



WORLD TRADITIONAL KARATE-DO FEDERATION

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TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION GUIDE

Medical Judge Certification

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WTKF MEDICAL JUDGING

GENERAL

The WTKF medical judge will be bound to the rules and regulations as outlined by World Traditional Karate-Do Federation (WTKF) Competition Rules unless stated otherwise herein.

REQUIREMENTS

1. WTKF certified 3rd kyu and higher.
2. M.D., D.M.D., D.D.S., RN, EMT 1, Military Medic shall serve as a basic qualification. However, at the discretion of the Medical Committee others with specific qualifications deemed adequate by the Medical Committee may be considered. Such special consideration cases will be submitted to the Technical Board for their approval as a Medical Judge applicant.
3. The applicant for Medical Judge must attend the Medical Judging seminar to be offered annually by the WTKF Medical Committee. In addition, the applicant must satisfactorily pass the examination given by the Medical Committee members in attendance. The examination will focus on the rules and regulations as well as the role of the Medical Judge in WTKF competitions as outlined in the WTKF Traditional Karate-Do Competition Rules.
4. The applicant must apprentice themselves with one of the Medical Judges for training at competition events approved by the Medical Committee. After an adequate mentoring period (determined by the Medical Committee) the applicant will be considered for approval. Final approval is determined by a majority vote of the existing Medical Committee and Technical Committee Chair Person.
5. The position on the Medical Committee shall remain active as long as the individual Medical Judge participates in this capacity and continues training.
6. Medical judges may be removed from the Medical Committee by a majority vote of the existing committee and approval of Technical Committee chair person.

DUTIES

1. The Medical Committee shall serve as a source of Medical Judges for WTKF tournaments. The role of the Medical Judge relative to tournament medical issues is outlined in WTKF competition rules. It is the responsibility of the host country to contact the Medical Committee to assure Medical Judges will be available for the International Championship.

2. The individual tournament participant medical records shall be managed in accordance with WTKF competition rules.
3. It is the responsibility of the tournament Medical Judge to assure all participants are in compliance with the safety equipment as outlined in WTKF competition rules.
4. The Medical Judge may be called upon to report the type of contact received by an injured participant. He will report a level of contact (minor, light, moderate, or heavy) based on Medical Judge assessment of the degree of injury to the Court Judges Meeting when called. Guidelines for contact determinations are listed in WTKF competition rules.

ADDENDUM

1. WTKF competition rules states “Medical decisions that end a match by “Doctor’s Stop” require the agreement of two WTKF qualified Medical Judges.....”. WTKF competition’s chief judge may deemed necessary to have only one Medical Judge to render a “Doctor’s Stop” decision from time to time.
2. The WTKF shall register and produce certificates authenticating the certification of a WTKF Medical Judge.
3. During competition, the WTKF Medical Judge has the authority to voice his/her concern if he/she feels a competitor is in danger because of physical disabilities (level of consciousness, bleeding, etc.), inappropriate emotional levels, or inadequate skill levels affecting the safety of the competitors. He will report this to the Kansa who will stop the match and call all judges while the doctor is examining the competitor. Upon the conclusion of the examination by the Medical judge, the court judges will render the final decision.