

KARATE TOURNAMENT HOUSE RULES

Attention: all participants and spectators attending the Karate Tournament:

All minors are to be kept out of the gambling area. Chaperones shall be held responsible for all minors.

Manner of Dress No one is to be caught in the casino area; i.e. dining room, coffee shops, gift shops, etc. without shoes and properly attired shirts. All warming up and exhibitions will be done only in the tournament area.

Weapons: All weapons must be kept in properly attired property bags. No weapons are to be displayed or carried through the casino for any reason other than going directly from your room to the tournament area and returned to same. Any deviation from this rule may result in confiscation of your weapons and prosecution.

Decisions: All decisions on the part of the judges and referees during this tournament shall be final unless contested in the proper manner, in which case, the Arbitrator's decision will be final. No arguments, threats of violence or any challenges on the part of the contestants or their instructors will be tolerated. Divisions with less than three (3) competitors may be canceled or combined.

Alcoholic beverages: Any excess of alcoholic beverages in the Banquet Room area will not be tolerated.

KATA:

1. Scoring will be on a scale of 5 to 8 with decimal points. All points will be counted, highest score wins. In the case of a tie, competitors must perform a different form.
2. There will be five (5) judges for Kata.
3. No music will be allowed in Kata competition.
4. Showmanship Katas: 3 minute time limit. Deductions will be made for any katas that are overtime.

KUMITE:

1. Length of the match will be two (2) minutes, accumulative points, all flags will count.
2. Only the Head Referee can start or stop the clock
3. When point is seen by one of the judges, that judge will say point to the referee. The referee will then separate the competitors. The judges will hold their flags in the neutral position until the Head Referee separates the competitors. The judges will hold their flags in the neutral position until the Head Referee calls for flags. The judges will immediately turn the flag up, either red or white. (Head Referee has 1 point.)
4. The designated target areas are:
a) side of neck b) chest area c) side of the body
5. Foul areas:
a) back of the head b) spine c) throat d) back of the neck e) joints f) groin area
ABSOLUTELY NO FACE CONTACT
6. Sweeping will only be with the front leg.
7. No excessive body contact - competitors will be warned once, second time point will be awarded to the opponent.
8. Running out of the ring - competitors will be warned once, second time point will be awarded to the opponent.
9. All disqualifications to be verified - majority rules.
10. Safety equipment is mandatory in all Kumite divisions - all belts.
11. Competitors, referees, and judges should be in full uniform. (No exceptions for competitors)
12. All competitors will perform in their own belt divisions. Any discrepancy should be taken to the tournament director immediately.

Rooms will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis. Call Tropicana Hotel & Casino 1-800-468-6876. Reservations must be made by April 17th for May Tournament. Ask for group code SPAC509 to get \$59/night. Reservations must be made by November 13th for December tournament. Ask for group code SPA1209 to get \$69/night.