

March 11, 2025

To: All representatives of
JKAWF member countries and organizations

Notification of Shihankai resolutions

Dear Sir/Madam

We are pleased to hear that you are in good health.

We would like to inform you that the followings were approved at the Shihankai committee meeting held on February 15th, 2025.

1. Amendments and additions to the match rules

① Chapter 3 Kumite Events Item 21 - Definition & Criteria for Scoring Points

Following clause is added as No.8.

【If, after the announcement of "Waza-Ari/Ippon", it is determined that the opponent has clearly been injured by a blow without control, the announced "Waza-Ari/Ippon" may be revoked. However, this only applies if the player who was attacked remains within the court. Additionally, the player who attacked without control may be given a "Keikoku," "Hansoku Chuui," or "Hansoku." In this case, the judgement of the tournament doctor shall be taken precedence.】

② Chapter 2 Tournament Operations Item 10 - Head Coach

Clause No.5 is amended as below

【A head coach must has to hold both qualification of instructor and judge】

③ Chapter 3 Kumite Events Item 20 – Definition of Team Kumite Event

Following words are added to No.5 Clause –a)

【Furthermore, the loser's Waza-Ari will not be reflected in the outcome.】

④ Chapter 4 Kata Events Item 37 – Criteria for Point Deduction & for Disqualification

Following words are added as point No. g)

【In team and individual competitions, going outside the bounds of the court will result in a deduction of points. In this case, if the player goes outside the bounds of the court by within their one-foot-length, 0.1 points will be deducted. If the player goes outside the bounds of the court by more than their one-foot-length, 0.2 to 0.3 points will be deducted.】

※This will come into effect on April 1, 2025.

2. About the Judge Seminar for renewal of A-Judge qualification

Currently, Judge Seminar for renewal of A-Judge qualification has been held at JKA joint training camps in the spring and autumn, regardless of license level, and A-class judges are considered to have renewed their licenses by attending these seminars.

However, from now on, this training sessions will be held for exclusively for renewal of A-class judges as below;

- ① Judge Seminar for renewal (Must attend once a three years):
 - Spring and Autumn Joint training camp seminars
 - Seminars organized by Regional HQ
- ② Contents: Judges techniques for Kumite and Kata matches.

Regards,

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