



# ASHIHARA KARATE World Championship

Brasov, ROMANIA  
November 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Dear NIKO Branch Chiefs,

We are publishing the second set of questions and answers.  
Please read this information carefully, because it might answer your concerns as well.

Questions 1 to 3 have been answered in our first bulletin, on June 14.  
For your reference we will include attach this bulletin as well.

## 4. CADET (-14 years) Division

Some of you expressed interest to bring very young competitors (-12 Years)!  
Although this might be very challenging, we will take into consideration your request.

Please send us a list with the number of competitors in the CADET division (-14 years and younger) as well as their exact age, if you believe you will have competitors in this division.

Till now (June 29<sup>th</sup>) we only had interest from 2 countries for young competitors (-12 years).

## 5. Weight categories for CADET division

The weight categories are the ones published in the official rules.  
If we will have less than 8 competitors in one division, we will mix 2 adjacent categories.  
Please send us the real weight for all the competitors in the Cadet division.  
This will help us to asses if we need any changes.

## 6. KATA performance and judging

Please read the official rules, since it is explained in details how it goes.

Kata video will be performed same as in official NIKO videos.  
We will plan to create a video, however we need some time to produce it.  
Once we have it ready, we will publish the videos.

Kata judging is explained very well in the official rules.  
The decision is based on the 3 criteria and it is a decision for AKA or SHIRO, without the points.

## 7. Accommodation before and after the official competition dates

You are welcomed to come early than November 9 and stay later than November 13.  
If you are planning to do so, please let us know the exact days and number or people and we will arrange the same kind of discounted accommodation.

This special deal is only available for the Organizing Committee; otherwise the hotel can be expensive.

## 8. Representing countries and NIKO members

According to 1.6 in the official rules, all participants must be NIKO members with a valid membership card.

You can represent your own country (for example Turkmenistan), as long as the competitors have valid NIKO membership cards.

## 9. Licensing referees

We are preparing a plan to license referees before the competition.

Please choose ONE representative from each country to receive our information package as well as the testing methodology.

Please send us ONE name (and their email address) from each country before July 15<sup>th</sup>.

By the end of July we will send you a referee test methodology.

Once you receive our testing package, please read, learn and certify referees in your own country. The method to certify referees will be included in our package. You have till September 15<sup>th</sup> to send us the final list with referees (and their scores).

The goal is to have certified referees before the competition and to have objective and professional referees at the World Championship. Please be aware the new rules allow the Coordinator Referee to eliminate Center and Assistant referees, so we need your diligence and honesty when you certify referees in your own country.

More details will follow on this subject.

## 10. Competition admission fee

Is there a difference for the admission fee for coaches, branch chiefs, supporters, etc?

The admission fee is 300 Euro, and will include: accommodation with breakfast (four nights) in a 4\* hotel with swimming pool ([www.piatramare.ro](http://www.piatramare.ro)), venue & airport transfers, sayonara party, Referee clinics, branch chief meetings and tournament participation.

There is no difference between coaches, branch chiefs or supporters. The same fee applies for everyone.

## 11. Airport

The arrival airport is Bucharest "Henri Coandă" International Airport, in Bucharest, Romania. The IATA code for this airport is **OTP**.

## 12. Weight check dates

After the delegation arrival and check in on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have the following actions: medical check, weight scale, and assigning the competition numbers.



### 13. Scoring points after face punching

*Situation:* One of the opponents makes allowed kicking technique to the upper body level and is brought to the ground due to the another opponent's punching technique pressure (**not by the allowed throwing or cutting technique**).

*Question:* In such a situation whether **one point** will be granted or not?

The point will be granted by bringing the opponent to the ground, only after a valid grabbing and/or throwing technique, as defined in chapters 7.3 and 7.4 of the official rules.

The punching pressure technique as being defined in the question above doesn't fit the criteria of 7.3 and 7.4 and no points will be granted.

### 14. How do you calculate the age categories?

The age category will be calculated, considering the year of birth.

A competitor born in 2004 (12 years old) or 2003 (13 years old), will compete in the Cadet (-14 years) category. The table below shows the correct calculation for each age category, based on the year of birth.

Category	Cadet (-14 years)	Junior II (-16 years)	Junior I (-18 years)	Senior (+ 18 years)	Veteran (+35 years)
Born in year	2003 or 2004	2002 or 2001	2000 or 1999	1998 to 1982(including)	From 1981
Age	12-13	14-15	16-17	18-34	34 and older

### 15. Weight scale criteria

According to Appendix 3 in the official rules „ *if a competitor is over the weight category limit and also there is a 5KG (or 10KG for heavy weight) the lighter competitor will be declared winner.*”

For the weight scale criteria to be even considered, one of the competitors **MUST** be **OVER** the limit. It is allowed for a competitor weighting 75 KG to compete in the -90 KG , however if his oponent is still below 90 KG, the weight scale criteria will NOT be met, since none of the competitors will be over the 90 KG limit.

For the Mens Veteran division we will use 5KG difference for -80KG and 10KG difference for the +80 KG. Similar for the Women Veteran division: 5 KG difference for -65 and 10 KG difference for +65 KG.

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