



# Kobe Osaka

## International Karate-do Renmei

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### RULES OF COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PERSONS UNDER 16 YEARS.

#### KUMITE RULES

World Karate Federation Rules apply with the following amendments.

#### **ARTICLE 1: COMPETITION AREA**

The area will be a square with sides of 8 meters for those who are 12 years of age and over. For those up to and including 11 years of age the area will be 6 meters each side

#### **ARTICLE 2: COACHES AND PARENTS**

The coach shall at all times during the tournament, wear a tracksuit and display his coach's licence. He will be given a place to sit during the bout and must not interrupt the match by calling advice or making gestures to his contestants. Parents will not be allowed in the competition areas (unless they are registered as the competitor's coach) and are not allowed to protest official's decisions.

Behaviour deemed unacceptable may result in disqualification of the contestant or the entire team or delegation.

#### **ARTICLE 5: DURATION OF BOUT**

Duration of the Kumite bout is defined as two minutes for those of 12 years and over, and one and a half minutes for those up to and including 11 years old.

#### **ARTICLE 8: PROHIBITED BEHAVIOUR**

All techniques to the head, face, and neck must have absolute control. Should the foot or mitt touch the target, the Referee Panel will **not** award a score. In the first instance a light touch may receive Chukoku, but subsequent "touches" will receive Keikogu, Hansoku Chui, and finally Hansoku. There need be no actual injury caused. Any technique to the head, face, or neck, which causes injury, no matter how slight, must be warned, or penalised, unless caused by the recipient.

Any discourteous behaviour from a competitor, fellow team member, coach, or parent, can earn the disqualification of the offender, the entire team, or delegation from the tournament.

#### **EXPLANATION:**

*In the case of children and young people it cannot be expected that they exhibit the same degree of control and co-ordination as adults. Therefore the referee panel must allow a wider margin of safety*

*in the distance required for scoring techniques. Jodan kicks, punches, and strikes, which satisfy all other criteria and are stopped at a distance up to ten centimetres from the target, should be scored.*

*Referees and judges must remember that children and young people have not matured physically and the hard body contact seen in adult matches is not permitted at this level. Techniques to the body may make **light**, controlled contact only. The use of WKF homologated body protection is compulsory when available.*

*When assessing contact, the Referee must take all the circumstances into account. Did the victim cause it by failing to take defensive or protective measures or did the offender cause it by carelessness, or was it malicious? The Referee must also consider the effects of a marked disparity in size between contestants as can often occur in children's matches.*

## **KATA RULES**

Children under sixteen years may perform any officially listed kata that they choose. There is no requirement for Shitei kata. The first three kata performed must all be different. If competitor numbers are such that more than three kata are required then the fourth and subsequent kata may be repeats. No kata may be performed more than twice. For sixteen years and over WKF Rules apply.