

Modified USA Karate Rules (2 corner Judges)

KATA

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

KUMITE

1. Judges and the Referee all have mutual responsibility for points.
2. The Referee will show points that are made in his/her field of play. The Referee's signals are indicated by touching his/her torso with the elbow while indicating the respective signal.
3. Points are awarded by majority (if two Judges, or one Judge plus the Referee, agree on the score).
4. If the two Judges, or one Judge and the Referee, show different points for the same competitors, the higher point will be given.
5. The following scale is used for awarding of points:
 - a. YUKO (1 point) is awarded for Tsuki (straight punch) or Uchi (strike) 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 against an opponent with any part of the body other than the feet in contact with the mat.
6. Tie-Breaker: The higher number of IPPON awarded; The higher number of WAZA ARI awarded; If the number of IPPON and WAZA ARI are equal, the Referee will call for HANTEI, a final majority vote of the officials.
7. In addition to showing points, Judges will signal for Jogai and contact warnings.
8. Warnings/Penalties are given by majority. The Referee may request Judge support.
9. For Competitors under 14 no contact is allowed with hand or foot Jodan techniques. Competitors may score with a properly executed throw or sweep.
10. For categories 14 to 17 years of age skin touch is allowed for kicks only. Skin touch is defined as touching the target without transferring energy into the head or body. Competitors may score with a properly executed throw or sweep.
11. Matches will be 1:30 running time for Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, and Under 14 Advanced Divisions. Time may be stopped or added at the Referee's discretion.
12. For Advanced Divisions, ages 14+, Matches will be 2:00 stop time.