

Dear NIKO Branch Chiefs,

Please receive the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of our bulletin for the 2016 World Championship.

The main topics in this bulletin are:

- Referee licensing
- KATA Junior Division

For topics 1 to 26, please refer to the previous bulletins.

## 27. Referee licensing

We do have a new set of rules, with significant changes for both KUMITE and KATA, and it is necessary to have professional referees who understand and can apply these rules.

As a matter of respect for all the competitors and coaches making a huge effort to participate in the 2016 World Championship we want to provide a fair competition ground for everybody, with qualified and objective referees.

In order to keep a high standard and better plan the tournament, we need to validate the referee's skills and knowledge.

Below are the requirements as well as the schedule for the referee licensing test.

## 28. Referee test requirements

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

1. Valid NIKO Id (this is the number from your NIKO membership card).
2. Internet connection and a computer, laptop or a smart device.
3. Email address.

Please carefully read the official rules and focus on understanding the following chapters:

- Referees rights and responsibilities (chapter 3)
- KUMITE: The score (chapter 6)
- KUMITE: Allowed techniques (chapter 7)
- KUMITE: Prohibited behaviour (chapter 8)
- KUMITE: Penalty system (chapter 9)
- KUMITE: Decision criteria (chapter 10)
- KATA: Operation of matches (chapter 13)
- KATA: Evaluation criteria (chapter 14)

If you already have experience as a referee, reading and making the transition to the new rules it is quite easy. There is nothing to be concern about if you read and understand the new rules.

## 29. Referee test questions

The test has the following type of questions:

### 1. Single answer questions

You have to choose only one of the responses marked with a circle : ●

Only one answer is the right one.

If the answers are marked with a circle, you can only choose one answer.

### 2. Multiple answer questions

You have to choose all answers that apply. More than one answer is correct.

The answers are marked with a square: ■

If the answers are marked with a square, you can only choose multiple answers.

The test has a total of 30 questions.

Here are the passing scores:

Coordinator Referee (KANSA)	Minimum score is 90%
Centre Referee (SHUSHIN)	Minimum score is 80%
Assistant Referee (FUKUSHIN)	Minimum score is 70%

## 30. Referee test schedule

Below, please find the schedule for the test:

September 17, 2016	Receive the test link
September 17 & 18, 2016	The test will be available online
September 23, 2016	Official results

Please schedule the test in your country in this weekend: September 17 & 18, 2016.

As long as you know the rules, you can pass the test link to all the referees who want to be certified and they can just take the test.

If you need translation, you can gather all of the referees together and take the test.

## 31. Referee Commission

Please do your best to study the official rules and take the online test, in order to be certified as an official NIKO referee.



# ASHIHARA KARATE World Championship

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The success of the tournament depends a lot on the quality of the referees. If all referees from one country have identical answers and scores, we will know for sure you have not been completely honest.

In the spirit of martial arts and fair play, please be honest when taking the test. Our organization deserves a professional tournament environment, where we can all (competitors, coaches, referees) benefit and grow together.

## 32. KATA Junior Division

We received requests to split the Junior (-18 years) Division into the following:

- Junior II (-16 years) Division
- Junior I (-18 years) Division

We can make this change, with the condition that we have enough competitors to split the Junior Division.

After the online registration will be completed, we can decide on this matter, if we have enough competitors enrolled in this age category.

For your reference, we are also including the previous sets of topics (1 to 26), so you have all the information available to you.

Nicolae Dascalu

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