

CHAPTER ELEVEN – WAKO GENERAL RULES

Art. 1 – Basic

- ❖ The basis of all kickboxing competitions is honor, fair play and honest competition.
- ❖ Results of matches will determine placing and final achievement of fighter, club or national team at the competition.
- ❖ Results and rank achieved by dishonorable acts will not be recognized by judges, referees and competition committees and officials will initiate penalty procedures.
- ❖ All competitions - WAKO official competitions and official National competitions, professional and amateur matches, prestige or title matches, must be under these rules.
- ❖ All competitions and matches are on a voluntary basis. Also, the basis of all our activity in kickboxing must be according to fairplay, respect of all participants and officials and respect of WAKO rules.
- ❖ All sportsmen, coaches, officials, representatives, promoters and members of WAKO organizations must respect WAKO rules and the honor, dignity and moral values of all members, clubs, national federations and WAKO.
- ❖ All competitions on World, continental, national and all other levels must promote the development, popularization and rising quality of kickboxing as a sport and WAKO as an organization.

Art. 2 – Competitions

Official WAKO competitions directly under WAKO headquarters' authority are (in repetition):

- ❖ World championships for all age categories (cadets, juniors and seniors) and in all kickboxing disciplines (semi, light, full contact, low-kick, Thai kickboxing, musical forms and aero kickboxing) as follows:
 - ❖ Semi contact: younger cadets, older cadets, juniors, seniors - male and female division
 - ❖ Light contact: juniors, seniors - male and female division
 - ❖ Full contact: juniors, seniors - male and female division
 - ❖ Low kick: juniors, seniors - male and female division
 - ❖ Thai kickboxing – juniors, seniors - male and female division
 - ❖ Musical forms (styles - with weapon and without weapon) - cadets (merged younger and older), junior, senior - male and female division
 - ❖ Aero kickboxing (styles - with step and without step) - cadets (merged younger and older), junior, senior - male and female division - single and team competition
- ❖ Continental championships for all age categories and in all kickboxing disciplines - same as for world championships
- ❖ Regional Championships for all age categories and in all kickboxing disciplines - same as for world championships
- ❖ World cups for all age categories and in all kickboxing disciplines
- ❖ Continental cups for all age categories and in all kickboxing disciplines

Also:

- ❖ In World, Continental and regional championships only national teams can participate
- ❖ Continental championships can't be open championships for national teams from other continents.
- ❖ In World and continental cups, clubs and members of National federations which are WAKO members can participate
- ❖ In senior championships in each weight or competition category only one member of national team can participate
- ❖ In cadets and juniors championships two members of national teams in each weight or competition category can participate
- ❖ For cups and other tournaments there is no restriction on number of competitors in one weight or competition category from same nation or club
- ❖ World and continental champions will take place every other year - in one year will have world senior championships, the next year will have continental senior and world juniors and cadets championships
- ❖ World and Continental championships will be held in two parts in different disciplines and in two countries, according WAKO Board decision.
- ❖ Continental championships can be held at just one venue - for all disciplines
- ❖ World and continental cadets and junior championships will be held at the same time and place for all kickboxing disciplines
- ❖ World and continental cadet's championships can be held separately from junior championships.

Art. 3 – Equipment for Competitions

Promoters of competition (championships or cups) must provide necessary equipment for normal proceeding of tournament

- ❖ Electronic digital or mechanical scales (minimum two)
- ❖ Amplifier with sufficient number of microphones
- ❖ Flags and CD with national anthems of each competing national team
- ❖ Equipment for cleaning and drying floor
- ❖ Copying machine
- ❖ Timers for all official tables
- ❖ Small pads for each tatami (for giving sign that time of round has expired) or gongs for each ring
- ❖ Every fighting area must be marked by a number
- ❖ For each tatami a pointer with two big black numbers (from 0 to 30) to display results and 4 small red numbers from 0 to 3 (2 at each side of big numbers) to display warnings or exits.
- ❖ An adequate display of current fight number
- ❖ An adequate time display

Art. 4 – Fighting Area Equipment

SEMI CONTACT:

- ❖ Tatami (in two colors) - 8x8 meters for senior and junior competitions and 6x6 meters for boys/girls and cadets competitions
- ❖ 2 chairs placed away from tatami (minimum 1 m) in the middle of each side of tatami for coaches
- ❖ Near the chairs on either side there must be empty containers for fighters spitting out water
- ❖ An official table with 2 chairs
- ❖ A display for results
- ❖ A microphone
- ❖ Timer
- ❖ Small pad

LIGHT CONTACT:

- ❖ Tatami (in two colors) - 8x8 meters for senior and junior competitions and 6x6 meters for older cadet competitions
- ❖ Three chairs (on left, opposite and right side from official table - in middle of each side of tatami) for judges
- ❖ Three hard pads for clipboards for judges to keep scoring sheets
- ❖ 2 chairs placed in red corner (longer-left corner) and 2 chairs placed in red corner (closer-right corner) for coaches
- ❖ Near the chairs at each corner must be a container for fighters spitting out water
- ❖ The official table with 3 chairs for time keeper, score keeper and chief referee
- ❖ Microphone
- ❖ Timer
- ❖ Small pad

FULL CONTACT, LOW KICK and THAI KICKBOXING

- ❖ A ring with equipment (see attached picture with description)
- ❖ Three small tables with chair, on each side of ring for judges
- ❖ One big official table with 4 chairs (time keeper, score keeper, chief referee and announcer)
- ❖ Two more chairs, left and right from official table, for kick counters
- ❖ Microphone
- ❖ Timer
- ❖ Gong

MUSICAL FORMS

- ❖ Tatami (minimum 10 x 8 meters)
- ❖ 1 official table with 5 chairs (for referee and judges)
- ❖ 5 displays for marks (from 5,0 to 10,0)
- ❖ 1 table with 2 chairs for score keeper and announcer
- ❖ Microphone
- ❖ Calculator

Art. 5 – Drawing

Order of criteria:

- ❖ Competitors from same clubs or national team in same weight category must be split into separate parts (one in upper, the other in lower part of drawing list – the competitors can only meet in the final)
- ❖ Champions from last two championships (World and Continental) will be placed in separate parts of drawing list (one in upper, the other in lower part of drawing list - competitors can only meet in the final)
- ❖ If in a category there are an odd number of fighters, the defending champion (or favorite) will draw a bye (walkover) in the first match.
 - Every drawing list must have data as follows: name of tournament, place and date, name of discipline, sex, age, weight division, competitor's name and surname, club or nation and number of fight.
 - All drawing lists must be printed in 3 official copies - for chief referee, for official table and for notice or bulletin board - all three lists must be the same and any changes must be repeated on all three with the signature of the chief referee. Also, unofficial copies of drawing lists will be distributed to national team chiefs.
 - Completed official copies with results, stamp and chief referee's signature are official WAKO documents and will be kept in archives for a minimum of 2 years.

Art. 6 – WAKO Competition Calendar

- ❖ At any time the WAKO calendar will be on the official web site.
- ❖ The WAKO calendar will include:
 - World and continental championships – a minimum of two years before the date of championships
 - Regional championships and world and continental cups – a minimum of one year before date of tournaments
 - WAKO-Pro title bouts - a minimum of 3 months before date of event
 - International Open Tournaments of WAKO National federations, a minimum of one year before date of event (National federations are responsible for informing WAKO headquarters of dates and other details about Open tournaments)
- ❖ On the calendar there will also be other official activities such as seminars, meetings, etc.

Art.7 – Video Evidence

Video footage is not applicable to WAKO events. Video footage may not be used to resolve any queries, complaints or points of clarification.

