

Mas Oyama Karate New Zealand Kyokushin Kaikan

Tournament Protocol



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1. Competitor Safety

Competitor safety is paramount. Prior to competition appropriate health and safety regulations must be completed by organisers to ensure the competitor is well informed and appropriately prepared for the competition, e.g participation consent, if appropriate medical forms signed and approved; competitor informed of the availability of First Aid and/or medical treatment on the day of competition.

A demonstration of the legal and illegal competition techniques should be given at the start of a competition/tournament to reinforce understanding by competitors and their support, e.g coaches, parents.

The competitors' safety on the day of competition is a key priority for match officials. The Centre Referee must be able to respond and react promptly to all situations.

2. Judging Principles

The Centre Referee and corner judges must make fair judgements at all times, e.g objective decisions with the Centre Referee providing clear directions to competitors.

The Centre Referee must use correct signals and announcements and the corner judges must display sharp, concise flag signals with precise use of the whistle.

Presentation of officials must be professional. The MONKZ uniform must be worn by all officials and officials must supply and use their own whistle.

3. Judging Criteria

- Bouts will be judged by 5 match officials, consisting: 4 corner judges and 1 centre referee
- The centre referee gives all commands and announces all decisions
- Each judge including the centre referee has one vote
- All decisions must be majority vote of at least three of the five match officials
- The doctor or medical expert may decide to stop a bout after consulting with match officials, e.g a competitor is unable to continue due to an attack (legal or foul). If the bout has been stopped due to a foul technique (hansoku waza) the fighter who performed the foul technique will lose the bout with the opponent continuing at the doctor/medical expert's authorisation.

Competition Procedure Terminology

"The martial way begins and ends with courtesy" Masutatsu Oyama, Sosai

The formal procedures followed throughout a Kyokushin competition is an acknowledgement of respect for all those involved. It demonstrates the key values of MOKNZ and the Kyokushin way of training.

Fight start

1. As the competitors are announced the centre referee (Sushin) calls the 2 competitors to the fight area - mat. One will wear a red (aka) and the other a white (shiro)sash, tied through their belts (obi). He calls them by saying:
"Aka/shiro nakae"
2. Each competitor comes to their start line on the fight mat and faces the officials head table (shomen) standing in ready stance (fudo dachi). The centre referee then asks the competitors to bow to the front saying:
"Shomen ni rei"
3. The centre referee asks the competitors to turn and bow to him/her by saying:
"Sushin ni rei"
4. The centre referee finishes by asking the competitors to bow to one another by saying:
"Otagai ni rei"

After these formalities the fight begins.

5. The centre referee will ask the competitors to take a preparatory fight stance by saying:
"Kamaete"
6. Followed by the command to start the fight:
"Hajime"

Fight closure

1. The final whistle is blown for full time and the centre referee will call the fighters to stop by saying:
“Yame”
2. He/she will then ask the competitors to face the front by saying:
“Shomen-muite”
3. The centre referee indicates to the judges to consider their decision by saying:
“Hantei-o-torimasu”
4. The centre referee then calls the judges for their decision by raising their flag saying:
“Hantei”
5. The centre referee counts the flags and announces the decision.

The centre referee dismisses the competitors with the same procedure as starting the fight:
“Shomen ni rei”, “Sushin ni rei”, “Otagai ni rei”

The centre referee then asks the competitors to shake hands and depart the ring/mat in the same direction they came onto it.

Referee Terminology

Terminology used by Officials

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| 1. Stop the match | “Yame” |
| 2. Continue fighting/attack | “Zokko” |
| 3. Foul attacks | “Kogeki” |
| 4. Foul attacks to the face | “Ganmen kogeki” |
| 5. Foul attacks to the groin | “Kinteki kogeki” |
| 6. Grabbing | “Tsukami” |
| 7. Holding and clinching | “Kakaekomi” |
| 8. Head butting | “Zutsuki” |
| 9. Pushing | “Oshi” |
| 10. Calling in corner judges | “Fukushin-shugo” |

Corner judges' decisions, displayed with a flag signal

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| 1. Full point | “Ippon” |
| 2. Half point | “Waza-ari” |
| 3. Draw | “Hiki-wake” |
| 4. Warning | “Chui” |
| 5. Penalty | “Genten” |
| 6. No score / no count | “Mitomezu” |
| 7. Out of the fight area | “Jogai” |
| 8. Unclear / did not see | “Fumei” |

Examples of key decisions that may be announced

1. Foul attack (Hansoku waza)

Example:

The centre referee may give a warning to the red competitor for head butting. He/she would announce:
“Aka, zutzuki, chui ichi”

2. Full point score (Ippon)

Example:

The centre referee may announce a full point for an upper cut punch by the white competitor. He/she would announce:

“Shiro, shita-tsuki, ippon”

3. Half point score (Waza-ari)

Example:

The centre referee may announce a half point score for a front kick by the red competitor. He/she would announce:

“Aka, mae-geri, waza-ari”

4. Two half point scores equalling a full point

Example:

The centre referee announces a second half point for a low roundhouse kick by the red competitor. He/she would announce:

“Aka, gedan mawashi geri, awasatte Ippon”

Weight divisions

1. Mens Open

- Lightweight 70Kg and under
- Middleweight 70.01 kg – 85 kg
- Heavyweight 85.01 kg and over

2. Womens Open

- Lightweight 65 kg and under
- Heavy weight 65.01 kg and over

3. Colts Open Male 15,16,17 years

- Open weight .
Colt competitors must have consent from parent or guardian.

4. Colts Open Female 15,16,17 years

- Open weight.
Colt competitors must have consent from parent or guardian.

Bout duration and extension procedures

Adults

1. Adult division bouts are 3 minutes duration with the possibility of 2 x 2 minute duration extensions.

Colts

2. Colts divisions bouts are 2 minutes duration with the possibility of 2 x 1 minute duration extensions.

Example

- If a clear decision is not made after the first 3 minute bout, a 2 minute extension bout may follow.
- If after the first 2 minute extension bout a decision is still not made, another 2 minute extension bout may follow.
- A winner must be declared after the second extension. Each judge and centre referee must declare a win to one of the competitors. They cannot declare a draw (Hiki wake).

Fight Protocol

1. Consent

A signed consent form must be completed prior to the competition.

Protective equipment

- It is recommended that women wear breast protection. The only acceptable breast protectors are the soft breast protector style that can be inserted into a sports bra.
- It is recommended that men wear a groin guard.
- It is recommended that competitors wear a mouth guard.
- Gloves and shin protectors are not permitted. All fights are with bare knuckles and without shin protection.
- Strapping and taping must be authorised by the tournament head official with medical authorisation prior to the bout.
- Competitors are not permitted to fight wearing glasses.

2. Uniform (Dogi)

- MOKNZ Competitors must wear white dogi. Other martial artists entering a MOKNZ competition must wear their traditional competitor uniform.
- Men are not permitted to wear clothing beneath the uniform (dogi) top, e.g tee-shirts or singlet.

3. Promptness

Competitors are responsible for being on time for their fights so that bouts commence on time.

Point Scoring

1. Half point score (Waza-ari)

- a) A legal technique that stops the opponent from fighting for 3 seconds with the opponent able to recover the fight position within 3 seconds, is awarded a half point (waza-ari).
- b) A competitor who is awarded a half point score will be given the victory at the end of the bout if no other score has been granted.

2. Full point victory (Ippon-gachi)

- a) A legal technique that renders an opponent incapable of fighting for longer than 3 seconds, is awarded a one point (ippon).

- b) Two half points (Waza-aris) will result in a full point (Awasete ippon) giving the competitor the win.
- c) Disqualification automatically gives the remaining opponent the win.
- d) If a minus point (Genten) has been awarded for an illegal technique/s the remaining opponent will take the win.

Winner by Decision (Hantei-gachi)

If no full point, half point or minus point for illegal techniques have been awarded the judges and centre referees will make their decision as to who is the stronger or winning fighter. This will be based on the work rate and the effective delivery of techniques.

Illegal techniques and actions

1. Disobeying the centre referee's directions.
2. Continuous disrespectful behaviour towards the centre referee.
3. Stepping repeatedly out of the fight mat area or retreating continually out of the mat area.
4. Refusing to fight for a period longer than 30 seconds.
5. Strikes to the knee joints.
6. Intentional strikes to the spine from behind the opponent.
7. Strikes to an opponent who has fallen or an opponent who has been knocked to the floor.
8. Strikes with hand or elbow to the head, neck or face.
9. Strikes to the groin.
10. Grappling.
11. Attacking while holding with a hook technique.
12. Holding or clinching.
13. Pushing.
14. Head butting.

Warnings and penalties

The following procedure for warnings and penalties are implemented by the centre referee for foul/illegal techniques and actions.

1. *First warning*

The centre referee will point to the offender and announce: "Chui ichi"

2. *Second warning and first penalty – minus half a point*

The centre referee will point to the offender and announce: "Chui ichi. Awasete Genten ichi"

3. *Third warning*

The centre referee will point to the offender and announce: "Chui ichi"

4. *Fourth warning and second penalty - resulting in disqualification*

The centre referee will point to the offender and announce: "Chui-ni. Awasette Genten ni" followed by "Shikkaku" and the centre referee will point to the outside of the ring, asking the opponent to leave the fight mat.

Disqualifications

1. The following circumstances may result in disqualifications (Shikkaku):
2. Two penalties (Genten-ni).
3. Constant disobeying of the referee.
4. All actions regarded as absolute violence or intentional fouls.
5. Any contender who refuses to engage in fighting during a match after the referee has appealed for the fighter to do so 3 times.
6. If both contenders show unwillingness to engage in fighting for more than 30 seconds, both fighters will be disqualified.
7. No show. If a competitor does not arrive when called in for a fight within 1 minute.