

**RULES AND REGULATION  
FOR  
ATHLETES AND COACHES DURING TOURNAMENT**

**GENERAL:**

Martial art has a long history of using “Shi-ai” (testing each other) as a guide for future development and not for the purpose of winning only. Therefore, all karate athletes should keep in mind the highest ideals of Traditional Karate during competition.

**PROCEDURE FOR A PROTEST:**

1. All protests must go through a competitor’s coach to the chief judge (in the case of Kata, Enbu and Ki-tei) or to the respective court’s Kan-sa (in the case of Kumite and Ko-Go). The protest can be only on the basis of operational violation of the competition rules.
2. Competitors or coaches are not allowed to protest any technical, scoring and/or medical decisions as long as those decisions are based on competition rules.
3. The coach’s protest must be reported prior to either competitor leaving the court during the contested match.
4. The coach’s protest explanation shall not exceed five (5) minutes.
5. Once a decision has been reached on a specific protest, that decision shall be final. No further protest or appeals shall be tolerated. In the case where a coach or athlete persists in contesting the final decision, the Kan-sa shall have the authority to eject that coach or athlete from the competition area.
6. Any disrespect toward officials and judges by competitors or coaches during or after a match will not be tolerated and may serve as a cause for disqualification from the competition. It may also serve as a cause for ejection from the competition area.
7. If a protest has merit, then court judges should call a meeting and correct the violation. If a violation cannot be correct, then the result is void and the match must be repeated.
8. In the case where court judges are unable to render a decision or in the case where a competition controversy is of a technical nature, the decision of the jury shall be final. A jury at a competition is comprised of the chief judge, assistant chief judge and three (3) other pre-designated judges.

Each member of the jury has one (1) vote and the decision should be based on majority. In the case of a tie, the chief judge will make the final decision.

9. If, after a competition match, a violation of rules is discovered and confirmed by the jury, the decisions of the competition shall become void and all records of that competition match shall be expunged, unless the violation can be corrected.
10. In the case where a question arises or a controversy exists that is not covered by the competition rules, the decision of the jury shall be final.
11. At the completion of the championship, no protest in any shape or form will be granted. The decisions and records of the championship will be final and cannot be altered or changed in any shape or form.

### **AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

I have read the AAKF Rules and Regulations for *Athletes and Coaches during Tournament*. I understand and will fully abide by all the rules and regulations set forth.

**Athlete Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_