

International Regulations

Chapter 1 Rules

- 1) This association is called the KARATENOMICHI WORLD FEDERATION (hereinafter the “KWF”).
- 2) The headquarters’ of this association is at the following address: “Tokyo Shibbuya-ku Shoto 1-9-22 Japan”.
- 3) The International Headquarters office is at the following address: “Tokyo Shibbuya-ku Shoto 1-9-22 Japan”.

Chapter 2 Business and Purpose of the KWF

- 4) The purpose of this association is to return to the original principles of the Japanese traditional martial art of Karate; to provide a place where the technical skills and the true sprit of Karate can develop; to build friendly relationships globally.
- 5) KWF will do conduct the following activities to achieve the objectives written in article 4):
 - ① To study the skills of Karate-do, to teach and to promote those skills
 - ② To hold international camps and to develop the skills of instructors
 - ③ To develop and support groups related to the association of the KWF
 - ④ To organize and manage KWF tournaments
 - ⑤ To select members for international tournaments
 - ⑥ To establish rules governing technical skills and tournament rules
 - ⑦ To set up all equipment used at the KWF
 - ⑧ To issue and control documentation concerning our association
 - ⑨ All other activities to achieve the goals of our business

Chapter 3 Membership

6) Membership requirements:

To become a member of the KWF, you must register in one of the following ways; association entry, branch entry, or individual entry.

All KWF members are required to purchase and carry a KWF passport.

1. Entry as an association (requires 100 members or more)
2. Entry as a branch (requires 10 members or more)

3. Entry as an individual

7) Passport (Membership Identification Cards):

Passport ownership represents proof of KWF membership and acts as the member's identification for the KWF. All KWF qualifications must be recorded in the passport to be recognized officially. Members must carry their passport with them and show it to the appropriate representative when participating in international events organized by the KWF.

1. All KWF members are required to purchase a KWF passport.
2. Members are recognized officially as members of the KWF when they own a passport.

3. Registration seals (renewed each year) must be affixed to the passport.

- ① KWF headquarters will send the following year's registration seal to KWF branch and organization leaders by the end of each September.
 - ② KWF members must put the registration seal into their passport.
 - ③ Branch or organization leaders are required to pay the total amount of the registration fee (registration seal) to KWF headquarters by December 10th.
 - ④ Individual members must pay their registration fee for the following year by the end of November to KWF headquarters directly and KWF headquarters will send registration seals within a week following verification of payment into our bank account.
4. Members will receive stamps for participation in international events organized by the KWF. Those members who participate many international events will receive special privileges.

8) Those approved to be KWF members according to article 7), will be registered officially by KWF headquarters office.

9) KWF members may join any events that are held by the KWF and to receive documentation distributed by the KWF.

10) KWF members must agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of their agreement until such time that membership is terminated.

11) The Chairman of the KWF may terminate membership at any time through the approval by a Supreme Board meeting under the following circumstances:

- ① Members will be terminated if they fall behind in payments.

- ② Members will be terminated if they break the rules of the KWF.
 - ③ Members will be terminated if they take any inappropriate actions against the purposes of KWF or do anything to dishonor the association of the KWF.
- 12) No refunds will be made after payment to the KWF for any reasons and under any circumstances. However, refunds may be made only if a person or people are not approved as a member of the KWF by international headquarters office according to article 6).
- 13) Registration of membership will be renewed each year according to article 7).

Chapter 4 Assets and Accounting

- 14) The assets of KWF are as follows;
- ① Annual fees
 - ② Income based on our business
 - ③ Interest arising out of assets
 - ④ Contributions
 - ⑤ Any other income
- 15) The accounting period of the association of the KWF is from January 1st to December 31st.

Chapter 5 Structure of the Association of KWF

The structure of the association of KWF is organized as follows;

- ① Headquarters
- ② International headquarters offices
- ③ KWF organizations
- ④ KWF branches
- ⑤ KWF individual members

Headquarters, organizations and branches are allowed to conduct their own business while following KWF rules.

Chapter 6 Headquarters

The headquarters controls all business regarding technical skills in KARATENOMICHI WORLD FEDERATION. Its responsibilities are

- To train instructors and to develop their skills
- To develop the skills of each KWF organization and branch
- To study, to train, and to update the system of examinations
- To train and develop the skills of referees
- To plan and carry out of tournaments and camps
- To send headquarter instructors for training courses

The Chief Instructor will be fully in charge of the technical skills considerations, however the Vice Chief Instructor will perform this duty on some special occasions.

Chapter 7 Headquarters Office

16) The Headquarters office is responsible for the following KWF administrative duties

- ① To advertise the KWF
- ② To control publishing and all administrative work
- ③ To control the members list, and to register the qualifications of kyu & Dan grades of KWF members
- ④ To issue diplomas
- ⑤ To control the financial statements relevant to the management of the KWF.

17) The headquarters office will conduct management planning for the KWF

Chapter 8 Entry as an Organization of the KWF

18) To register as an organization of the KWF, you will need 100 people or more. Approval is by the supreme board meeting.

19) Officially registered organizations of the KWF may hold tournaments and camps using the KWF name

20) Officially registered organizations of the KWF may issue qualifications up to 5th Dan within each organization.

21) The registration fee for each organization must be paid by December 10th to enable renewal for the following year.

- 22) Multiple organizations and branches of the KWF can exist in one country.
- 23) The Chairman of the KWF may terminate an organization at any time through the approval by a meeting of the supreme board under the following circumstances;
- ① Falling behind in organization registration fee payment.
 - ② Failure to register ALL members to the KWF headquarters.
 - ③ Breaking the rules of the KWF.
 - ④ Inappropriate actions against the purpose of the KWF or actions that dishonor the association of the KWF.

Chapter 9 Entry as a Branch of the KWF

- 24) To register as a KWF branch, branches are required to have 10 people or more and registration is approved by a Supreme Board meeting. In certain occasions, branches with fewer than 10 members may be approved.
- 25) KWF branches may not host both international and domestic events (tournaments and camps) under the name of the KWF.
1. In special cases, events may be held when there are more than 100 members after gathering several branches within a country.
 2. For the case of 1 above, an application must be made and a fee paid for the organizational registration fee to the KWF headquarters.
 3. After the event, organizers can maintain the organization or disband it.
- 26) KWF branches can examine members up to the grade of 2nd Dan.
- 27) Registration fees for branches must be paid by December 10th to enable renewal for the next year.
- 28) The Chairman of the KWF may terminate a branch at any time through the approval by supreme board meeting in the following circumstances;
- ① Falling behind in payments.
 - ② Failure to register ALL of members to KWF headquarters.
 - ③ Breaking the rules of the KWF as a branch of the KWF.
 - ④ Actions against the purposes of the KWF and conduct or actions dishonorable to the association of the KWF.

Chapter 10 Entry as an Individual Member of the KWF

- 29) Even if individuals do not belong to any organizations or branches of the KWF, they may apply for membership as an individual entry.
- 30) Individual members may not hold any events such as tournaments, camps or examinations by themselves.
- 31) Registration fees for individuals must be paid by the end of November to enable renewal for the following year.
- 32) The Chairman of the KWF may terminate memberships at any time through the approval by Supreme board meeting in the following circumstances:
 - ① Falling behind in payments.
 - ② Breaking the rules of the KWF as a branch of the KWF.
 - ③ Inappropriate actions against the purposes of the KWF actions dishonorable to the association of the KWF.

Chapter 11 Shihan Meeting

33) Supreme Master Board Meeting

- 1. The Chief Instructor or members who hold 7th Dan qualifications and above will be able to enroll as Supreme Teachers upon payment of the appropriate fee following approval by the KWF.
- 2. The Supreme Master board meeting will discuss and approve matters that are discussed by the International Shihan meeting.
- 3. The Chief Instructor will be prolocutor of the Supreme Master board meeting.

34) International Shihan meeting

- 1. Members who hold 6th Dan qualifications may enroll as International Shihans upon payment of the appropriate fee following approval by the KWF.
- 2. International Shihan meetings are composed of international shihans and meetings will discussed the following technical matters:
 - ① To decide or alter technical skills and teaching methods of the KWF.
 - ② To decide and change the rules of tournaments
 - ③ To decide details for kyu and Dan qualifications
 - ④ To plan international tournaments and international camps

- ⑤ To approve the establishment of new branches of the KWF

Chapter 12 International Board Meetings

- 35) International Board meetings are composed of trustees who are leaders of the KWF organization or who are nominated specially by a board meeting of the Supreme Master board. The meetings discuss the budgeting and management of the KWF. The KWF will implement decisions after approval by the Chairman of the KWF.

Chapter 13 Rules of Qualification

- 36) All qualification exams for instructors, referees and examiners must be judged by either the Chief or the Assistant Chief Instructor, or at least by three people who are instructors at the Headquarters, Supreme Teachers, or International Shihans. However, under certain circumstances qualifications may be given by fewer than three people with the Chief Instructor's approval.

37) Instructor Qualifications

1. Qualification for **A grade** instructors:

Holding 6th Dan and A grade referee qualification

2. Qualification for **B grade** instructor:

Holding 5th Dan and B grade referee qualification

3. Qualification for **C grade** instructor:

Holding 4th Dan and C grade referee qualification

4. Qualification for **D grade** instructor:

Holding 3rd Dan

5. Members who wish to take exams must participate in the qualification seminar before the exam.

38) Referee Qualification

1. Qualification for **A grade** referee:

Six years passed after taking B grade referee qualification

2. Qualification for **B grade** referee:

Five years passed after taking C grade referee qualification

3. Qualification for **C grade** referee:

Three years passed after taking D grade referee qualification

4. Qualification for exam of D grade referee:

Holding 2nd Dan

5. In special cases, however, the Chief Instructor may give special permission to allow candidates who have not met the duration requirements outlined above but who are deemed to have trained long enough to attain the level.
6. Members who wish to take exams must participate the qualification seminar before the exam.

39) Examiner Qualifications

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1. Qualification for A grade examiner:

7th Dan holding B grade examiner and A grade instructor

2. Qualification for B grade examiner:

6th Dan holding C grade examiner and B grade instructor

3. Qualification for C grade examiner:

4th Dan holding D grade examiner and C grade instructor

4. Qualification for D grade examiner:

3rd Dan holding D grade instructor

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- ① Kyu: Judged by at least 1 examiner holding D grade examiner and above
- ② 1st Dan: Judged by at least 1 examiner holding C grade examiner and above
- ③ 2nd Dan: Judged by at least 2 examiners holding C grade examiner and above
- ④ 3rd Dan: Judged by at least 1 examiner holding B grade examiner and above and at least 1 examiner holding C grade examiner and above
- ⑤ 4th Dan: Judged by at least 2 examiners holding B grade examiner and above and at least 1 examiner holding C grade examiner and (or at least 3 examiners holding B grade examiner and above)
- ⑥ 5th Dan: Judged by at least 1 examiner holding A grade examiner and above and at least 2 examiners holding B grade examiner (or at least 2 examiners holding A grade examiner and above)
- ⑦ 6th Dan: Judged by Chief Instructor, Assistant Chief Instructor and at least 1 examiner holding B grade examiner and above.
- ⑧ 7th Dan: Judged by Chief Instructor, Vice Chief Instructor and at least 1 examiner holding A grade examiner and above.

- ⑨ 8th Dan: Judged by Chief Instructor, Assistant Chief instructor and at least 2 examiners holding A grade examiner and above.

Examinations for 6th Dan and above must be held at the headquarter dojo except for certain special circumstances.

40) Update for qualifications (Instructor / Referee / Examiner)

The qualifications for instructors, referees, and judges will expire within two years following the date of the qualification. To extend qualifications, members must take more than one technical camp during the valid period of the qualification. Members who do not participate in any technical camps within two years will have their qualification invalidated and they will have to retake the qualification.

Chapter 14 Amendments Regulations and Dissolution

- 40) Terms will be changed only when the change is passed through an international board meeting and the Supreme Master board meeting, and is also approved by the Chairman of the KWF.
- 41) The dissolution of the association of the KWF has to be passed by a Supreme Master board meeting and also approved by the chairman of the KWF.

Chapter 15 Supplementary Rules

- 42) Detailed rules to implement these regulations will be made separately by a Board meeting.