



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION 2011 KUMITE RULES REVISION

**Summary for Referees & Coaches
Welcome!**

Decision: World Championships in Malaysia

Implementation: 1st January 2012



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What are the objectives?

What do we want to accomplish?

A more vigorous Karate!

A stronger attitude among the competitors!

Minimizing winnings by penalties!

A more understandable competition!



HIGHLIGHTS

- New Referee Panel and the Referee's right to vote
- Karate Gi and Obi.
- Amount of flags needed for point, warning or penalty
- Removal of Sai Shiai & new definition of Jogai
- Warnings & penalties
- Removal of penalty points
- Giving warnings for the first instance of C2
- New prohibited behaviour under C2
- New names for giving 1 point, 2 points & 3 points



Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

Referees & Judges



The four judge system (4 judges plus 1 referee) is adopted



**Each judge seated in the corners of the Tatami
in the Safety area**



Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

KANSA (Arbitrator): **Match Supervisor**



Match Area Controller (MAC): **Tatami Manager**

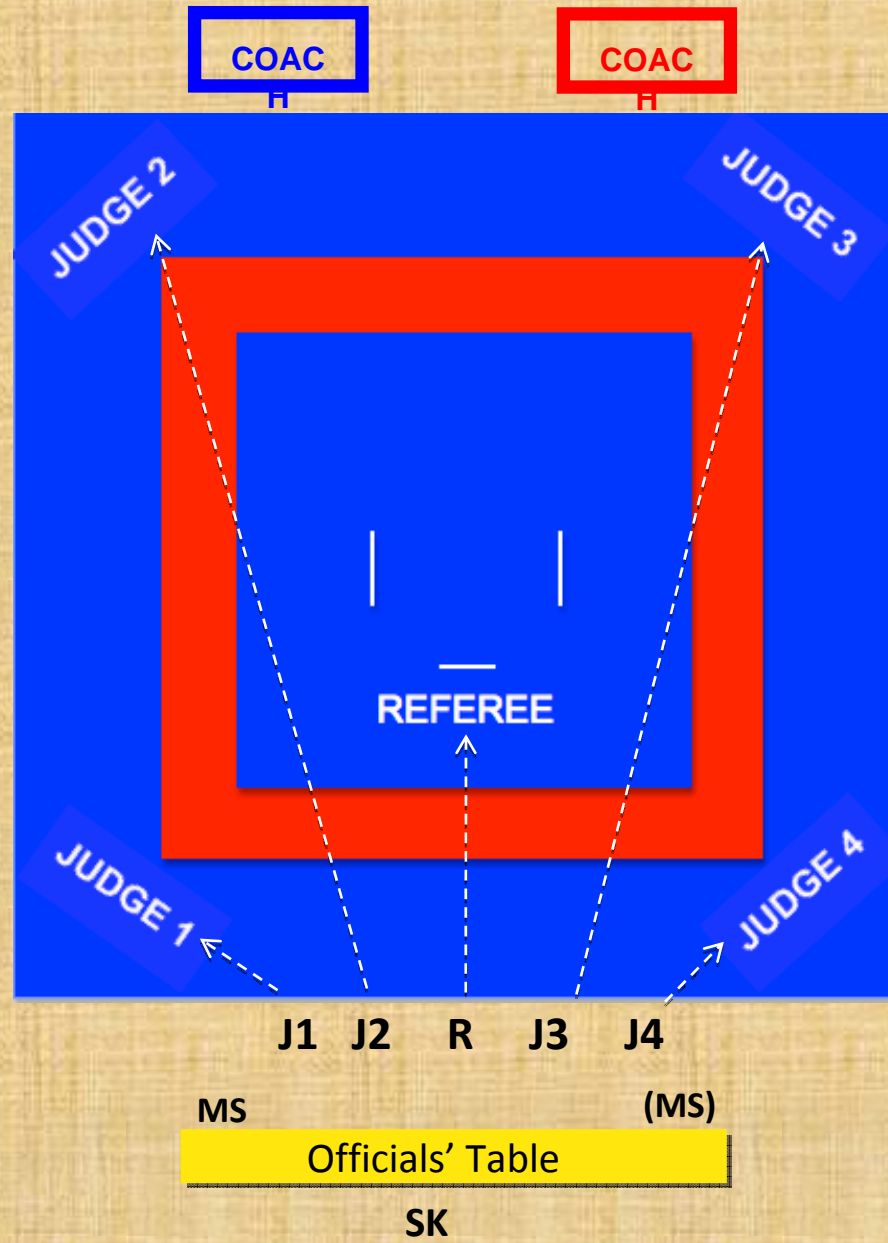




Referee and Judges

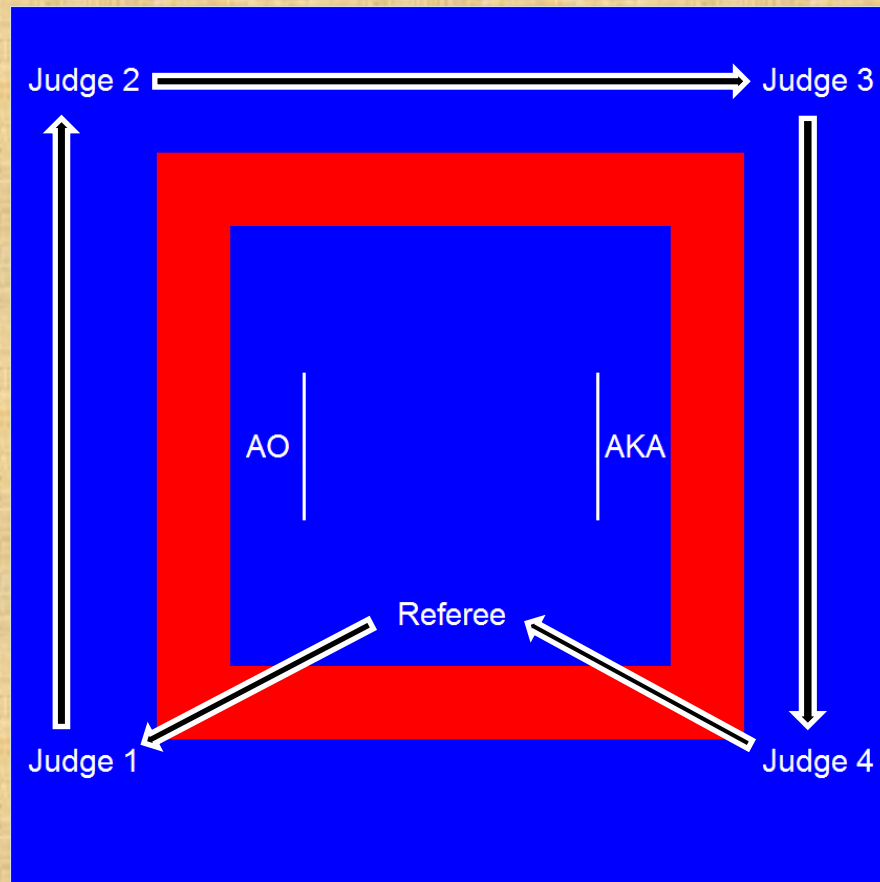
No Match Supervisor at the line-up







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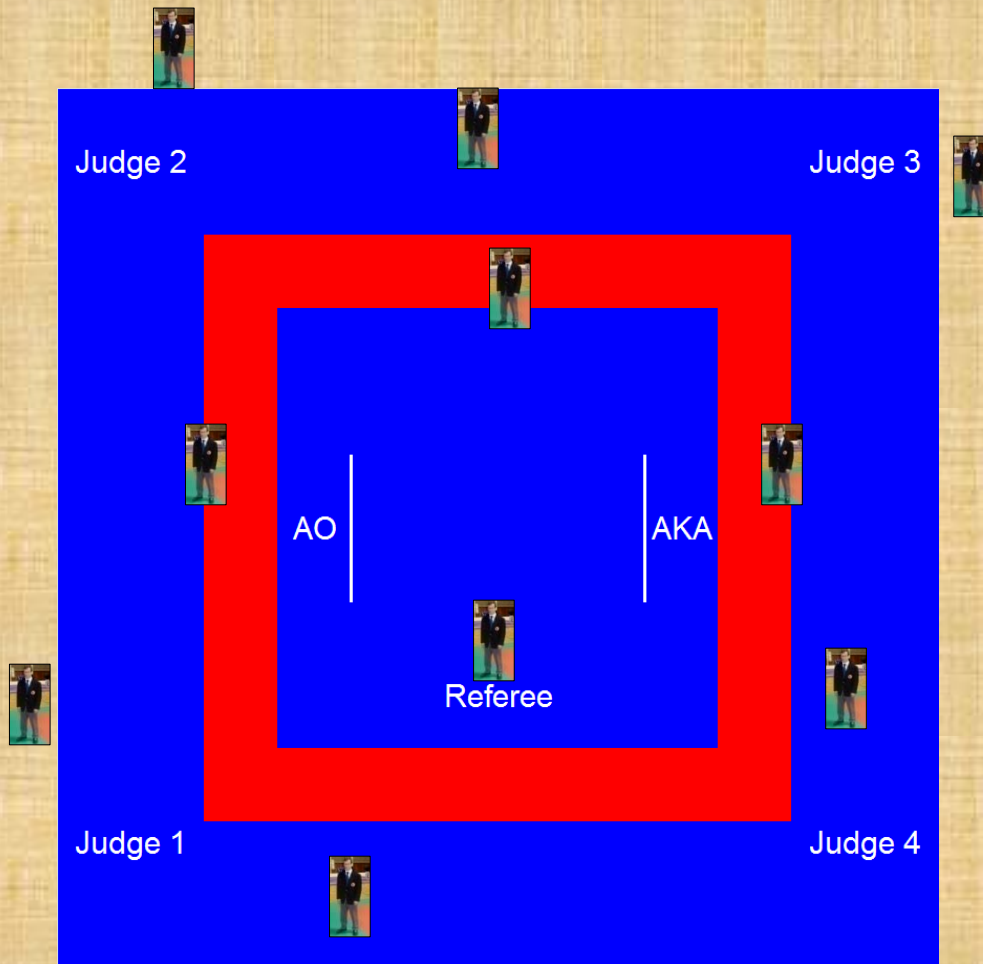


In team matches the panel will rotate for each bout - provided that all hold the required license

(The Match Supervisor will not rotate)



Referee and Judges

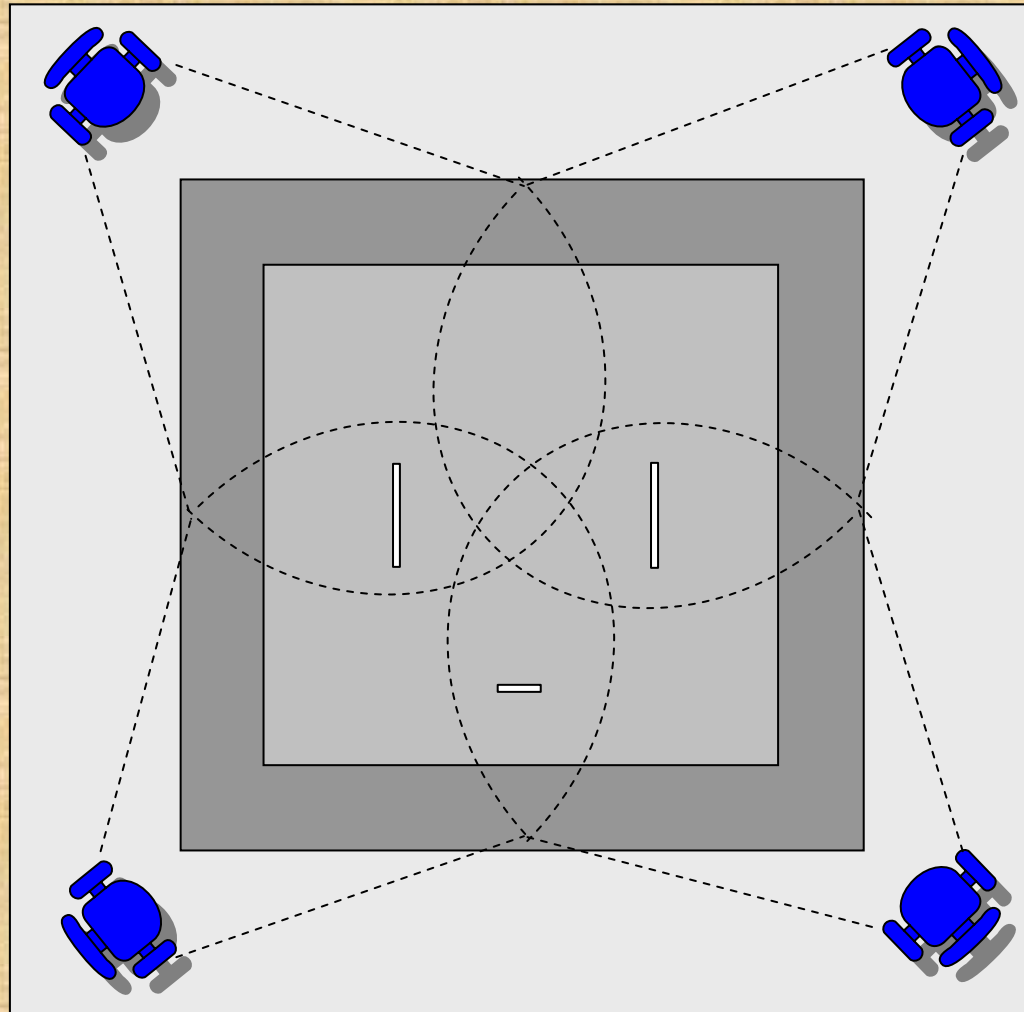


**The Referee can
move about the entire
Tatami including the
safety zones**

**Do not stand in front of
the judges or the
Match Supervisor!**



Why four Judges?





Referee – Judges - Coaches





Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

**Body protection for all competitors
plus chest protector for female competitors**





Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

The red and blue belts must be without any personal embroideries or markings

Only the label of the manufacturer!





Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

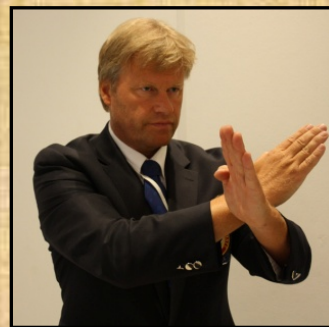
Contestants must wear a white karate Gi without stripes, piping or **personal embroidery**





Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

SHUKOKU – KEIKOKU - HANSOKU-CHUI



Cat. 1



Cat. 2

Are warnings!

NO POINTS TO THE OPPONENT



Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

HANSOKU & SHIKKAKU

Are penalties!



Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

No points awarded when imposing warnings...



Cat. 1



Cat. 2

**with the exception of (in team matches)
8 point score for a match won by penalty**



Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

In order to give points and/or penalties...
The Referee need a minimum of 2 judges





Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

The referee only has a vote when dissolving a tie break

If two judges hold an opposing opinion to the two other judge





Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

The Referee can request confirmation

In cases of Mubobi contra contact



In cases of points versus warnings/penalties



Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

**Judges will indicate scores/penalties
before the Referee stops the bout**



**The Referee must stop the bout if two
or more judges signal a score, warning
or penalty for the same competitor**





Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

The referee has the ability to stop the match
before the judges give flag signals

but...

will always await the options of the judges before announcing...

points



warnings



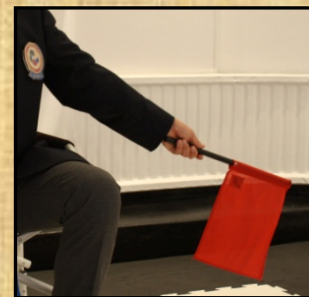
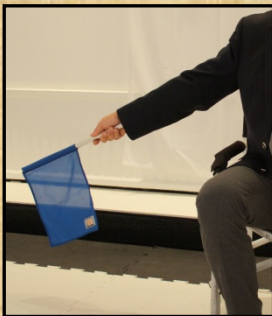
penalties





Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

**In case both contestants receive
two flags each for a score...**

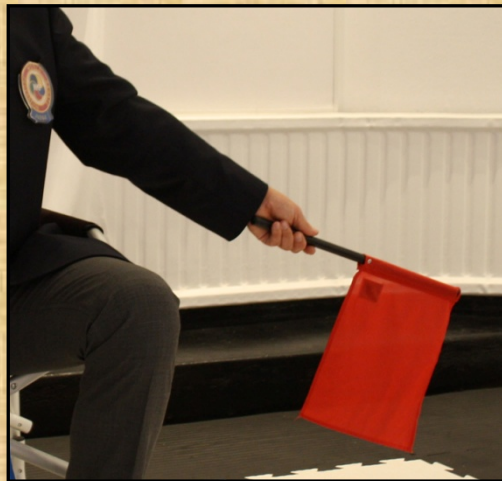


The Referee will award both scores!



Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

If 2 flags for the same contestant show a different score the lower score will be applied



The same will apply to warnings and penalties



Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

If a contestant scores with more than one consecutive technique **before Yame**, the contestant will be awarded the higher point regardless of in which sequence the techniques scored

Example...

**If a kick followed a successful punch,
the points for the kick would be awarded
regardless if the punch scored first**





Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

However, when there is a majority for a level of score, warning or penalty between the judges, the majority will take precedence





Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

Sai Shiai is removed from all bouts!

If there is no scores, or it is equal scores at fulltime
the match will be decided by **HANTEI**



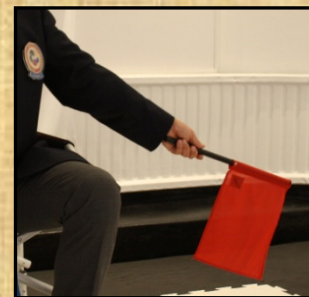
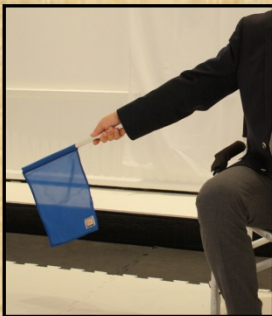
In team matches, if after the **extra bout**
there is no scores, or it is equal scores at fulltime
the match will be decided by **HANTEI**



Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

JUDGES...

When giving points



**Keep the flags out until the Referee has
announced the point**



Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

New definition for JOGAI



**Exit from the competition area
not caused by the opponent!**



Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

The minimum **warning** for exaggeration of injury...



Hansoku Chui (Cat. 2)



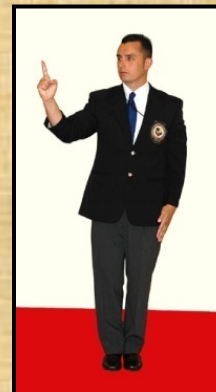


Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

The minimum **warning** for running away - avoiding combat - wasting time during **Atoshi Baraku...**



Hansoku Chui (Cat. 2)





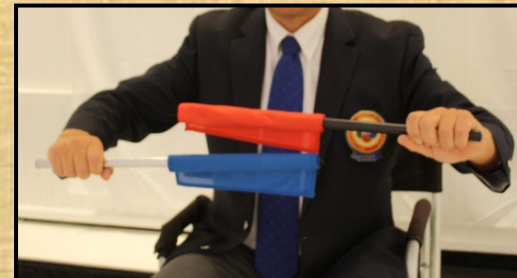
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New Category 2 prohibited behavior: **Passivity!**

The Referee signal is circling the fists around each other in front of the chest



The flag signal is pointing the flags inward
and circling them around each other





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JUDGE'S FLAG SIGNALS FOR CAT. 1

FIRST CIRCLE WITH THE **RED/BLUE**
FLAG THEN CROSS THE FLAGS



RED FLAG IN FRONT FOR **AKA**



BLUE FLAG IN FRONT FOR **AO**





Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

As a general rule, injury contestants will be examined by the doctor outside the Tatami...



unless the injury calls for examination on the Tatami





Summary of Changes in Kumite Rules

POINTS

YUKO (1 point)



WAZA-ARI (2 points)



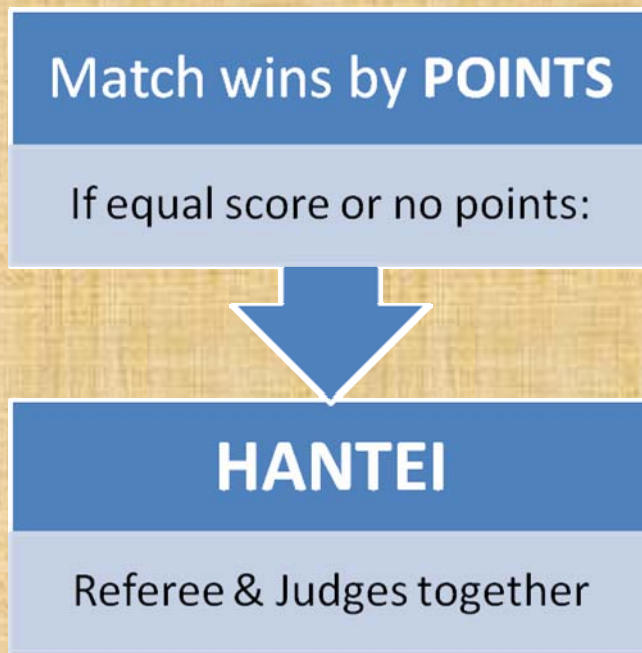
IPPON (3 points)



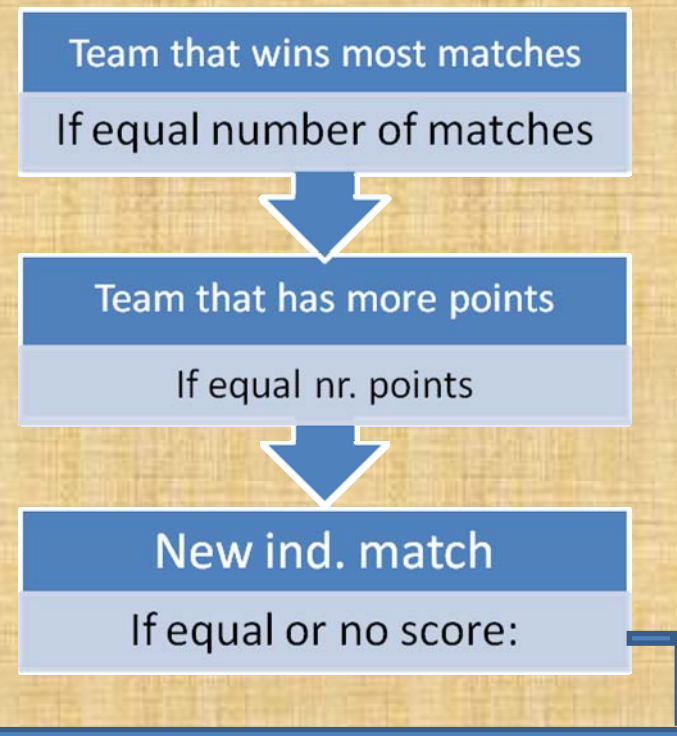


Picking the winner

INDIVIDUAL MATCH



TEAM MATCHES





Thank you for your attention



& Good luck!