



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

ANNEX 1

Details & methodology for the selection by the WKF of 25 Officials for refereeing in the upcoming Team World Championships 2024 or/and the Individual World Senior Championships Final Phase 2025

The WKF, additionally to the full Referee Commission, will appoint 25 Referees, complying with the established requirements, and will assume their full board accommodation:

Requirements:

1. Highest WKF license Kumite Referee-A and Kata Judge-A

All selected referees must be WKF qualified with the highest licenses in Kata and Kumite.

2. Compliance with the Referees' requirements for attending a WKF World Championships, including one extra Premier League.

The selected referees must have attended on the relevant year a minimum of two (2) Premier Leagues, two (2) Youth Leagues and one (1) Series-A, in at least three (3) continents.

3. Activity attendance according to the WKF Referee Ranking

The 25 referees will be selected among the list of the 40 first in the Referees Ranking, taking into consideration the breakdown between Continental Federations as per point 5 below and compliant with point 2 above.

4. Universality (Continental Federations)

The breakdown of the 25 Referees between Continental Federations will be as follows:

EKF: 10 Officials (40%)

AKF: 6 Officials (~25%)

UFAK: 4 Officials (~15%)

PKF: 4 Officials (~15%)

OKF: 1 Official (~5%)

5. Methodology for the selection of the 25 referees

The preliminary selection of the 25 referees will be made within a deadline of six (6) months before the relevant World Championships. Those selected will receive an appointment letter from the WKF and will have to answer accepting the appointment and the conditions associated, including the commitment to fulfil the requirements in place -as per point 2 above- before the date of the Championships.



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The selection will be made taking the number of referees specified in point 4 above for each of the 5 Continents, continent by continent, using the top 40 referees in the ranking list by the date of the selection. There will be no limitation in the number of referees selected for a specific citizenship.

Those referees initially selected that for whatever reasons excuse themselves from attending the World Championships will be replaced by the next in the ranking from the same Continent.

When the substitution line is exhausted, then the replacement will be made using the Ranking list irrespective of the Continent, starting with the best ranked and following the same path.

Once the selection of the 25 has been made, and the 25 confirmations have been received, the NFs will be informed of the names of the 25 list, in order to be able to make their respective appointment of the referee there are entitled to appoint per NF.

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