

Dear NIKO Branch Chiefs,

Please receive the 4th edition of our bulletin for the 2016 World Championship.
 The main topics in this bulletin are:

- KATA competition.
- Referee licensing.
- Registration process.

For topics 1 to 22, please refer to the previous bulletins.

23. KATA Demo

KATA competition has been described in details in Chapter 13: Operation of matches, of the new rules. In order to provide a better understanding on how the kata will be performed, we recorded the following videos:

No.	Event	KATA	Video Link
1	Individual	Shoshin1	https://youtu.be/C8Rx4RPdSR0
2	Individual	Kumite 3	https://youtu.be/1REnCi6a9q4
3	Individual	Nage 3	https://youtu.be/FGHNZWo_qV8
4	Team	Kumite 3	https://youtu.be/-I4liAvTDjA

The Kata(s) in the video demo have been used just as examples, for demonstrating how a Kata will be performed during the competition: 1st time as an individual performance, and 2nd time with an attacking partner.

24. KATA Evaluation Criteria

Please pay attention to the following KATA evaluation criteria, as defined in Chapter 14:

The following major evaluation criteria elements will be used to evaluate a kata performance.

14.1. Conformance with Ashihara Kata

All the moves have to correspond to the actual moves from the kata chosen to be performed.

14.2. Demonstration of the kata with an attacking partner

Fight control, when kata is being performed with an attacking partner.

- Injuring the attacking partner because of lack of control, will be considered a mistake.
- If the attacking partner has exaggerated or non-realistic moves, this will also be considered a mistake.

14.3. Technical performance

- a. Basic techniques
- b. Focus (Kime)
- c. Strength / Speed / Balance
- d. Rhythm
- e. Synchronization (only for the Team event)

All of the 3 criteria (14.1, 14.2, and 14.3) are to be given equal importance in the evaluation of the kata performance!

Evaluation of a kata performance starts from the first bow, before the 1st individual performance and ends with the last bow, after the 2nd execution with an attacking partner(s).

Also, please pay attention to the chapter 14.5 Advantages and 14.6 Mistakes, which describes important concepts for judging the Kata performance.

25. Referee licensing

There is a tremendous effort to prepare for this competition, investing time and resources in bringing a team across the world, therefore we want to be absolutely sure everybody gets a fair chance to win.

A professional, knowledgeable and objective referee panel is a big part on this.

The objective is to have referees who know and understand the new rules, and who are also capable to be objective, in their decisions.

In order to prove their knowledge of the new rules we will have an online test. The test will be available in September, and it can be taken by anywhere in the world.

To be able to take the test, you will need the following:

1. Valid NIKO Id.
2. Internet connection and a computer, laptop or a smart device.
3. Knowledge of the new rules.

The online test is mandatory for anyone in order to qualify as a referee for the 2016 World Championship.

26. Registration process

The registration for the whole delegation, including competitors, coaches, referees, supporters will be done through an online portal.

There is no need to use old registration forms or send any papers.

Once the online registration portal will be available, we will let you know, and you can start registering your team.

For your reference, we are also including the previous sets of questions (1 to 22), so you have all the information available to you.

As soon as more requests and questions will be received, we will publish them as well to make sure everybody understands the rules.

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