

GKRKARATE

Referee Manual

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- The competition area is made up of a series of rings which are boundaries marked out in a square, whereby the events can take place.
- No person, other than tournament officials, competitors and people administering First Aid are permitted to enter the competition area at any time.
- Each ring will consist of one square boundary, with a table and two chairs for the use of the time-keeper and score-keeper.
- A further three chairs will be placed at each ring for the use of the three Judges and/or Referees.

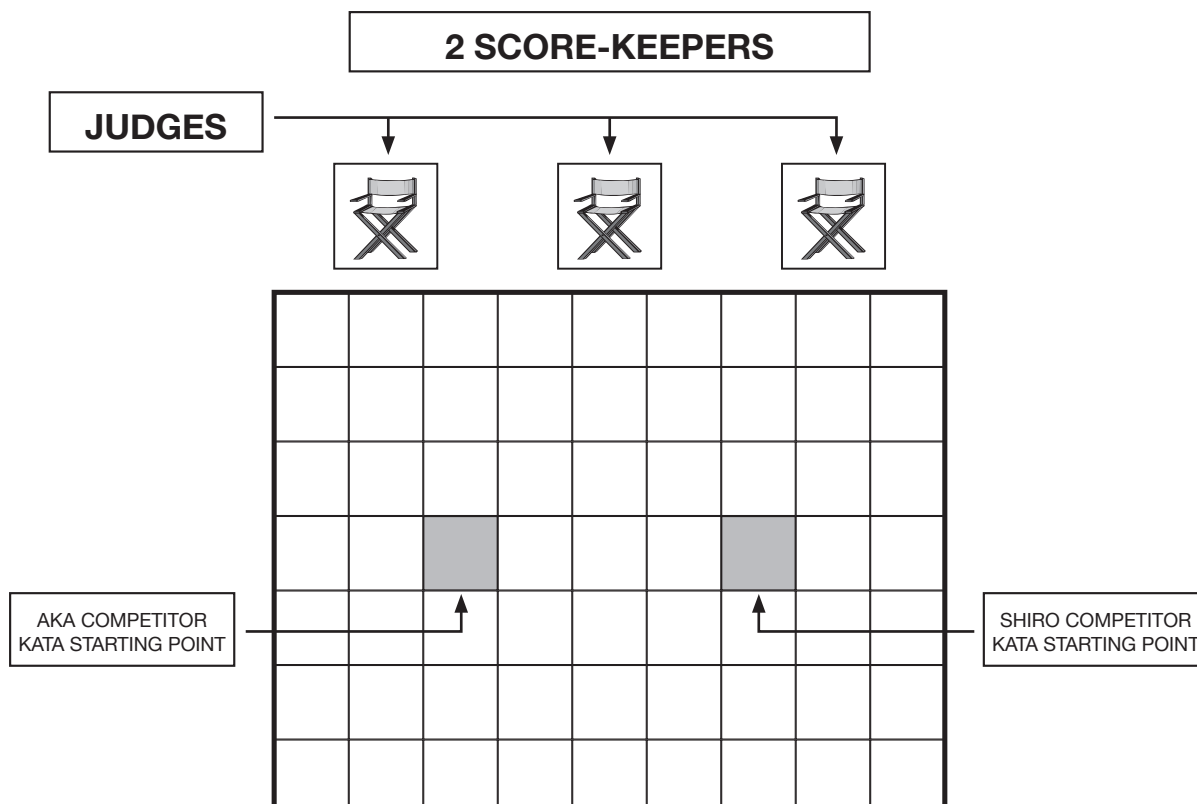
2.1 KATA COMPETITION AREA

All Major tournaments shall use mats for the competition area. Where no mats are available, the event should be held on a wooden floor with ring edges marked with a tape that is approved by the venue. Ideally, rings should be 9m wide and 7m long, however 8m x 6m is also suitable (See diagram).

These must be of sufficient size to permit the uninterrupted performance of Kata (two competitors performing without concerns about colliding into one another or stepping off the mats).

The ring area will ideally be all one colour (either red or blue pointing up), with two single mats of the other colour illustrating where the kata competitors should step into and begin their kata. It is permitted (but not mandatory) for the outside ring of mats to be a different colour also.

All connective teeth on any mats used must be flattened down to avoid hazard.

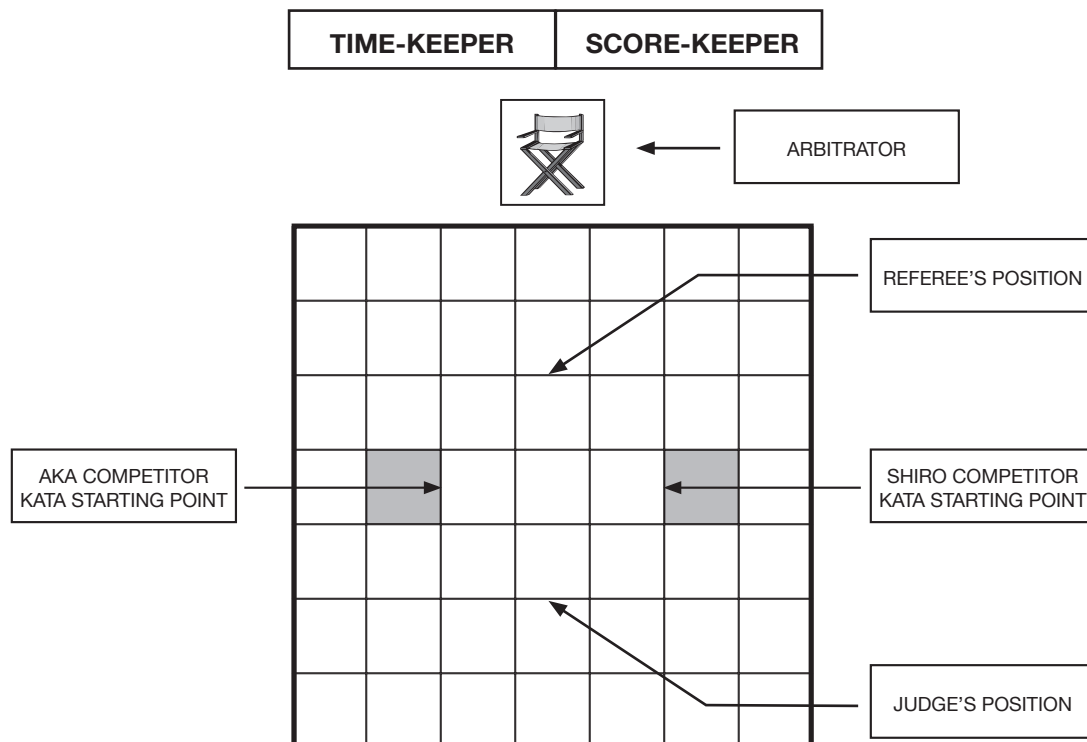


2.2 KUMITE COMPETITION AREA

All Major tournaments shall use mats for the competition area. Ideally, rings should be 7m square, however 6m squared is also permissible for younger age divisions. Where no mats are available, the event should be held on a wooden floor with ring edges marked with a tape that is approved by the venue.

The ring area will ideally be all one colour (either red or blue pointing up), with two single mats of the other colour illustrating where Aka and Shiro should stand when entering the ring. This should be set up so that competitors are standing 3 metres apart. It is permitted (but not mandatory) for the outside ring of mats to be a different colour also.

All connective teeth on any mats used must be flattened down to avoid hazard.



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