

木村修交会空手会

KIMURA SHUKOKAI INTERNATIONAL

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This document outlines the guidelines for the International Classification of the KSI Kumite Referees and Kata Judges.

Criteria for selection and operational duties are addressed for Kumite Arbitrators, Mirror Judges, Centre Referees, Tatami Area Controllers and Referees Council Assistants, as well as Kata Judges.

Please note that these are guidelines only. The KSI Referees Council are ultimately responsible for establishing and overseeing the operational criteria for all official KSI Competitive events.

Individual KSI countries may adopt these criteria for their national referee policies.

1 INTERNATIONAL KUMITE REFEREE CLASSIFICATIONS

There will be Seven (7) classifications for Kumite:

- Emeritus Referee (Long Standing Referee, no longer active - Retired)
- ‘D’ Class Kumite Arbitrator
- ‘C’ Class Kumite Mirror Judge
- ‘B’ Class Kumite Referee
- ‘A’ Class Kumite Centre Referee
- Tatami Area Controller (TAC) Kumite
- Referees Council Assistant

1.1 Emeritus Kumite Referee Classification

To qualify to obtain the Emeritus status the following applies:

- Must have been an International Referee of standing
- Must be at least a 6th Dan
- Must be unanimously nominated by the KSI Referees Council

Note: Emeritus Kumite Referees are entitled to have all privileges as per International Referees at a KSI event. They shall attend all meetings, sit amongst active referees, dine with Referee Officials and be recognized for their attendance at the conclusion of all KSI Tournaments.

1.2 ‘D’ Classification – Kumite Arbitrator

To qualify for the ‘D’ Class Kumite Arbitrator status the following applies:

- Must be a minimum of a Yon Dan (4th Dan)
- Must pass the KSI Kumite Theoretical Exam with a minimum score of 80%
- Must conduct themselves professionally at all times.

Note: ‘D’ Class Kumite Arbitrators are entitled to perform Arbitrator duties only during Elimination Rounds at KSI events.

1.3 'C' Classification – Kumite Mirror Judge

To qualify for the 'C' Class Kumite Referee status the following applies:

- Must be a minimum of a Yon Dan (4th Dan)
- Must officiate as a 'D' Class Arbitrator for a minimum of two KSI sanctioned Tournaments to be eligible for 'C' Class assessment
- Must Pass the Practical Assessment which focuses on the following:
 - Must be able to see points, penalties and correctly process Tatami action.
 - Execute hand signals correctly and effectively communicate with Centre Referee. Conducts themselves professionally at all times.
 - Maintains a proper understanding and interpretation of the Rules

Note: 'C' Class Kumite Referees are entitled to perform Arbitrator and Mirror Judge duties during Elimination Rounds only at KSI International sanctioned Tournaments.

1.4 'B' Classification – Kumite Referee

To qualify for the 'B' Class Kumite Referee status the following applies:

- Must be a minimum of a Yon Dan (4th Dan)
- Must officiate as a 'C' Class Mirror Judge for a minimum of two International KSI sanctioned Tournaments to be eligible for 'B' Class assessment.
- Must Pass the Practical Assessment which focuses on the following:
 - Must be able to see points, penalties and correctly process Tatami action.
 - Execute hand signals correctly and effectively communicate with Centre Referee. Conduct themselves professionally at all times.
 - Maintain a proper understanding and interpretation of the Rules
 - Competent application of the Rules

Note: 'B' Class Kumite Referees are entitled to perform Arbitrator, Mirror Judge and Centre Referee duties at KSI International sanctioned Tournaments during Elimination Rounds as well as Arbitrator duties during Finals.

1.5 'A' Classification – Kumite Center Referee

To qualify for the 'A' Class Kumite •Referee status the following applies:

- Must be a minimum of a Go Dan (5th Dan)
- Must officiate as a 'B' Class for a minimum of two International KSI sanctioned Tournaments to be eligible for 'A' Class assessment.
- Must Pass the Practical Assessment which focuses on the following:
 - Must be able to see points, penalties and correctly process Tatami action.
 - Execute hand signals and verbal commands correctly.
 - Correct use of the Mirror Judge.
 - Maintain a proper understanding and interpretation of the Rules
 - Competent application of the Rules
 - Maintain Control of the Ring. Conduct themselves professionally at all times.

Note: 'A' Class Kumite Centre Referees are entitled to perform Arbitrator, Mirror Judge and Centre Referee duties during Elimination Rounds and Finals at KSI International sanctioned Tournaments.

1.6 Tatami Area Controller (TAC) Classification

To qualify for the Kumite Tatami Area Controller/TAC status the following applies:

- Must be a minimum of Roku Dan (6th Dan)
- Must officiate as an 'A' Class Referee for a minimum of four (4) KSI International sanctioned Tournaments to be eligible for TAC Class assessment.
- Will also be assessed on:
 - Control of the Ring and perimeter thereof
 - Control of the Referees assigned to the Ring
 - Mentoring of the Referees assigned to the Ring
 - Assessment of the Referees assigned to the Ring

Note: Kumite TAC Class Officials are entitled to perform Arbitrator, Mirror Judge, Centre Referee, as well as a Tatami Area Controller duties, at KSI International sanctioned Tournaments.

1.7 Referees Council Assistant

To qualify to be selected as a Referees Council Assistant, the following applies:

- Must be a minimum of a Sichi Dan (7th Dan)
- Full trust of the individual as an Ambassador for the style, and the portrayal of a correct Image at all KSI sanctioned events.

Note: 'Referees Council Assistant' Kumite will be selected to assist the Referees Council with assessing the Arbitrators, Mirror Judges, Centre Referees and Tatami Area controllers during KSI sanctioned events.

2 INTERNATIONAL KATA JUDGE CLASSIFICATION

There will be Six (6) classifications for Kata:

- Emeritus Kata Judge (Long Standing Kata Judge, no longer active - Retired)
- ‘C’ Class Kata Judge
- ‘B’ Class Kata Judge
- ‘A’ Class Kata Judge
- Kata Tatami Area Controller (TAC)
- Referees Council Assistant

2.1 Emeritus Kata Judge Classification

To qualify to obtain the Emeritus status the following applies:

- Must have been an International Kata Judge of standing
- Must be at least a 6th Dan
- Must be unanimously nominated by the KSI Referees Council

Note: Emeritus Kata Judges are entitled to have all privileges as per International Kata Judges at a KSI event. They shall attend all meetings, sit amongst active Referees, dine with Referee Officials and be recognized for their attendance at the conclusion of all KSI Tournaments

2.2 ‘C’ Classification – Kata Judge

To qualify for the ‘C’ Class Kata Judge Status the following applies:

- Must be a minimum of a Yon Dan (4th Dan)
- Must pass the KSI Kata Theoretical Exam with a minimum score of 80%
- Must Pass the Practical Assessment which focuses on the following:
 - Must properly articulate their determination of a winner between Aka and Ao based upon the published underlying principles of Kata weighting guidelines.
 - Correctness of flag utilisation
 - Maintain a proper understanding and interpretation of the Criteria as per the Tournament Kata Rules

Note: ‘C’ Class Kata Judges are entitled to perform Kata Judge duties during Elimination Rounds only at KSI sanctioned Tournaments.

2.3 'B' Classification – Kata Judge

To qualify for the 'B' Class Kata Judge status the following applies:

- Must be a minimum of Yon Dan (4th Dan)
- Must officiate as a 'C' Class Judge for a minimum of two (2) KSI sanctioned Tournaments to be eligible to apply for 'B' Class assessment
- Must Pass the Practical assessment which focuses on the following:
 - Must be able to properly articulate their determination of a winner between Aka and Ao based upon the published underlying principles of Kata weighting guidelines.
 - Correct use of flags
 - Maintain a proper understanding and interpretation of the Criteria as per the Tournament Kata Rules

Note: 'B' Class Kata Judges are entitled to perform Kata Judge or Kata Centre Judge duties during Elimination Rounds only at KSI sanctioned Tournaments.

2.4 'A' Classification – Main Kata Judge

To qualify for the 'A' Class Kata Judge status the following applies:

- Must be a minimum of Go Dan (5th Dan)
- Must officiate as a 'B' Class Judge for a minimum of four (4) KSI International sanctioned Tournaments to be eligible to apply for 'A' Class assessment
- Will also be assessed on:
 - Correct use of whistle & flags.
 - Control of the Ring.

Note: 'A' Class Kata Judges are entitled to perform Kata Judge as well as Chief Judge duties during Elimination Rounds and Finals at all KSI International sanctioned Tournaments.

2.5 Tatami Area Controller (TAC) Classification

To qualify for the Kata Tatami Area Controller (TAC) status the following applies:

- Must be a minimum of Roku Dan (6th Dan)
- Must officiate as an 'A' Class Referee for a minimum of four (4) KSI International sanctioned Tournaments to be eligible for 'TAC' Class assessment.
- Will also be assessed on:
 - Control of the Ring and perimeter thereof
 - Control of the Judges assigned to the Ring
 - Mentoring of the Judges assigned to the Ring
 - Assessment of the Judges assigned to the Ring

Note: Kumite TACs are entitled to perform Kata Judge, Main Judge, as well as Tatami Area Controller duties at all KSI International sanctioned Tournaments.

2.6 Referees Council Assistant

To qualify to be selected as a Referees Council Assistant, the following applies:

- Must be a minimum of a Sichi Dan (7th Dan)
- Full trust of the individual as an Ambassador for the style, and the portrayal of a correct Image at KSI sanctioned events.

Note: Referees Council Assistant Kata will be selected to assist the Referees Council with assessing the Judges and Tatami Area Controllers during KSI sanctioned events.