

Championship Rules and Regulations

This championship will be conducted in accordance with the latest rules of Japan Karate-do Federation (JKF); as listed below.

Age Category

- Toddler 4 ~ 6 years old
- Lower Elementary 7 ~ 9 years old
- Upper Elementary 10 ~12 years old
- Middle School 13 ~15 years old
- High School 16 ~18 years old
- Adult 19 years old and above (Age 16 and above will be categorized as High School / Adult)

※This championship will be categorized by age groups and kyu · dan, not by weight class. (except when contestants cannot be grouped)

※In all categories, repechage will not take place. (Kuimte will hold 3rd place match)

Kata Tournament

○Preferred kata can be chosen from the WKF · JKF kata list. Freestyle kata includes Heian and Hayashiha Basic Kata.

○Preliminary (Best 4) will be judged by five referees by flag method.

Flag method will be used when two contestants perform at the same time.

○Final (Best 4) will be judged by five referees by scoring method to determine ranking.

Regarding the scoring method, technical performance points and athletic performance points are combined and scoring takes place once.

Excluding the highest and lowest scores, the total of the middle three scores will be the contestants' score.

※The finalists will draw lots on the first day of the tournament to determine the order of performance in the finals.

※Team competition will be freestyle kata and can be used repeatedly. There will be no disassembly performance in the final match.

○Kata Usage Rules

① Categories for white and colored belts

Preliminary	Final (Best 4)	Required Kata
Heian or Hayashiha Basic Kata (Repeat allowed)	Free Kata (May include preliminary Kata)	2

② Elementary • Middle School Dan holders

Preliminary	Best 8	Final (Best 4)	Required Kata
Heian Shodan~ Godan (Repeat allowed)	Bassai-dai Seienchin	Preferred Kata (cannot repeat kata used in preliminary or best 8)	3

③ High School • Adult Dan holders

Preliminary	Best 8	Final (Best 4)	Required Kata
Bassai-dai Seienchin (Repeat allowed)	Preferred kata (Cannot include preliminary Kata)	Preferred kata (Cannot repeat Kata used in preliminary or Best 8)	3

Kumite Tournament

○Tournament Time • Winning Points

Event	Time	Winning Points
Toddler • Elementary • Middle	1 minute full time	4 point difference
High School • Adult	2 minute full time	6 point difference

※ For group competition, the competition time and winning points of each age group will be applied.

○Safety Equipment Regulations

Classification	Red Blue Mitts °	Body Protection	Head Gear/Face Shields	Groin Cups (Males only)	Shin and foot protection ㄗ (Soft type)
Toddler	○	○	No head contact	△	
Elementary	○	○	○	○	○
Middle · High School	○	○	○	○	○
Adult Female	○	○	○		○
Adult Male	○	△	○	○	○

※ 「○」 Mandatory 「△」 Voluntary 「×」 Not allowed

※Shin and foot protection is mandatory for all age groups. If you do not bring your own shin and foot protection, you will not be disqualified, but we will not be liable for any injuries. Color and shape do not matter if it is certified.

※Since participants joining from overseas do not have their own head gear/face shield, the championship management will accommodate as much as possible. Following Zenkuren's guidelines, mouthguards on face shields are mandatory.

※At least two contestants can participate in group competition. In case of an absence, it will be single elimination without bye.

□ Kobudo Competition

○The senior division is participants over the age of 50.

○In all events, Kenshinryu type Kata and other ryuha type Kata may be selected for performance.

You may perform the same Kata in both preliminary and final rounds.

(minimum number of required Kata: 1)

○Any Kobudo weapon; bo, sai, tonfa, and ake, can be chosen for each round.

- Participants are free to wear hakama and colored dogi.
- In the preliminary round, the total score of the three referees will be the score of the athlete.

The final round will be judged by 5 referees by scoring method. The highest and lowest scores will be excluded, and the total of the middle three scores totaled will be the contestants' score.

- Same as Kata, the order of performance of finalists will be decided by drawing lots after preliminaries.

Dress Code

- In accordance to Japan Karate Federation rules, Hayashiha mark must be worn on left chest of the dogi.

- The color of obi used in each tournament must coincide the color of obi for the event you are entering.

- Taping is not allowed in the first match of Kumite players. (Meaning the first match for the player)