

## General Notice for Competitors for Karate Dream Festival 2016 International Championship

1. Please read this notice thoroughly and carefully. Also, be sure to follow the “General Schedule”, and keep valuables in your possession at all times. Remember your court and bout numbers. Please take your garbage with you, out of the venue. We aim to keep the tournament venue clean as a dojo, and we ask for your cooperation. You are not allowed to drink/eat in the arena area.
2. There will no registration for competitors. Please gather at your court at the designated time and participate in the Opening Ceremony (competitors for Kumite on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day, and those only participating in the Rookie category are asked to come to the venue in time for their bout). However, competitors who need weighing must be present for the weighing.
3. Lunch Box Exchange Tickets and Souvenir Exchange Tickets are given to competitors (**Kumite participants on the 1<sup>st</sup> day will not be given lunch**), and they will need the ticket to receive their lunch box and souvenir. The lunch box ticket for the 1<sup>st</sup> day will be blue, and the ticket for the 2<sup>nd</sup> day will be green. Lunch boxes and souvenirs will not be given to participants without this exchange ticket.
4. As announced earlier, there has been a change in the time of bout of the Competition Rules, and there will be no 2<sup>nd</sup> extension in this tournament, and all Kumite categories will end after 1 extension.
5. To secure the safety within the arena, please refrain from sitting and creating spots for your own with bags and other items. Warming up and filming with a monopod/tripod is also not allowed in the arena (warming up in the sub-arena is ok).
6. Competitors participating in the Light & Middleweight categories will need to be weighed at the time and place (sub-arena) specified by the organizer. At this weighing, if the competitor’s weight exceeds or does not meet the specified weight for each class, he/she shall be disqualified. If there is a weight difference of 7 kilograms and more between the weight in the entry application and the weight checked at the weighing at the Gymnasium, the competitor will be disqualified. The competitor must also be weighed within the time frame specified by the organizer, and if he/she is not able to do so, the competitor will be disqualified. Competitors must be punctual for the weighing and wear a T-shirt and Dogi pants (the official weight for the tournament will be 1kg less than the weight at this weighing). 1kg will not be subtracted for competitors who do not show up in the above clothing (t-shirt, dogi pants). The weighing time for Lightweight competitors in the Senior Men & Women on the 1<sup>st</sup> day is 13:30 to 14:00 on August 6, and the weighing time for Lightweight & Middleweight competitors for the 2<sup>nd</sup> day will be 16:00 to 19:00 on August 6. Those participating in both the Kata and Senior Men & Women Lightweight Category, will be able to do their weighing between 9:00 to 9:30 at the sub-arena. Only those who are participating in both categories will be able to do their weighing at this time.
7. Unofficial supporters and taping are not allowed in the bouts, and the organizer will not prepare any official protectors (including the red mark/red belt set) for rental. Please prepare your own set of official protectors, based on the protector guideline. Please be sure to wear the foul cup/under guard underneath the dogi. Certain taping is allowed if a competitor sees a Tournament Doctor with a medical document. Stamping on taping will be available at the Tournament Doctor’s seat.
8. Women competitors should wear **white T-shirts under their Dogi**. Competitors with long hair should tie up their hair with a rubber band, etc. Hair accessories (wigs, hair bands, etc.) and make up (including manicure, and fake nails) will not be allowed at the bouts. Please be sure to wear your under guard under the dogi.
9. Accessories such as pierced earrings and bracelets are not allowed for safety. If any injuries should occur due to the wearing of accessories, the competitor who wore the accessory must take full responsibility (including compensation). Do not dye or bleach your hair. Tattoos should not be shown. If any, competitors should wear a T-shirt to cover the tattoo. If the tattoo is on the forearm area, please wear a long sleeve shirt to cover it. If there is any need for the competitor to cover his/her tattoo, please report so at the timing of registration.
10. The entry number will be sewn on the competitor’s dogi by the organizer. As announced earlier, please have the team leader

gather at the sub-arena of the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium between 14:00 to 15:00 on August 5 (Fri.), with the competitor's dogi (top only) well organized. The dogis with the entry number sewn properly will be given back to the team leader from 9:00 on August 6 (Sat.).

11. There will be no special guidance during the competition. Each competitor should wait for their turn on the waiting seats at least 5 bouts before his/her own expected bout. Competitors with smaller entry numbers are "red", and larger are "white". Competitors who are late for their bout will be disqualified. The organizers will not accept any complaints that may result from this disqualification.
12. The seconds for the competitors should follow basic Budo manner and etiquette, and stay within the designated second area. No booing, screaming, caps, sunglasses, chewing gum, instruments, stomping will be allowed. Seconds will not be allowed to touch the mat on the court, and they need to leave the designated area once the specific bout is finished. The organizers will not accept any personal views or opinions concerning the refereeing.
13. In principle, the top 4 fighters in each category will be awarded. However, there are some exceptions. The number of competitors awarded for each category will differ (1, 2, or 8) depending on the number of competitors (7 and under, 15 and under, 64 and over) in the category.
14. Although there will be doctor(s) at the stadium, they will only provide first aid. Medical items such as bandages, ice, and plasters should be prepared by competitors. If there are any strange symptoms after the bout, due to a strike to the head, please make sure to report to the tournament doctor. If a doctor tells a competitor to stop fighting, the competitor must follow his/her advice.
15. Be sure to carry your own insurance on the day of the tournament. In case of injury or accident (including death) during a bout, the victim shall be compensated within the organizer's liability insurance but no responsibility outside the insurance shall be taken at all. Application for the organizer's liability insurance shall come within one week of the end of the tournament. Applications which arrive after one week shall not be accepted.
16. There are preparations for the large screen inside the Gymnasium to display the bout numbers of the tournament. However, the competitor is responsible for his/her own management of their schedule, and the organizer will not take any responsibility for any delays that come from any malfunctions of the large screen.
17. In case any competitor abandons his/her entry without any acceptable reason, he shall pay the compensation fee of 150,000 yen, except in the following cases:
  1. When the tournament doctor decides that the competitor cannot continue the bout, as a result of his medical check.
  2. When an unexpected accident occurs immediately before the bout or during the bout and the executive committee chairman allows him/her to leave.In case any competitor cannot participate due to any unexpected accident, etc. they should inform the WKO Office without delay.
18. The participating competitor's rights to his/her portrait shall belong to the organizer. Therefore, please accept the fact that the competitor's images and pictures (including a part of his/her name and/or address) may be used for advertisements, publications, catalogs and/or websites issued by the organizer. Also, occasionally there may be interviews by various media and the competitor's images or pictures might be broadcasted or be seen in publications.
19. The personal data obtained in the application of the competitor shall be strictly controlled by the organizer. The data shall never be used without the competitor's permission for any other purpose than the management or communication required at the tournament
20. Competitors are considered to accept the terms of this notice when they arrive at the starting time of their bouts with their entry numbers on.
21. When problems which are not on this list should occur, the committee will discuss the matter and make decisions properly.