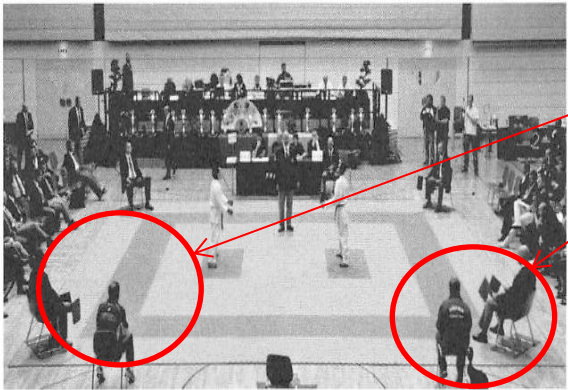


Wado-kai I-Cup Regulations	
1.Competition Management	The tournament will follow a single elimination for kata, individual kumite, and team kumite. No repechage or third-place matches will be held. The competition will be conducted in accordance with WKF rules and the Wadokai International 2025 tournament regulations.
	Video reviews ・ Protests will not be conducted.
	In the event of a rule violation/ scoring mistakes in competition management, Protest by the coach (a coach authorized sitting in the coach's seat) will be accepted. However, this protest must be done before the next competitor is called. Tatami manager shall handle the matter. (Protest cannot be made against the referees' judgment unless it concerns a rule violation.)
	In order to ensure the accuracy of the competition rules, the competition shall be conducted in accordance with the following regulations established by the Wadokai Headquarters.
2.Greetings/Line-up /Confirmation etc.	
(1)Competitor Call-up	It is considered 'Withdrawal' if a competitor does not show up when called by each court.
(2)Ready by the court side (Competitors)	Any match held with an incorrect pairing shall be considered null and void; however, such errors must be avoided.
	An monitoring system will be used during the competition. It will display each competitors' numbers and name. Competitors must check the monitor before entering the court.
(3)Ready by the court side (Competitors)	Court Greetings (bows) shall be performed in line-up before and after matches. At the start, bow to the front (shomen-ni-rei), then bow to each other (otagai-ni-rei). At the end, bow to each other (otagai-ni-rei), then bow to the front (shomen-ni-rei).
(4)Kata Competition	Court Greetings (bows) in kata competition shall follow the same procedure as in kumite. At the start, bow to the front (shomen-ni-rei), then bow to each other (otagai-ni-rei). At the end, bow to each other (otagai-ni-rei), then bow to the front (shomen-ni-rei).
	At the beginning of the match, both competitors (wearing red and blue belts) shall line up on the boundary line and face the center of the court .
	After both competitors have completed their kata performances, they shall line up and stand on the boundary line of the competition area. Winner will be announced.
(5)Competitors	The karate gi must be plain white, without any ties at the chest, and the waist tie must be tied correctly. The back number must be securely sewn around the edges using a sewing machine or similar equipment. For female competitors, the T-shirt beneath the karate gi must be plain white.
	Competitor wear only one belt either Red or Blue. Belt showing rank or grade are not allowed during the match.
	Competitors must display their official license (ID card).
(6)Coach	In individual matches, the coach does not line up with the competitor and must remain seated outside the safety area. They must sit in the designated coach’s seat at the side of the court.
	Coaches are not strictly required to wear their organization’s official tracksuit during the match. However, they must display their official license at all times.
	In case of Semi-Final and Final games, male Coaches are requested to wear a dark-colored suit with a tie. Female Coaches are required to wear a one-piece dress, jakect with trousers, or jakect with skirt. The colour of the attire must be in dark colour. Female coaches may wear religious headwear if it is officially approved.
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	Sitting Position of Coaches
3.Referee	
(1)Same country of the referee and competitors	Referees shall not officiate in matches involving competitors from their own country, in order to ensure fairness and neutrality. However, depending on referee availability, the Tatami Manager may assign referees from the same country as a competitor.
(2)Court	The assignment of referees for each court shall be determined by the Tatami Manager. However, if instructions are given by the Referee Council regarding the referee assignments, they must be followed.

4.Competition/Regulation	
<i>Kumite</i> Competition	
(1)Response of referees and coaches in competitions	When a competitor steps out of the competition area, Judge (FUKUSHIN) shall tap the floor to inform Referee (SHUSHIN) in order to assist him. However, the final decision as to whether the competitor has stepped out of the competition area rests with the referee.
	Judgment shall be made based on the majority rule. In the event of a tie, the referee's decision shall prevail.
	For "missed the scoring area" or "technique was blocked techniques", both Referee and Judge shall use the gestures specified in the Wado-Kai regulations for “missed the scoring area” and “blocked techniques.”
	If the red competitor ducks their head to evade an attack from the opponent and then raises it, resulting in their head striking the blue competitor's chin or face and causing injury, a warning may be issued. Depending on the situation and the competitor’s actions, the warning may be given to the red competitor for contact, or to the blue competitor for being defenseless.
	If a red competitor who has fallen to the ground uses a kick or similar technique to defend themselves, resulting in an injury to the blue competitor, a warning may be given depending on the match situation and the competitors’ actions. The warning may be given to the red competitor for contact or to the blue competitor for being defenseless.
	Protests cannot be made against the referees panel's decisions regarding the competition matters that do not involve rule violations.
	During the competition, if a rule violation occurs, the Match Supervisor will blow the whistle to notify the Referee (SHUSHIN). If the referee notices and corrects the issue immediately, the Match Supervisor may remain seated. If consultation or explanation with the referee is necessary, the Match Supervisor must stand and speak with Referee.
	If a situation arises that is not covered by the regulations, Tatami manager shall consult with the Referee Council, and the Referee Council shall make the final decision.
(2) Match - Winning Points	Senior -- 8 point difference rule
	Cadet (14-15 yrs) & Junior (16-17 yrs) -- 8 point difference rule
(3)Match duration	Male Senior -- 3 minutes full-time match
	Female Senior -- 3 minutes full-time match
	Cadet (14-15 yrs) & Junior (16-17 yrs) -- 2 minutes full-time match
(4)Team Competition	Competitors for Team Competition must be registered in advance. Up to two competitors who have participated in the individual competition are also eligible to compete in the team competition.
	In team kumite competition, there will be 5 male (minimum of 3) and 3 female (minimum of 2), and the matches concludes when a result is determined. Competitors must compete in the order of the lineup, filling in from the front.
	In team competition, the match concludes once the outcome is decided.
	When announcing the winner in a team kumite match, the referee shall step forward and declare the victory.
<i>Kata</i> Competition	
(1) Designated Kata	For rounds up to the second, the designated kata shall be Kuushankuu for Cadet-Junior and Seishan for Senior-Masters.
(2) Competition management	A flag-based tournament format will be used. No repechage or third-place match will be conducted.
	As a general rule, all performance is conducted individually. However, in cases with a large number of participants, performances may be conducted in pairs.
	From the third round onward, if a competitor performs a designated kata or a kata they have already performed, they will forfeit the match due to a rule violation.

5.Protective equipment	
(1)Mandatory safety equipment	It is mandatory for Kumite competitors to wear gender-specific protectors/chests.
	The use of a mouthguard is mandatory for all kumite competitors.
	The use of WKF-type red and blue gloves, shin guards, and instep guards is mandatory, with one kumite competitor wearing red and the other wearing blue.
	The use of a groin guard(protective cup) is mandatory for all male kumite competitors.
	It is the responsibility of the match supervisor to ensure that competitors are wearing the required protective equipment prior to the match.
(2)Others	No other devices or equipment may be worn unless approved. If a violation is identified and it is not corrected within the stipulated time, the competitor will be withdrawn from the competition.
	Any competitor who fails to meet the weight limit within the weigh-in period ending on August 15 will be considered withdrawn from the competition.
	The use of bandages, taping, or supports due to injury requires the referee’s approval, based on the diagnosis of the tournament doctor.