

ESKA COMPETITION RULES

KATA

Kata will use a flag system (3-5 judges) or cards (3-5 judges) for the eliminations and score cards (3-5 judges) for the finals. All elimination rounds will be Heian Kata's, chosen by the chief referee.

You will be scored on form, power, transition and the ability to return to your start point at the end of the kata (enbusen).

We will eliminate each group down to the last eight competitors and then down to the last three for the final (depending on group size).

TEAM KATA

Teams of 3 competitors perform their kata at the same time (Own choice of kata). Teams can be made up of males, females, or a combination of both.

We will eliminate each group down to the last eight teams and then down to the last three for the finals (depending on group size).

Score cards will be used (3-5 judges) for eliminations and finals.

You will be scored on form, power, transition, timing, synchronization and the ability to return to your start point at the end of the kata (enbusen).

Competitors will be allowed to repeat the same kata in eliminations and finals.

KUMITE

The result of a bout is determined by either competitor scoring *Ippon* (full point) or 2 *Waza-ari* (half points), or a majority score at the end of the bout.

A result may also be obtained via disqualification or renunciation.

To score *Ippon* a contestant must show good form, correct attitude, vigorous applications, *zanshin* (perfect finish), proper timing and correct distance.

Waza-ari is given for a technique almost as good as that needed to score *Ippon*. Although its value is equal to half an *Ippon*, it is not half an *Ippon* in terms of technique - more like 90% of the technique needed to score an *Ippon*.

Utmost control in all techniques must be exercised against your opponent.

Forbidden Techniques

Attacks to the groin or neck, attacks to the face with nukite, or any other open hand technique.

Repeated direct attacks to arm or legs or any attacks to the hip, knee or instep.

Techniques which make excessive contact or which cannot be controlled (stamp kick, etc).

Grabbing, pushing or wrestling with the opponent.

Repeated exits from the fighting area (Jogi) or feigning injury.

NOTE: Any competitor who behaves discourteously towards any member of the refereeing panel may be disqualified immediately. Spectators who cannot behave themselves in a manner appropriate for an ESKA karate tournament will be ejected from the arena with no refund of fees paid.

Penalties

Keikoku (warning) may be imposed for minor infractions of the rules as seen fit by the referee.

Hansoku (warning leading to disqualification) may be imposed for major or repeated minor infractions of the rules as seen fit by the referee.

Mu'bobi (defencelessness) may be imposed whereby the competitor puts themselves in a position of self-danger. Examples could be turning away at the point of an attack, dropping the head down at the point of attack etc.

Shikkaku (expulsion) may be imposed for gross infractions of the rules with the opponent being awarded the bout.

Competitors receiving Shikkaku may take no further part in the tournament.

Protective equipment

Hand mitts and gum shields are compulsory. Groin protectors and chest guards (female only) are advised. Shin pads, body armour and head guards are NOT permitted.

In principle, the duration of each bout will be 1½ minutes with 2 minutes for the finals.

System

Kumite will use a main and mirror (1 judge / 1 mirror judge) or flag system (4 judges and 1 referee) for all events right through to the finals.

The events will **NOT** run to an immediate conclusion. The top three/four finalists in both Junior Kumite and Kata will proceed to the finals which will be held at the end of the Junior competition.