



Rules for the Promotion of WUKF Competition Refereeing Officials



World Union of Karate-Do Federations



Art. 1. The candidate must apply in writing to the WUKF Referee Commission. The application form is available on the WUKF Webpage.

Art. 2. Applications can be received from WUKF Members who intend to test for:

- Kansa,
- WUKF Judge 'B',
- WUKF Judge 'A',
- WUKF Referee 'B',
- WUKF Referee 'A'

Art. 3. All applications must be made to the President of the WUKF Referee Commission at least 1 (one) month in advance of the assessment.

Art. 4. All applicants must be Dan Grade, over 21 years of age and to have a National Referee qualification.

Art. 5. Each applicant MUST be able to demonstrate the Kata of their Karate style. (At their first participation, Video Proof is required of them demonstrating 3 Kata from their style – 1 Shitei, 1 Sentei and 1 Tokui).

Art. 6. Applications can be made by any WUKF member providing that they meet the criteria for the Refereeing position that they are applying for.

Art. 7. Candidates cannot apply for the positions of:

- WUKF Senior Referee
- WUKF Chief Referee

Candidates for these 2 Arbitration positions will be appointed by the WUKF Referee Commission, based on their knowledge of the WUKF Competition rules, their practical skills and ability to effectively lead a team of refereeing officials on the tatami, and for their loyalty to WUKF. Appointments to these positions will require authorization from the WUKF Executive Committee.

Art. 8. Refereeing Officials who are absent for a 2-year period or more, will have their qualification suspended.

- Chief Referee and Senior Referee positions will be re-assessed and if successful they must work as Referee 'A' in 2 Official WUKF events and pay the required registration fees before being allowed to retain their qualification.
- Judge 'A', Referee 'B' and Referee 'A' will be re-assessed and cannot apply for any promotion until after they have worked in 2 additional Official WUKF events.



- Art. 9. Refereeing officials who have been qualified in other federations and who join WUKF must acknowledge, respect and adhere to these WUKF rules for Referee promotion.
- Art. 10. Experienced referees from other federations who become members of WUKF, will be assessed and tested and if successful may, after participating in 2 Official WUKF competitions, and with agreement of the WUKF Referee Commission and authorization from the WUKF ExCom, be awarded at most **WUKF Referee 'A'** Status.
- Art. 11. Each candidate must be competent in their knowledge of the rules and in their practical skill and must accept that making an application does not guarantee that they will be promoted to a higher qualification.
- Art. 12. In exceptional circumstances, the WUKF Referee Commission may make changes to the above, should the need arise. The decision will be at the discretion of the WUKF Referee Commission.

The WUKF Arbitrator's Qualification levels & tasks are:

Art. 13. **1st Participation in an Official WUKF Championships (Continental or World):**

- On the 1st participation the candidate will not receive an Arbitration promotion.

During the competition, their role will be:

- To be used as a Tatami Official to accomplish all the tasks set by the Chief Referee.

Art. 14. **2nd Participation in an Official WUKF Championships (Continental or World):**

After the 2nd participation at a WUKF Continental or World Championships, the candidate can apply for, and may be promoted to, **WUKF Kansa** (Arbitrator) providing they meet the following criteria:

- They have a proven record of refereeing in their own country.
- They achieve at least 70% in the WUKF Referee examination.
- During the competition, they show excellent ability as a Kansa (Arbitrator) in the Refereeing Panel.

During the competition, the candidate for 'WUKF Kansa' will perform the following tasks:

- To be used as a Tatami Official to accomplish all the tasks set by the Chief Referee.
- To check and ensure that the correct competitors are ready to compete.
- To act as a Kansa in Individual and Team Kumite Competition but not in Rotation Team.
- If the Chief Referee decides, the candidate may be used also as Mirror Judge but only in Individual and Team Kumite competition.
- The candidate could be used as corner judge in Kata competition.



Art. 15. 3rd Participation in an Official WUKF Championships (Continental or World):

After the candidate's 3rd Participation in WUKF Continental and World championships, the candidate can apply for, and may be promoted to, **WUKF Judge 'B'**, providing they meet the following criteria:

- They have arbitrated in at least 2 previous Official WUKF Championships.
- They achieve at least 70% in the WUKF Referee examination.
- During the competition, they show excellent ability as a Kansa and Mirror Judge.

During the competition, the candidate for WUKF Judge 'B' will perform the following tasks:

- To be used as a Tatami Official to accomplish all the tasks set by the Chief Referee.
- To check and ensure that the correct competitors are ready to compete.
- To act as a Kansa and 'Mirror Judge' in Individual and Team Kumite Competition and in Children Nihon Rotation Team.
- The candidate could be used as corner judge in Kata Competition.

Art. 16. 4th Participation in an Official WUKF Championships (Continental or World):

After the candidate's 4th Participation in WUKF Continental and World championships, the candidate can apply for, and may be promoted to, **WUKF Judge 'A'**, providing they meet the following criteria:

- The candidate must have achieved the qualification of WUKF Judge 'B'
- They achieve at least 75% in the WUKF Referee examination.
- During the competition, they show excellent ability as a Kumite Kansa and Mirror Judge.
- During the competition, they show excellent ability to evaluate Kata.

During the competition, the candidate for WUKF Judge 'A' will perform the following tasks:

- To be used as a Tatami Official to accomplish all the tasks set by the Chief Referee.
- To check and ensure that the correct competitors are ready to compete.
- To act as a Kansa and Mirror Judge in Individual and Team Kumite Competition and in Childrens' and Mini-Cadets' Kumite Rotation Team.
- The candidate could be used as corner judge in Kata competition.

Art. 17. 5th Participation in an Official WUKF Championships (Continental or World):

After the candidate's 5th Participation in WUKF Continental and World championships, the candidate can apply for, and may be promoted to, **WUKF Referee 'B'**, providing they meet the following criteria:

- They have arbitrated in at least 4 previous WUKF Continental or World Championships.
- They achieve at least 75% in the WUKF Referee examination.
- During the competition, they show excellent ability as a Kumite Kansa and Mirror Judge.



- During the competition, they show excellent ability as a Corner Judge in Shobu Ippon Kumite.

During the competition, the candidate for WUKF Referee 'B' will perform the following tasks:

- To be used as a Tatami Official to accomplish all the tasks set by the Chief Referee.
- To check and ensure that the correct competitors are ready to compete.
- To act as a Kansa, Mirror Judge and Central Referee in Individual and team Kumite Competition.
- To act as a Kansa and Mirror Judge in Kumite Rotation Team.
- To act as a Corner Judge in Individual and Team Shobu Ippon and Team Rotation Shobu Ippon Kumite.
- The candidate should be used as a Corner judge in Kata competition.

Art. 18. 7th Participation in an Official WUKF Championships (Continental or World):

After the candidate's 7th Participation in WUKF Continental and World championships, the candidate can apply for, and may be promoted to, **WUKF Referee 'A'**, providing they meet the following criteria:

- They must have a good understanding and be able to speak competently in the English language.
- They must have previously been a WUKF Referee 'B'.
- They have arbitrated in at least 6 previous WUKF Continental and World Championships.
- They achieve at least 85% in the WUKF Referee examination.
- During the competition, they show excellent ability as a Kansa, Mirror Judge and Central Referee in Individual Kumite and in Team Kumite.
- During the competition they show excellent ability as Centre Referee and Corner Judge in Shobu Ippon Kumite.

During the competition, the candidate for WUKF Referee 'A' will perform the following tasks:

- To be used as a Tatami Official to accomplish all the tasks set by the Chief Referee.
- To check and ensure that the correct competitors are ready to compete.
- To act as a Kansa, Mirror Judge and Central Referee in all Individual and Team Kumite, including Rotation Team Kumite.
- The candidate should be used as Corner judge in all Kata competition.

Art. 19. 10th Participation in an Official WUKF Championships (Continental or World):

After the candidate's 10th Participation in WUKF Continental and World championships, the candidate may be promoted to **WUKF Senior Referee**, providing they meet the following criteria:



- There is a vacant position for a Senior Referee.
- The candidate must be able to communicate competently in the English Language.
- The WUKF Referee Commission and WUKF Executive Committee will appoint the candidate(s) from those who are qualified as WUKF Referee 'A'.
- During the competition, they may take control of the Tatami in the absence of the Chief Referee.
- Each candidate will be interviewed by the WUKF Referee Commission to find out their suitability in meeting the required criteria.
- For the position of WUKF Senior Referee, the chosen candidate(s) must attain 2/3rds majority agreement from the WUKF Referee Commission.

During the competition, the candidate will perform the following tasks:

- To be used as a Tatami Official to accomplish all the tasks set by the Chief Referee.
- To check and ensure that the correct competitors are ready to compete.
- To act as a Kansa, Mirror Judge and Central Referee in all Individual and Team Kumite Competition.
- To act as a Central Referee and as a Corner Judge in all Shobu Ippon Individual and Team Kumite.

Art. 20. 14th Participation in an Official WUKF Championships (Continental or World):

After the candidate's 14th Participation in WUKF Continental and World championships, the candidate may be promoted to ***WUKF Chief Referee***, providing they meet the following criteria:

- There is a vacant position for a Chief Referee.
- The candidate must be able to communicate competently in the English Language.
- The WUKF Referee Commission and WUKF Executive Committee will appoint the candidate(s) from those who are qualified as WUKF Senior Referee.
- During the competition, they may take control of the Tatami in the absence of the Chief of Tatami.
- Each candidate will be interviewed by the WUKF Referee Commission to find out their suitability in meeting the required criteria.
- For the position of WUKF Chief Referee, the chosen candidate(s) must attain 2/3rds majority agreement from the WUKF Referee Commission.

During the competition, the candidate for 'WUKF Chief Referee' will perform the following tasks:

- To delegate tasks to other officials in the absence of the Chief of tatami.
- To act as a Kansa, Mirror Judge and Central Referee in all Individual and Team Kumite Competition including all Shobu Ippon Individual and Team Kumite.