

Dear NIKO Branch Chiefs,

Please receive the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of our bulletin for the 2016 World Championship.

The main topics in this bulletin are:

- Referee licensing test on September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Competition rules
- Competitors' registration by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Tournament draft schedule
- "Karate without borders: Unity through karate"

For topics 1 to 32, please refer to the previous bulletins.

### 33. Referee licensing test

The referee licensing test will be available online on September 17 and 18, 2016. You will receive the link on September 16, 2016.

Please follow one of these 2 methods:

1. Gather all candidates from one country together and have them all test at once.
  - The advantage for this method is that you can provide translation in your own language.
  - You can also control the time limit (maximum 1 hour)
2. Forward the test link to all candidates and let them complete the test on their own.
  - There is more flexibility with this option, and as long as the candidates understand the English language, they don't need to travel anywhere; they can just take the test, wherever they are.

Please don't forget to have the following details available for all candidates:

1. Valid NIKO Id
2. Internet connection and a computer, laptop or smart device (tablet, phone).
3. Email address.

For more details about the test, please also review topics 28 and 29, in the previous bulletin, from August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The success of the tournament depends a lot on the quality of the referees.

Again, we cannot stress enough how important is to be honest when taking the test! We all deserve a professional tournament environment, where competitors, coaches, and referees benefit and grow together.

Good luck with the test, and let's have the best possible referee team.

## 34. Competition rules

The competition rules have been published and approved by Kancho on May 2016.

This is huge step forward to have a professional set of rules and also create a unique identity for our organization.

We recognize there is still room for improvement and some paragraphs can be better explained and/or clarified.

However, we need to move forward with the approved rules, without changing them before the tournament.

During the branch chief meetings you will have the opportunity to make suggestions for improving the rules, and together we can decide what needs to be adjusted.

Since the 2016 World Championship will be sanctioned by Romanian Martial Arts Federation and the results homologated by the Romanian Sports and Youth Ministry, we need to go ahead with the approved rules.

As stated in the approved rules, we will make changes on the weight/age division, if the number of competitors is not enough for one particular division.

## 35. Competitors registration

Please have your list of competitors ready for registration.

**We need to have your delegation's list no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

In order to give everyone a fair chance and avoid direct competition between people in the same branch or country, at least in the preliminary rounds, we want to place your competitors in different groups or opposite sides of the tournament draw.

This will assure they will only meet in semifinals or finals.

If you have more than one competitor in one particular age/weight division, please let us know who the favorite is.

In conclusion, please send us your complete delegation list (competitors, coaches, referees, supporters) by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

For each competitor, please mention the age/weight and tournament division.

Don't forget to add all members of your delegation, to make sure we secure accommodation for them.

## 36. Tournament draft schedule

Please see the draft version for the tournament schedule:

### Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- Delegations arrival and transfer from OTP airport to Brasov
- Accommodation at Hotel Piatra Mare Poiana Brasov ([www.piatramare.ro](http://www.piatramare.ro))
- Medical check
- Branch chiefs meeting
- Technical meeting for referees ( focus on KATA rules )
- Kancho's training session

### Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- Breakfast at Hotel Piatra Mare
- Transfer to tournament hall ([www.dstbv.ro/sala-sporturilor-brasov](http://www.dstbv.ro/sala-sporturilor-brasov))
- Official tournament opening
- KATA tournament preliminaries
- Break/ Entertaining show
- KATA tournament semi-final and finals
- Transfer back to Hotel Piatra Mare
- Official weight in for KUMITE tournament
- Branch chiefs meeting
- Technical meeting for referees ( focus on KUMITE rules )

### Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- Breakfast at Hotel Piatra Mare
- Transfer to tournament hall
- KUMITE tournament preliminaries
- Break/ Entertaining show
- Unity though Karate demo (if we have enough branches to perform)
- Transfer back to Hotel Piatra Mare
- Branch chiefs meeting
- Technical meeting for referees (decide on the tournament finals referees)

### Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- Breakfast at Hotel Piatra Mare
- Transfer to tournament hall
- KUMITE tournament semi-finals and finals
- Break/ Entertaining show
- Awards ceremony
- Transfer back to Hotel Piatra Mare
- Sayonara party

### Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- Breakfast at Hotel Piatra Mare
- Free time/swimming pool/spa
- Transfer to OTP airport

For delegations staying after November 13<sup>th</sup>, we will organize airport transfer on their departure date. Please mention your arrival and departure days, when you send your delegation's list.



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### 37. "Karate without borders: Unity though karate" Demonstration

It is our belief Karate brings people together in a spirit of unity and fair play, regardless of their race, colour and country.

We would like to present a demonstration called "Unity though Karate".

If your branch is interested to participate we need the following:

- Video with the demo you want to perform.
- The demo should be maximum 5 minutes long.
- You can do whatever you want to showcase your skills.
- If the video is not ready, please send us a short description of your demo.

The goal is to have representatives from all continents, showcasing their skills in a very short demo.

The whole demonstration with all branches should not be longer than 30 minutes.

If we have enough branches who want to take part in this demo, we will schedule this on the second competition day: Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

For your reference, we are also including the previous sets of topics (1 to 32), so you have all the information available to you.

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