

KARATE KATA AND WEAPONS KATA RULES

ANNOUNCING Competitor will enter the ring, bow to the judges, announce their name, the name of the school they represent, and their style. They will then announce the name of their form. In the case of weapons kata, the judges may want to inspect the weapon for safety. A weapon deemed by the judges to be unsafe (Sharpened blade, loose connection, etc.) will not be allowed to be used.

TIME LIMIT Up to 3 minutes performance time is allowed from the time the competitor enters the ring.

RESTARTS Black belts receive no score. All kyu ranks can have a second start with no penalty.

MUSIC No musical forms are allowed. Traditional forms only.

SCORING RANGE Between 5 and 10 points, in increments of 1/10

i.e. 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 etc.

10 points is a perfect score.

TIES First tie: Both competitors compete again using same form
Second tie: Both competitors compete again using different form
Third tie: Competitors will turn their backs to the judges, and judges will make final decision by pointing to the competitor

If there are more than three people in a pool, it is advisable to run the first three competitors, then award their scores after viewing all three. This can help to give the judges a broader view of the pool before awarding points.

CHANGING JUDGES Our judges have been chosen for their expertise. Please do not insult us by asking for a change unless you are aware of a very serious issue.