



# WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

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## TO ALL WKF NF's

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The WKF Executive Committee has approved the introduction of a new Referee and Judge licence, separate to that of the existing WKF licence.

These new licences will be offered to officials who do not meet the required pass mark at the official WKF Senior or Cadet/Junior Championships.

**KUMITE:** The new licence will incorporate both Kumite Referee and Kumite Judge under the common title of "World Cup Referee"

**KATA:** The Kata licence can also be achieved under the same rules; the title will be "World Cup Kata Judge"

As there will be only one licence obtainable for Kumite Referee and only one licence obtainable for Kata Judge, there will be no need for progressing through A and B levels or the judge levels for Kumite.

Requirements to qualify as a World Cup Referee or World Cup Kata Judge are as follows:

1. To achieve a minimum standard theoretical and practical result at the Referee Course of a World Championships.
2. For ratification, officials must attend and officiate, as confirmation events, two of the following, during the year after the qualification, starting the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of December:
  - (a) World Youth Cup
  - (b) World Clubs Cup
  - (c) Premier League events

At least one of the two events chosen must be one Premier League event.

An appointed member/s of the WKF Referee Commission will conduct a practical assessment and will examine and evaluate the overall performance of the candidates. Certification will be issued following the first day of competition at one of the above events by the member/s of the WKF RC designated for the event.

Once qualified as a World Cup Referee or World Cup Kata Judge, officials are eligible to officiate in any World Cup and Premier League event and all WKF official events other than the World Championships.

Renewal for this particular licence will not require a written examination, however in order to retain the validity of this licence, the holder will be required to attend at least once every three years any one of the prescribed events.

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