

# **INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT - RULES AND GUIDELINES**

The following pages describe the rules and guidelines for the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual International Karate-Do Championships, presented by Shito-Ryu Karate-Do Genbu-Kai on Sunday, February 22, 2015.

Please read the rules carefully. Changes may be made at the discretion of tournament officials. At the tournament, please address any questions to the Tournament Director, Sensei David Hines. If you have any questions prior to the tournament, please contact Shihan Fumio Demura at the Santa Ana Dojo:

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## Tournament Structure

**IMPORTANT NEW RULE – all participants of kata divisions K0 through K8 must be signed in by 9:30am – all children of rank 7<sup>th</sup> kyu or lower (in Genbu-Kai that is all junior students of with white belts, yellow belts, and yellow belts with stripes).**

- Preregistration must be in by Saturday, February 22, 2014 at the following fee levels:
  - \$40 flat fee per person for kata and/or kumite divisions [to register at the door, \$45 for one event and \$55 for two events].
  - If a competitor preregistered for only kata or only kumite division wishes to add the second division at the door, the fee is \$10.
  - \$30 fee per team, per division, for team kata.
  - Make all checks payable to JKF or Fumio Demura.
- Each competitor may enter **one division** of individual kata, **one division** of individual kumite, and **one division** of synchronized team kata.
- Competitors must wear clean white gi.
- If a competitor participates in both kata and kumite, both divisions must be for the same age/rank.
  - Adults 45 and older would spar with adults 35-44 years.
  - Competitors may only compete as either Junior or Adult – not both.
- Divisions are determined by kyu rank, not belt color.
- Order and composition of divisions may change at the discretion of officials.
  - A minimum of three (3) competitors are required for a division to compete. If there are less than three competitors, the division may be combined with next higher division, or otherwise reorganized at the discretion of tournament officials.
- Awards will be given as follows:
  - Kata - medals for first, second, and third place.
  - Kumite - medals for first, second, two (2) third place competitors.
  - Team kata - medals for first, second, and third place.
- JKF reserves the right to refuse to allow participation to any individual.
- No refunds will be given for missed competition – it is the competitor's responsibility to arrive early – there is no designated scheduling of the time divisions will compete.

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## **Kumite**

- **8th Kyu through 1<sup>st</sup> Kyu**, Junior and Adult Divisions – WKF Rules will be observed with the following modifications:
  1. All scoring techniques award with Ippon
  2. 3 point match
  3. 2 minute running time limit (Referee can stop clock)
  4. In case of a tie: We will use Enchosen (first point wins), with no time limit
  5. Chest Protector and Head Gear optional
- **Sho-Dan and above**, Junior and Adult Divisions – WKF Rules will be observed with the following modifications:
  1. 8 point match
  2. **Junior Division** 2 minute running time limit (Referee can stop clock)
  3. **Women's Division** 2 minute running time limit (Referee can stop clock)
  4. **Men's Division** 3 minute running time limit (Referee can stop clock)
  5. In case of a tie: We will use Enchosen (first point wins), with no time limit

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## **Kata**

- All kata divisions will have four corner judges plus a head judge.
- Traditional Scoring Point System: it will be across two full points,
  - 5.0 to 7.0 for beginner divisions
  - 6.0 to 8.0 for intermediate divisions
  - 7.0 to 9.0 for advanced and Black Belt divisions.
- Competitors in the junior beginner divisions (individual kata divisions K0 through K8) are allowed to start their kata over if they forget their place or stop their kata in the middle.
- In case of a tie, each competitor must select a kata different from the one he/she already performed.
- Divisions K0-K8 – in case of a tie, competitors may do the same kata over again.

## **Kata Selections Allowed**

### **All Adult and Junior Beginners** (7th kyu and under, or less than one year of training)

Competitors must choose from the following:

Pinan 1-5, Heian 1-5, Gekisai-Dai-Ichi, Gekisai-Dai-Ni, Tensho, Kanshiwa, Sanchin

### **All Adult and Junior Intermediate** (6th - 4th kyu, or one to two years of training)

Competitors must choose from the following:

Pinan 1-5, Heian 1-5, Gekisai-Dai-Ichi, Gekisai-Dai-Ni, Tensho, Kanshiwa, Sanchin

Bassai-Dai, Rohai, Jitte, Jiin, Saifa, Kanshu, Matsukaze

### **All Adult and Junior Advanced** (3rd - 1st kyu, or over two years of training)

**PROHIBITED KATAS:** Hakutsuru, Sansei-Ru, Shisochin, Tomari-Bassai, Chinshu, Sochin, Unsu, Supar-Rinpei, Nipai-Po, Seisan, Kururunfa, Seipai, Gojushiho, Matsumura-Bassai, Chatanyara-Kusan-Ku, **or any kata that is considered a Black Belt level kata by tournament officials.**

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**All Adult and Junior Black Belts Sho Dan and above:** Competitors may choose any kata.

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## **Synchronized Team Kata**

- Structure of Synchronized Teams – minimum three persons on the team – any combination of male/female:
  - Junior Divisions – all age 17 or under
    - Beginner Division – all 4<sup>th</sup> kyu or lower (beginner and intermediate)
    - Advanced Division – all 3<sup>rd</sup> kyu or higher (advanced and Black Belt)
  - Adult Divisions – all age 18 or older
    - Beginner Division – all 4<sup>th</sup> kyu or lower (beginner and intermediate)
    - Advanced Division – all 3<sup>rd</sup> kyu or higher (advanced and Black Belt)
- **No Pinan, Heian, or other beginner level katas may be performed in the advanced Junior and Adult Team Kata divisions.**
- Any kata performed must be appropriate for the level of the lowest ranked person on the team performing the kata.
- Any formation is acceptable, but kata must begin and end in the same formation.