



KNZRC1

Karate New Zealand

Referee & Judge Accreditation Policy

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KARATE NEW ZEALAND REFEREE COUNCIL

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR – THE OFFICIAL

1. Act honestly, and with the utmost integrity, showing neither unfair bias nor undue harshness to any competitor regardless of race, gender, age, style, region or country.
2. Be consistent, objective and courteous to athletes, coaches and other officials, both on and off the competition area.
3. Maintain objectivity in dealing with all athletes and ensure that no competitor receives an unfair advantage in any decision through personal relationship with the official.
4. Ensure that behaviour is both decorous and sportsmanlike at all times while in official dress representing the Federation.
5. Maintain a level of technical expertise sufficient to ensure accreditation appropriate to the position held within Karate New Zealand. Regularly attend clinics and seminars to ensure personal and professional development is maintained.
6. Ensure that the competitors in his/her charge comply with the compulsory safety equipment standards and that the competition area is devoid of hazards.
7. Ensure that in the case of junior competitors that any modified rules of competition are strictly adhered to.
8. Support and encourage the ideal of good sportsmanship at all times.
9. Endeavour to keep politics away from the competitors and spectators at all times.
10. Do not become “unapproachable” to competitors, coaches, referees and spectators.

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

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1. Kata and Kumite Upgrade Guidelines

- RC Chairperson or nominated representative must be on the examining panel for upgrading
- Minimum twelve (12) months between upgrades
- Regional examination 70% pass mark
- National examination 80% pass mark
- Regional officials must attain a 'C' grade pass as a first step
- For regional upgrades, and if age appropriate, the KNZ RC can determine the level of A/B
- At KNZ National / Open tournaments (two or more days in length), officials must attend the pre-competition seminar, and attend both competition days in order to upgrade
- At regional and national competitions, allowance can be made for those wishing to compete and officiate. However, this must be notified to the KNZ RC prior to the competition
- At Oceania level, officials cannot compete and officiate at Oceania tournaments

2. Attendance at Championships and Seminars

2.1 Regional

- Regional officials must attend a minimum of one regional tournament per year to maintain accreditation
- Officials not meeting the minimum requirements will be required to re-sit the relevant theory and practical examinations at the next seminar

2.2 National

- National officials must attend a minimum of one national KNZ tournament every two years as well as the minimum regional requirement, i.e. one regional tournament per year to maintain accreditation
- National officials must sit and pass the theory examination as set by the KNZ RC every two years to maintain accreditation
- Officials not meeting the minimum requirements will be required to re-sit the relevant theory and practical examinations at the next seminar and will not be eligible to upgrade until they pass the examination

2.3 International

- To attend international events, accredited officials must attend the most recent KNZ Open and KNZ Nationals, and have prior endorsement of the KNZ RC

3 Objective

This policy aims to give transparency and clarity of the pathway and requirements to enter and make progress in officiating in competitions as a KNZ official. By doing so, the environment of development across all levels will be greatly enhanced

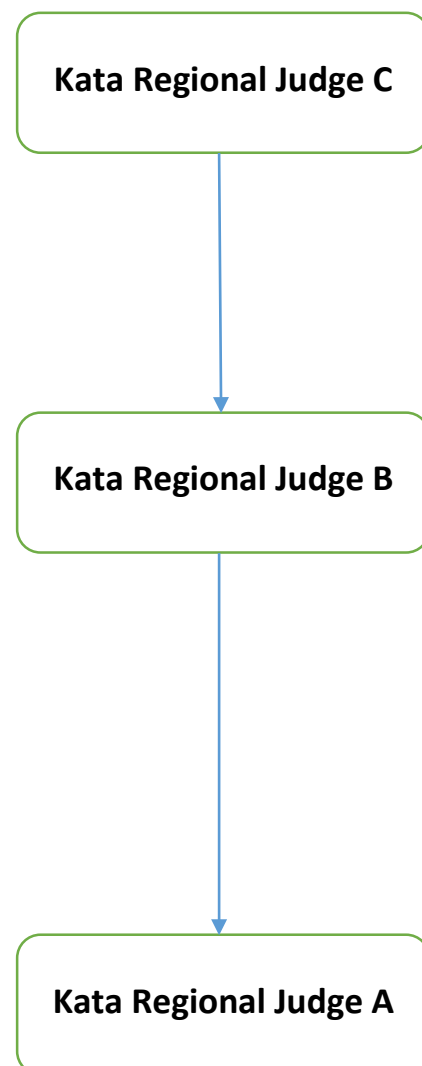
4 Kata Accreditation

4.1 Regional

1. Attend regional rules seminar and complete examination
2. Minimum 3rd Kyu / Brown Belt
3. Minimum age 14yrs

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2. Attend two regional Karate New Zealand tournaments in a calendar year

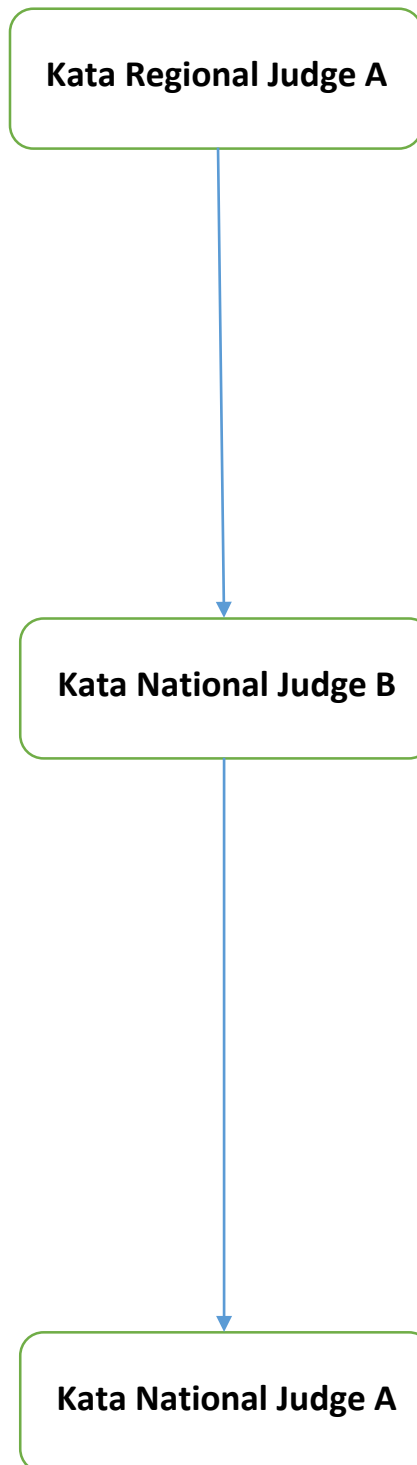
1. Attend regional rules seminar and complete examination
2. Attend two regional Karate New Zealand tournaments in a calendar year
3. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the KNZ RC
4. Minimum age 17yrs



4.2 National

1. Attend National rules seminar and complete examination
2. Attend two regional KNZ tournaments and one National KNZ tournaments in calendar year
3. Pass the theory and practical tests as prescribed by the KNZ RC
4. Demonstration of two kata (One from own style and one from another style)
5. Minimum age 18yrs

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2. Attend two regional KNZ tournaments and one National KNZ tournament in calendar year
3. Pass the theory and practical tests as prescribed by the KNZ RC
4. Demonstration of two kata (One from own style and one from another style)
5. Minimum age 18yrs
6. 1st Dan or higher



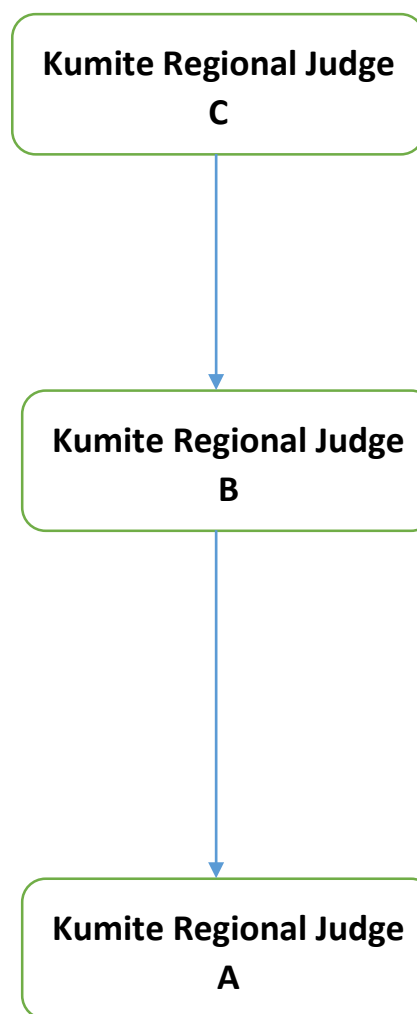
5 Kumite Accreditation

5.1 Regional Judge

1. Attend regional rules seminar and complete examination
2. Minimum 3rd Kyu / Brown Belt
3. Minimum age 14yrs

1. Attend regional rules seminar and complete examination
2. Attend two regional Karate New Zealand tournaments in a calendar year

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2. Attend two regional Karate New Zealand tournaments in a calendar year
3. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the KNZ RC
4. Minimum age 16yrs



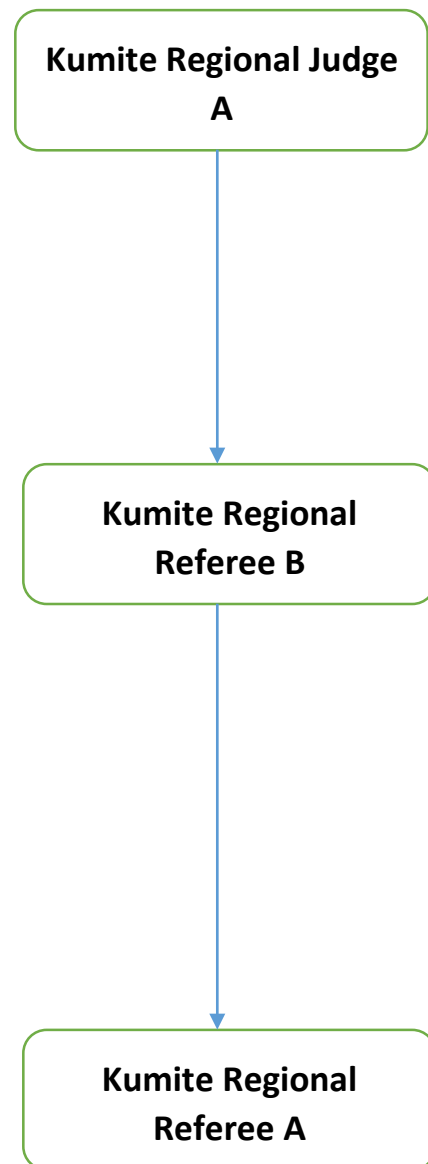
5.2 Note

Officials under 16yrs may officiate children and cadet divisions. Other divisions subject to the discretion of the Tatami Manager

5.3 Regional Referee

1. Attend regional rules seminar and complete examination
2. Attend three regional Karate New Zealand tournaments in a calendar year
3. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the KNZ RC

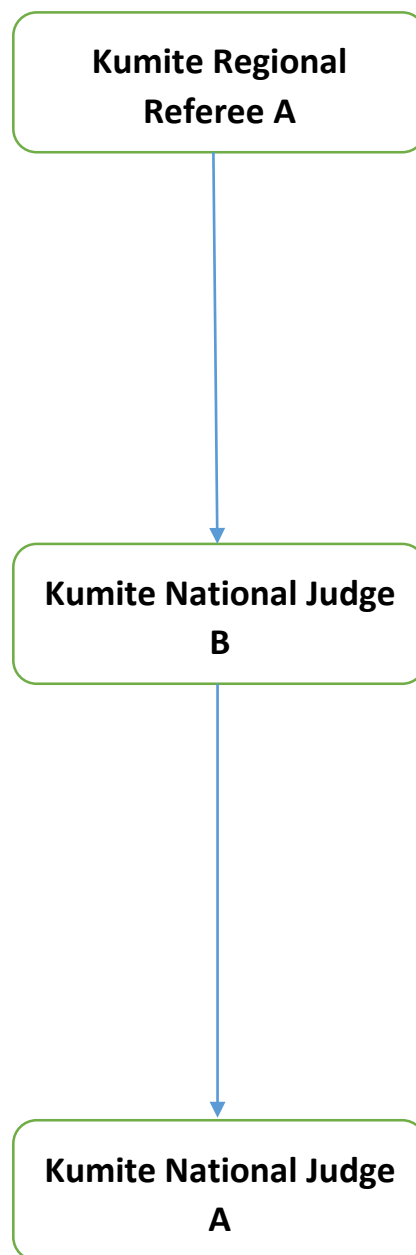
1. Attend regional rules seminar and complete examination
2. Attend three regional Karate New Zealand tournaments in a calendar year
3. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the KNZ RC



5.4 National Judge

1. Minimum 18yrs of age
2. 1st Dan or higher
3. Attend National rules seminar
4. Attend two KNZ regional tournaments and one KNZ national tournament in a calendar year
5. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the KNZ RC

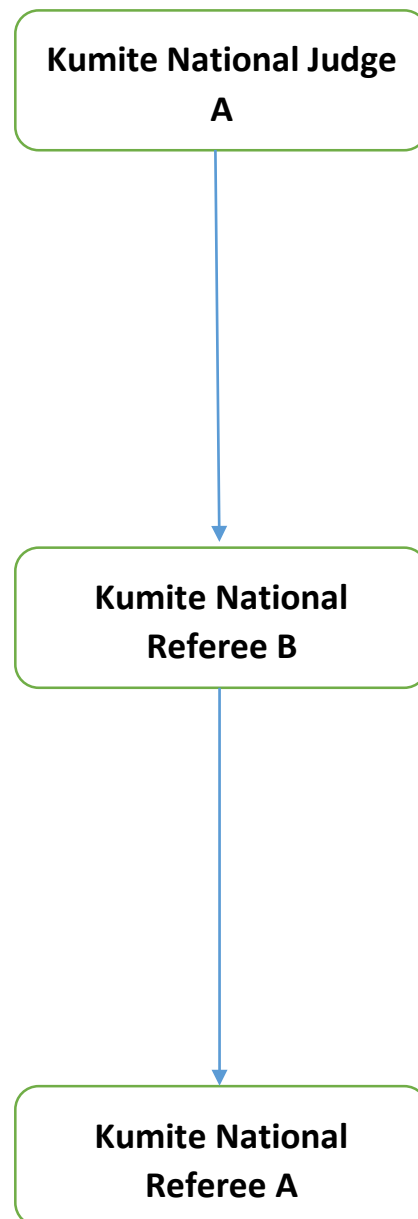
1. Minimum 18yrs of age
2. 1st Dan or higher
3. Attend National rules seminar
4. Attend two KNZ regional tournaments and one KNZ national tournament in a calendar year
5. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the KNZ RC



5.5 National Referee

1. Minimum 19yrs of age
2. 1st Dan or higher
3. Attend National rules seminar
4. Attend two KNZ regional tournaments and one KNZ national tournament in a calendar year
5. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the KNZ RC

1. Minimum 20yrs of age
2. 1st Dan or higher
3. Attend National rules seminar
4. Attend two KNZ regional tournaments and one KNZ national tournament in a calendar year
5. Pass the theory and practical tests prescribed by the KNZ RC



6 Oceania Karate Federation Qualification

In order to be considered to sit for OKF qualifications or upgrade the candidate will be required by the KNZ RC to fulfil the following prerequisites.

6.1 Kumite Judge B

1. KNZ National "A" qualification in Kata & Kumite for minimum of one year
2. Participation at the most recent Regional Competition where the candidate is based
3. Participation at the most recent New Zealand Open Seminar and Competition
4. Participation at the most recent New Zealand National Seminar and Competition

6.1.1 Completion of theory examination

Practical assessment will be conducted at National competitions with feedback to be given to the candidate on their strengths and areas which need work in order to prepare them for OKF examinations. Practical assessments will be conducted during the competition while candidates are officiating.

6.2 Kata Judge B

1. KNZ National "A" qualification in Kata & Kumite for minimum one year
2. Participation at the most recent Regional Competition where the candidate is based
3. Participation at the most recent New Zealand Open Seminar and Competition
4. Participation at the most recent New Zealand National Seminar and Competition

6.2.1 Completion of theory examination

Practical assessment will be conducted at National competitions with feedback to be given to the candidate on their strengths and areas which need work in order to prepare them for OKF examinations. Practical assessments will include both kata performance, with questions, and also during the competition while candidates are officiating.

6.3 Oceania Judge A (Kata or Kumite)

1. Must have Oceania Judge B in Kata or Kumite for a minimum of one calendar year
2. Participation at the most recent Regional Competition where the candidate is based
3. Participation at the most recent New Zealand Open Seminar and Competition
4. Participation at the most recent New Zealand National Seminar and Competition

6.3.1 Completion of theory examination

Practical assessment will be conducted at National competitions with feedback to be given to the candidate on their strengths and areas which need work in order to prepare them for OKF examinations. Practical assessments will include both kata performance where required, with questions, and also during the competition while candidates are officiating.

6.4 Oceania Kumite Referee B

1. Must have Oceania Kumite Judge A for a minimum of one calendar year
2. Participation at the most recent Regional Competition where the candidate is based
3. Participation at the most recent New Zealand Open Seminar and Competition
4. Participation at the most recent New Zealand National Seminar and Competition

6.4.1 Completion of theory examination

Practical assessment will be conducted at National competitions with feedback to be given to the candidate on their strengths and areas which need work in order to prepare them for OKF examinations. Practical assessments will be conducted during the competition while candidates are officiating.

6.5 Oceania Kumite Referee A

1. Must have Oceania Kumite Referee B for a minimum of one calendar year
2. Participation at the most recent Regional Competition where the candidate is based
3. Participation at the most recent New Zealand Open Seminar and Competition
4. Participation at the most recent New Zealand National Seminar and Competition

6.5.1 Completion of theory examination

Practical assessment will be conducted at National competitions with feedback to be given to the candidate on their strengths and areas which need work in order to prepare them for OKF examinations. Practical assessments will be conducted during the competition while candidates are officiating.

Minimum time between upgrades 1 year.

7 World Karate Federation Qualifications

In order to be considered to sit for WKF qualifications or upgrade the candidate will be required by the KNZ RC to fulfil the following prerequisites

7.1 WKF Kumite Judge A / B and Referee B

1. OKF Kumite Referee A Licence held for minimum of one year
2. Participation at the most recent Regional Competition where the candidate is based
3. Participation at the most recent New Zealand Open Seminar and Competition
4. Participation at the most recent New Zealand National Seminar and Competition 5. Consideration will also be given to participation at recognised international events*.
6. Endorsement by KNZ RC to attend World Championships or an event that will allow upgrade

(e.g. K1 for WKF Judge B Kata / kumite)

7.1.1 Completion of theory examination

Practical assessment will be conducted at National competitions with feedback to be given to candidates on their strengths and areas which need work in order to prepare them for WKF examinations

7.2 WKF Kata Judge B

1. OKF Kata Judge A License held for minimum of one year
2. Participation at the most recent Regional Competition where the candidate is based
3. Participation at the most recent New Zealand Open Seminar and Competition
4. Participation at the most recent New Zealand National Seminar and Competition 5. Consideration will also be given to participation at recognised international events*.
6. Endorsement by KNZ RC to attend World Championships or an event that will allow upgrade

(e.g. K1 for WKF Judge B Kata / kumite)

7.2.1 Completion of theory examination

Practical assessment will be conducted at National competitions with feedback to be given to candidates on their strengths and areas which need work in order to prepare them for OKF examinations. Practical assessments will include both kata performance, with questions, and also during the competition while candidates are officiating.

7.3 *Note

Recognised international events may include Australian Open, WKF K1 Event, Oceania, etc

Minimum time between upgrades 1 year

7.4 WKF Kata Judge A / Kumite Referee A

1. As per procedures set down by the WKF Referee Commission

8 Participation at International Events

Individual officials who wish to participate at any international event (e.g. Australian Open, WKF Premier League / K1 events, Oceania etc) require the endorsement of the KNZ RC. All applications should be made in writing, and participants will be registered for such events via the KNZ RC.