



PKF REFEREE COMMISSION RULES

1.1. GENERAL DISPOSITIONS

- 1.1.1** The Referee Commission will consist of the Chairman and ten 4 permanent members, all appointed by the Executive Committee.
- 1.1.2** The Regions of the PKF will be represented in the RC and as far as possible the RC members will be qualified in both Kata and Kumite .
- 1.1.3** A Secretary will be appointed by the Executive Committee, without the right to vote.
- 1.1.4** The examinations of the referee course will do separately for Kumite and Kata qualifications.
- 1.1.5** The members of the PKF RC will not be able to train any of the National Teams from PKF, other than their own country of citizenship or residence .

1.2. POWERS AND AUTHORITIES

- 1.2.1.** The Referee Commission will be responsible for the examination and certification of the Officials
- 1.2.2.** The Referee Commission will create a data base to keep registration of all the officials, including names, qualifications, Dan PKF, Style and also monitor the performance of the Referees and Judges during the scheduled PKF Championships and sanctioned PKF events.
- 1.2.3.** It is full responsibility of the PKF RC to keep the officials standards and the application of the rules
- 1.2.4** Complaints received by the Referee Commission Chair may result in the subsequent performance of the official(s) in question being closely scrutinized and reported on by delegated members of the Referee Commission.
- 1.2.5.** In the event that a Judge or Referee incurs serious criticism, then the Referee Commission will decide whether to suspend that official in their absolute discretion. The Referee Commission has the power to take measurements against such an official by demanding a new examination, new Referee Course and examination or suspension for up to two years depending on the seriousness of the misdemeanor or fault.
- 1.2.6.** The Referee Commission shall also have the power, with the agreement of the Executive Committee, to convene meetings of its membership in order to discuss Refereeing matters such as the implications of rule changes.

1.2.7. Meetings and activities of the Referee Commission will be internally coordinated, Minute and circulated by the Referee Commission Secretary as well as signed by all the members, keeping this reports in file in case that the PKF DC will request

2. THE REFEREE COURSE AND EXAMINATIONS

2.1. DATE AND VENUE

2.1.1. The venue for the Referee courses and examinations shall be the same as for the PKF Championships. Nevertheless, if the EC agrees will be organized annual courses according of the PKF regions, providing that:

a) The venue for the PKF Referee Course, if separated from the PKF Championships will be set by the EC as part of the events calendar of the PKF.

b) The course information will send it by the RC General Secretary, with previous approval from the PKF EC

c) A competition must be organised after the course and will serve as the confirmation event.

2.2. PREPARATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2.2.1. The PKF EC appointed person shall inspect the proposed course venue and the Competition venue

2.2.2. The WKF rules for use at the course are available from the WKF Secretariat or from the website.

2.2.3. The Referee Commission will devise the questions for use in the examinations. These will be translated into English, and Spanish.

2.2.4. The PKF RC Secretariat will also circulate printed application forms for the course. These will provide for an authorization by the mandated representative of each National Federation in respect of the nominated candidates.

2.2.5. The Secretary of the Referee Commission will confirm that he has an adequate supply of badges, ties, certificates, passbooks, forms and the necessary documentation to operate the course.

2.2.6. For the Kumite course and examinations the host country will ensure that it can provide at least 20, high quality fighters, each day. For the Kata course and examinations, at least 8 Kata exponents are required. All competitors must be black belts and at least 18 years old.

2.2.7. The host country will ensure that it is able to provide adequate facilities for Referees at the competition to be staged at the conclusion of the course, if separated from the PKF Championships.

2.3. COURSE CONTENT

2.3.1. In order to standardize the Pan-American level of Refereeing, the course will involve explanations and updating of the rules. At the conclusion of this lecture, there will be a theory examination.

2.3.2. The practical examinations will take the form of observation of a candidate whilst such attempts to work in an actual bout.

2.3.3 A candidate's performance will be summarized by means of a pass/fail form and the result of the examination will be given to the candidate by the Referee Commission and a copy forwarded to the candidate's nominating National Federation.

2.4. QUALIFICATIONS CONFERRED

2.4.1 The PKF RC will give the following certifications : Kumite Referee A and B, Kumite Judge A ,B and C , Kata Judge A , B and C .

2.4.2 Qualification entitles the official to officiate in that capacity in all scheduled PKF events.

2.4.3 All qualifications at the WKF examinations are provisional; they are confirmed as a result of a satisfactory performance at the first scheduled PKF event that they attend after the actual examination

2.2.4 A candidate's first qualification(s) will be as Kumite Judge C and/or Kata Judge C. Candidates will be required to progress through each level. The order of progression is as follows;

- 1)** Kumite Judge C and/or Kata Judge C
- 2)** Kumite Judge B and/or Kata Judge B
- 3)** Kumite Judge A and/or Kata Judge A
- 4)** Kumite Referee B
- 5)** Kumite Referee A

2.4.5. Provided that an official keeps their license up to date, attends a PKF Championship at least once in every two years, attends the pre-championship briefing and lecture, and officiates satisfactorily then they will not be expected to undergo another practical examination, although they must sit and pass the theory paper once in every three years.

2.4.6. Adverse reports on performance may well result in non-confirmation of provisional qualifications or in severe cases, actual downgrading or suspension, pending satisfactory re-examination.

2.4.7. The practical examination for Referees and judges will normally take place each year just prior to the scheduled PKF Championships. Candidates will be assessed by means of an evaluation form with scores allotted to the various sections of the examination.

2.4.8 The Referee Commission Chair will decide the pass mark for each examination after consultation with the PKF President. To ensure impartiality this pass mark will not be divulged to the RC before the examinations take place.

2.4.9 The examining panel will give a copy of the averaged evaluation form to each candidate and the WKF RC Secretary will send another copy to the candidate's National Federation for their records.

2.4.10. The scheduled PKF events are as follows:

- a)** PKF Senior World Championships.
- b)** PKF Junior & Cadet Championships.
- c)** PKF sanctioned events
- d)** Official events from the PKF Regional Federations , in which their RC will be able to give the minimum PKF qualification Kumite Judge C and Kata Judge C, this course will be informed by the Regional Federation to PKF 30 days prior to the course , and sending the list of the officials that pass the examination to the PKF RC general secretary no later than 30 days after the end of the course

2.5. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2.5.1. For the theory lectures and examinations, the host country must furnish a room with sufficient chairs and desks to accommodate 80 people. The room must be equipped with an LCD Projector and suitable screen or failing this an overhead projector and screen, suitable for viewing transparencies.

2.5.2. The area for the Kumite practical examinations must be capable of holding two Kumite areas, and equipped with electrical connections for the examiners laptops, sufficient chairs, two Kumite areas marked out, bells/buzzers, stop watches, approved protective mitts, red and blue belts and an adequate supply of fighters, as specified in **2.2.6.** and appropriate medical cover.

2.5.3 The hosting country will provide medical stuff for the evaluation

2.5.4. For the practical part of the Kata course there must be an area sufficient for the practice of Kata, chairs, red and blue flags, tables and chairs for the Referee Commission, electrical connections for the examiners laptops, and sufficient competitors as specified in 2.2.6.

2.5.5. The host country will meet the cost of all these items.

2.5.6. The host country is expected to provide a dinner for the participants..

3. GENERAL REGULATIONS

3.1. The National Federations may nominate their country's citizens as candidates to the PKF Referee course provided the country is in current paid up membership of PKF.

3.2 Candidates must be qualified National Kumite Referee A or National Kata Judge A.

3.3 Candidates must be registered Online through the WKF software provider at least 60 days before the start or face a fine or other penalties as decided by the EC.

3.4. Kata and Kumite Candidates must be at least 25 years old and be a minimum 2nd PKF Dan Grade.

3.5. Candidates must wear the uniform detailed in 4.

3.6. All PKF officials who have not attended the course and examinations and wishing to officiate at the Championships must attend the briefing They must also be present at the competition venue for final briefing and area allocation, 30 minutes before the scheduled start.

3.7. Referees and Judges officiating in a PKF event must in principle have residence in the country they represent and be exclusively affiliated through the NF of their country of residence. Exceptions to this must be approved by the NF in which the individual has citizenship and will be subject to the final approval of PKF EC.

3.8. Referees officiating in a PKF event cannot perform another function in that event.

3.9. The Referee and Judges of a kumite or kata bout must not have the nationality of either of the participants.

3.10. The Refereeing panel are strictly warned against discussing the outcome or decision of a match or bout with other than the members of the Referee panel, Tatami Manager or the Referee Commission. Infringement of this rule may incur penalties being taken against the offender.

3.11. The Referee Commission General Secretary will publish each year a list of qualified officials, including their countries and expiration dates of their licenses

4. UNIFORM

4.1. Referees and Judges must wear the official uniform designated by the Executive Committee. This Uniform must be worn at all PKF competitions.

4.2. The official uniform will be as follows:

A single breasted, navy-blue blazer, with two silver buttons, and the PKF official badge on the pocket. A short sleeved white shirt. A PKF tie, worn without a pin. Plain light grey trousers. Un-patterned dark blue or black socks. Black soft shoes for use on the match area. Black slip-on shoes, for use off the match area.

4.3. For women the following additional specifications are made:

Hair must be worn off the shoulders. A wedding ring may be worn. Make-up must be discreet. Heels of more than 6 cm may not be worn with the uniform.

Female officials may wear a hairclip and the religiously mandated headwear of a type approved by WKF.

4.4 The Official uniform for the PKF courses will be a Karate Gi

4.5 The RC members will use only the PKF logo