



EUROPEAN KARATE FEDERATION REFEREE COMMISSION

Information to all EKF Referees, Judges and Candidates

1. Kata & Kumite Candidates must be at least 25 years old and be a min. of 2nd WKF Dan grade.
2. The National Federations may nominate their country's citizens or residents as candidates to the EKF Referee Course provided the country is in current paid up membership of EKF. Candidates must be registered online through the EKF software provider at least **30 days before** the start of the Course.
3. Licensed EKF officials may be qualified as Tatami Managers, Karate Referees, Kumite Referee A or B, Kumite Judge A or B and Kata Judge A or B. Qualification entitles the official to officiate in that capacity in all scheduled EKF events.
4. All qualifications at the EKF examinations are provisional. They are confirmed as a result of a satisfactory performance at the first scheduled EKF event that they attend after the actual examination.
5. Referees and Judges officiating at the Championships and who have not attended the Referee Course must always attend the Referees Briefing.
6. Provided that a Judge/Referee attends the pre-championship briefing and lecture and officiates satisfactorily at one official EKF or WKF Championships each year at least, then they will not be expected to undergo the practical examination parts of the Referee Course, although they must sit and pass the theory examination which will be presented before the Referees Briefing, once in every three years.
7. **All Judges and Referees must renew (pay) their licences every four years.** All current officials are required to be paid up to date with the EKF 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 EKF Judges/Referees until the payment is satisfied.
8. The Refereeing panel are strictly warned against discussing the outcome or decision of a match or bout with other than the members of the Referee panel, Tatami Managers or the Referee Committee.
9. Referees officiating in an EKF event cannot perform another function in that event. The Referees and Judges of a Kumite or Kata bout must not have the nationality nor represent the National Federation of either of the participants.