

AUSTRALIAN KARATE FEDERATION REFEREE & JUDGE ACCREDITATION POLICY

Referee & Judge Accreditation Policy

KUMITE ACCREDITATION

STATE JUDGE – 'B'

1. 15 years of age or over
2. 1st Kyu or higher.
3. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the National Referee Commission
4. Officials under 18yrs may only officiate children, cadet and junior divisions. Officials under 16yrs may only officiate children and cadet divisions.

STATE JUDGE – 'A'

1. 16 years of age or over
2. 1st Kyu or higher.
3. Complete 2 A.K.F state endorsed tournaments
4. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the N.R.C.
5. Officials under 18yrs may only officiate children, cadet and junior divisions.

STATE REFEREE – 'B'

1. 17 years of age or over
2. 1st Dan or higher.
3. Complete 2 A.K.F state endorsed tournaments.
4. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the N.R.C.
5. Officials under 18yrs may only officiate children, cadet and junior divisions.

STATE REFEREE – 'A'

1. 18 years of age or over
2. 1st Dan or higher.
3. Complete 2 A.K.F state endorsed tournaments.
4. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the N.R.C..

If age appropriate 'A / B' grade Referee/Judge to be determined by the SRC
S.R.C Chairman must be on panel for upgrading or a nominated representative from the NRC.
A minimum of 12 months is required between all state and national upgrades

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NATIONAL JUDGE – ‘B’

1. 19yrs of age or over
2. 1st Dan or higher
3. Complete 3 A.K.F state or 1 national endorsed tournaments
4. Attain endorsement from the SRC
5. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the National Referee Commission.

NATIONAL JUDGE – ‘A’

1. 19yrs of age or over
2. 1st Dan or higher
3. Complete 3 A.K.F state or 1 national endorsed tournaments
4. Attain endorsement from the SRC
5. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the National Referee Commission.

NATIONAL REFEREE – ‘B’

1. 20yrs of age or over
2. 1st Dan or higher
3. Complete 3 A.K.F state or 1 national endorsed tournaments
4. Attain endorsement from the SRC
5. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the National Referee Commission.

NATIONAL REFEREE – ‘A’

20yrs of age or over

1. 1st Dan or higher
2. Complete 3 A.K.F state or 1 national endorsed tournaments
3. Attain endorsement from the SRC
4. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the National Referee Commission.

If age appropriate ‘A / B’ grade Referee/Judge to be determined by the NRC.

N.R.C Chairman must be on panel for upgrading or a nominated representative from the NRC.

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KATA ACCREDITATION

STATE KATA JUDGE 'C'

1. 15 years of age or over
2. 1st Kyu or higher.
3. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the National Referee Commission
4. Perform a kata and answer relevant questions.
5. Judge C's may only officiate up to quarter finals (subject to the discretion of the Tatami Manager)
6. Officials under 18yrs may only officiate children, cadet and junior divisions. Officials under 16yrs may only officiate children and cadet divisions.

STATE KATA JUDGE 'B'

1. 17 years of age or over
2. 1st Dan or higher.
3. Complete 2 A.K.F state endorsed tournaments
4. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the National Referee Commission
5. Perform a kata and answer relevant questions
6. Officials under 18yrs may only officiate children, cadet and junior divisions.

STATE KATA JUDGE 'A'

1. 18 years of age or over
2. 1st Dan or higher.
3. Complete 2 A.K.F state endorsed tournaments
4. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the National Referee Commission
5. Perform a kata and answer relevant questions

If age appropriate B / C grade State Judge to be determined by the SRC.

S.R.C Chairman must be on panel for upgrading or a nominated representative from the NRC.

A minimum of 12 months is required between all state and national upgrades

NATIONAL KATA JUDGE – 'B'

1. 19 years of age or over
2. 1st Dan or higher.
3. Complete 2 A.K.F state endorsed tournaments
4. Attain endorsement from the SRC
5. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the National Referee Commission
6. Perform a kata and answer relevant questions

NATIONAL KATA JUDGE – 'A'

1. 20 years of age or over
2. 2nd Dan or higher.
3. Complete 1 A.K.F national endorsed tournament or 3 state endorsed tournaments
4. Attain endorsement from the SRC
5. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the National Referee Commission
6. Perform a kata and answer relevant questions

N.R.C Chairman must be on panel for upgrading or a nominated representative from the NRC.

A minimum of 12 months is required between all state and national upgrades

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ATTENDANCE AT CHAMPIONSHIPS & SEMINARS

STATE

1. State officials must attend a minimum of one State endorsed event per year to maintain accreditation.
2. State officials must attend a minimum of one State seminar every year.
3. Officials not meeting the minimum requirements will need to resit the relevant theory and practical tests at the next seminar.

NATIONAL

1. National officials must attend a minimum of one National AKF endorsed event every two years as well as the specified minimum State level endorsed championships to maintain accreditation.
2. National officials must attend a minimum of one National seminar every two years.
3. National officials must pass theory examination as set by the NRC every two years to maintain accreditation.
4. Officials not meeting the minimum requirements will need to resit the relevant theory and practical tests at the next seminar and will not be eligible to upgrade until they pass the exam.

INTERNATIONAL Championships

1. To attend International events accredited officials must attend Australian Open and National Championships and have prior endorsement by the NRC.
2. Officials not meeting minimum requirements will follow the procedures set down by the relevant International RC.

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Oceania Upgrades

In order to be considered for OKF upgrade or endorsement the NRC wishes to communicate the following prerequisites.

Kumite

1. AKF "A" Licence in Kata & Kumite
2. Participation at the most recent Australian Open
3. Participation at the most recent National championships

Kata

1. AKF "A" Licence in Kata & Kumite
2. Participation at the most recent Australian Open
3. Participation at the most recent National Championships

All nominations to be forwarded NRC Secretary 30 days prior to the event and addressed to the NRC Chairman. Criteria obviously, that prior support is gained from the relevant RSA Referees Council.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

In order to be considered for WKF upgrade or endorsement the NRC wishes to communicate the following prerequisites.

Kumite

1. OKF Referee A Licence
2. Participation at the most recent Australian Open
3. Participation at the most recent National championships
4. Consideration will also be given to participation at recognised international events.

Kata

1. OKF Kata Judge A License
2. Participation at the most recent Australian Open
3. Participation at the most recent National Championships
4. Consideration will also be given to participation at recognised international events.
5. Practical assessment at National Championships i.e. Performance of two kata.

All nominations to be forwarded 10 days prior to Nationals and addressed to the NRC Chairman. Criteria obviously, that prior support is gained from the relevant RSA Referees Council.

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AKF Guidelines for Competition

Children's Kata

Please see list of compulsory kata

Kata

If due to inefficient numbers of officials the RC may use a three kata Judge system using the WKF Judge 1,3 and 4 seats to judge the competition.

Children's Kumite

Cadet rules will be applied to all Children's Kumite divisions within the Australian Karate Federation.

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Kumite (Mirror System)

If due to inefficient number the mirror system will be use as follows.

THE REFEREE PANEL

The Referee Panel shall consist of one Match Supervisor (Kansa), one Referee (Shushin) and one Judge (Fukushin).

POSITIONS

1. Before the start of a Kumite match, the Panel will line up at the edge of the match area as follows; the
2. Referee stands in the middle, on his left stands the Judge, and on his right the Match Supervisor. After the bow they will go directly to their places.
3. The Judge will be free to move within an area as shown in the diagram.
4. The Match Supervisor will be seated just outside the safety area, behind, and to the left or right of the Referee. He will be equipped with a red flag and whistle.

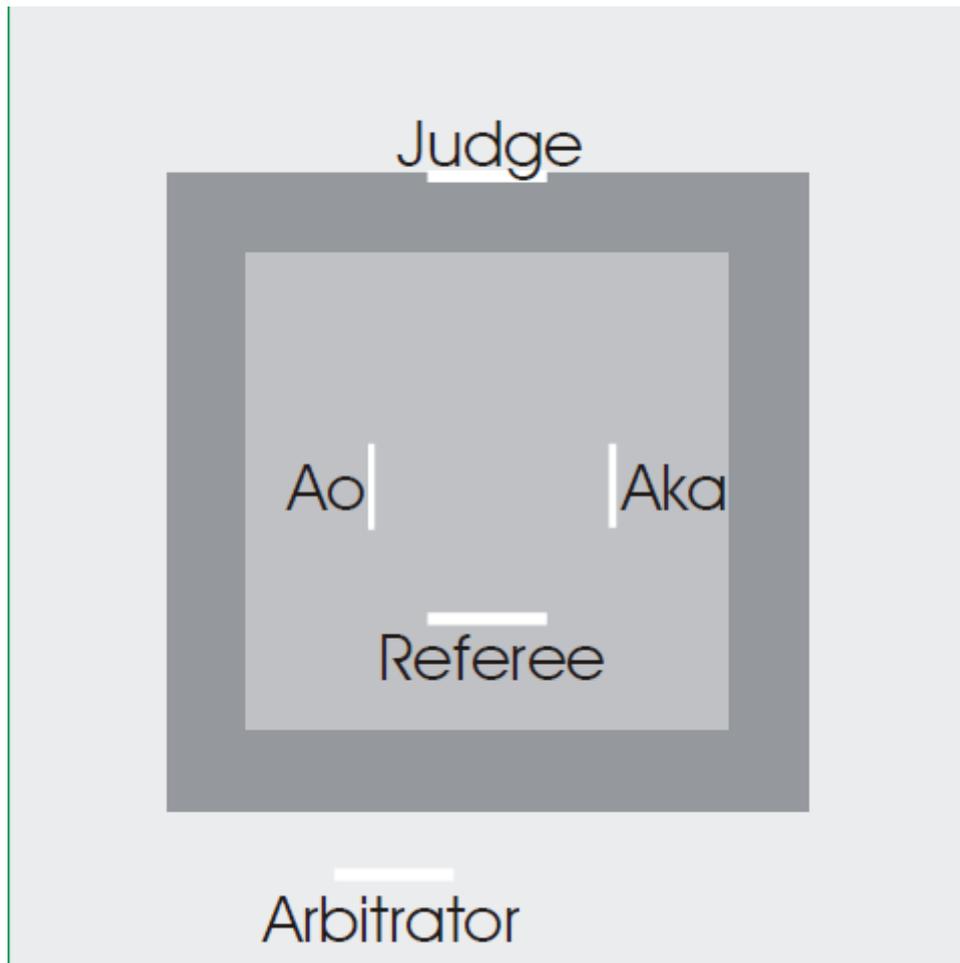
MIRROR SYSTEM PROCEDURES

1. There will be no verbal communication between the Referee and the Judge during the bout; all communication is by gesture. The sole exception is when Shikkaku is called for.
2. The Referee shall give all commands and make all announcements.
3. When the bout is halted, and the referee and judge are in agreement the decision is given immediately.
4. When the Judge indicates a score (by discreet gesture) the referee will consider his opinion but may decline to stop the bout if he believes him to be mistaken.
5. When the Referee signals a score for a contestant and the judge signals a score for the opponent, The referee will award both scores in turn.
6. Should the Referee indicate and the Judge declines to indicate the Match Supervisor will be consulted. (and Vica Versa)
7. Should the referee indication and the judges indication be different the Match Supervisor will be consulted. (except as in #5)
8. When a bout ends with equal scores, or no scores, the decision will be made by Hantei. The Referee will call "Hantei" the Referee, Judge and Match Supervisor will all stand and on the referee wistle indicate a vote by raise their arm on the side of the preferred contestant with the most votes will be the winner.

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Match Supervisor

The role of the Match Supervisor is to ensure that the match or bout is conducted in accordance with the Rules of Competition. He has no vote, except in the case of were the referee/ judge has indicated and the mirror has failed to support the match supervisor may support or not support by discreet gesture. At the end of an inconclusive bout the Match supervisor will stand and vote by raising their arm on the side of the preferred contestant.



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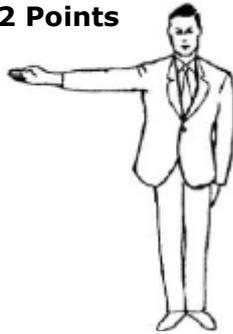
Judge signals for mirror system

Points

1 Point



2 Points



3 Points



Warnings

Category 1



Category 2

