

Notices for Competitors and Coaches

Okinawa Karate World Tournament
Executive Committee Secretariat

Notes on Participation in Tournaments

1. Clothing guidelines

Points will be deducted if a competitor enters the competition area in the condition that violates Article 2 (Clothing) of the Competition Regulations and the checkpoints below.

Clothing Checkpoints

1. Karate-gi	<p>(1.) Competitors must wear plain white karate-gi (For kobudo, competitors are also allowed to wear black or brown karate-gi).</p> <p>(2.) Boys are not allowed to wear a T-shirt, etc., under their karate-gi.</p> <p>(3.) Girls must wear a plain white or plain T-shirt or inner wear (tank top or sports bra, etc.) of the same color as the karate-gi jacket.</p> <p>(4.) Jacket length is up to mid-thigh.</p> <p>(5.) The length of the sleeves of the jacket shall be up to the wrist, but not shorter than midway between the elbow and the wrist. The sleeves must not be folded to the outside.</p> <p>(6.) Length of trousers shall be long enough to cover at least two-thirds of the shins and should not cover the ankles. The trousers must not be folded to the outside.</p> <p>(7.) If they need to be folded, they must be folded and sewn to the inside of the sleeve.</p>
2. Marks and characters such as ryuha/kaia emblems, etc.	<p>(1.) It is permitted to have ryuha/kaiha emblem, country flag, national emblems, and school name on only left chest of the karate-gi. ⇒The prefectural emblem(mark of the prefecture) is not allowed, even on the left breast.</p> <p>(2.) Any mark or lettering other than on the left chest (sleeve, hem, back, etc.) is not allowed (own name on the hem is allowed).</p> <p>(3.) Trademark labels of manufacturers already processed on the karate-gi are allowed.</p> <p>(4.) It is allowed to cover the relevant area with a cloth or tape.</p>
3. Belt	<p>(1.) In addition to the uniform belt distributed by the Executive Committee, a red or white sash must be worn.</p> <p>(2.) Any belt other than the one distributed by the Executive Committee is not allowed.</p>

4.Others	<p>(1.) Wearing accessories (hachimaki (headband), hair clips, bracelets, pierced earrings, ring, etc.) is prohibited.</p> <p>(2.) Magnetic necklaces and misanga are also prohibited.</p> <p>(3.) No manicure, pedicure, nail polish, or any other nail decoration is prohibited.</p> <p>(4.) Black or brown hair ties are acceptable.</p> <p>(5.) Bandage clasps, etc., are acceptable with a doctor's certificate. Check with the audit to see if a medical certificate is submitted.</p> <p>(6.) Supporters, taping, and other first aid items are allowed.</p> <p>(7.) The wearing of hijabs and other items that are difficult to remove for reasons of religion or belief is permitted.</p>
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2. About the manners of the competitors

In accordance with Article 6 (Scoring System) of the Tournament Regulations, competitors shall enter and exit the competition as follows.

Points will be deducted for forgetting to “bows” or “turn” in the designated areas.

① Entrance - Before performance (Fig. 1)

When the competitors' numbers appear on the monitor, they should move to the boundary line of the competition area (marked with an “X”), bows to the front (*1st bow), and then take their positions to start their performance.

When the competitors reach the starting position, they shall bow (*2nd bow), give the name of the kata to be performed, and then begin the performance.

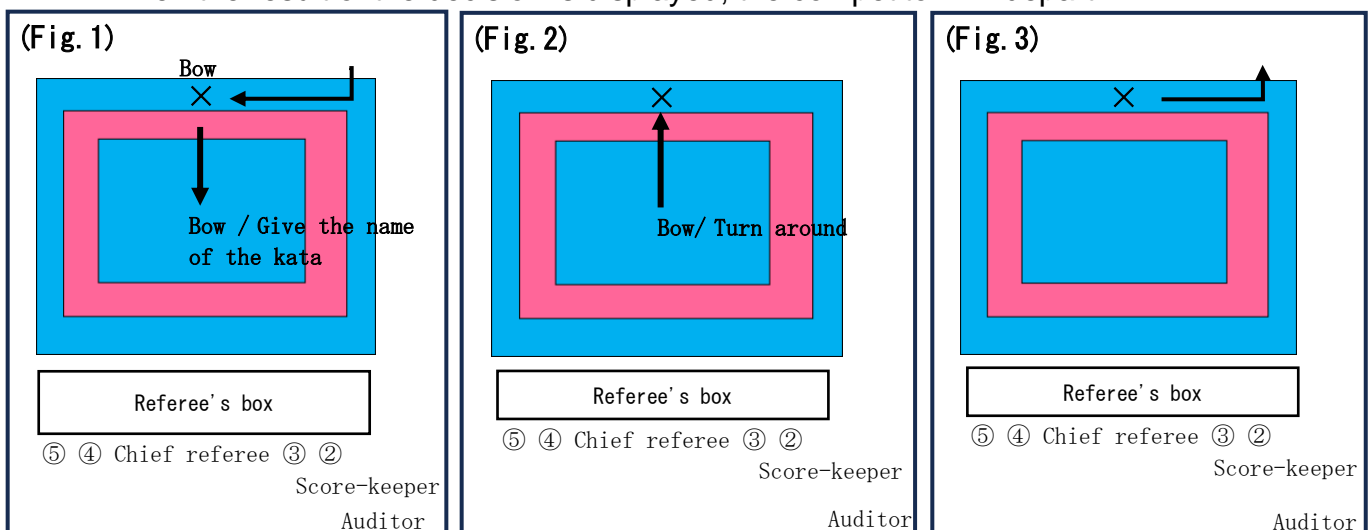
(There is no signal (whistle) from the Chief Referee for the start of the performance, it must begin after the name of the kata is given).

② After the demonstration (Fig. 2)

When the performance is ended, the competitor shall bow (*3rd bow), turn around and exits the competition area, and wait for the judgement at the boundary line.

③ When exiting (Fig.3)

When the result of the decision is displayed, the competitor will depart.



3. About the coach

Coaches shall participate in the competition in accordance with Article 2 (Clothing), Article 9 (Objections), and Article 10 (Others) of the Competition Rules and Referee's Regulations.

① Coach Clothing

The coach must wear his/her karate-gi and armband during the competition.

② Regarding Objections

(a) The judges' decisions (scoring) cannot be appealed.

(b) If there is a suspected violation of these rules and the competition rules, only the coach may file an objection to the audit.

(c) As a general rule, the coach must file an objection before a decision is made. However, if an objection is filed immediately after the decision is made, the objection may be accepted at the discretion of the audit.

(d) If a competitor's coach, guardian, etc., disturbs the progress of the tournament or seriously harms the prestige of the tournament by violent language, assault, or other inappropriate behavior, the judges, after consultation, shall take necessary measures such as a stern warning, ejection, or disqualification of the competitor for such behavior.