



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

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Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE WORLD RANKING RULES

<u>Points Transition</u> From 2 nd March 20	Points transition will now be implemented between the following categories: Kumite Cadet to Junior and Kata Cadet to Junior. Transitioned points will remain on the athlete's Junior profile for one year, at which point all points dragged from the Cadet category into the Junior category of the WKF World Ranking will be erased from the athlete's profile.
<u>Ranking Freeze</u> From 2 nd March 20	Following the outbreak of COVID-19 and given an expected and significant period of inactivity from the last event to take place (Salzburg Premier League, 28 Feb – 1 Mar 2020) until activity can restart again, the following WKF Rankings will be frozen from 2 nd March 2020 until the first of the month following the first event back: Senior, Junior and Cadet.
<u>Maternity</u> From restart of activity	Any athlete who becomes pregnant can request their ranking points to be frozen for a maximum period of 15 months. In order to implement this freeze, the National Federation must send written confirmation to the WKF, along with a medical certificate, confirming that the athlete will now cease competition due to pregnancy. Points will be frozen according to the WKF Ranking on the 1 st of the month following the date of the received request. They will be frozen for a maximum of 15 months – of which a maximum of 6 can be after the birth. If an athlete wishes to return to competition before the end of this 15-month period, the National Federation must send written confirmation of this, two months prior to the athlete's first event back. In accordance with the above, points will be unfrozen on the first of the month following their first event back or on the first of the month following the completion of this 15-month maternity period.
<u>Continental Championships</u> From restart of activity	At Continental Championships, National Federations will be limited to the points of one competitor per category counting towards the WKF World Ranking and any applicable Standing in force at the time. National Federations will be required to indicate the name of this competitor during the registration phase, prior to the event, and confirmation of all a country's registrations may be withheld until the names of each competitor per category scoring in the WKF Ranking and any applicable Standing have been duly communicated.
<u>Additional Points</u> From restart of activity – except Senior, which will be after Tokyo	An additional 20 points will now be awarded to those athletes who make it as far as the pool quarter finals, but who lose at this stage and do not make it through to the repechage or final. These "progression" points have been introduced to reward those athletes who get as far as the pool quarter finals.



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