Dear fellow karateka,

Given the new format for the Premier League the WKF has found it necessary to make an adjustment to the requirements for the kata competition. As well known, the general rule in kata competition is that one is required to do a different kata for each round.

The new format for Premier League uses the round-robin system for the elimination round, where everyone will be performing 3 kata to determine who will qualify to go on to the quarter finals, where a fourth kata is performed, then a fifth for the semi-finals and finally a sixth for the final. In other words, one will have to perform 6 kata to win: 3 in the round-robin elimination, and 3 for the final rounds.

Considering the high number of kata required we will therefore allow one of the kata used in the round-robin used again during the subsequent rounds. The kata selected for repetition can be used in the quarter-final, semi-final or final. However, the kata repeated cannot be done twice in a row. I.e. if Bassai Dai is performed another kata has to be used before Bassai Dai can be performed again.

We trust this adjustment make the number of kata required to win more reasonable.

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