



NIGERIAN KARATE REFEREE COMMISSION

INFORMATION TO ALL NKRC JUDGES, REFEREES AND CANDIDATES

The Referees are a fundamental part of Karate as a sport. The evaluation of the different actions, the quality of the performance, the fair play and the strict compliance with the WKF Rules make possible that the discipline stays aligned with the previously defined competition scenario.

Information to NKRC Referees

1. Kata & Kumite Candidates must be at least 25years old and be a min. 2nd WKF Dan Grade.
2. The State karate association may nominate their state member as candidates to the NKRC Referee course. Candidates must be qualified State Kumite Referee-A or State Kata Judge-A.
3. Provided that an official keeps their license up to date, attends a National Championship at least once in every years, attends the pre-championship briefing and officiates satisfactorily then they will not be expected to undergo another practical examination, although they must sit and pass the theory paper which will be presented before the Referees briefing, once in every two years.
4. All Judges and Referees must renew (pay) their licenses every years. All current officials are required to be paid up to date with the NKRC Treasury. Officials that do not pay the license renewal by the end of the year that the payment is due will not be able to officiate as NKRC Judges/Referees until the payment is satisfied.
5. All refereeing officials who have not attended the course and wishing to officiate at the Championships must attend the briefing the day before the Championships. All Referees and Judges must be present at the competition venue for final briefing and area allocation, 30 minutes before the scheduled start.
6. Referees & Judges officiating in a KFN event cannot perform other functions and must not have the nationality of either of the participants during a Kata or Kumite bout.
7. The Refereeing panel is strictly warned against discussing the outcome or decision of a match or bout with other than the members of the Referee panel, Tatami Manager or the Referee Commission. Infringement of this rule may incur penalties against the offender.
8. Referees and Judges officiating in a KFN event must in principle have residence in the state they represent and be exclusively affiliated through the State Karate association of their state of residence. Exceptions to this will be persons coming from style association.