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Official Kumite Rules

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Preface

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- Purpose** The purpose of kumite competition is to promote a competitive spirit amongst the different styles of kenpo and karate within the AJI. This set of rules and guidelines is intended to further an atmosphere of sportsmanship and competitiveness as well as to develop a safe and competitive environment for our students.
- General Guidelines** We intend that each student will compete against students of equal skill and age. Our basic philosophy and guidelines are similar to that contained in our jujitsu and kata rules. Please use these as reference guides.
- Judges** There shall be one head referee (judge) and two confirming judges. These officials are stationed on the contest floor within the designated contest area.
- Contest Area** The contest area shall be twenty feet (20) square. The area shall be clearly marked. There shall be a scorer's table at the back of the ring, center. Where feasible, a scorecard shall be set up at either side of the scorer's table. The head referee shall always position himself so as to face the scorer's table. The contestants shall be placed between the head referee and the scorer's table. The two confirming judges shall place themselves diagonally across the ring so as not to block the view from the scorer's table.
- Scorer** The scorer shall mark on the score sheet and on the scoreboard, points as awarded by the judges. The score shall be marked only at the command of the head referee. If, at any time there is a discrepancy, the judges shall confer among themselves and the scorer. The head referee will make the final decision based upon the facts as he knows them to be.
- There shall be no half-points awarded. There shall be no multiple points awarded. Only single full points are to be awarded.
- The first competitor to reach three (3) points shall be declared the winner and the head referee. There will be no judges' decisions. If the score is tied at the end of regulation, the match shall be continued in one (1) minute overtime sessions until the next point is scored and a point is deducted. The leader in points shall then be declared the winner.

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Scoring Areas

For ages 11 and under, the front torso and back area are considered target areas where points shall be awarded. There shall be no head or face shots for any competitor eleven (11) years of age and under. No points shall be awarded for controlled facial techniques in this age group.

Ages 12-17 shall be allowed to include controlled head shots, however, they shall confine their strikes to areas protected by headgear.

Ages 18 and over shall be permitted light facial contact.

No contact is allowed to the top and back of the head, throat, neck, back of knee and groin area. Leg checks are permitted for ages 12 and above.

Scoring must be with a closed fist, knife-edge of hand or kick. No points will be awarded for open palm strikes or slaps.

Takedowns are permitted provided they are "boot to boot." The sweep must be made with the forward foot sweeping the opponents forward foot.

If one contestant falls, or is taken to the ground, a single striking technique is permitted, either a strike or a kick. Both the person standing and the person on the ground can be awarded the point, whoever strikes first.

A person stepping out of the ring may not score a point. A person may score a point against another who is stepping out of the ring, or who is partially out of the ring, No score is awarded if the opponent is completely out of the ring.

Violations

A warning shall be issued on the first violation of any rule or illegal strike. A second infraction shall result in a point being deducted from the violator's score. In instances where the violator has no score, a point will be awarded to the opponent. A third infraction shall result in a disqualification.

Violations shall included:

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Swearing

Disobedience to judges

Hard facial contact or and deliberate excessive hard contact.

Not being present for a match.

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Striking a non-target area.

Striking opponent during a break.

Grabbing and holding opponent.

Knee strikes

Avoiding the fight by stepping out of ring.

1st Offense - Warning

2nd Offense - Warning that next infraction will result in a point deduction or award to opponent.

3rd Offense - Point deduction or award to opponent.

Inadvertently stepping out of the ring is not considered an infraction for the purpose of this section.

Illegal Strikes:

Axe kicks for all ages.

Blind techniques such as spinning heel kicks or spinning back fists.

Eye strikes or gouging.

Throws

Immediate Disqualification Rule:

The following violations will result in immediate disqualification. These rules apply to contestants, instructors, coaches and audience members.

1. Swearing to judges
2. Malicious injury to opponent or official
3. Continuing action of unsportsmanlike conduct. *(The offender shall be ejected from the tournament site. There shall be no refund of fees.)*
4. Drawing Blood. The competitor who draws blood shall be disqualified. The act may or may not be intentional. No match in which blood is drawn, shall continue.

Except for rule 4, there is no appeal of the judge's decision. Once the head judge makes a determination of the Immediate Disqualification Rule, there is no appeal. The tournament director may not overrule this decision.

Attire

Complete martial arts uniforms shall be worn by all competitors. This shall consist of a jacket, pants and belt.

Female competitors shall wear a T-shirt under the jacket.

Uniforms shall be clean.

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No jewelry shall be worn.

Sock or kung fu type slippers are permitted.

Safety Equipment

Required gear:

1. Head gear
2. Mouth piece
3. Vinyl or leather gloves
4. Vinyl or leather kicking boots or shoes.
5. Groin cups for boys.

Optional Equipment:

1. Chest protector
2. Shin guards
3. Elbow pads
4. Eye protection

Gloves and kicking boots shall be constructed of vinyl or smooth leather. No canvass or cloth materials are permitted.

Age Divisions

Juniors	5 thru 7
Juniors	8 thru 9
Juniors	10 thru 11
Seniors	12 thru 13
Seniors	14 thru 15
Seniors	16 thru 17
Adults	18 thru 25
Adults	26 and over
Black Belts	

Depending on the number of competitors, there may be male and female divisions. Divisions may be further broken down to levels of experience such as novice, intermediate etc.

Children five (5) years old and under may compete however, in no event shall they compete with anyone over 6 years of age.

Scorer Duties

The scorer(s) shall mark only those points awarded as indicated by the head referee. The scorer shall mark on both the score sheet

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and the scoreboard so that the audience and judges can readily see the score.

Matches

Matches shall be two (2) minutes in length. The time shall run continuous unless "time out" is called by the head judge. The time shall be kept by the official scorer or his designee ("Timer"). The "Timer" shall call out the time left when there are 10 seconds left in the match. Further, the timer shall notify the head judge when the match has ended by calling out "Time!" or by throwing a bean bag, or similar item into the ring. The head judge shall then check the scores and announce the winner.

In the event of a tie, the match will continue in one (1) minute overtime sessions until a point is scored or deducted. The winner shall then be declared. Rest periods between rounds shall be for sixty (60) seconds.

Standard bracketing formats shall apply. Competitors shall be distinguished by wearing color strips attached to the rear belt.

Formal Match Procedures

The head judge will call the competitors to the center of the ring. The competitors shall enter the ring, bow to the head official then bow to each other. They shall then face each other in a ready position and wait for the command to begin. The head official shall then give the command "fight." At the same time signaling with his right hand in a downward motion for the match to begin. The match begins and the Timer begins the count-down.

When a point is seen the head judge shall call out "STOP." The competitors will stop all action and position themselves at their respective match-start points and await the awarding of the point. All three judges shall cross their forearms in front of their faces, hands opened and palms towards the face.

The head judge will then call out "JUDGES - CALL." At this moment, all three judges shall signal which competitor is deemed to have scored. Signaling shall be done with a rapid motion of either the left or right arm extended towards the competitor who scored, hand opened and palms facing slightly up. The head judge shall determine if two or more judges are pointing to one competitor. If so, he shall award a point to that competitor. The match will then resume in the normal fashion.

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Other Signals

The following signals may be given by any judge upon the "judges-call" command: There must be a judge's majority (2) in order for any score, penalty or disqualification to be awarded or assessed.

1. Crossed Arms - No point awarded.

If a judge decides not to award a point, his arms shall remain crossed in front of his face when the "judges - call" command is given. In this event, he has indicated that he is not awarding a point.

2. Fist Together - Clash

Two fist together and the knuckles, palm-side down, indicates a clash or that both competitors connected with a point at the same time. No point is awarded.

3. Eyes covered - No point seen

Hands opened, palms facing eyes in a manner covering eyes, signals the judge did not see the point.

4. Palms Down - Penalty

Right or left hand opened, palms down and extended towards a competitor indicates the judge is assessing a penalty to that competitor.

5. Thumbs Down - Disqualification

Right or left arm extended towards a competitor, fist closed and thumb pointing to the floor, indicates a disqualification.

Variations

Except of rules 1,2 or 3 of the Immediate Disqualification Rule, the tournament director may grant a variance to any rule at his/her discretion. A request for any variance must be made by the chief instructor on behalf of his/her student. In no case shall any variance be granted which would arbitrarily overturn the outcome of a match.

The purpose of this rule is to permit the tournament director the power to handle unforeseen problems which arise from time to time, and not to display favoritism or bias.

Grievances

Grievances must be made by the head o the grieved school. It must be in writing and addressed to the Tournament Director within fifteen (15) days after the event. The Tournament Director shall conduct and immediate investigation and present the

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findings to the Board of Directors of the AJI within 30 days of receipt. The board shall respond within 10 days after the decision is made, or with 20 days of receipt of the grievance. The decision of the board is final and there is no appeal.

Formalities Formalities and awards shall be the same as for jujitsu and kata.

Judge's Certification Same as Jujitsu and Kata requirements.

Awards Awards shall be awarded from 1st to 3rd places. The Tournament director may elect to present more places. There shall be no ties for 1st thru 3rd places.

Contest directors may present participation certificates to all competitors.

Team Awards Team awards may be presented based on the cumulative points earned by each school from the following table:

1 st Place	5 points
2 nd Place	4 points
3 rd Place	3 points
4 th Place	2 points
5 th Place	1 point

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