

Dear NIKO Branch Chiefs,

Please receive the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of our bulletin for the 2016 World Championship.

The main topics in this bulletin are:

- Competition rules clarification (points 39 to 49)
- Online test link (will be sent on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016)
- Delegations registration (by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016)

For topics 1 to 37, please refer to the previous bulletins.

## 38. Competition rules clarification

Following a referee's training course we had in Romania and more questions received from branches in Denmark and Serbia, we want to clarify some points.

This is extremely important to do it before the test, in order to make sure everybody understands the rules.

Below, please find all the explanations, in regards to the questions we received, from points 39 to 49.

## 39. Points system

YUKO	WAZA ARI	IPPON
1 Point	2 Points	4 Points

- You can win the KUMITE match by IPPON (the equivalent of 4 points).
- Accumulating 4 points will automatically end the KUMITE match.
- A competitor can accumulate 4 points through YUKO, WAZA ARI, IPPON, or by penalties imposed to his/her opponent.
- For example, if a competitor is penalized with CHUI-NI, 2 points will be added to his/her opponent's score.

In order to win and end the match, there is no need to have a 4 point difference.  
 What matters is which competitor is the first one to get to 4 points.

In the case no one gets 4 points, the competitor with the highest score will win (for example: 1-0, 2-1, 3-2, and so on).

## 40. Penalties system

DAME	CHIU-ICHI	CHUI-NI	CHUI-SAN
0 Points	1 Point	2 Points	Disqualification

The penalties have been split in 3 categories **only** for a better explanation and distinction.  
 The penalties are not awarded separately, since they cumulate!!!

**If a competitor has received a DAME for a minor offence, at the next minor or major offence the Centre Referee must penalize the competitor with CHUI-ICHI, CHUI-NI or CHUI-SAN, depending of the gravity of the offence.**

For example, the first offence is minor (for example stepping outside of the fighting surface) and the next offence is also minor (for example holding for more than 3 seconds), the Centre Referee will penalize with CHUI-ICHI.

The warning (DAME) and penalties (CHUI-ICHI, CHUI-NI, CHUI-SAN) can be imposed **ONLY ONCE!**  
The warning (DAME) will be imposed only for **MINOR** offences.

For MAJOR offences, the Centre Referee can impose directly a penalty with CHUI-ICHI / CHUI-NI or CHUI-SAN, depending of the gravity of the offence.

For example a **MINOR OFFENCE** could be :

- Stepping outside of the fighting surface.
- Holding for more than 3 seconds.
- Holding with both arms or holding a leg.

For example a **MAJOR OFFENCE** could be :

- Intentional strike to the face (in the divisions where is not allowed)
- Unethical attitude. (inappropriate behaviour like swearing)
- Intentionally not respecting the rules (for example kicking the joints)
- Any other offence considered major by the Centre Referee.

## 41. The grabbing and hitting techniques

Extras from the competition rules:

### 7.4 The grabbing and hitting techniques

- a. The hold on the head is only allowed with one arm, followed by **only ONE** hitting technique.
  - b. **Only ONE** kicking technique is allowed at the head level, when grabbing (holding).
- Please note the rules (7.4 c, d) apply ONLY for the SENIOR (+18Years) New Style Division:**
- c. **Only ONE** punching technique is allowed at the head level, when grabbing (holding).
  - d. While grabbing (holding), combining 1 punching + 1 kicking technique at the head level is allowed.

Explantations :

- At point 7.4a we are referring to the **hold on the head /neck** with one arm.
- The hold on the head/neck can be followed by a single hitting technique.
- At point 7.4b we are referring to the **hold on arm/shoulder**, when you perform SABAKI.
- Points 7.4c and 7.4d **ONLY** applies to the « SENIORS New Style » division.

## 42. Punching in the SENIORS New Style division

**Extras from the competition rules:**

**7.2 Punching techniques** against the following body parts:

a. Abdomen, Chest, lateral side of the Bust (ribs), Back (excluding the spine area), Arms and Legs.

**Please note the following new rules (7.2 b, c, d) apply ONLY for the SENIOR (+18Years) New Style Division:**

b. Punches to the head (protected by a space helmet) are allowed.

c. **ONLY** up to **3 consecutive punches** to the head level are allowed in a single combination.

(After a 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive punch to the head level, a kicking technique or body punch must follow.)  
(The 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive punch to the head level will be treated as penalty.)

d. Punches mean any striking techniques using only the fist, and **NOT** the forearm, elbow or shoulder.

**Explantations :**

**During the same combination** only up to maximum 3 consecutive punches are allowed to the head level. The following 2 notes in the brackets (), refers to the fact that, during the same combination, after the 3<sup>rd</sup> punching technique to the head level, a kicking technique or body punch must follow, and the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive punch to the head level will be penalized.

**A combination with only 3 consecutive punches to the head is valid** and it is not necessary to be continued with anything, if the competitor choses so.

Only if the combination of 3 consecutive punches to the head level is continued with something, the restrictions from point 7.2c will apply.

## 43. KANSA's role

Kansa has the right to eliminate the Centre and/or the Second Referees, in order to facilitate **impartial** and **correct** judging.

It is essential to have referees who are knowledgeable (understand the rules) and are also impartial and objective in their decisions.

## 44. Unethical attitude

When a penalty for unethical attitude will be imposed, this can affect the current match, but also it could mean the exclusion from the competition.

This subject has been explained in details in chapter 8.2 and it will be penalized according to 9.5 and 9.6.

## 45. Maximum execution time for KATA

The maximum execution time for KATA has been imposed to determine the competitors to perform the KATA in a fast pace and without any breaks between the 1<sup>st</sup> (individual) and 2<sup>nd</sup> execution (with an attacking partner).

The time limit is different, according to the complexity from each group of KATA.

The time limits have been tested and are sufficient for each type of KATA.

## 46. KATA – correct moves

In order to have the same standard for judging the correct KATA moves, we will be using as reference the last KATA DVD produced by Kancho Hidenori Ashihara.

## 47. Weight scale

According to chapter 16, we need to have a minimum 8 competitors for each division. In case we need to put together 2 divisions, in order to have the required number, the weight division might be different.

**ONLY** in this case, we will apply the following rule for the weight scale criteria:

- **The difference between competitors must be 10KG or more, in order to win at the scale.**

We will also apply the same rule, for the Heavyweight division (+90 KG), since there is no upper limit to this weight division.

## 48. Official competition rules

There is only one official competition rules document. This documents has been approved by Kancho Hidenori Ashihara on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We are attaching this document to this bulletin, to make sure this is the one you use. The same competition rules will be used to homologate the 2016 Ashihara World Championship with the Romanian Martial Arts Federation and the Romanian Sports and Youth Ministry.

## 49. Points and penalties in the extra rounds

The points and penalties will not be erased in the extra rounds. The points and penalties will move forward from the 1<sup>st</sup> round till the end of the KUMITE match.

## 50. Online test link

If you already have the list of emails for all the candidate for the referee's test, please send it together with the list of your delegation, by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

We can send them the link and they can take it anytime during September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

We will **send the test link** anyway to all branch chiefs on **September 16<sup>th</sup>**, and if you prefer to send it by yourself, that is perfectly fine as well..

## 51. Delegation registration

Please send us the list of you delegation by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This is necessary to secure accommodation for everybody.

In a few days we will go live with the online registration on the competition's website and you will be able to officially enroll all your competitors, in each weight/age division.



## ASHIHARA KARATE World Championship

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From now on we will have all the previous bulletins uploaded to the competition website.  
If there is anything else, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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