



DISCIPLINARY AND LEGAL RULES
(DLR)



ARTICLE 1

The EKF DLC (Disciplinary and Legal Commission) is competent in juridical and disciplinary matters. In legal matters, upon demand of the EKF President, it can give advice on any juridical incidents or matters of EKF interest. In disciplinary matters, the goal of the EKF-DLC is to adjudicate all disputes arising from regulations related to the sporting and ethical behaviour of EKF members. It is competent to deal with the conflicts that may arise in relationship with the interpretation and the application of article 1.8 of EKF Statutes. It is competent to resolve all conflicts between NF's, and between EKF and NF's. The DLC is competent to resolve all conflicts between NF's, and between EKF and NF's. The DLC is competent at European level, in the whole international domain. In disciplinary matters, there will be a Disciplinary Tribunal of 1st instance (DT) and an Appeal Tribunal (AT)

ARTICLE 2

The decisions of the DLC on individuals, clubs, etc. will bind the National Federations to which these pertain, and will have to be applied in its entirety in the whole EKF territory. At the same time, the EKF, upon the decision of the EKF EC, may inform the WKF and request to the WKF to give effect to the decision on the whole WKF territory.

ARTICLE 3

The disciplinary decisions taken by a National Federation of the EKF, or by a group or association of federations belonging to the European domain are not a matter from the EKF DLC. However, the body that has taken such a decision will have the prerogative of requesting the EKF to adopt the decision for the whole EKF domain, in the terms as per Article 2. In these cases, the decision will not correspond to the EKF DLC but to the EKF Executive Committee, who will examine on a case by case basis and decide accordingly



ARTICLE 4

The DLC is headed by a Chairman appointed by the Executive Committee. The seat of the DLC is the same as that of the EKF General Secretariat. For each case the DLC Chairman will appoint a panel of three judges that will form the Disciplinary Tribunal (DT). The Chairman of the DLC will appoint from among the three judges a President who will preside over the case concerned. The Chairman may appoint one Investigator, not belonging to the Tribunal, in charge of a preliminary inquiry.

ARTICLE 5

The DLC will act in disciplinary matters either as its own initiative or upon request of the Executive Committee or of a third party. In this latter case, the DLC Chairman will decide upon the acceptability of the request. The decision taken can be appealed exclusively before the WKF and after to the TAS/CAS.

ARTICLE 6

The DLC will deal with disciplinary matters other than those where the Referee Commission has jurisdiction such as the application of the competition rules. This would include, for example, but would not be limited to, disciplinary offences in relationship with the opening and closing ceremonies, incorrect behaviour of delegation members inside or outside the competition area, or any behaviour that is considered contrary to the ethics of Karate-do.

ARTICLE 7

The DLC has the power to impose disciplinary measures upon Federations, Delegations or Delegation Members in the form of verbal or written warnings, impose sanctions or penalties in application of the Rules, or measures of suspension from participation in EKF sanctioned events (see Article 11).



ARTICLE 8

The DLC may apply the EKF rules denying access to competition areas or to the stadium to those individuals or delegations that refuse to accept the EKF Rules or Executive Committee instructions.

ARTICLE 9

The DLC Chairman, or a member appointed by the Chairman, will survey the opening and closing ceremonies and will present a written report on any incorrect attitude or misbehaviour arising in these ceremonies.

ARTICLE 10

The DLC Chairman will receive and register all disciplinary claims not concerned with the competition development except when the claim is presented by the Chairman of the Referee Commission.

ARTICLE 11

The DLC meetings will be convened and called for by the Chairman or upon request of a Disciplinary Tribunal (DT) panel.

ARTICLE 12

The DLC can proceed with any investigation, interview or correspondence for the purpose of obtaining necessary information prior to taking any appropriate action.



ARTICLE 13

The disciplinary penalties are

- Warnings
- Reprimands
- Sport penalties (under the form of temporary ban from participation in competitions, courses, Dan gradings, etc)
- Financial penalties
- Suspension
- Expulsion

ARTICLE 14

The members of a Disciplinary Tribunal (DT) have the obligation to be discreet and not to disclose to any other party the outcome of their investigations. The members of a DT or an AT cannot take part in any instance or case where members of their own National Federation, their family, or persons having a legal link with them are involved. It is the responsibility of each DT and AT member to withdraw from a case when a conflict of interest is apparent. In this instance, the Chairman of the DLC will appoint another member.

ARTICLE 15

In general the proceedings will be presented in writing; however the President of a DT or an AT may decide to call those concerned in person before the Tribunal. Also at their own request and at their own expenses, those concerned will have the right to be heard alone or through a lawyer or a third party. The information exchanged between the parties and the Tribunal may be through all modern media including telephone, fax, e-mail, etc.



ARTICLE 16

The Tribunal will decide by majority vote. In case of a tie, the President of the DT will have a casting vote. The deliberations will take place at a DT meeting, or if the three DT members agree, by telephone, fax, e-mail, etc.

ARTICLE 17

The decisions of the DT are taken in first instance. Those concerned can, within 10 (ten) days after receiving the notification receipt, appeal to the Appeal Tribunal. The appeal will not suspend the DT decision, except when the latter decides so.

ARTICLE 18

The minutes will be signed by the President of the DT.

ARTICLE 19

When the DT decides to have hearings these will not be public.

ARTICLE 20

The decisions of the DT will apply to all EKF members, whether individuals, clubs or National Federations.



ARTICLE 21

In cases of certain gravity, the Chairman of the DLC may decide upon the provisional suspension of those concerned until the case is heard by the DT. The DT will decide whether to keep or to lift this suspension until the final decision.

ARTICLE 22

The Chairman of the DLC may ask each National Federation to supply a list of judges competent in juridical and/or sporting matters. The judges need not to be EKF members. However in any three judges panel there must be at least one EKF member. For exceptional cases, the Chairman may appoint one or more judges that are not on the list.

ARTICLE 23

The Chairman of the DLC manages the Commission and cannot be a member of a DT. The Chairman's responsibility is to control the development and regularity of the procedures, and to take appropriate measures to insure the fair operation of the process.

ARTICLE 24

The DLC is not a body for appealing the sanctions imposed by the National Federations members...

ARTICLE 25

The DT, once appointed for a case, appoints one of its members as secretary, studies the dossier, transmits it to the parties concerned, requests an answer, and fixes a reasonable deadline for the procedural stages. The language will be English. Notification of the outcome will be sent to those concerned in such a manner that receipt can be proven. In



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cases of address difficulties, it will be considered sufficient that notification is sent to the National Federation(s) of those concerned.

However, in cases of urgency, in particular when the facts may cause scandal, the DT can abbreviate the procedure and render its decision on site

ARTICLE 26

The applicable legislation will be the one of the country where EKF domicile is registered.

ARTICLE 27

In the case of a serious offence committed by competitors or Referees during a competition, the Chairman of the Referee Commission may impose an immediate suspension. The issue will be immediately transmitted to the DLC Chairman.

ARTICLE 28

The DLC will act as an appeal body in the event that a National Federation withdraws recognition from one of its members who has been elected or appointed as a member of an EKF Committee or Commission. The DLC will ask for the documents justifying the recognition loss, and will send a report to the EKF- EC, who will make the final decision on the matter.

ARTICLE 29

As a general rule the members of a DT panel will make every effort to resolve all matters in their hands within a reasonable time, that except justified cases cannot exceed 3 (three) months for the first instance and 3(three) months for the appeal.



ARTICLE 30

The DLC may impose in its rulings the payment of the DT panel costs.

ARTICLE 31

It is possible to appeal the first decision. Any appeal must be addressed to the General Secretary (by registered letter, e-mail or fax) within the 10 (ten) days that follow the receipt of said decision. The appeal must contain the reasons that justify the appeal. The appellant must deposit a sum of 500€ (five hundred euros) with the EKF General Secretary. This sum will be reimbursed to the appellant in case of a favourable decision, and will be updated from time to time by the EKF Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 32

The DLC Chairman will appoint a panel composed of 3 (three) judges, who were not involved in the first DT panel, and will appoint a President. They will form the Appeal Tribunal (AT).

ARTICLE 33

The procedure to be followed will be the same as for the first instance.

ARTICLE 34

In all cases, the first notification to the DLC will have to be made within the 21 (twenty one) days that follow any case to be considered.



ARTICLE 35

The disciplinary decisions taken by the WKF and duly reported to the EKF will be of compulsory application by this latter.

ARTICLE 36

The EKF disciplinary decisions taken in last instance may be appealed to the WKF and after to the TAS / CAS, following Article 33 of WKF DLC Rules.