

USA National Karate-do Federation



Shikkaku and Event Removal Procedures

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This document supplements the Rules of Competition with respect to an official issuing a Shikkaku during an event. In addition, it addresses issues occurring outside of the field of play requiring an individual to be removed from an event. The intent of these procedures is to ensure an individual has the right to due process when the removal from competition or attending events extends beyond the current competition or event.

Definitions

Shikkaku - This is a disqualification of an athlete or coach from the entire competition event including any subsequent category the offender may have been registered for that competition. Shikkaku may be invoked when a Competitor or Coach failed to obey the orders of the Referee, acted maliciously, committed an act which harms the prestige and honor of Karate, or committed actions in violation of the rules and spirit of the tournament. In team matches the fouled Competitor's score will be set at eight points and the offender's score will be zeroed. A Shikkaku is a field of play decision.

Event Removal - This is a disqualification of a participant from the entire event including any subsequent days the event has remaining. Disqualification may be invoked when a participant failed to obey the orders of a referee or event staff, acted maliciously, violated the code of conduct, violated the SafeSport procedures, improperly used credentials, committed an act which harms the prestige and honor of Karate, or committed actions in violation of the rules and spirit of the competition. Any action jeopardizing the safety of the event or its' participants shall qualify under this definition. These disqualifications are not field of play decisions and apply to all areas of the event.

Participant - A participant is any individual attending or facilitating the USA Karate Event. Participants include but are not limited to coaches, athletes, officials, volunteers, event staff, spectators and guests.

Shikkaku Process

Referees will follow the rules of competition when delivering a Shikkaku. The referee will review with the other officials at the ring to determine if the Shikkaku is warranted. In accordance with the rules of competition, upon agreement of the officials, Shikkaku will be awarded and the individual will be disqualified. The awarding referee will complete written documentation of the incident, including the names of concurring officials, witnesses, statements made by the offending individual and the specific rule or violation committed. The written documentation will be submitted to the Referee Organizing Committee, Tournament Director and CEO.

The individual will surrender their credentials and once removed from the competition area the Shikkaku will be announced over the public address system.

The Shikkaku will be in force for the current event. The Shikkaku will be reviewed by the Referee Organizing Committee, and as needed the Coaches Committee, the Athlete Advisory Committee and the Event staff to determine if the incident was at a level that would warrant a suspension that also covers future events.

If a longer suspension is warranted, then a grievance will be created outlining the issue that occurred and the desired time of suspension. The grievance will then follow the procedures for hearings and grievances in order to provide the individual due process. The Judicial Committee will adjudicate the grievance and will ultimately set the duration of the suspension. The extension of the suspension is not considered a field of play decision.

Event Removal Process

An individual who failed to obey the orders of a referee or event staff, acted maliciously, violated the code of conduct, violated the SafeSport procedures, improperly used credentials, committed an act which harms the prestige and honor of Karate, or committed actions in violation of the rules and spirit of the competition may be removed from the event. Any actions or behavior effecting the safety of the event or its participants will result in removal from the event for the duration of the event.

The Tournament Director and CEO or their delegates will determine if the issue warrants the removal from the event. As needed, they will consult with the Referee Organizing Committee, Coaches Committee, Athlete Advisory Committee and other event staff. If the individual is removed, they will surrender their credentials or tickets to the event. The incident will be documented by the Tournament Director, or delegate, and submitted to the CEO in writing before the conclusion of the event. The documentation should include the offending individual's actions, witnesses and potential safety concerns, if any.

The Event Removal will be in force for the current event. The Event Removal will be reviewed by the Tournament Director and CEO, and as needed the Referee Organizing Committee, Coaches Committee, the Athlete Advisory Committee and the Event staff to determine if the incident was at a level that would warrant a suspension that also covers future events.

If it is determined a longer suspension is warranted, then a grievance will be created outlining the issue that occurred and the desired time of suspension. The grievance will then follow the procedures for hearings and grievances in order to provide the individual due process. The Judicial Committee will adjudicate the grievance and will ultimately set the duration of the suspension.

