



WORLD UNION OF KARATE DO FEDERATIONS

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New adopted amendments of the WUKF rules:

AFFILIATION OF NEW FEDERATIONS.

The Article No.4 point 2 will be changed as follows:

- a) In countries where WUKF already has one or more affiliated member federations, the WUKF-DC (Administrative Council) may, if it judges necessary, consult the current WUKF member federations, in that country, before granting WUKF membership status to applicant federations.
- b) The WUKF-DC shall make a detailed information request from the applicant federation about their Instructors, Membership, History of their federation and their National and international achievements.
- c) The WUKF-DC shall determine if there is a good relationship between the already affiliated WUKF federation(s) and the new applicant federation. The WUKF-DC will decide if the relationship(s) between the applicant federation and the current WUKF federation(s) will not cause serious problems affecting the acquired rights of the current statutory members of WUKF.
- d) The WUKF Executive Committee shall, on the basis of the information acquired, make the final decision on the acceptance or rejection of the applicant federation as a member of WUKF.
- e) All new accepted members will be granted a WUKF Provisional Membership status for two years from the date of acceptance by the WUKF Executive Committee. After this period the WUKF Executive Committee will decide, on the basis of proof of commitment to WUKF, adherence to WUKF Regulations and participation in WUKF events, whether or not to award WUKF Full Membership status to the Provisional member.
- f) In countries where the number of WUKF affiliated members is more than 5, a new member will only be granted Provisional Membership status and eventual Full Membership if it can meet all of the above criteria and that it can demonstrate it has more than 600 legitimate athletes belonging to it.

PARTICIPATION OF THE ATHLETES IN WUKF EVENTS

1. An athlete that was already registered for an organization in a WUKF official event can participate in another WUKF official event for another organization as long as the athlete has the written acceptance of the athlete's home organization. If this document is not forthcoming, the new organization can register the athlete after one Calendar year of WUKF events.

REPLACEMENT OF “BEST OF THE BEST CATEGORIES”

1. The “Best of the best categories” will be replaced by the Open categories as follows:
 - a. KATA: Open styles;
 - b. KUMITE: Open weight.

This will apply to Cadets, Juniors, Seniors and Veterans categories only.

SERIOUS INJURIES

In the case of serious injuries in competitions the WUKF Discipline Commission will be notified and it will request a report from WUKF Medical Commission about i) how the injury occurred, ii) its follow-up treatment and iii) medical outcome. If necessary, the WUKF Disciplinary Commission may impose penalties on the athlete ranging from a written warning to the suspension or even exclusion of the athlete from future WUKF events.

The decisions of the WUKF Disciplinary Commission must be validated by the WUKF Executive Committee before being applied.

COMPLETION OF VETERANS CATEGORIES NUMBERS

New Veteran KATA categories will be EXPERIMENTALLY added to the WUKF list:

1. 56 – 60 years old;
2. Over 60 years old

REFEREE LICENCE 2016

From 2016 the referees can, for each year, obtain a WUKF Refereeing licence by participating in one of the official referee training seminars organized by the WUKF Referee Commission and approved by WUKF Executive Commission. This licence will allow the Referee to participate in official WUKF events in that year without participating in the traditionally held seminar organized 2 days before the World/Continental Events. This rule will apply only to those already registered as WUKF referees, Senior Referees and Chief Referees. All other candidates will have to attend the training/licencing seminar before the official WUKF World/Continental events.

Any Federation(s) that intends to organize a WUKF Licensing seminar before one of their events will have to apply to the WUKF Executive Committee for permission to hold such a seminar. The WUKF Executive Commission, depending of the facilities that the Federation are able to offer, will decide whether or not to nominate that seminar as a WUKF official licensing one.

The practical testing of WUKF Judges and Referees will be organized during the days of the WUKF World/Continental competition. This will assure a good number of qualified referees for the mentioned competition and raise the standard of WUKF refereeing.

WUKF Executive Committee