

Regarding Hansoku (Fouls) at the KDF2018 International Championship

There is a recent trend within WKO, especially at the World Open Karate Championship and World Karate Championship in Weight Categories, to take Hansoku (fouls) in a strict manner. In order to realize fair refereeing, we will take Hansoku (fouls) in a strict manner at the Karate Dream Festival 2018 International Championship as well, so for the competitors, please be careful to avoid actions that are considered Hansoku (fouls).

Please read the competition rules very carefully, especially the part concerning Hansoku (fouls) such as “Tsukami (grappling)”, “Kake (hooking)”, “Oshi (pushing)”, “Kakaekomi (hugging and holding)”, and other actions.

*“Tsukami (grappling)”-Not only grabbing the dogi, but grabbing the opponent’s fist is also a Hansoku (foul).

*“Kake (hooking)”-Attacking (Hizageri, etc.) the opponent while hooking the opponent’s head, neck, shoulder, and back is a Hansoku (foul).

*“Oshi (pushing)”-Not only with open hands, but pushing with the fist is also a Hansoku (foul).

*“Kakaekomi (hugging and holding)”-Regardless of from top or from under, the competitor who initiated such action will be given a Hansoku (foul). If it is at the same timing, both competitors will be given a Hansoku (foul).

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