

British Karate Association

2011 Open Championship Sunday 19th JUNE 2011

Guidelines and Rules

Registration from 9a.m. competition to begin at 10a.m. with Snr Team Kumite
*Anyone entered for Team Kumite must be ready to compete at 10a.m.

The competition will be WKF rules but may have changes or amendments authorised by the chief Referee.

Open to all EKF/WKF members and anyone or group outside the EKF/WKF but not belonging to another World Body.

St John's Ambulance will be attending to cover first aid.

The day will start with Team Kumite (no team Kumite entries on the day) and therefore any group in the Team Kumite section must be at the venue and ready to compete in the Team Kumite at 10a.m.

Deposits are non-refundable unless the tournament is cancelled. A confirmation of your entry will be forwarded to you by email. Please note - contact us if you do not receive confirmation of your entry application.

Protective / Equipment Required:

Gum shields are compulsory in all kumite categories.

Contestants must have WKF style Mitts in both Red and Blue.

Contestants must wear a clean white karate gi and bring with them a red belt and a Blue belt.

WKF Style shin and instep protectors, chest guards and Facemask are allowed but are not compulsory – White elasticised and none WKF style shin and instep protectors are not allowed.

Boxes are allowed and must be worn under the gi.

Only a coach with a pass will be allowed on the competition areas. Maximum two passes per group.

It is the coach and competitors responsibility to ensure that they have placed themselves in the correct category. Changes cannot always be made on the day and no refund will be given under this circumstance. Please note that the organisers and chief referee reserve the right to cancel or merged categories if not enough entrants.

As part of our child protection policy anyone wishing to take photos at the competition areas or want to video the event needs to complete an information form and receive a pass.

Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and joint 3rd places. All categories are completed on the area at the time of the event and medals awarded – no finals later in the day!

Chief referee decision is final. No protest is allowed with regard to referee decisions. In the event of queries only the official coach may approach the table. All competitors or spectators must make any query through their coach.

KUMITE – SCORING

For more information on the WKF rules visit the EKF or WKF websites for download of current competition rules.

- 1a) WKF three point scoring system – IPPON (1point) NIHON (2 points) SANBON (points)
 - 2a) No limit to the amount of points in the allotted time.
 - 3a) Categories KU1 – KU6 – Once a differential of 6 points has been reached the contest is over.
 - 4a) In all other categories once a differential of 8 points is reached the contest is over.
 - 5a) IPPON- awarded for Jodan and chudan zuki and Uchi
 - 6a) NIHON – awarded for Chudan Kicks
 - 7a) SANBON – awarded for Jodan Kicks and any technique delivered on the thrown or fallen opponent.
 - 8a) All scores must satisfy all six scoring criteria as stated in the WKF rules.
- (Version 6-2009)

KUMITE – CONTACT

- 1b) Categories KU1 – KU6 (Peewee/ Boys / Girls) No head contact with hands or Feet.
- 2b) Categories KU7 - KU12 (Cadets and juniors) No head contact with Hands, light touch contact with feet only.
- 3b) Categories KU1 –KU12 (Peewees / Boys/Girls/Cadets/Juniors) techniques to the head can score up to a maximum of 10cm from target.
- 4b) Categories KU13 – KU16 (Seniors) Techniques to the head can score with hands and feet anywhere between light touch and 5cm.
- 5b) All categories non injurious controlled contact is allowed to the body with regard to the scoring area.

KUMITE – Operation of Matches

- 1c) All bouts will be 1½ minutes and 2 minutes for finals (duration of bout times may be changed by chief referee)
- 2c) All bouts will be decided by having the most points at the time up. Obtaining a clear lead of 8 points or 6 points (see 3a above) or Kiken, Hansoku or Shikkaku.
- 3c) In the event of a tied bout , Sai Shiai (New Bout) will take place and the contestants will fight for 1 minute. All scores and penalties will be reset to zero. The highest score at the end of sai shiai will be the winner. In the event of another draw the decision will be given by Hantei (Referee and Judges decision)
- 4c) In Team Kumite – 3 person team plus one reserve. Once one team has achieved 2 bout victories the match is over. If bout victories are equal, points will be counted from all 3 bouts. If all is still equal a deciding bout will take place.

KATA

- 1d) Kata is judged using the WKF elimination system using RED and Blue flags and three judges. Judges will use the WKF criteria for decisions.
- 2d) Individual and Team Kata must be performed within the competition area and competitors must begin facing the chief Judge.
- 3d) Competitors must wear a clean white gi wearing either a Red or a Blue belt.
- 4d) In Categories KA1 any Kata may be performed and repeated.
- 5d) In categories KA3, KA5, KA7, KA9 andKA11 any Kata may be performed but not repeated consecutively.
- 6d) In Categories KA2, KA4, KA6, KA8, KA10 and KA12 any Kata may be performed but **NOT repeated**. Repetition of a Kata will result in disqualification.
- 7d) In Team/Pairs Kata the performance of Bunkai will not be required.
- 8d) Team/Pairs, the Kata can be repeated.