



# WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

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## **THE MAIN CHANGES IN THE NEW PROPOSAL REGARDING WKF RULES OF COMPETITION**

1. Instead of three (3) sitting Judges, there will be four (4). The Judges will seat in the four corners of the Tatami. The Match Supervisor will sit at the official table together with the Score Supervisor.
2. When the Referee believes that an action may have potentially scored, he will stop the match to allow the 4 judges to give their opinions and he will render the majority decision.
3. The Judges will signal when a contestant makes a score but only after the Referee has called Yame. The Judges will assist the Referee by flag signals when a Jogai occur. The Judges will not signal Torimasen.
4. The Referee alone will issue warnings and impose penalties, before, during, or after a bout. He is able to go around the Tatami during the match.
5. Juniors and seniors contestants will also wear the body protector.
6. When a contestant is off his feet consecutively to a leg/hand sweeping technique (Ashi Barai) and is not scored by the opponent within the allowed 2 seconds, the score will be Ippon.
7. Simultaneous, effective scoring techniques delivered by both contestants, the one on the other (Aiuchi) will be awarded each for corresponding points.
8. All scoring Chudan techniques should be awarded even if the competitor is breathless and without injury.
9. When giving Category 1 or 2 penalties the Referee will not give points to the opponent. Chukoku, Keikoku and Hansoku Chui are warnings without a score. Consequently if a contestant is avoiding combat and is less than ten (10) seconds left, the contestant will get a warning, but the opponent will not get a score. The same procedure will be applied when a contestant is exaggerating injury.
10. The referee will signal to the timekeeper to start the ten second countdown by raising his arm, at the same time calling the doctor. The timekeeper will stop the clock when the referee raises his arm again.
11. In team matches, should a team member receive Kiken, their score if any, will be zeroed and the opponent will keep his score.

### **New terms:**

Tatami Manager (TM) instead of Match Area Controller  
Match Supervisor (MS) instead of Kansa