



# International Taekwon-do Federation

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### I.T.F. Umpire Rules - Rules and Regulations

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#### U 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of these rules is to level and align the judgement criteria of Jury Members and Referees, to protect the umpiring authority and to point out the rights and duties of Jury Members and Referees.

#### U 2. APPLICATION

These are to be applied at every I.T.F. Championships for degree holders.

#### U 3. TOURNAMENT & UMPIRE COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Tournament & Umpire Committee must appoint and assemble all the Jury Members and Referees for the I.T.F. Championships.

The Tournament & Umpire Committee consists of the Chairman and two (2) members appointed by the I.T.F. Board of Directors.

The Tournament & Umpire Committee is responsible for the following matters:

- to have Umpire dress regulations strictly observed;
- to decide beforehand about the appointment of the "Ring Councils" and on which ring they will officiate in;
- to appoint the substitution and the rotation of referees in order to give everyone an opportunity to officiate and to assure fairness;
- to check Umpires during work process;
- to give a final judgement in case of complaint;
- to take any disciplinary action;
- to suggest improvements in Umpire Rules and/or Manual.

#### U 4. JUDGEMENTS

Every Umpire must apply his/her judgement criteria by conforming to the Umpire Rules.

#### U 5. UNEXPECTED EVENTS

All cases not stated herein will be dealt and discussed by the Tournament & Umpire Committee that, to the best of its ability, will reach a fair and proper decision to apply.

#### U 6. RING COUNCIL

Each ring must be governed by a Ring Council to supervise all events.

The Ring Council for Pattern competition consists of one (1) Jury President, two (2) Jury Members and five (5) Referees

The Ring Council for Sparring competition consists of one (1) Jury President, two (2) Jury Members, one (1) Centre Referee and four (4) Corner Referees

The Ring Council for Power Breaking competition consists of one (1) Jury President, two (2) Jury Members and five (5) Referees



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The Ring Council for Special Techniques competition consists of one (1) Jury President, two (2) Jury Members and five (5) Referees

The Ring Council for Pre Arranged Free Sparring competition consists of one (1) Jury President, two (2) Jury Members and five (5) Referees

#### **U 7. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE JURY PRESIDENT**

At all times the Jury President must be up to date with all the I.T.F. Tournament Rules, with the present Rules and with all the Rules and Manuals concerning the Centre and Corner Referees.

The Jury President is the only official authorised to disqualify a competitor in accordance with Article 36 of the I.T.F. Tournament Rules.

The Jury President is the supervisor of the match, of the referee's behaviour, and is allowed to give his/her opinion at any time.

The Jury President is the supervisor of the timekeeper and the recorder, the Jury President is allowed to substitute them in case of absence or inefficiency.

In Pattern competition:

- the Jury President will decide by drawing the designated Pattern;
- in case of incorrect situations, the Jury President may call the Referee(s);
- after receiving the Pattern Scoring Point Forms, the Jury President must check the forms and then, following the criteria indicated in Article 27, 28 & 29 of the I.T.F. Tournament Rules, the Jury President must stand up to indicate the winner. In case of a draw, the Jury President must stand up crossing his arms in front of his chest and must select by drawing one (1) designated Pattern to be the Tie-breaker. The competitors/teams will then carry on until the places are decided.

In Sparring competition:

- in case of incorrect situations, the Jury President may call the Centre Referee and/or Corner Referees and may call for a "Time stop";
- the Jury President must take note of foul(s) and all warning(s) and then, following the criteria indicated in Article 32 of the I.T.F. Tournament Rules, the Jury President must stand up to indicate the winner. In case of a draw, the Jury President must stand up crossing his arms in front of his chest.

In Power and Special Technique competition:

- in case of a draw situation the Jury President will select by drawing one (1) item to be the Tie-breaker.

In Pre Arranged Free Sparring competition:

- in case of incorrect situations, the Jury President may call the Referee(s);
- after receiving the Pre Arranged Free Sparring Scoring Point Forms, the Jury President must check the forms and then must stand up to indicate the total number of points taking of the highest and the lowest points given by the five (5) Referees;
- In the event of a tie teams will compete once more until the places are decided.



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The Jury President is the only official allowed to replace referees in case of their insufficiency, accident and/or dispute;

The Jury President must fill out and sign the competition reports that make up the official competition documentation; at the end of each division/competition, these reports must be delivered directly to the Tournament Committee.

#### **U 8. PATTERN COMPETITION – RIGHTS & DUTIES OF THE REFEREE**

At all times the referee must be up to date with all the I.T.F. Tournament Rules, with the present Rules and with Manuals;

The referee is allowed, if required by the Jury President, to take part in consultations.

The referee is not allowed to talk at any time during the competition.

The referee must sit correctly (upright, with the back straight and with the soles of the feet on the floor) with a space of 150cm either side of his colleagues.

The referee must observe with attention the competitors' actions and take into consideration and judge according the following parameters:

##### Individual Pattern

Technical Content

Power

Balance

Breath Control

Rhythm

##### Team Pattern

Presentation, Teamwork and Choreography

Technical Content

Power

Balance

Breath Control

Rhythm

After each bout the referee must add up all the points on his/her Pattern scoring form, which will be collected by a Jury member and handed over to the Jury President.

In the event of a tie the Jury President will select by drawing one (1) designated Pattern to be the Tie-breaker. The competitors/teams will then carry on until the winners are decided.

#### **U 9. DUTIES OF THE JURY MEMBERS**

They must help and assist the Jury President, to keep time and check all the scoring forms in order to declare the winner(s).

#### **U 10. SPARRING COMPETITION – RIGHT & DUTIES OF THE CENTRE REFEREE**

At all times the Centre Referee must be up to date with all the I.T.F. Tournament Rules, with the present Rules and with the Manuals concerning the Jury President and the Corner Referees.

The Centre Referee is allowed to take part in the consultations between the Jury Presidents and the Corner Referees if required.

If necessary he should re-check the I.T.F. Dobok, safety equipment, the groin guard and the shin protectors of the competitors.

The Centre Referee must direct the match, give all orders, make all the announcements and use the correct gestures.

The Centre Referee is the only official authorised to assign warning(s) and foul(s).

Once the Corner Referees have delivered their Scoring Point Forms to the Centre Referee, the Centre Referee must hand the forms to the Jury President while bowing respectfully.

The Centre Referee can obtain, when required, the Jury President's opinion.



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#### **U 11. SPARRING COMPETITION - RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE CORNER REFEREE**

At all times the Corner Referee must be up to date with all the I.T.F. Tournament Rules, with the present Rules and with the Manuals concerning the Jury President and the Centre Referees.

The Corner Referee is allowed to take part in the consultations between the Jury Presidents and the Centre Referee if required.

The Corner Referee must sit properly and must observe with attention the competitors' actions.

The Corner Referee must write, on the approved Scoring Point Form, point(s), foul(s) and warning(s).

At the end of the match, the Corner Referee must deduct one (1) point from the total score for every three (3) warnings.

The Corner referee must deliver the completed Scoring Point Form, with his/her signature on the form to the Centre Referee while bowing respectfully.

When the competitors are fighting for "the first scored point", the Corner Referee stands up and only after the signal " Sung" from the Center Referee indicates by raising either a red or blue flag the competitor that scores the first valid point.

#### **U 12. POWER & SPECIAL TECHNIQUE – RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE REFEREE**

At all times the Referee must be up to date with all the I.T.F. Tournaments Rules, with the present Rules and with the Manuals.

The Referee is allowed to take part in consultations if required by the Jury President.

The Referee must check the board(s) and/or target height, and the correct execution at each attempt as indicated in Article 44 and 47 of the I.T.F. Tournament Rules.

when appointed by the Jury President, the Referee must announce and show the scored points following the procedure indicated in Article 44 and 47 of the I.T.F. Tournament Rules.

#### **U 13. PRE ARRANGED FREE SPARRING COMPETITION – RIGHTS & DUTIES OF THE REFEREE**

At all times the referee must be up to date with all the I.T.F. Tournament Rules, with the present Rules and with Manuals.

The referee is allowed, if required by the Jury President, to take part in consultations.

The referee is not allowed to talk at any time during the competition.

The referee must sit correctly (upright, with the back straight and with the soles of the feet on the floor) with a space of 150cm either side of his colleagues.

The referee must observe with attention the competitors actions and take into consideration and judge according the following parameters:

- Presentation & Teamwork
- Choreography
- Technical & Acrobatic Content
- Power & Balance
- Breath Control

After each bout the referee must add up all the points on his/her Pre Arranged Free Sparring Scoring Point Form, which will be collected by a Jury member and handed over to the Jury President;

In the event of a tie teams will then carry on until the winner is decided.



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#### U 14. DRESS REGULATION

The Umpire's kit consists of a navy blue blazer jacket, white, long sleeved, shirt, navy blue trousers, navy blue tie (with no other colours or decorations), white socks, white gymnastic shoes and a pen.

#### U 15. PRESENTATION BEFORE THE COMPETITION

All Jury members and Referees must present themselves at least thirty (30) minutes before the beginning of each Tournament day.

#### U 16. BEHAVIOUR

All officials must observe the following rules:

- they must behave with conscience and dignity;
- they must pay maximum attention during competition;
- they must be at all times unbiased when giving a decision;
- they must distance themselves from the competitors;

#### U 17. UMPIRE CLASS & REQUIREMENT

"A" Class - Jury Member Umpires

The criteria for "A" Class Jury Member Umpire are:

- minimum age of 25 years;
- 4th Degree holder or above;
- to have the International Instructors certificate;
- to have a "B" Class Umpire certificate;
- to have a minimum of three (3) years regular, domestic, umpiring experience.
- to participate in an authorised I.T.F Umpire Course and succeed in obtaining the official "A" Class Umpire certificate;
- to officiate regularly at tournaments within the I.T.F. jurisdiction.

"B" Class Umpires

The criteria for "B" Class Umpire are:

- minimum age of 21 years;
- 2nd or 3rd Degree holder;
- to participate in an authorised I.T.F. Umpire Course and succeed in obtaining the official "B" class Umpire certificate;
- to officiate at tournaments within the I.T.F. jurisdiction;

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