

GKRKARATE

Referee Manual

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6.1 PROTOCOL FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED IN THE RING

1. When a competitor is injured, the Referee shall at once call “Time Out” and help the injured competitor, at the same time calling the resident First Aid Personnel. The resident First Aid Personnel is authorised to diagnose and treat the injury only. He/she may also make recommendation for the safety of the injured competitor.
2. In the event of a competitor being injured, the resident First Aid Personnel, the Referee, the Judge and both competitors are the only ones permitted in the ring unless specifically asked by the Referee.
3. In the event of a competitor being injured the opponent will immediately turn his/her back to the injured person and stand in **HEIKO DACHI** until instructed otherwise by the Referee. He/she will not interfere in any way with the care and treatment of the injured person.
4. An injured competitor who has been declared unfit to fight by the resident First Aid Personnel cannot fight again in that competition/division.
5. If two competitors injure each other at the same time, or are suffering from the effects of previously incurred injury and are declared by the resident First Aid Personnel to be unable to continue, the bout is awarded to the fighter who has amassed the most points at that time. If the point score is equal, then a decision (**HANTEI**) will decide the outcome of the bout.

6.2 MAKING A DECISION AFTER AN INJURY

1. When assessing an injury caused by the opponent’s technique, the Referee must consider whether the technique contravened the rules.
2. Was it properly applied to the correct area at the correct time and with the correct degree of control? Consideration of this will assist the Referee to decide whether the injured competitor should be declared the loser (if they cannot continue due to the injury) or whether the opponent should be penalised for a foul.
3. An injured competitor who wins a bout through disqualification of their opponent due to heavy contact, cannot fight again in the competition unless they have the permission from the resident First Aid Personnel. If he/she is injured again, he/she may win the second bout by disqualification but is immediately withdrawn from further Kumite competition in that tournament (this rarely occurs).

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