

Coach Meeting Document

(Preliminary Rounds for Mainland Japan/Overseas/Remote Islands Okinawa Prefecture)

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1. Advance Preparations [Competition Committee]

***The official uniform for competitors and coaches is listed in Article 2 of the Competition Rules and Regulations, so please be sure to review it in advance.**

- The competitor number is **sewn on**, so please attach it by the date of the match. **Use of safety pin is prohibited.**
- If your karate-gi violates the Competition Rules and Regulations due to ryuha/kaiha emblems, etc., please cover them with cloth or tape in the same color as the karate-gi.
- If a competitor has not completed competitor registration, please register the competitor with the Executive Committee as quickly as possible. Competitors who have not completed competitor registration or who do not have a competitor number cannot compete in the tournament.
- Hachimaki, hairpins, hair clips, metal objects such as rings, and accessories such as magnetic necklaces and misanga bracelets (good luck charm) are prohibited.
- The use of bandages or metal elastic clips etc. may be approved with a diagnosis from a doctor. If required, please be sure to submit a doctor's diagnosis. (Supporters and taping are allowed.)
- **Coaches must wear a karate-gi and arm band.** The arm bands will be distributed at reception on the day of the preliminary rounds.
- Coaches shall enter and leave the venue with the competitors, and wait in the prescribed area of the court during matches. However, moving between courts is allowed if serving as coach for competitors on multiple courts.

2. Preliminary Rounds for Mainland Japan and Overseas [Executive Committee]

(1) Reception

- On the day of the preliminary rounds, please arrive at the venue at least 1 hour before the competition time.
- A reception desk will be set up near the venue entrance, so competitors and coaches should be sure to bring their ID cards and check in. (Coaches will receive their arm bands at check-in.)
- If you forget your ID card on the day of the event, you will be unable to enter the venue, so please be careful.
- If a competitor or coach has not completed registration by the previous day, please register during check-in, and receive your ID card and competitor number, etc.
- After check-in, please change clothes, etc., and wait in the venue waiting room.
- The competition floor (Okinawa Karate Kaikan: Dojo 1F, Budokan: Arena 1F) is off-limits to

anyone other than competitors, coaches, and staff.

(2) Weapons Inspection (Kobudo)

- For competitors who are competing in kobudo, please undergo weapons inspection promptly at the prescribed time after competitor check-in. *As the weapon specifications are listed in Article 9 of the Competition Rules and Regulations, please be sure to review them in advance.

(3) Management of Shoes, Valuables, and Other Belongings

- You are responsible for the management of your own shoes, valuables, and other belongings. The Executive Committee shall assume no liability in the event of theft, loss, or damage, etc.
- Plastic bags for shoes will be distributed at the venue entrance.
- Please leave belongings in the venue waiting room; do not bring them onto the competition floor.
- Please make an effort to minimize the personal belongings you bring with you, such as wearing your karate-gi to the venue, etc.

(4) Parking

- As the parking lot is limited, please use public transportation as much as possible. Parking cannot be reserved when you come to the Prefectural Budokan, so please use public transportation.

3. Main Tournament Selection Criteria and Competition Procedure [Competition Committee]

(1) Criteria for advancement to the main tournament

- In the preliminary rounds for mainland Japan, overseas, and remote islands in Okinawa Prefecture, 8 to 10 of the highest-ranking competitors in each category can advance to the main tournament.

(2) Competition Procedure

- In the first round, the ranking is decided by a pool system conducted by a scoring system, and a separately specified number of the highest-ranking competitors can advance to the second round.
- From the second round onward, a group tournament system conducted by a scoring system will be adopted, and a separately specified number of the highest-ranking competitors can advance to the next round.

(3) Match Start to Completion

- For competitors, please write the name of the Kata you will perform during the match on the Kata declaration form (back of your ID card) in the waiting area on the competition floor prior to the start of the match, and submit it to the staff.
- Please review the Competition Rules and Regulations in advance for information on which Kata can be performed. Please note that there are restrictions on the Kata of performances that can be performed depend on the category.

- A writing desk and ballpoint pens are available in the waiting area. Please be sure to write with the ballpoint pens provided. (In principle, the competitor himself/herself should fill in the form. The coach is allowed to fill in the form for lower grades of elementary school students who cannot write, but be careful that they do not perform different Kata to those declared.)
- Please complete and submit the Kata declaration form separately for each match. It is not necessary to declare all of them in advance. (Example: When declaring for the first round, declare the Kata to be performed in the first round only; there is no need to declare the Kata for the second round onward.)
- Wearing glasses and masks is allowed. However, if you wear glasses, please take measures to prevent them from falling off. If you remove your glasses or mask to perform, please put them in the designated place next to the scorekeeper's table. (Please use hand sanitizer before and after performing.)
- When the match is finished, please receive your Kata declaration form from the scorekeeper's table and keep it safe, regardless of the match results.
- When the match is finished, please follow the staff's instruction, and wait near the court.
- For the first round (pool system), the tabulation, etc., will be conducted after all first round matches are finished, and those advancing to the next round will be announced on the tournament website, etc.
- For the second round onward (group tournament), when the matches for each group are finished, those advancing to the next round and other notification will be announced on the court.

4. Scoring System and Objections [Referee Committee]

(1) Scoring System

- Scoring shall be done according to the Judge and Referee Regulations, with a panel of five judges grading on a 100-point scale, and the competitor's total score is the sum of the scores indicated by three of the judges, excluding the highest and lowest scores.
- For the second round onward, in the case that several competitors are tied with the same score on the entry line of advancement to the next round, the ranking shall be determined by the following steps.
 - ① The excluded lowest score is added to the score of the competitor, and the ranking shall be determined based on this total score.
 - ② The excluded highest score is then added to the score of the competitor, and the ranking shall be determined based on this total score.
 - ③ The competitors will perform a play-off. In the play-off, it is not allowed to select the same Kata as the ones just before performed.

- In Boys and Girls I and Boys and Girls II for Shuri-te kei/Tomari-te kei, Naha-te kei, and Uechi-ryu kei, the same Kata may be performed consecutively.
- In Boys and Girls II and Boys and Girls III for Kobudo, and Uechi-ryu kei, the same Kata may be performed consecutively.
- In Boys and Girls III, Boys I, and Girls I (Boys I and Girls I for Kobudo), Kata performed in the first round can be performed in the second round. Furthermore, Kata performed in the final performance of the preliminary rounds can be performed in the first round of the main tournament. Other than that, the same Kata cannot be selected consecutively.

(2) Disqualification and Abstention

- Cases in which the provisions of Article 6 of the Judges and Referees Regulations apply shall result in disqualification, so please review them in advance.
- If the competitor does not appear after being called twice, they will be deemed to have dropped out.

(Judges and Referees Regulations Article 7)

Filing an Objection

- **Competitors cannot file an objection against the judgment of the referee panel. Only the coach can file an objection** if it is suspected that he/she is in violation of the Competition Rules and Regulations or the Judges and Referee Regulations.
- When filing an opposition, **please file an objection with the auditor of each court promptly.**
- As a general rule, please file objections before a judgment is made.

5. Other [Executive Committee]

Please also read the Competition Rules and Regulations and the Judge and Referee Regulations thoroughly in advance.