

2026 RYUKYUKAN TOURNAMENT KATA AND POINT KUMITE RULES

POINT KUMITE

POINT SYSTEM

1. The following scale is used for awarding of points:
 - a. YUKO (1 point) is awarded for hand techniques to a scoring area.
 - b. WAZA-ARI (2 points) is awarded for CHUDAN kicks
 - c. IPPON (3 points) is awarded for JODAN kicks or any technique on an opponent with part of the body other than the feet in contact with the mat.
2. Tie-Breaker: The higher number of IPPON; The higher number of WAZA ARI; If the number of IPPON and WAZA ARI are equal, the Referee will call for HANTEI, a final majority vote of the Officials.

4 CORNER JUDGE SYSTEM

3. Judges are responsible for indicating points made in their field of play.
4. Points are awarded if two or more Judges agree on the score.
5. If the two Judges show different points for the same competitors, the higher point will be given.
6. Warnings and Penalties are called by the Referee.

2 CORNER JUDGE SYSTEM

7. Judges and the Referee (the Officials) have mutual responsibility for points.
8. The Referee will show points that are made in his/her field of play. The Referee's signals for Aka or Ao are indicated by touching his/her torso with the respective elbow while indicating the signal (Yuko, Waza-ari, or Ippon).
9. Points are awarded if two Officials indicate.
10. If two Officials show different points for the same competitor, the higher point will be awarded.

11. Judges will only signal for Jogai and contact warnings, Shushin is responsible for all other warnings and penalties.

CONTACT

12. For Competitors 13 and under no head/helmet contact is allowed with hand techniques.
13. For Competitors 14 and over skin touch to the head/helmet is allowed for hand and foot techniques. Skin touch is defined as touching the target without transferring energy; contact is defined as touching the target causing the head/helmet to move or injury to occur.

BOUT DURATION

14. Matches will be 1:30 stop time for Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, and Under 14 Advanced Divisions.
15. Matches will be 2:00 stop time for Advanced Divisions ages 14+.

KATA

16. Beginner, Novice, and Intermediate Divisions may repeat kata in every round.
17. Advanced Divisions must perform a kata different from the previous round.
18. All Divisions may only perform kata on their respective list in the Official Kata List (USA Karate or WKF).