



KATA COMPETITION Judges guidelines

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Obligations of IJF kata Judge

A judge must be a member of a National Federation affiliated to the IJF and in good standing with it and recognized by its Continental Union.

A judge must have the required knowledge in the field of kata, in particular in the understanding of techniques. He must know the evaluation rules in their entirety.

A judge must keep his knowledge of evaluation up to date by all means, in particular by participating in clinics.

A judge must be thoroughly prepared for each judging assignment. As a member of an official organization, there is an obligation by every judge to maintain the highest standard of ethical conduct and professional integrity. By definition, a judge is unbiased.

A judge must appear in the official uniform on the competition site. He must imperatively respect the schedules defined by the organization.

There is no competition between judges and no rivalry will be tolerated.

Requirements

For IJF events, judges must be a minimum age of 30 years old and minimally be a black belt 4th dan. A judge needs to have an IJF licence in the kata he is judging.

Official uniform

A judge must wear the official uniform as defined by the Kata Commission:

- Jacket: Navy blue
- Pants: dark grey
- Shirt: white
- Tie: IJF
- Socks: black
- Formal shoes: black

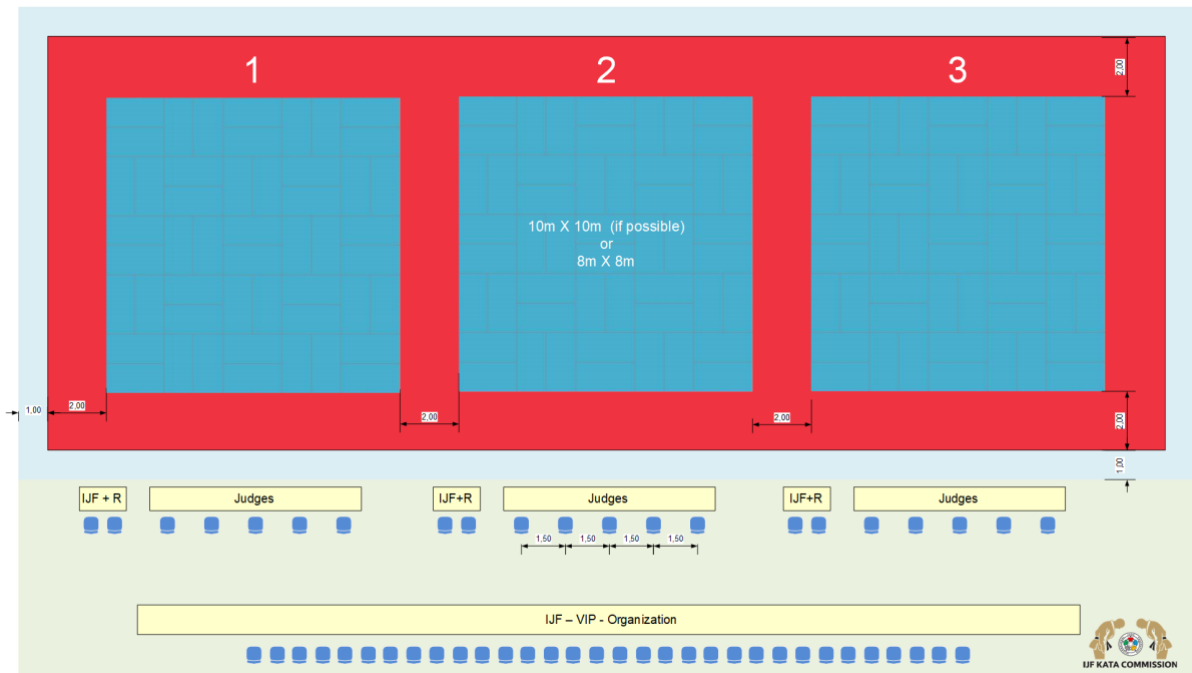
Recommendations for IJF kata judge

A judge must know the latest adaptations and interpretations of the IJF Kata competition rules. He must update his knowledge.

A judge must contribute to the development of the activity and the training of future judges by assuming a leadership role in the national and continental programs of kata judges.

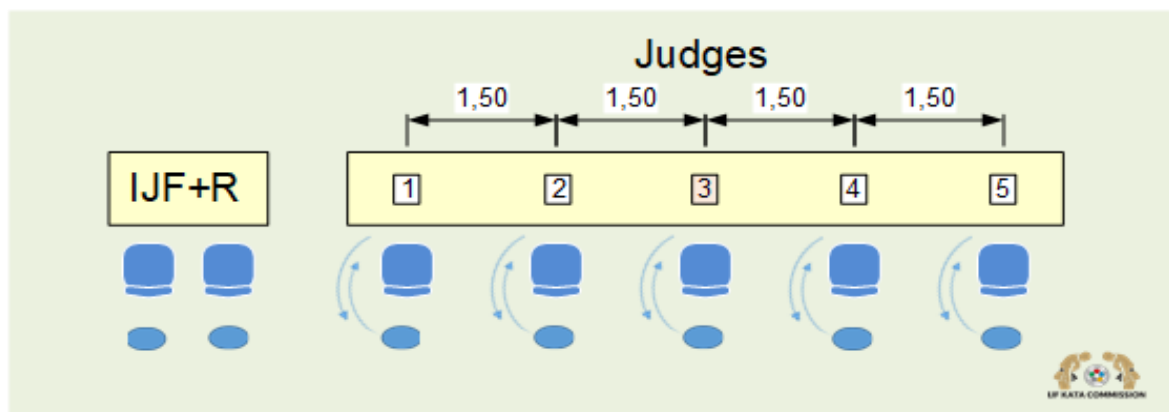
A judge must be an active and cooperative member in the missions entrusted to him.

Presentation of the judges



- For the start of the competition or at the opening ceremony.
- One line facing the spectators on the edge of the mat.
- The designated member of the IJF kata commission gives the signal for the bow at the beginning and at the end of the competition.

Judges set up



- Line up of the judges: IJF commissioner, reserve judge, 1, 2, 3 (Head judge), 4, 5.
- The Head judge orders the judges to bow at the start and at the end of each group.
- Competitors on the opposite side and facing the judges wait for the starting signal.
- The Head judge gives the starting signal in standing position, arms opened.

Code of conduct and Ethics

IJF kata judges are representatives of the International Judo Federation both on and off the contest area. It is essential that they conduct themselves in an exemplary manner at all times. A judge must have a professional attitude and conduct.

A judge must have a neat appearance. He must appear at the times defined at all the events to which he is invited and be available during the entire event.

A judge must attend all meetings, where he will get explanations about the rules and the event informations. A judge who does not participate in the meetings excludes himself from the event.

A judge who cannot respect his commitments, must notify the President or the Sport Director of the Kata Commission in writing before the event. His request must be motivated by exceptional reasons.

A judge to preserve his integrity must remain in the zone reserved for him and not have contact with a competitor, coach or the public.

A judge is responsible for protecting the spirit of judo by rendering fair and impartial decisions. To remain free of any bias, it is recommended that a judge refuse any assignment as coach or manager of a team engaged in the competition.

A judge must not look at other judges evaluation. Only in the case of a forgotten technique a consultation must be done by the members of the same jury after the performance.

A judge must, during the event, present himself in the best conditions of physical and moral health, avoiding any excess that could harm their mission.

A judge is not allowed to participate as a competitor in events organized by or under the responsibility of the IJF. Otherwise, he will automatically lose all of its licenses.

Sanction

During each IJF Kata event, a Disciplinary Commission composed of at least 3 people will be appointed. This will be under the authority of the President of the IJF Kata Commission or his representative. This Commission will be able to sanction any judge who does not respect the rules or who exhibits behavior inappropriate with the spirit of Judo. This sanction, ranging from a simple warning to exclusion from the competition, can only be given after hearing the judge concerned. A report must be made and sent to the General Secretary of the IJF.