

WORLD UNION OF KARATE-DO FEDERATIONS



WUKF Disciplinary and Anti-Doping Rules

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Art. 1 The Disciplinary Board Panel

Art. 1.1 Each Disciplinary Board Panel will consist of 3 members and will be chosen by the WUKF Disciplinary and Anti-Doping Commission (DADC).

Art. 1.2 The Disciplinary Board Panel (DBP) shall participate in processing and ruling in any specific case. The DBP can hear and make decisions in cases regarding the understanding, compliance with or administration of WUKF's statutes, rules, and regulations.

Art. 1.3 Further, the Disciplinary Board Panel can make decisions on disciplinary sanctions as set out below.

Art. 1.4 To counteract any conflict of interest, no member of the Disciplinary Board Panel can participate in the processing or decision of a specific case, if circumstances suitable for questioning the member's impartiality apply, such as, but not limited to, said member's personal association or close relationship with the relevant affiliated Federation and/or the offender.

Art. 2 Complaints

Art. 2.1 All affiliated Federations and/or their members and the WUKF Discipline and Anti-Doping Commission (DADC), are entitled to bring complaints regarding matters set out in **Art. 2.2** before the Disciplinary Board Panel.

Art. 2.2 Cases shall be brought before the Disciplinary Board Panel at the latest 4 weeks from the time where the action or decision being complained about was taken or made, or 4 weeks from the time the complainant was or ought to be aware of said action or decision.

Art. 2.3 Complaints are made to the WUKF Disciplinary and Anti-Doping Commission (DADC) must be put in writing by e-mail to the WUKF Disciplinary and Anti-Doping Commission - dadc@wukf.org.

Art. 3 Procedure

Art. 3.1 The WUKF Disciplinary and Anti-Doping Commission (DADC) will set out the specific Rules of Procedure for handling each case.

Art. 3.2 The Rules of Procedure shall ensure that the process is fair and ensure that the parties have the opportunity to be heard.

Art. 3.3 Any party in a complaint before the Disciplinary Board Panel shall be entitled, at the party's own cost, to a professional representative, such as a lawyer and any party shall have a reasonable time, to be decided by the WUKF DADC, to present their evidence and arguments.

Art. 3.4 Unless the WUKF Disciplinary and Anti-Doping Commission decides otherwise, the proceedings will usually take place, initially on a written basis, and if required, followed up by an online face-to-face meeting through social media.

Art. 3.4.1 However, if the decision may entail suspension for more than 2 years or exclusion, the offender is entitled to demand a physical meeting before the Disciplinary Board Panel in order to argue the offender's case.

Art. 4. Cases regarding ethics and behavior

Art. 4.1 The affiliated Federations and their members can be subject to disciplinary sanctions, if they:

1. have violated the regulations and rules of the WUKF and its Commissions;
2. have committed an offence against persons, propriety, or harm the prestige and honor of karate-do;
3. have refused to be bound by the decisions of the WUKF and its Commissions.

Art. 4.2 The WUKF Referee Commission is obligated to report to the WUKF Disciplinary and Anti-Doping Commission any shikkaku-rulings and other observations on members breaching **Art. 4.1**.

Art. 5 Disciplinary Actions

Art. 5.1 In the case of a first offense, the offender is liable to one of the following disciplinary sanctions according to the offense committed and stated in the previous article:

1. a verbal or a written warning, or
2. prohibition from WUKF competitions and other WUKF worldwide activities for up to 12 months.

Art. 5.2 In the case of a second offense established prior to 18 months of the end of the sanction from the first offence, the offender is liable to one of the following disciplinary sanctions according to the offense committed and stated in the previous article:

1. Prohibition from WUKF competition from 6 to 18 months accompanied by the payment of financial compensation from the offender to WUKF of EUR 500, or
2. prohibition of any worldwide activity (including competitions) from 6 months to 4 years, or
3. exclusion from the WUKF for a period of 6 months to 4 years, or
4. lifetime exclusion of the offender from WUKF affiliated member activities and from any worldwide and intercontinental activities.

Art. 5.3 In the case of an Adverse Analytical Finding (Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in an Athlete's Sample), as a result of an Anti-Doping Test, the sanction will be exclusion from all WUKF World and Intercontinental activities for a period 4 years.

Art. 5.4 The Disciplinary Board Panel may impose a lifetime ban on athletes, coaches, and their support personnel in certain cases e.g. where Children, Inclusive Athletes, and other vulnerable adults are put at risk by their coaches or other support personnel.

Art. 5.5 The Disciplinary Board Panel may impose additional sanctions on offenders where it sees fit to do so.

Art. 6 Notification of the decision

Art. 6.1 All parties are entitled to a decision from the Disciplinary Board Panel, delivered within a reasonable time from the date of the Disciplinary hearing.

Art. 6.2 Within 14 days of its ruling, the decision of the Disciplinary Board Panel is notified to the parties involved and to the WUKF Executive Commission.

Art. 6.3 A decision report will include:

- the identity of the parties.
- the identity of the members of the Disciplinary Board Panel who have made the decision.
- the subject-matter of the dispute.
- the main arguments presented by the parties.
- the decision.
- the date of the decision

Art. 7 Appeal

Art. 7.1 These Rules of Procedure, including those in **Art. 3**, shall apply to all appeals.

Art. 7.2 When the decision has been given, an appeal may be filed within 30 days from the notification of the said decision by the Disciplinary Board Panel.

Art. 7.3 An appeal shall be sent by e-mail to the President of the WUKF Disciplinary and Anti-Doping Commission - dadc@wukf.org

Art. 7.4 A late appeal, after the 30 days has expired, is declared inadmissible.

Art. 7.5 The appeal shall be processed by the Appeal Panel consisting of three members appointed by the WUKF Disciplinary and Anti-Doping Commission.

Art. 7.6 No member of the Appeal Panel can be a member of the initial Disciplinary Board Panel.

Art. 7.7 If an appeal is filed within the 30-days deadline, the initial decision is suspended until the appeal is decided.

Art. 7.8 An appeal decision made by the Appeal Panel is final.

Art. 8.0 Special cases

Art. 8.1 In a case where an athlete has been excluded by a federation, where they were affiliated, their participation in WUKF activities, including competitions sanctioned by WUKF, must be approved by the WUKF Disciplinary and Anti-Doping Commission.

Art. 9.0 Anti-Doping Provisions

Art. 9.1 WUKF's affiliated Federations and their members are subject to the World Anti-Doping Agency the World Anti-Doping Code adopted by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). The affiliated Federations shall enter into agreements with the relevant national anti-doping organization subject to WADA.

Art. 9.2 Any decision on disciplinary actions against members of the affiliated Federations shall be made following WADA's guidelines. The disciplinary actions shall be in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and/or the local legislation and/or agreements with relevant national anti-doping organizations and shall be reported by the affiliated Federation to the WUKF Disciplinary Board for WUKF to enforce such disciplinary action.