



USA KARATE **Referee's Code of Conduct**

I understand that as a USA KARATE Referee, there are responsibilities, expectations and duties attached to my position. Additionally, my position is one of authority and it is critical to the development of Elite Athletes and technical integrity of the sport. As an official representative of USA KARATE I hereby agree to:

1. Obey USA KARATE published rules, regulations, policies, protocols and procedures.
2. Conform to the appropriate dress codes and always maintain the highest standards of conduct.
3. Obey state, national and international laws.
4. Refrain from the use of alcohol, un-prescribed drugs or other controlled substances which could impair my judgment or abilities as a Referee or Judge.
5. Attend designated official functions of USA KARATE.
6. Do my utmost to further my abilities through USA KARATE, PKF and WKF sanctioned clinics, seminars, and certification courses.
7. To arrive at state, regional, national or international competition venues at the designated time and remain until the Chief Referee officially excuses me or until the completion of the competition. Unless there is a written excuse from the Executive Director, President or Chief Referee, I will be subject to disciplinary measures as outlined by the USA KARATE Referee Committee Policy and Rules.
8. Be subject to the jurisdiction of the USA KARATE Constitution and By-laws.
9. Refrain from accepting any gratuities from competitors, participants or spectators.
10. Refrain from fraternizing with USA Team Members.
11. Refrain from making disparaging or personal remarks about competitors or their performance(s) at all times.
12. To use my best efforts to deliver an educated, conscientious objective judgment for each competitor equitably and without prejudice.
13. To avoid engaging in negative and/or disparaging communications about USA KARATE or my colleagues, and to always endeavor to promote USA KARATE in a positive manner.

I hereby confirm that I have read the Referee's Code of Conduct and the Officials Policy and Rules, that I agree to and shall comply with the terms and conditions contained therein, and I fully understand the expectations hereafter imposed upon me by USA KARATE as a USA KARATE Referee/Judge.

Signature

Printed Name

Date

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