



Referees, Judges and Candidates please remember

(From WKF Rules of the Referee Commission)

Kata and Kumite Candidates must be at least **25 years old** and be a minimum **2nd WKF Dan Grade**.

The National Federations may nominate their country's citizens as candidates to the WKF Referee course. Candidates must be qualified National Kumite Referee A or National Kata Judge A. Candidates must be registered with the RC Secretary at **least 60 days before** the start or face a fine or other penalties as decided by the EC.

Provided that an official keeps their licence up to date, attends a WKF Championship at **least once in every two years**, attends the pre-championship briefing and officiates satisfactorily then they will not be expected to undergo another practical examination, although they must sit and **pass the theory paper** which will be presented at the end of the pre-Championships briefing, **once in every two years**.

Referees must renew (pay) their licences every four years. All current officials are required to be paid up to date with the WKF Treasury. Officials of countries in debt to WKF may not participate in WKF Championships or courses.

All refereeing officials who have not attended the course and wishing to officiate at the Championships **must attend the briefing** the day before the Championships. All Referees and Judges must be present at the competition venue for final briefing and area allocation, **30 minutes before** the scheduled start.

Referees & Judges officiating in a WKF event **cannot perform** another function in that event.

The Referee and Judges of a kumite or kata bout **must not** have the nationality of either of the participants.

The Refereeing panel are **strictly warned against discussing** the outcome or decision of a match or bout with other than the members of the Referee panel, Match Area Controller or the Referee Commission. Infringement of this rule may incur penalties being taken against the offender.

Referees and Judges officiating in a WKF event must in principle have residence in the country they represent and be exclusively affiliated through the NF of their country of residence. Exceptions to this must be approved by the National Federation in which the individual has citizenship and will be subject to the final approval of WKF EC.

Only WKF qualified and licensed Referees and Judges may officiate at official WKF international contests. Use of other than qualified and licensed officials may result in that event being declared invalid.