the referee / judge is not medically suspended from participating to this WAKO event and he/she has no health problems that would prevent him/her from performing his/her duties properly.

<b>This certificate is valid until:</b>	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)
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DECLARATION: "I, the undersigned, declare on my honor that I am eligible and fulfil the Conditions stipulated by the Rules of WAKO. I also declare that, pursuant to Regulation (EU) 679/2016 (GDPR), I am aware that the data collected through this document will be processed for the purposes described in WAKO Privacy Notice and that I have taken vision of the latter pursuant to art.13 GDPR."









  

_____ Date (dd/mm/yy)	_____ Signature and stamp of authorized Medical Doctor
_____ Date (dd/mm/yy)	_____ Signature and stamp of Chairman of Medical Committee of the National Federation

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### MIMINUM EXAMS AND INSTRUMENTAL ASCERTAINMENTS FOR THE RELEASE OF MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR WAKO REFEREE / JUDGE

This certificate must be issued by national federation's GP or sports doctor and should be approved by NF's Medical Committee.

The minimum checks that are proper for releasing the medical certificate is:

To perform the duties of referee / judge:

**Mandatory:**

- **general physical examination with rest ECG.**
- **visual acuity test** (through Snellen charts) with a threshold of 6/10 in each eye and 8/10 with both eyes (without correction). The use of contact lenses to correct is allowed while refereeing/judging (spectacles are not allowed).
- **normal visual field** to be tested through a confrontation visual field test
- **normal hearing** to be tested through a whispered voice test.

These are the minimum requirements for the release of a Medical Certificate for WAKO duty of referee / judge. It can be implemented case by case, following National laws and National Federations' Medical Rules.

The maximum length validity for a **Medical Certificate**, independently from the duty is **one year**.

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## Appendix 2. WAKO Liability Waiver



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**WAKO LIABILITY WAIVER**

**Event:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please read the below information carefully, complete the requested information, date and sign under you name. This form must be completed and returned to a Weight Control official when registering.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sports ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Weight Class:** \_\_\_\_\_ **kg**      **Style:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LIABILITY WAIVER:**

**I, the undersigned hereby confirm and agree to the following:**

- I have adequate Medical insurance to cover my participation during this event;
- I, the undersigned, do hereby declared that I am currently and prior to leaving my country was in good physical condition and I had not suffered from any injury, infection or disability label to affect my capacity to compete in the current WAKO event;
- I release the event promoter, WAKO, WAKO's officers, the WAKO organising committee, the WAKO (IF) Board, WAKO members and WAKO Continental Board its servants/agents, volunteer committee and referees from any claims and any loss, damage sustained while participating in the above mention event;
- **I understand and I am fully aware that I am participating in a contact sport and may in the normal course of events sustain an injury while competing;**
- therefore, I assume full responsibility for all of my actions during and connected with this event I also agree that my attendance and or performance may be photographed, filmed or taped and used by WAKO, event promoter and/or their respective authorized agents. I waive any compensation thereof.

**I, the undersigned, hereby authorize:**

- free of charge, without time limits, any publication and/or dissemination of my pictures and videos on WAKO website, on any social channel (Facebook, etc.), on printed paper and/or on any other means of communication;
- the storage of the photos and videos in the WAKO's archives and acknowledges that the pictures and the videos will be used for informational and promotional purposes.
- the processing of your personal data for the management of all activities related to the organization of the event.

This authorization may be revoked at any time by written communication to be sent by e-mail to the address [administration@wako.sport](mailto:administration@wako.sport)

I hereby undertake and agree to abide all WAKO Rules and Regulations including WADA / WAKO Anti-Doping rules and agrees to be tested if requested to do so. I will treat my fellow competitors, officials and referees with, Respect, Integrity, Fair Play and Honour.

I also declare that, pursuant to Regulation (EU) 679/2016 (GDPR), I am aware that the data collected through this document will be processed for the purposes described in WAKO Privacy Notice and that I have taken vision of the latter pursuant to art.13 GDPR.









**I declare to have read and understood the content of this document.**

**Place and Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For a kickboxer under the age of 18 signature of Parent or Legal Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent's or Legal Guardian's signature*


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### Appendix 3. Referee's / Judges Qualification



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### WAKO REFEREE'S / JUDGE'S QUALIFICATION

**Tournament:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Referee / Judge:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nationality:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

	☺			☹
Subject	A	B	C	D
Knowledge of WAKO Rules - is the Referee / Judge applying the correct rules	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hand signals - are they correct and clear	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voice commands - are they loud, clear and correct	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication - with Referees / Judges / Coaches and Fighters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scoring - too slow / average / good, very good	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In accordance with the majority decision - often / average / rarely	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Practical work - on the tatami / in the ring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
English language - use and understanding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dress Code - shirt / bow tie / trousers / shoes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Movement - on the tatami / in the ring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	A	B	C	D
Subject	A	B	C	D
Attitude "Off duty"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attitude "On duty"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teamwork	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Punctuality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respect and application Referee's Code of Conduct	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were there any objections to his / her decisions, behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A = Excellent..... B = Very Good..... C = Good..... D = Average









**Signatures:** Chief Referee of tatami / ring      Observer / Supervisor      Tournament Chief Referee

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
- BLOCK LETTERS \_\_\_\_\_


*The completed document is archived by the Referee Committee Chairman  
and used as a criterion for granting a Referee's license.*

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## Appendix 4. Referee Code of Conduct



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## WAKO REFEREES' CODE OF CONDUCT

WAKO IF Referee Committee hereby commits to your agreement to the following "Code of Conduct", which will apply for as long as you are a Wako Referee / Judge / Official during ALL WAKO Tournaments at which you officiating at:

**DIGNITY**

**Code 1:**

I must be neutral. I have no right to give any preference to anyone or any country.

**Code 2:**

I must not conduct myself in any manner that is derogatory to WAKO IF.

**Code 3:**

I must not violate any rules & regulations of social behaviour in my relations with members of the locals and visiting Countries' citizens.

**Code 4:**

I have no right to bet on kickboxing or results of the fight.

**Code 5:**

I must not be under the influence or smell of any alcohol during the entire period of any WAKO tournaments in which I participate in.

**Code 6:**

I Must not smoke in the competition venue.

**Code 7:**

I must not use a mobile phone / iPad whilst at the fighting area (tatami, ring), including sat at the official score table or at the referees seating area.

**Code 8:**

I must at all times conduct myself in a professional and ethical manner, giving due regard, respect and courtesy to my fellow Chief referees, Referees / Judges, Supervisor and other WAKO officials, coaches and kickboxers.

**INTEGRITY**

**Code 9:**

I must not, directly or indirectly, solicit, accept or offer any form of remuneration or commission, nor any concealed benefit, service or gift of any nature that could be considered as a bribe, connected with anyone related to any tournament in which I participate in. I understand that to do so may constitute bribery and may lead to an investigation and action being taken against me.

**Code 10:**

Only official souvenirs from the WAKO Country may be given or accepted, as a mark of respect or appreciation for my contribution.









**CONFIDENTIALITY**

**Code 11:**

I must not collude or collaborate with any party by violating the approved WAKO rules that are in use and valid at that given time.

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### Code 12:

When performing my duties as a WAKO Referee / Judge / Official, I must not communicate with anybody about any tournament related issue within the tournament venue and / or any other location for the entire period of the tournament, especially to persons from my own country such as National federation members, officials, media and the public.

### Code 13:

I must not socialise with or become intimate with fighters, coaches, or enter into any relationship or take any action that casts doubt on my impartiality as a WAKO Referee / Judge or Official

### Code 14:

I must treat any information I may receive, from WAKO in relation to my position as a WAKO Referee / Judge / Official, confidentially and, in particular, I must not disclose any confidential information with any other officials or members of the public.

### Code 15:

I must speak out if anybody is trying to influence me.

### AVAILABILITY

#### Code 16:

I must be on time for ALL tournament assignments or jobs assigned to me.

#### Code 17:

I must be available to attend all arranged Official Referees/ Judges Meetings on or before the tournament day.

#### Code 18:

I must fulfil all duties assigned to me by the Supervisor or Chief referee.

### RESPONSIBILITY

#### Code 19:

I must maintain a good physical condition, with personal hygiene and a professional appearance at all times when performing my duties as a WAKO Referee / Judge or Official.

#### Code 20:

I must not criticise or attempt to comment on calls or decisions made by other Officials, unless where requested by the Supervisor or Chief referee.

#### Code 21:

I must respect the WAKO Rules, plus all other Rules that apply to and within WAKO, including the Code of Ethics,

I agree to be bound by this **Code of Conduct** and accept the fact that any infringement of it will be referred to a WAKO Disciplinary committee and could lead to an immediate sanction against me in accordance with WAKO Disciplinary procedures.

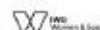
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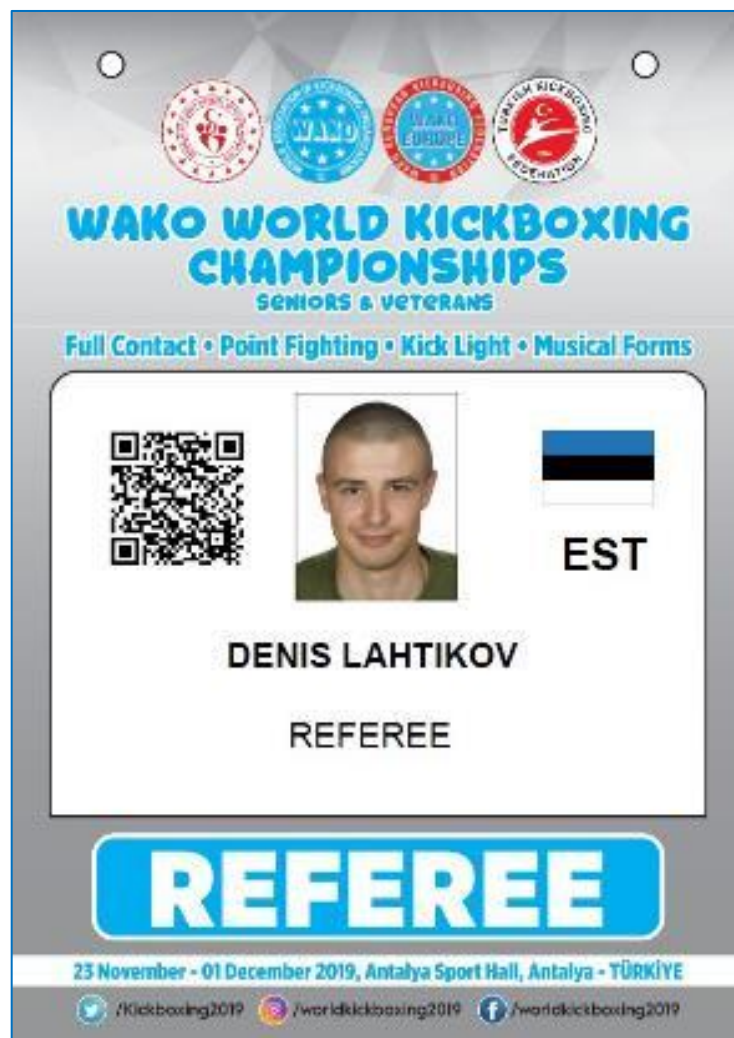
ROLE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Appendix 5. Referee / Judge accreditation card - example





## Appendix 6. Examples of a display for an Electronic Scoring System

### POINT FIGHTING

#234 TATAMI 2 - 1 PF 056 S F -60 kg | QUARTER-FINAL

FIGHTERS NAME HUNGARY FIGHTERS NAME UNITED STATES

HUN USA

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Exit 0 1 Exit  
Warning 1 0 Warning

Round 2 / 3

### LIGHT CONTACT / KICK LIGHT

#233 TATAMI 1 - 2 LC 036 S M -89 kg | QUARTER-FINAL

FIGHTERS NAME IRELAND FIGHTERS NAME ITALY

IRL ITA

0 0:59 2

Exit WA MP MP WA Exit  
- 1 - - - 1



Round 2/3 J1 0:5 J2 0:3 J3 2:2



## FULL CONTACT

#232 RING 2 - 5 FC 056 S F -65 kg | QUARTER-FINAL

FIGHTERS NAME CROATIA FIGHTERS NAME GERMANY

 **CRO**  **GER**

**1** **1**

KD KC WAMP MP WA KC KD

- 1 - - - - 3 -

0:59

Round 2/3 J1 4:5 J2 4:4 J3 4:3

## LOW KICK / K1 STYLE

#231 RING 1 - 7 K1 049 S M -86 kg | QUARTER-FINAL

FIGHTERS NAME SERBIA FIGHTERS NAME RUSSIA

 **SRB**  **RUS**

**2** **0**

KD WA MP MP WA KD

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0:59

Round 2/3 J1 5:5 J2 7:4 J3 8:3

## Appendix 7. Referee and judges' clothes

### Appendix 7.1. Central Referee and Judges clothes






**Appendix 7.2. Chief Referee, Supervisor and Observer clothes**





**Appendix 8.**  
Referee work order



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**REFEREES WORK ORDER / FIGHT NUMBER**

Tournament: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

	Referee's / Judge's Name	Nationality	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
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	Referee's / Judge's Name	Nationality	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50		
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R - Referee    J - Judge    K - Kick counter    S - Score/time keeper

Chief Referee: \_\_\_\_\_ Ring / Tatami Chief referee: \_\_\_\_\_


NAME / NATIONALITY (BLOCK LETTERS) Signature

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Appendix 9. Each round result form



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**EACH ROUND RESULT FORM**

COMPETITION		PLACE		DATE		RING No.	

F.Nr.	Round	Red	JUDGE 1	Blue	Red	JUDGE 2	Blue	Red	JUDGE 3	Blue
	1									
	2									
	3									
RESULT:										

F.Nr.	Round	Red	JUDGE 1	Blue	Red	JUDGE 2	Blue	Red	JUDGE 3	Blue
	1									
	2									
	3									
RESULT:										

F.Nr.	Round	Red	JUDGE 1	Blue	Red	JUDGE 2	Blue	Red	JUDGE 3	Blue
	1									
	2									
	3									
RESULT:										

F.Nr.	Round	Red	JUDGE 1	Blue	Red	JUDGE 2	Blue	Red	JUDGE 3	Blue
	1									
	2									
	3									
RESULT:										









F.Nr.	Round	Red	JUDGE 1	Blue	Red	JUDGE 2	Blue	Red	JUDGE 3	Blue
	1									
	2									
	3									
RESULT:										

**CHIEF REFEREE:** \_\_\_\_\_ *Name* \_\_\_\_\_ *Signature*


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Appendix 10. Official Protest form



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**OFFICIAL PROTEST FORM**

Date:	Competition:	Place:
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**COMPETITORS**

	RED	BLUE
Name:		
Country:		

**FIGHT**

Ring / Tatami No.	Fight No.	Discipline	Category	Time of end of the fight

**PROTEST DESCRIPTION:**

*The time of the protest*

*Name and country*

*Signature*

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**TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE CHIEF OF RING / TATAMI**

**DECISION:**

- PROTEST REJECTED
- ACCEPTED - CHANGED DECISION
- SEND TO A HIGHER AUTHORITY

	REFEREE	JUDGE 1	JUDGE 2	JUDGE 3
NAME				
COUNTRY				
SIGN				









**CHIEF REFEREE:**

*Name*

*Signature*









*Time*

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**Appendix 11. Central referee's hand signals**



**Appendix 11.1. Hand signals - Tatami disciplines 1**

			
<i>Fight</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Verbal warning</i>	<i>1st Official Warning</i>
			
<i>2nd Official Warning</i>	<i>3rd Official Warning</i>	<i>Minus point</i>	<i>Disqualification</i>













**Appendix 11.2. Awarding points in point fighting**

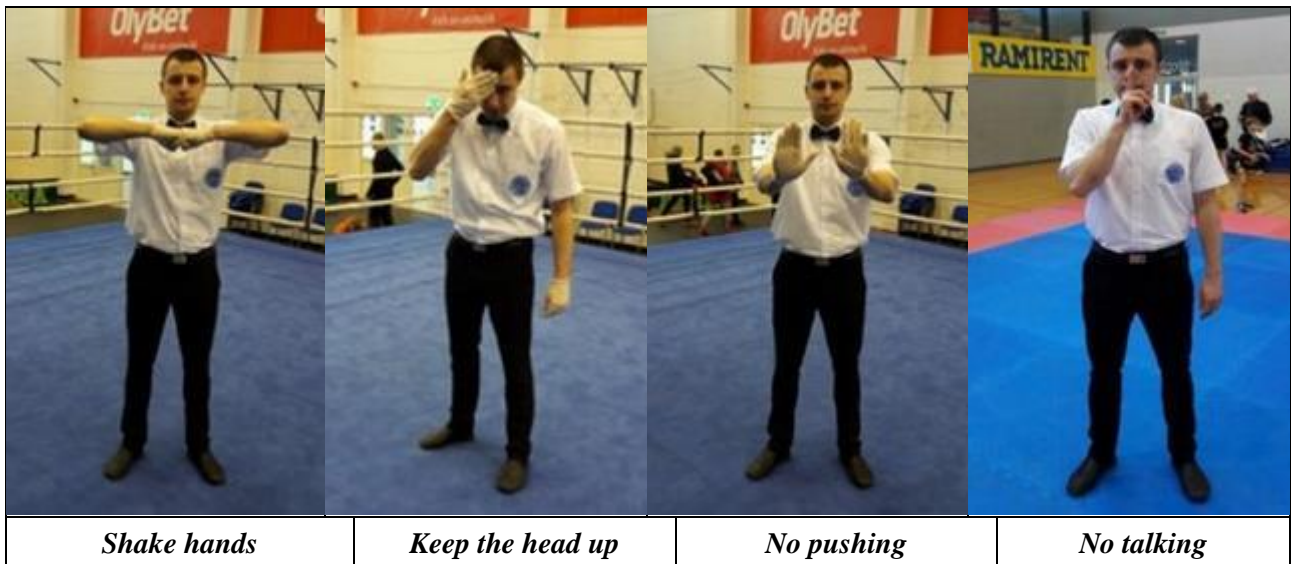
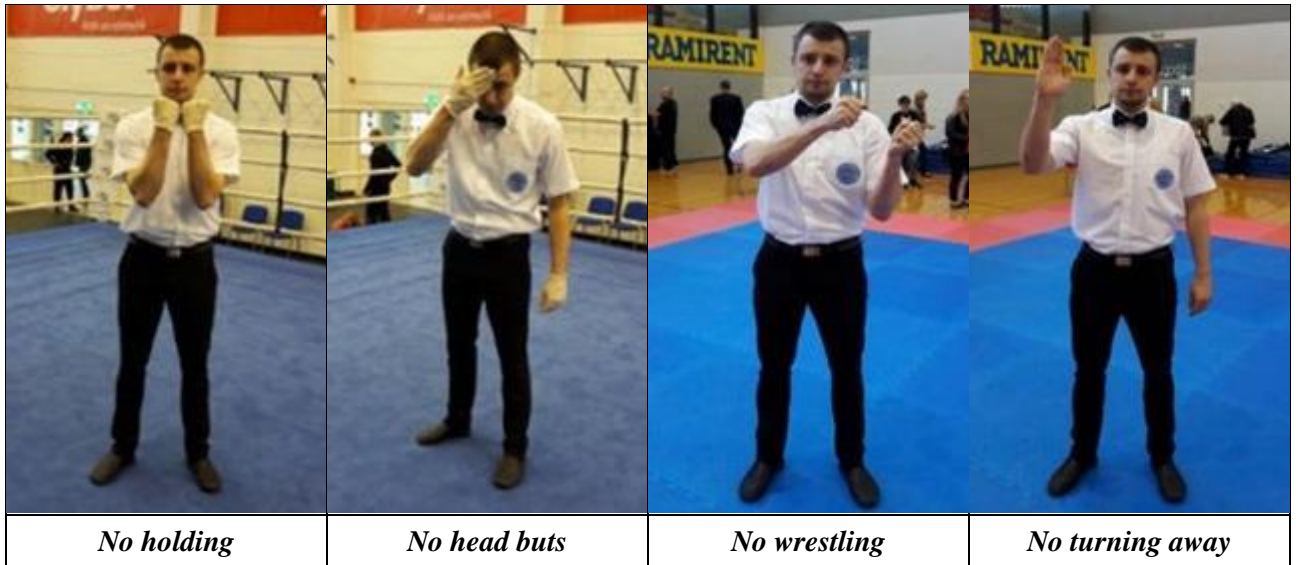
			
<i>One Point</i>	<i>Two Point</i>	<i>Three point</i>	<i>1 point to red, 1 point to blue</i>

**Appendix 11.3. Hand signals - Tatami disciplines 2**

			
<i>Did not see</i>	<i>No score</i>	<i>Exit</i>	<i>Turning around</i>
			
<i>Technique is too short</i>	<i>Pushed</i>	<i>Dropping on floor</i>	<i>Excessive contact</i>

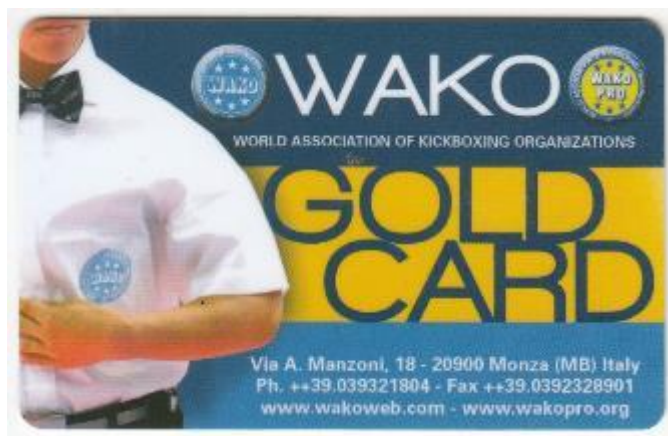
**Appendix 11.4. Hand signals - Ring disciplines**

			
<i>Fight - Stop</i>	<i>Time - Stop time</i>	<i>Official warning</i>	<i>Minus point</i>
			
<i>No knee attacks</i>	<i>No elbow attacks</i>	<i>No grabbing the leg</i>	<i>No attacks with forearms</i>
			
<i>No attacks with open hand</i>	<i>No attacks with the shoulder</i>	<i>No attack to the back of head</i>	<i>Avoiding fight</i>





## Appendix 12. WAKO Referee licence card



<b>WAKO GOLD CARD</b> WORLD ASSOCIATION OF KICKBOXING ORGANIZATIONS	
Name _____	
Licence as _____	
Nation _____	
Date of Issue _____	Valid until _____
Signature _____	
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Appendix 13. Proposal to change rules form



WORLD ASSOCIATION OF KICKBOXING ORGANIZATIONS

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE RULES

To: WAKO Rules Committee

THE PROPOSER	
NATIONAL FEDERATION	

ACTUAL ARTICLE (copy from actual rules version) (Chapter \_\_\_\_ / Page \_\_\_\_):

PROPOSAL FOR A NEW ARTICLE (the exact article as you suggest it to be):

EXPLANATION:

Consent of the President of the National Federation YES   
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign of proposer \_\_\_\_\_

Please, scan and send to: [technical.director@wako.sport](mailto:technical.director@wako.sport)

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