



# WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

## REFEREE COMMISSION

### Information to all WKF Referees, Judges and Candidates

1. Kata & Kumite Candidates must be at least 25 years old and be a min. 2<sup>nd</sup> WKF Dan Grade.
2. The National Federations may nominate their country's citizens as candidates to the WKF Referee course. Candidates must be qualified National Kumite Referee-A or National Kata Judge-A and must be registered Online through the WKF software provider at least **60 days before** the start of the Course or face a fine or other penalties as decided by the Executive Committee.
3. Provided that an official keeps their licence up to date, attends a WKF Championship at least once in every two years, attends the pre-championship briefing and officiates satisfactorily then they will not be expected to undergo another practical examination, although they must sit and pass the theory paper which will be presented before the Referees briefing, once in every three years.
4. **All Judges and Referees must renew (pay) their licences every four years.** All current officials are required to be paid up to date with the WKF Treasury. Officials that do not pay the license renewal by the end of the year that the payment is due will not be able to officiate as WKF Judges/Referees until the payment is satisfied. Officials of countries in debt to WKF may not participate in WKF Championships or courses.
5. All refereeing officials who have not attended the course and wishing to officiate at the Championships must attend the briefing the day before the Championships. All Referees and Judges must be present at the competition venue for final briefing and area allocation, 30 minutes before the scheduled start.
6. Referees & Judges officiating in a WKF event cannot perform other functions and must not have the nationality of either of the participants during a Kata or Kumite bout.
7. 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 against the offender.
8. Referees and Judges officiating in a WKF 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 National Federation in which the individual has citizenship and will be subject to the final approval of WKF EC.