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HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF WFSH SPORT HAPKIDO

The **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)** promotes the worldwide development of **Sport Hapkido** as a modern, safe, well-structured and inclusive martial art discipline founded upon the technical, educational and philosophical principles of traditional Korean Hapkido.

Sport Hapkido preserves the technical heritage and philosophical values of traditional Hapkido while adapting its competition system to internationally recognized sporting standards that ensure athlete safety, competitive fairness and refereeing consistency.

The WFSH is committed to promoting excellence through education, discipline, integrity, mutual respect and international cooperation, providing equal opportunities for athletes, coaches, referees, officials and member organizations worldwide.

MISSION

To develop, regulate and promote **Sport Hapkido** worldwide through official competitions, educational programs, referee development and international cooperation, contributing to the sustainable growth of the sport and the comprehensive development of its practitioners.

VISION

To establish **Sport Hapkido** as an internationally recognized martial art discipline distinguished by sporting excellence, institutional integrity and its contribution to education, human development and international cooperation.

CORE VALUES

- Respect
- Integrity
- Excellence
- Discipline
- Inclusion
- Fair Play
- Solidarity
- Responsibility
- Human Development
- Sportsmanship

These values shall guide the conduct of all athletes, coaches, referees, officials, member federations and affiliated organizations participating in WFSH activities.

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COMMITMENT TO SAFE SPORT

The WFSH is committed to providing a safe, respectful and inclusive sporting environment for all participants.

All official competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of athlete safeguarding, injury prevention, equality, integrity and respect for human dignity.

The WFSH promotes the physical, psychological and moral well-being of all participants by ensuring that every official activity is conducted under the highest standards of safety, fairness and respect.

COMMITMENT TO FAIR PLAY

The WFSH promotes the principles of honesty, transparency, sportsmanship and mutual respect in every official competition.

The Federation strictly opposes all forms of doping, discrimination, violence, competition manipulation and unsportsmanlike conduct, in accordance with internationally recognized principles of sporting ethics.

Every athlete, coach, referee and official is expected to uphold these principles and contribute to preserving the integrity and reputation of Sport Hapkido.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT

The WFSH conducts all its activities in accordance with the universal principles of sport, promoting friendship among nations, international cooperation, cultural exchange and the inclusive participation of athletes from all countries.

The Federation encourages mutual respect, solidarity and peaceful coexistence through sport, contributing to the development of stronger relationships among its member organizations worldwide.

PREAMBLE

The **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**, as the international governing body for **Sport Hapkido**, hereby adopts these **Official Combat Rules** as the regulatory framework governing all official competitions sanctioned, organized or recognized by the Federation.

These Rules are intended to ensure athlete safety, establish fair and equal competitive conditions, promote the technical development of Sport Hapkido and guarantee the consistent application of the principles of fairness, transparency and sporting integrity.

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All competitions conducted under the authority of the WFSH shall be governed by these Official Combat Rules. All athletes, coaches, referees, officials, member federations, organizing committees and accredited personnel shall comply with and apply the provisions contained herein.

COMMITMENT TO THE VALUES OF SPORT

The World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) recognizes sport as a powerful instrument for education, personal development, social inclusion and the promotion of peace.

Through all its official activities, the WFSH is committed to promoting the values of respect, friendship, excellence, integrity, responsibility and solidarity, fostering an environment in which every participant can develop both as an athlete and as an individual.

All athletes, coaches, referees, officials, member federations and affiliated organizations shall conduct themselves in accordance with these principles, contributing to the positive image and sustainable development of Sport Hapkido throughout the world.

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CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Purpose

These Official Combat Rules establish the technical, sporting, refereeing and disciplinary regulations governing all official competitions sanctioned, organized or recognized by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

Article 2. Scope of Application

These Rules shall be mandatory for all national, continental and international competitions sanctioned, organized or recognized by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

Article 3. Regulatory Authority

The World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) shall be the sole authority responsible for the official interpretation, amendment, revision and enforcement of these Official Combat Rules.

Article 4. Fundamental Principles

All official WFSH competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the following fundamental principles:

- a) Athlete safety.
- b) Equal competitive opportunities.
- c) Fair Play.
- d) Mutual respect.
- e) Sporting integrity.
- f) Refereeing transparency.
- g) Technical development of Sport Hapkido.

Article 5. Official Language

The official language of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) shall be English.

The WFSH may publish official versions of these Rules in other languages to facilitate their international implementation.

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Article 6. Official Interpretation

The official interpretation of these Rules shall be the exclusive responsibility of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH), acting through its World Technical Commission and World Refereeing Directorate.

Article 7. Unforeseen Cases

Any matter not expressly provided for in these Rules shall be decided by the World Technical Commission and the World Refereeing Directorate of the WFSH.

All decisions shall be based upon the principles of athlete safety, fairness, sportsmanship and the technical development of Sport Hapkido.

Article 8. Uniform Application

All member federations, national associations, affiliated clubs, referees, coaches and competitors shall apply and interpret these Rules in a consistent and uniform manner.

Article 9. Protection of Participants

The safety, health and physical integrity of all participants shall be the highest priority in every official WFSH competition.

Article 10. Entry into Force

These Official Combat Rules shall enter into force on the date of their official approval by the Board of Directors of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) and shall remain valid throughout the applicable regulatory cycle.

CHAPTER II

OFFICIAL COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Article 11. Official Competition Categories

Official competitions of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) shall be conducted in accordance with the competition categories established in these Official Combat Rules.

The official competition categories shall be organized according to:

- a) Age.
- b) Grade.
- c) Gender.
- d) Weight Division.

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Article 12. Age Categories

The official age categories shall be as follows:

- a) **Junior:** 12 years to 14 years and 364 days.
- b) **Youth:** 15 years to 17 years and 364 days.
- c) **Adult Open:** 18 years of age and older.
- d) **Senior:** 40 years of age and older.

The competitor's official age shall be determined as of the opening day of the competition.

Article 13. Adult Open Category

The Adult Open Category shall be open to all competitors who are eighteen (18) years of age or older.

No maximum age limit shall apply to this category.

Article 14. Senior Category

The Senior Category shall be reserved for competitors who are forty (40) years of age or older.

Senior competitors may also participate in the Adult Open Category, provided they satisfy all applicable competition requirements.

Article 15. Grade Categories

The official grade categories shall be:

- a) Beginner Division.
- b) Advanced Division.

Article 16. Beginner Division

The Beginner Division shall include the following belt grades:

- a) White Belt.
- b) Yellow Belt.
- c) Orange Belt.

Article 17. Advanced Division

The Advanced Division shall include the following belt grades:

- a) Green Belt.

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- b) Blue Belt.
- c) Purple Belt.
- d) Red Belt.
- e) Brown Belt.
- f) Black Belt.

Article 18. Gender Categories

Official competitions shall be conducted in the following gender categories:

- a) Male.
- b) Female.

The WFSH may authorize additional competition categories whenever sporting, technical or organizational conditions so require.

Article 19. Weight Divisions

The official weight divisions shall be those established in **Annex 1** of these Official Combat Rules.

Article 20. Eligibility Requirements

All competitors shall comply with the technical, administrative and medical requirements established by the WFSH and by the Organizing Committee of the respective competition.

Article 21. Official Verification

The Organizing Committee shall have the authority to verify the age, identity, grade, gender and registered competition category of any competitor before or during the competition.

The submission of false or misleading information may result in immediate disqualification and any applicable disciplinary sanctions under these Official Combat Rules.

CHAPTER III

OFFICIAL UNIFORM AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Article 22. General Principle

All competitors shall wear the official competition uniform and protective equipment approved by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

The proper use of the official uniform and protective equipment shall ensure athlete safety, equal competitive conditions and proper identification of all competitors.

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Article 23. Official Competition Uniform

The official competition uniform shall consist of:

- a) Official Hapkido Jacket.
- b) Official Hapkido Pants.
- c) Official Belt corresponding to the competitor's rank.

The uniform shall be clean, in good condition and properly fitted throughout the entire bout.

Article 24. Official Uniform Design and Identification

The official competition uniform of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) shall be black and shall comply with the technical specifications established in these Official Combat Rules.

All competitors shall wear the official uniform approved by the WFSH or by the Organizing Committee.

The official uniform shall display only the following official identification markings:

a) Official WFSH Logo

- Location: Left chest.
- Official dimensions: **8 cm × 8 cm**.

b) Official National Federation Logo

- Location: Right chest.
- Official dimensions: **8 cm × 8 cm**.

c) National Flag

- Location: Outer side of the left upper arm.
- Official dimensions: **8 cm × 6 cm**.

d) Official Country Code

- Location: Lower back of the jacket, in accordance with the official WFSH design.
- The official three-letter international country code shall be used (e.g. COL, USA, FRA, JPN).
- Letter height: **10 cm**.
- Letter color: **White**.

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Commercial advertising, political or religious messages, offensive content or any other unauthorized markings shall not be permitted unless expressly approved by the WFSH or the Organizing Committee.

The World Technical Commission may authorize special uniform designs for World Championships, Continental Championships, World Cups, Multisport Games or other official international events.

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ARTICLE 24 – OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS

2 OFFICIAL LOGO OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION
Location: Right chest
Size: 8 cm x 8 cm

1 OFFICIAL WFSH LOGO
Location: Left chest
Size: 8 cm x 8 cm

3 OFFICIAL COUNTRY FLAG
Location: Outer side of the left upper arm
Size: 8 cm x 6 cm

4 OFFICIAL COUNTRY CODE (ISO 3166-1 ALPHA-3)
Location: Lower back of the jacket
Letter height: 10 cm
Color: White

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The World Technical Commission may authorize special designs for World Championships, Multisport Games, World Cups, or any other official international events.

FRONT VIEW

REAR VIEW

Article 25. Competitor Identification

For identification purposes during competition:

- One competitor shall wear a **red belt** and a **red helmet**.
- The opposing competitor shall wear a **blue belt** and a **blue helmet**.

These colors shall allow clear identification by the refereeing team, the Technical Table and any official electronic scoring system, when applicable.

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Article 26. Mandatory Protective Equipment

All competitors shall wear the following mandatory protective equipment:

- a) Protective Helmet.
- b) Mouthguard.
- c) Competition Gloves.
- d) Groin Protector.
- e) Instep and Foot Protector.
- f) Shin Guards.
- g) Forearm Guards.
- h) Chest Protector.

The use of a **Face Mask** shall be optional.

Article 27. Chest Protector

The chest protector shall adequately cover the official scoring area and provide an appropriate level of protection for the competitor.

Article 28. Mouthguard

The use of a mouthguard shall be mandatory for all competitors.

Any competitor not wearing a mouthguard shall not be permitted to compete until the requirement has been fulfilled.

Article 29. Groin Protector

The groin protector shall be mandatory for all competitors.

It shall be worn underneath the competition uniform.

Article 30. Competition Gloves

Competition gloves shall be approved by the WFSH or by the Organizing Committee.

They shall permit the safe execution of striking, clinching and throwing techniques.

Article 31. Protective Helmet

The protective helmet shall provide adequate head protection while allowing clear identification of the competitor through the official competition colors.

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Article 32. Equipment Inspection

Before the start of each bout, the refereeing team may inspect the competitors' uniform and protective equipment to verify compliance with these Official Combat Rules.

Article 33. Unauthorized Equipment

The use of any equipment that may:

- a) Provide an unfair competitive advantage.
- b) Represent a risk to the opponent.
- c) Interfere with the normal conduct of the bout.

shall be prohibited.

Article 34. Personal Items

During competition, competitors shall not wear:

- a) Watches.
- b) Necklaces.
- c) Rings.
- d) Earrings.
- e) Bracelets.
- f) Metallic objects.
- g) Any other item that may endanger the safety of any participant.

Article 35. Competitor Responsibility

Each competitor and his or her coach shall be responsible for ensuring that the official uniform and protective equipment fully comply with these Official Combat Rules.

Article 36. Non-Compliance

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Chapter may prevent a competitor from participating until the deficiency has been corrected and, where applicable, may result in the penalties established in these Official Combat Rules.

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CHAPTER IV

COMBAT FORMAT

Article 37. Definition of a Bout

A bout is the sporting contest between two competitors conducted in accordance with the technical, refereeing and disciplinary provisions established by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

Article 38. Objective of the Bout

The objective of the bout is to achieve victory by any of the official methods recognized under these Official Combat Rules.

Article 39. Competition System

Official competitions may be conducted using a single-elimination system, elimination with repechage, round-robin, pool system or any other competition format approved by the WFSH and the Organizing Committee.

Article 40. Duration of Elimination Bouts

Elimination bouts shall consist of:

Two (2) rounds of one (1) minute and thirty (30) seconds each.

Article 41. Duration of Final Bouts

Final bouts shall consist of:

Two (2) rounds of two (2) minutes each.

Article 42. Rest Period

A rest period of thirty (30) seconds shall be provided between rounds.

During this interval, competitors may receive technical instructions from their respective coaches.

Article 43. Start of the Bout

The bout shall begin only upon the command of the Center Referee using the official command:

START (Shi Jak).

Article 44. End of the Bout

A bout shall end when:

a) The regulation time expires.

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- b) Victory is awarded by Technical Superiority.
- c) Victory is awarded by Knockout (KO).
- d) A competitor voluntarily withdraws.
- e) A competitor is disqualified.
- f) A medical decision prevents a competitor from continuing.
- g) Any other official method of victory recognized by these Official Combat Rules applies.

Article 45. Draw

If both competitors have the same score at the end of regulation time, the **Golden Point** procedure shall be applied.

Article 46. Golden Point

The Golden Point shall consist of one additional tie-breaking round.

The duration of the Golden Point shall be equal to that of the final regulation round.

For elimination bouts, the Golden Point shall last one (1) minute and thirty (30) seconds.

For final bouts, the Golden Point shall last two (2) minutes.

Article 47. Victory During the Golden Point

During the Golden Point, the competitor who scores the first valid point in accordance with these Official Combat Rules shall be declared the winner.

The bout shall also end immediately, and victory shall be awarded to a competitor if the opponent:

- a) Is disqualified for committing a Serious Foul.
- b) Accumulates the number of penalties resulting in disqualification, in accordance with these Official Combat Rules.
- c) Is unable to continue the bout due to a medical decision.
- d) Voluntarily withdraws from the bout.
- e) Is declared Knockout (KO).

The official decision shall be announced by the Center Referee.

Article 48. Interruptions

The Center Referee may temporarily suspend the bout when necessary to:

- a) Apply a penalty.

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- b) Administer a Protection Count.
- c) Request medical assistance.
- d) Inspect the competitors' equipment.
- e) Conduct an Official Video Review.
- f) Ensure the safety of all participants.

Article 49. Authority of the Center Referee

During the bout, the Center Referee shall have full authority to control the contest, enforce these Official Combat Rules and make all decisions necessary to ensure the proper conduct of the competition.

CHAPTER V

OFFICIAL COMPETITION AREA

Article 50. Official Competition Area

All official competitions of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) shall be conducted within an official competition area designed to ensure athlete safety and facilitate the effective performance of the refereeing team.

Article 51. Composition of the Competition Area

The official competition area shall consist of:

- a) Competition Area.
- b) Safety Area.
- c) Coaches' Area.
- d) Referees' Area.
- e) Technical Table.
- f) Referee Director's Area.

Article 52. Competition Area

The competition area shall measure eight (8) meters by eight (8) meters.

This shall be the official surface on which all technical and sporting actions of the bout are conducted.

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Article 53. Safety Area

A safety area with a minimum width of two (2) meters shall surround the competition area on all sides.

The safety area is intended to protect competitors during movement, sweeps, throws and exits from the competition area.

Article 54. Recommended Total Area

The recommended total dimensions of the competition area shall be twelve (12) meters by twelve (12) meters, including both the competition area and the surrounding safety area.

Article 55. Competition Surface

Official competitions shall be conducted on tatami or another surface approved by the WFSH.

The surface shall be uniform, non-slip and suitable for the safe execution of striking, sweeping, throwing and falling techniques.

Article 56. Delimitation

The competition area shall be clearly distinguished from the safety area by means of different colors, boundary markings or any other system approved by the Organizing Committee.

Article 57. Competitors' Positions

Competitors shall occupy their designated starting positions as directed by the Center Referee and in accordance with the official competition layout.

Article 58. Coaches' Positions

Each coach shall be positioned on opposite sides of the competition area.

The designated coaching position shall be located at the center of each side outside the competition area.

Coaches shall remain within their designated area throughout the bout.

Article 59. Corner Judges' Positions

When two (2) Corner Judges are appointed, they shall be positioned on opposite sides of the competition area with an unobstructed view of the bout.

When four (4) Corner Judges are appointed, they shall be positioned around the competition area in accordance with the official guidelines established by the WFSH Refereeing Directorate.

Article 60. Technical Table

The Technical Table shall be positioned directly in front of the competition area.

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It shall consist of at least:

- a) Technical Table Judge.
- b) Timekeeper.
- c) Scorekeeper.
- d) Electronic Scoring System Operator, when applicable.

Article 61. Referee Director

The Referee Director shall be positioned so as to maintain a clear view of the entire competition area and effectively supervise the performance of the refereeing team.

Article 62. Video Review Station

When an Official Video Review System is in use, the Video Review Station shall be located adjacent to the Technical Table or in another location that provides immediate access to the official competition footage.

Article 63. Adjustments

The WFSH may authorize reasonable adjustments to the layout of the competition area whenever required by the characteristics of the sports venue, provided that such adjustments do not compromise athlete safety, refereeing impartiality or the proper application of these Official Combat Rules.

CHAPTER VI

AUTHORIZED TECHNIQUES AND VALID TARGET AREAS

Article 64. Authorized Techniques

During a bout, competitors may execute only those techniques expressly authorized by these Official Combat Rules.

The authorized techniques are classified as follows:

- a) Hand Techniques to the Torso.
- b) Kicking Techniques to the Head and Torso.
- c) Sweeps.
- d) Throws.

Article 65. Hand Techniques

Punching techniques shall be permitted exclusively to the valid torso scoring areas established in these Official Combat Rules.

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All hand techniques shall be executed with proper technical control, precision and full respect for the physical integrity of the opponent.

Punching techniques directed to the head, face, neck or any other unauthorized target area are strictly prohibited and shall be penalized in accordance with these Official Combat Rules.

Article 66. Kicking Techniques

Kicking techniques directed to the valid scoring areas established in these Official Combat Rules shall be permitted.

Kicks may be executed either directly or while turning.

Article 67. Sweeps

Sweeps are techniques intended to unbalance the opponent through a controlled technical action executed on the official sweep target area of the leg.

For a sweep to be considered valid, it shall cause the opponent to touch the competition area with any part of the body other than the soles of the feet.

Article 68. Throws

Throws include all technical actions intended to project the opponent onto the competition area.

The following shall be recognized as official throwing techniques:

- a) Standard Throws.
- b) Reaping Throws.
- c) Sacrifice Throws.
- d) Catapult Throws.

For a throw to be considered valid, the opponent's back shall clearly make contact with the competition area.

Article 69. Reaping Throws

Reaping Throws shall be considered an official throwing technique and shall be evaluated according to the same technical and scoring criteria established for throws.

Article 70. Sacrifice Throws and Catapult Throws

Sacrifice Throws and Catapult Throws shall be considered official throwing techniques and shall be evaluated according to the same technical and scoring criteria established for throws.

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Article 71. Valid Target Areas

The valid scoring areas are:

- a) Head.
- b) Torso.
- c) Posterior Achilles Zone (PAZ).

Article 72. Valid Head Target Area

The valid head target area shall include the entire front and lateral portions of the head protected by the official competition helmet.

The back of the head (occipital region) shall not be considered a valid scoring area.

Article 73. Valid Torso Target Area

The valid torso target area shall comprise the front and lateral portions of the trunk located above the waistline and below the shoulder line.

Article 74. Valid Sweep Target Area

Sweeps may only be executed to the **Posterior Achilles Zone (PAZ)** located on the posterior aspect of the opponent's lower leg.

The Posterior Achilles Zone (PAZ) comprises the anatomical area extending from the heel to a maximum height of approximately fifteen (15) centimeters, following the course of the Achilles tendon along the posterior aspect of the lower leg.

It is strictly prohibited to execute sweeps, blocks, strikes or any other technical action above the Posterior Achilles Zone (PAZ), or to direct any technique toward the knee joint, the popliteal region (back of the knee) or any other joint structure susceptible to injury.

Any contact outside the Posterior Achilles Zone (PAZ) shall constitute a technical foul and shall be penalized in accordance with these Official Combat Rules.

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VALID SWEEP TARGET AREA

ARTICLE 74 OF THE WFSH REGULATIONS

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Sweeps may be executed only on the **POSTERIOR ACHILLES ZONE** (back of the lower leg) of the opponent.

PROHIBITED AREAS

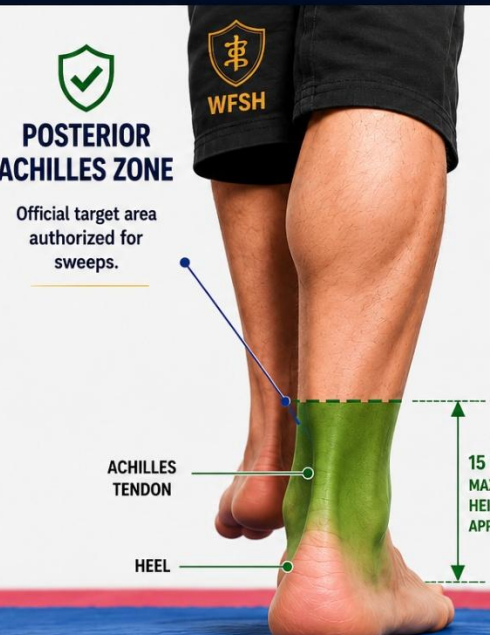
- Knee joint
- Popliteal area (back of the knee)
- Any area 15 cm or more above the heel
- Any joint or structure susceptible to cause injury

VALID SWEEP TARGET AREA

- ONLY in the **POSTERIOR ACHILLES ZONE**
- From the heel up to a maximum height of 15 cm.

IMPORTANT

Compliance with these provisions is mandatory to ensure the safety and integrity of all participants.



POSTERIOR ACHILLES ZONE

Official target area authorized for sweeps.

ANATOMICAL REFERENCE

- PROHIBITED AREA** Knee joint
- PROHIBITED AREA** Popliteal area (back of the knee)
- PROHIBITED AREA** Any area 15 cm or more above the heel
- VALID AREA (POSTERIOR ACHILLES ZONE)** From the heel up to a maximum height of 15 cm

Heel

**NOTE:** Any action performed outside the valid target area shall be considered a foul and will be penalized in accordance with these regulations.

Article 75. Safety Principle

All techniques shall be executed with proper control and full respect for the physical integrity of the opponent.

Any dangerous technique or action performed with reckless disregard for the opponent's safety or with the evident intention of causing injury shall be penalized in accordance with these Official Combat Rules.

CHAPTER VII

VALIDITY CRITERIA FOR SCORING TECHNIQUES

Article 76. General Validity Criteria

For a technique to be considered valid and eligible for scoring, it shall meet all of the following requirements:

- Be executed against a valid scoring area.
- Be performed with proper technical control.

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- c) Be executed with clear offensive intent.
- d) Demonstrate sufficient technical effectiveness.
- e) Not be preceded, accompanied or followed by any violation of these Official Combat Rules.

Article 77. Principle of Effectiveness

Only technical actions producing a clear and recognizable sporting effect shall be awarded points.

No points shall be awarded for techniques executed without technical control, without offensive intent or resulting only in superficial contact.

Article 78. Validity of Hand Techniques

Punching techniques shall be considered valid when they:

- a) Are executed against a valid torso scoring area.
- b) Produce clear, visible and effective contact.
- c) Are performed with proper technical control.
- d) Comply with all provisions established in these Official Combat Rules.

Punching techniques directed to the head, face, neck or any other unauthorized target area shall not be considered valid and shall be penalized in accordance with these Official Combat Rules.

Article 79. Validity of Kicking Techniques

Kicking techniques shall be considered valid when they:

- a) Are executed against a valid scoring area (head or torso).
- b) Produce clear, visible and effective contact.
- c) Are performed with proper technical control.
- d) Comply with all provisions established in these Official Combat Rules.

Article 80. Validity of Sweeps

For a sweep to be considered valid, it shall:

- a) Be executed exclusively within the Posterior Achilles Zone (PAZ).
- b) Be the result of a clear and controlled technical action.
- c) Cause the opponent to touch the competition area with any part of the body other than the soles of the feet.
- d) Fully comply with the safety provisions established in these Official Combat Rules.

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Article 81. Validity of Throws

For a throw to be considered valid, it shall:

- a) Be the result of a clear and controlled technical action.
- b) Cause the opponent's back to make clear contact with the competition area.
- c) Comply with all safety provisions established in these Official Combat Rules.

The provisions of this Article shall also apply to Reaping Throws, Sacrifice Throws and Catapult Throws.

Article 82. Accidental Falls

No points shall be awarded when a competitor falls as a result of:

- a) Loss of balance.
- b) Accidental tripping.
- c) Movement not caused by a clearly identifiable technical action of the opponent.
- d) Any other situation in which no valid scoring technique can be clearly identified.

Article 83. Reasonable Doubt

Whenever there is reasonable doubt regarding the effectiveness or validity of a technical action, the refereeing team shall refrain from awarding points.

Article 84. Safety in Technical Execution

All techniques shall be executed with proper control and full respect for the physical integrity of the opponent.

Any dangerous, reckless or intentionally harmful action shall be penalized in accordance with these Official Combat Rules.

CHAPTER VIII

COMBAT TIME REGULATIONS

Article 85. General Principle

The time limits established in this Chapter are intended to ensure the proper conduct of the bout, protect the safety of the competitors and guarantee the correct application of these Official Combat Rules.

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Article 86. Clinch Time and Prohibition of Striking

When competitors are engaged in a clinch, they shall have a maximum of ten (10) seconds to execute an authorized technique.

During this period, competitors may execute only authorized technical actions, including throws, sweeps, Reaping Throws, Sacrifice Throws and Catapult Throws.

During the official clinch time, it is strictly prohibited to execute any striking technique with the hands, arms, legs or feet.

The exclusive purpose of the clinch period shall be the execution of control, off-balancing, sweeping or throwing techniques.

Any striking technique executed during the official clinch time shall constitute a foul and shall be penalized in accordance with these Official Combat Rules.

If no effective technical action is executed within the ten (10)-second period, the Center Referee shall separate the competitors using the official command:

STOP (Kalyo)

The bout shall then resume immediately.

Article 87. Protection Count

A Protection Count shall be administered whenever a competitor is temporarily unable to continue the bout immediately as the result of a valid scoring technique.

Article 88. Protection Count Procedure

In such circumstances, the Center Referee shall:

- Stop the bout.
- Direct the opponent to move to a neutral position.
- Begin a visible and audible count of up to ten (10) seconds.
- Assess the physical and mental condition of the affected competitor.

Article 89. Resumption After the Protection Count

The bout may resume when the Center Referee determines that the competitor is fit to continue.

If the competitor is unable to continue before the completion of the ten (10)-second count, victory by Knockout (KO) shall be declared.

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Article 90. Medical Time

Whenever a competitor is injured or requires medical attention, the Center Referee may suspend the bout and request the intervention of the official medical personnel.

The official medical team shall have a maximum of one (1) minute to examine and assist the competitor.

Article 91. Medical Decision

At the conclusion of the official medical time, the official physician shall determine whether the competitor:

- a) Is fit to continue the bout.
- b) Is unfit to continue the bout.

The medical decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.

Article 92. Extended Medical Time

In exceptional circumstances involving suspected concussion, joint injuries, fractures, loss of consciousness or any other condition that may compromise the physical integrity of the competitor, the official physician may be granted the additional time strictly necessary to complete the medical evaluation.

Article 93. Bleeding

Whenever a competitor presents visible bleeding, the Center Referee shall suspend the bout to allow the official medical personnel to provide appropriate treatment.

Article 94. Equipment Adjustment Time

When a bout is interrupted for the adjustment, replacement or correction of protective equipment, the Center Referee may grant a maximum of thirty (30) seconds for the necessary adjustments.

Article 95. Misuse of Time Interruptions

Any attempt to misuse an authorized interruption for the purpose of avoiding combat, obtaining an unfair advantage or deliberately delaying the competition shall constitute a foul and shall be penalized in accordance with these Official Combat Rules.

Article 96. Safety Priority

The safety and physical integrity of the competitors shall always take precedence over any sporting or competitive consideration.

The Center Referee and the official physician may stop the bout at any time whenever they determine that a competitor's safety is at risk.

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CHAPTER IX

SCORING SYSTEM

Article 97. General Principle of Scoring

Points shall be awarded only for valid techniques executed in accordance with these Official Combat Rules.

All points shall correspond to an effective technical action performed against a valid scoring area.

Article 98. One (1)-Point Techniques

One (1) point shall be awarded for:

- a) A valid punch to the torso.
- b) A valid direct kick to the torso.

Article 99. Two (2)-Point Techniques

Two (2) points shall be awarded for:

- a) A valid direct kick to the head.
- b) A valid turning kick to the torso.

Article 100. Three (3)-Point Techniques

Three (3) points shall be awarded for:

- a) A valid spinning kick to the head.
- b) A valid sweep.
- c) A valid throw.
- d) A valid Reaping Throw.
- e) A valid Sacrifice Throw or Catapult Throw.

Article 101. Scoring for Sweeps

For a sweep to be awarded points, it shall comply with all requirements established in these Official Combat Rules.

The sweep shall score when it causes the opponent to touch the competition area with any part of the body other than the soles of the feet.

Score Value:

Three (3) points.

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Article 102. Scoring for Throws

For a throw to be awarded points, it shall comply with all requirements established in these Official Combat Rules.

The opponent's back shall make clear contact with the competition area.

Score Value:

Three (3) points.

The provisions of this Article shall also apply to Reaping Throws, Sacrifice Throws and Catapult Throws.

Article 103. Knockdown

Whenever a valid scoring technique results in a Knockdown, the Center Referee shall administer the corresponding Protection Count.

In addition to the points awarded for the valid technique, the competitor who caused the Knockdown shall receive one (1) additional bonus point.

Article 104. Accumulation of Points

All points scored during the bout shall be cumulative.

The final result shall be determined by the total number of valid points awarded to each competitor.

Article 105. Cancellation of Points

No points shall be awarded when:

- a) The technique is executed against an invalid target area.
- b) The technique results from a violation of these Official Combat Rules.
- c) The technique lacks sufficient technical control.
- d) The technique fails to produce a recognizable sporting effect.
- e) There is reasonable doubt regarding the validity of the action.

Article 106. Validity of the Score

A score shall be considered official only when recognized in accordance with the WFSH Refereeing System established in these Official Combat Rules.

Article 107. Technical Superiority

The bout shall end immediately whenever one competitor obtains a lead of twelve (12) points.

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In such case, the competitor with the twelve-point advantage shall be declared the winner by **Technical Superiority**.

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TECHNIQUE	SCORE
Valid punch to the torso	1 Point
Valid direct kick to the torso	1 Point
Valid direct kick to the head	2 Points
Valid turning kick to the torso	2 Points
Valid spinning kick to the head	3 Points
Valid Sweep	3 Points
Valid Throw	3 Points
Valid Reaping Throw	3 Points
Valid Sacrifice Throw	3 Points
Valid Catapult Throw	3 Points
Knockdown resulting from a valid technique	+1 Bonus Point

TECHNICAL SUPERIORITY

CONDITION	RESULT
Twelve (12)-point advantage	Victory by Technical Superiority

GOLDEN POINT

CONDITION	RESULT
Tie at the end of regulation time	Golden Point

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CONDITION	RESULT
First valid score	Immediate Victory

KNOCKOUT (KO)

CONDITION	RESULT
Competitor unable to continue before the ten (10)-second count	Victory by Knockout (KO)

OFFICIAL NOTE

Scores shall be considered valid only when the technical action complies with all requirements established in the **WFSH Official Combat Rules** and is recognized in accordance with the official WFSH Refereeing System.

CHAPTER X

FOULS AND PENALTIES

Article 108. General Principle

All competitors shall comply with the technical, sporting and disciplinary provisions established in these Official Combat Rules.

Any violation shall be penalized according to its nature, severity, intent and consequences.

Article 109. Classification of Penalties

The official penalties of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) are:

- a) **WARNING (Kyongo)**
- b) **PENALTY (Ganchom)**

Article 110. WARNING (Kyongo)

A **WARNING (Kyongo)** shall be issued for minor violations of these Official Combat Rules.

Every two (2) **WARNINGS (Kyongo)** shall result in the deduction of one (1) point.

Article 111. Violations Punishable by WARNING (Kyongo)

The following actions, among others, may be penalized with a **WARNING (Kyongo)**:

- a) Voluntarily leaving the competition area to avoid engagement.

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- b) Adopting a passive attitude or persistently avoiding combat.
- c) Gripping without attempting to execute an authorized technique.
- d) Deliberately delaying the progress of the bout.
- e) Receiving instructions from a coach that encourage or induce actions contrary to these Official Combat Rules.
- f) Removing the mouthguard during active combat.
- g) Any other minor act of unsportsmanlike conduct.

Article 112. PENALTY (Ganchom)

A **PENALTY (Ganchom)** shall be imposed for serious violations of these Official Combat Rules. Each PENALTY (Ganchom) shall result in the direct deduction of one (1) point.

Article 113. Violations Punishable by PENALTY (Ganchom)

The following actions, among others, may be penalized with a **PENALTY (Ganchom)**:

- a) Attacking a prohibited target area.
- b) Deliberately pushing the opponent out of the competition area.
- c) Performing dangerous actions that endanger the opponent's physical integrity.
- d) Executing prohibited techniques.
- e) Executing any striking technique during the official clinch time.
- f) Ignoring the direct instructions of the Center Referee.
- g) Serious unsportsmanlike conduct.
- h) Simulating an injury or inability to continue in order to gain an unfair advantage.

Article 114. Prohibited Target Areas

The following target areas are strictly prohibited:

- a) Eyes.
- b) Throat and trachea.
- c) Back of the head (occipital region).
- d) Spine.
- e) Groin.

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- f) Joints.
- g) Knees.
- h) Fingers.
- i) Toes.
- j) Head and face with hand techniques.

Article 115. Prohibited Actions

The following actions are prohibited:

- a) Deliberately causing injury to the opponent.
- b) Applying dangerous pressure to the joints.
- c) Striking or twisting the fingers.
- d) Performing dangerous actions directed at the neck or spine.
- e) Any conduct contrary to the principles of sportsmanship.

Article 116. Determination of the Penalty

The applicable penalty shall be determined by the Center Referee after considering:

- a) The seriousness of the action.
- b) The competitor's intent.
- c) The degree of risk created.
- d) The injury or damage caused.
- e) The circumstances of the bout.

Article 117. Disqualification

A competitor shall be disqualified when he or she:

- a) Accumulates three (3) PENALTIES (Ganchom) during the bout.
- b) Commits an extremely serious violation.
- c) Seriously endangers the opponent's physical integrity.
- d) Engages in serious or repeated unsportsmanlike conduct.
- e) Deliberately refuses to comply with these Official Combat Rules.

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Disqualification may be imposed immediately whenever the seriousness of the violation so justifies.

Article 118. Consequences of Disqualification

Whenever a competitor is disqualified, the bout shall end immediately and the opponent shall be declared the winner.

Article 119. Expulsion

The Organizing Committee may order the expulsion of any competitor, coach, delegate or official whose conduct seriously affects the safety, discipline or image of the competition.

Article 120. Disciplinary Authority

The Center Referee, the Refereeing Director and the Organizing Committee shall have the authority to impose the disciplinary measures established in these Official Combat Rules within the scope of their respective responsibilities.

CHAPTER XI

COACHES AND COACHES' AREA

Article 121. Official Coach

Each competitor may be accompanied by one (1) officially accredited coach during the bout.

Only the officially accredited coach shall be permitted to remain within the designated Coaches' Area.

Article 122. Duties of the Coach

The coach may:

- a) Provide technical instructions to the competitor.
- b) Request medical assistance.
- c) Request an Official Video Review.
- d) Assist the competitor during the rest period.
- e) Submit official requests in accordance with these Official Combat Rules.

Article 123. Coaches' Position

Coaches shall remain within the areas designated by the Organizing Committee, located at the center of the outer sides of the competition area.

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Article 124. Position Restrictions

Coaches shall not:

- a) Enter the competition area without authorization.
- b) Move freely around the competition area during the bout.
- c) Interfere with the duties of the refereeing team.
- d) Leave the designated Coaches' Area without authorization.

Article 125. Conduct of the Coach

The coach shall maintain respectful and professional conduct toward referees, officials, competitors, spectators and the Organizing Committee at all times.

Article 126. Prohibited Conduct

The following actions are prohibited:

- a) Entering the competition area without authorization.
- b) Interfering with the conduct of the bout.
- c) Insulting or showing disrespect toward any participant or official.
- d) Making aggressive or inappropriate protests.
- e) Obstructing the duties of the refereeing team.
- f) Providing instructions to another competitor.

Article 127. Replacement of the Coach

Once the bout has begun, the replacement of a coach shall not be permitted.

In exceptional and duly justified circumstances, the Center Referee and the Refereeing Director may authorize a replacement.

Article 128. Sanctions Applicable to Coaches

Unsportsmanlike conduct by a coach may result in:

- a) WARNING (Kyongo).
- b) PENALTY (Ganchom).
- c) Expulsion from the Coaches' Area.
- d) Expulsion from the competition venue.

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Article 129. Video Review Request

Only the officially accredited coach may submit a request for an Official Video Review.

Article 130. Stoppage of the Bout

The coach may request that the bout be stopped whenever he or she considers that the physical integrity or safety of the competitor is at risk.

Article 131. Coach Responsibility

The coach shall be responsible for contributing to the proper conduct of the competition, complying with these Official Combat Rules and promoting the values and principles of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

CHAPTER XII

VIDEO REVIEW

Article 132. Video Review System

The World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) may implement an Official Video Review System at competitions where the necessary technological resources are available.

Article 133. Request for Video Review

A request for Video Review may be submitted only by the officially accredited coach.

The request shall be made immediately following the action under review and before the bout resumes.

Article 134. Reviewable Situations

The Official Video Review may be used to review:

- a) Scoring techniques.
- b) Sweeps.
- c) Throws.
- d) Reaping Throws.
- e) Sacrifice Throws and Catapult Throws.
- f) Knockdowns.
- g) Penalties.
- h) Exits from the competition area.

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i) Any other situation that the Refereeing Director considers relevant for the correct application of these Official Combat Rules.

Article 135. Review Procedure

Once a Video Review request has been accepted, the Center Referee shall temporarily suspend the bout.

The review shall be conducted by the Refereeing Director or by the official designated for that purpose.

The bout shall remain suspended until a final decision has been issued.

Article 136. Review Decision

The decision reached through the Official Video Review System shall be final and not subject to appeal.

The outcome of the review shall be clearly communicated to the refereeing team, coaches and competitors before the bout resumes.

Article 137. Retention of the Right to Request Video Review

A competitor shall retain the right to request additional Video Reviews during the same bout, provided that each previous request has been upheld.

Article 138. Loss of the Right to Request Video Review

If a Video Review request is rejected, the competitor shall lose the right to submit any further Video Review requests during that bout.

Article 139. Ex Officio Video Review

The Refereeing Director may order an **ex officio** Video Review whenever he or she considers that a situation may significantly affect the outcome of the bout or the proper application of these Official Combat Rules.

Article 140. Availability of the Video Review System

The absence of an Official Video Review System shall not prevent an official competition from being conducted.

Whenever the Video Review System is unavailable, all decisions shall be made in accordance with the WFSH Refereeing System established in these Official Combat Rules.

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CHAPTER XIII

OFFICIAL METHODS OF VICTORY

Article 141. Official Methods of Victory

A competitor may win a bout by any of the following official methods:

- a) Victory by Points.
- b) Victory by Technical Superiority.
- c) Victory by Golden Point.
- d) Victory by Knockout (KO).
- e) Victory by Medical Decision.
- f) Victory by Withdrawal.
- g) Victory by Disqualification.

Article 142. Victory by Points

The competitor who has scored the highest number of points at the end of the regulation time shall be declared the winner.

Article 143. Victory by Technical Superiority

The bout shall end immediately whenever one competitor obtains a lead of twelve (12) points.

The competitor holding the twelve-point advantage shall be declared the winner by **Technical Superiority**.

Article 144. Victory by Golden Point

If the total score is tied at the end of regulation time, the **Golden Point** procedure established in these Official Combat Rules shall be applied.

The competitor who scores the first valid point during the Golden Point shall be declared the winner.

Article 145. Victory by Knockout (KO)

The competitor whose opponent is unable to continue the bout before the completion of the official ten (10)-second Protection Count administered by the Center Referee shall be declared the winner by **Knockout (KO)**.

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Article 146. Victory by Medical Decision

The competitor whose opponent is declared unfit to continue by the official physician shall be declared the winner.

The medical decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.

Article 147. Victory by Withdrawal

The competitor whose opponent or the opponent's coach officially declares the withdrawal from the bout shall be declared the winner.

The bout shall end immediately upon notification of the decision to the Center Referee.

Article 148. Victory by Disqualification

The competitor whose opponent is disqualified in accordance with these Official Combat Rules shall be declared the winner.

Article 149. Official Declaration of the Winner

At the conclusion of the bout, the Center Referee shall officially declare the winner using the official referee signals established by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

Article 150. Official Result

The official result of the bout shall become final once it has been declared by the refereeing team and recorded by the Technical Table, unless subsequently modified through an Official Video Review or by a disciplinary decision issued in accordance with these Official Combat Rules.

CHAPTER XIV

REFEREEING SYSTEM

Article 151. Refereeing Authority

All official competitions of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) shall be conducted by a duly accredited and authorized refereeing team.

The refereeing team shall be responsible for ensuring the proper application of these Official Combat Rules and for guaranteeing the fair, safe and impartial conduct of the competition.

Article 152. Composition of the Refereeing Team

The refereeing team shall consist of:

- a) Center Referee.
- b) A minimum of two (2) Corner Judges.

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- c) Chief Technical Table Official.
- d) Timekeeper.
- e) Scorekeeper.
- f) Refereeing Director.

For World Championships, Continental Championships or other major international competitions, the WFSH may appoint up to four (4) Corner Judges.

Article 153. Center Referee

The Center Referee shall be the highest authority within the competition area during the bout.

The duties of the Center Referee shall include:

- a) Controlling the bout.
- b) Enforcing these Official Combat Rules.
- c) Ensuring the safety of the competitors.
- d) Issuing WARNING (Kyongo) and PENALTY (Ganchom).
- e) Administering Protection Counts.
- f) Requesting medical assistance.
- g) Officially declaring the winner.

Article 154. Corner Judges

Corner Judges shall assist the Center Referee in the technical evaluation of the bout.

They shall perform their duties independently, impartially and in accordance with these Official Combat Rules.

Article 155. Chief Technical Table Official

The Chief Technical Table Official shall supervise the official recording of the bout, including points, penalties and official results.

Article 156. Timekeeper

The Timekeeper shall be responsible for the official control of:

- a) Bout time.
- b) Rest periods.
- c) Medical time.

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d) Official Video Review time, when applicable.

Article 157. Scorekeeper

The Scorekeeper shall be responsible for the official recording of:

- a) Points.
- b) Penalties.
- c) Official results.

Article 158. Refereeing Director

The Refereeing Director shall be the highest refereeing authority of the competition.

The duties of the Refereeing Director shall include:

- a) Supervising the performance of the refereeing team.
- b) Resolving complex situations involving the interpretation and application of these Official Combat Rules.
- c) Supervising the Official Video Review System.
- d) Ensuring the uniform application of these Official Combat Rules.

Article 159. Refereeing Impartiality

All referees and officials shall perform their duties with independence, neutrality, objectivity and impartiality.

Article 160. Authority of Refereeing Decisions

All decisions made by the refereeing team within the scope of their authority shall be final and binding upon all participants.

Article 161. Requirements for Referee Accreditation

All referees and officials shall hold the appropriate accreditation issued or officially recognized by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

The WFSH shall establish the official levels, certification requirements, continuing education programs and licensing procedures for international referees.

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CHAPTER XV

OFFICIAL REFEREE COMMANDS

Article 162. Official Language of Referee Commands

The official referee commands of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) shall be issued in English.

As a tribute to the Korean heritage and traditions of Hapkido, the corresponding official Korean terminology shall also be used.

Article 163. Official Referee Commands

The following referee commands are officially recognized by the WFSH:

COMMAND	KOREAN	PURPOSE
START	<i>Shi Jak</i>	Starts the bout or resumes the action.
STOP	<i>Kalyo</i>	Immediately stops the bout.
CONTINUE	<i>Kye Sok</i>	Resumes the bout following an interruption.
WARNING	<i>Kyongo</i>	Issues a warning for a minor violation.
PENALTY	<i>Ganchom</i>	Imposes a serious penalty resulting in the deduction of one (1) point.
MEDICAL TIME	<i>Kyeshi</i>	Suspends the bout to allow official medical assistance.
WINNER	<i>Sung Ja</i>	Officially declares the winner of the bout.

Article 164. Use of Referee Commands

All referee commands shall be delivered clearly, audibly and at the appropriate moment.

All competitors, coaches and officials shall immediately comply with every command issued by the Center Referee.

Article 165. Official Referee Signals

Each referee command shall be accompanied by the corresponding official hand signal established by the WFSH.

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The official referee signals are illustrated in **Annex 2** of these Official Combat Rules.

Article 166. Authority of Referee Commands

All commands issued by the Center Referee while performing official duties shall be binding upon all participants.

Failure to comply with any referee command may result in the penalties established in these Official Combat Rules.

CHAPTER XVI

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 167. Official Interpretation

The official interpretation of these Official Combat Rules shall be the exclusive responsibility of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH), acting through its World Technical Commission and World Refereeing Directorate.

No affiliated organization or member federation may issue interpretations that contradict or modify the provisions established in these Official Combat Rules.

Article 168. Unforeseen Cases

Any matter not expressly provided for in these Official Combat Rules shall be decided by the Refereeing Director and the World Technical Commission of the WFSH.

All decisions shall be based upon the principles of athlete safety, fairness, sporting integrity and the technical development of Sport Hapkido.

Article 169. Mandatory Application

These Official Combat Rules shall be mandatory for all national, continental and international competitions sanctioned, organized or officially recognized by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

Article 170. Amendments to the Rules

Amendments to these Official Combat Rules may be approved only by the Board of Directors of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH), upon the recommendation of the World Technical Commission and/or the World Refereeing Directorate.

Article 171. Regulatory Cycle

These Official Combat Rules shall remain in force throughout the regulatory cycle established by the WFSH.

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Ordinary amendments shall enter into force at the beginning of the next regulatory cycle unless immediate implementation is required for reasons relating to athlete safety, sporting integrity or the proper administration of the sport.

Article 172. Official Translations

The WFSH may publish official versions of these Official Combat Rules in multiple languages.

In the event of any discrepancy between translated versions, the official English version shall prevail.

Article 173. Intellectual Property

These Official Combat Rules are the exclusive intellectual property of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

No part of these Official Combat Rules may be reproduced, modified, translated, distributed or used, in whole or in part, without the prior written authorization of the WFSH.

Article 174. Entry into Force

These Official Combat Rules shall enter into force on the date of their official approval by the Board of Directors of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

From that date onward, all previous regulations or provisions that are inconsistent with these Official Combat Rules shall be repealed.

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ANNEX 1

OFFICIAL WEIGHT DIVISIONS

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The following weight divisions are officially recognized by the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)** and shall apply to all national, continental and international competitions sanctioned, organized or officially recognized by the Federation.

JUNIOR (12 – 14 years old)		MEN	FEMALE
	1	-40	-35
	2	-45	-40
	3	-50	-45
	4	-55	-50
	5	-60	-55
	6	-65	-60
	7	+65	+60
YOUTH (15 – 17 years old)		MEN	FEMALE
	1	-45	-40
	2	-50	-45
	3	-55	-50
	4	-60	-55
	5	-65	-60
	6	-70	-65
	7	-75	-70
	8	+75	+70
ADULTS OR OPEN ELITE (18 years and older) and SENIOR (40 years and older)		MEN	FEMALE
	1	-55	-50
	2	-60	-55
	3	-65	-60
	4	-70	-65
	5	-75	-70
	6	-80	-75
	7	-85	-80
	8	+85	+80

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ANNEX 2

OFFICIAL REFEREE COMMANDS AND SIGNALS

WORLD FEDERATION FOR SPORT HAPKIDO (WFSH)

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The official referee commands and signals constitute the universal language of refereeing within the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

All accredited referees, judges and technical officials shall know, correctly interpret and consistently apply the commands and signals established in this Annex.

OFFICIAL REFEREE COMMANDS

COMMAND (ENGLISH)	KOREAN TERM	PURPOSE
START	<i>Shi Jak</i>	Begins the bout or resumes the action.
STOP	<i>Kalyeo</i>	Immediately stops the bout.
CONTINUE	<i>Kye Sok</i>	Resumes the bout after an interruption.
WARNING	<i>Kyongo</i>	Issues a warning for a minor violation.
PENALTY	<i>Gamjeom</i> or <i>Ganchom</i> ¹	Imposes a penalty resulting in the deduction of one (1) point.
MEDICAL TIME	<i>Kye Shi</i>	Suspends the bout to allow official medical assistance.
WINNER	<i>Seung Ja</i>	Officially declares the winner of the bout.
VIDEO REVIEW	—	Initiates the Official Video Review procedure.
DISQUALIFICATION	<i>Silgyeok</i>	Officially disqualifies a competitor.

PRINCIPLES OF REFEREE APPLICATION

All referee commands shall be:

- Clear.
- Audible.
- Firm.
- Timely.
- Consistent.

Only the official referee commands and signals established by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) shall be used during official competitions.

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ANNEX 2 OFFICIAL REFEREE SIGNALS AND COMMANDS WORLD FEDERATION FOR SPORT HAPKIDO (WFSH)

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No.	COMMAND (ENGLISH)	KOREAN TERM	MEANING
1	START	Shi Jak (시작)	Start of the bout or resumption of action
2	STOP	Kalyo (칼리)	Immediate stop of the bout
3	CONTINUE	Kye Sok (계속)	Continuation of the bout
4	WARNING	Kyongo (경고)	Warning for minor infraction
5	PENALTY	Ganchom (감점)	Serious penalty with deduction of one point
6	MEDICAL TIME	Kyeshi (계시)	Interruption for medical assistance
7	WINNER	Sung Ja (승자)	Official declaration of the winner
8	VIDEO REVIEW	Video Review	Official video review
10	DISQUALIFICATION	Silgyeok (실격)	Official disqualification

OFFICIAL REFEREE SIGNALS

1
START (Shi Jak)


The center referee extends the arm toward the fighting area with the palm open and verbally announces: "START – SHI JAK"

2
STOP (Kalyo)


The center referee separates both arms horizontally between the competitors, indicating the immediate suspension of the action.

3
CONTINUE (Kye Sok)


The center referee makes a movement with both arms toward the competitors, indicating the continuation of the action.

4
WARNING (Kyongo)


The center referee points to the infracting competitor and verbally announces: "WARNING – KYONGO"

5
PENALTY (Ganchom)


The center referee points to the competitor and verbally announces: "PENALTY – GANCHOM"

6
KNOCK DOWN COUNT


The center referee starts a visible count using the fingers of one hand while constantly facing the competitor.

7
MEDICAL TIME (Kyeshi)


The center referee requests the presence of the medical staff and verbally announces: "MEDICAL TIME – KYESHI"

8
VIDEO REVIEW


The center referee forms a rectangle with both hands simulating a screen and verbally announces: "VIDEO REVIEW"

9
WINNER (Sung Ja)


The center referee raises the arm of the winning competitor and verbally announces: "WINNER – SUNG JA"

10
DISQUALIFICATION (Silgyeok)


The center referee points to the infracting competitor and crosses both arms in front of the chest and verbally announces: "DISQUALIFICATION – SILGYEOK"



PRINCIPLES OF REFEREE APPLICATION

- All commands must be clear, audible, firm, timely and consistent.
- The signals shall prevail over any verbal instruction that may complement them.
- Accredited referees by the WFSH shall use exclusively the commands and signals established in this Annex.
- It is prohibited to modify, omit or invent referee signals.
- The official language of the commands is ENGLISH.

HIERARCHY OF REFEREE COMMANDS

PRIORITY	COMMAND	FUNCTION
1	STOP (Kalyo)	Immediate protection and safety
2	MEDICAL TIME	Medical protection
3	WARNING	Minor infractions
4	PENALTY	Serious infractions
5	VIDEO REVIEW	Verification of actions
6	CONTINUE	Resumption of the bout
7	WINNER	Final result of the bout
8	DISQUALIFICATION	Maximum sanction



NOTE ON OFFICIAL ILLUSTRATIONS

The illustrations of the signals in this Annex are part of the WFSH International Refereeing Manual. In case of any discrepancy between this written description and an official illustration approved by the WFSH, the illustration published by the World Refereeing Directorate shall prevail.



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ANNEX 2B

OFFICIAL CORNER JUDGE SIGNALS MANUAL

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1. PURPOSE

This Annex establishes the official hand flag signals to be used by **Corner Judges** during all competitions sanctioned, organized or officially recognized by the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

The purpose of these signals is to communicate technical decisions clearly, consistently and visibly to the **Center Referee** and the **Technical Table**.

2. OFFICIAL FLAGS

Each Corner Judge shall use:

- One (1) Blue Flag.
- One (1) Red Flag.

The flags shall remain visible throughout the bout.

The color of the flag shall identify the competitor to whom the observed action corresponds.

FLAG COLOR	COMPETITOR
Blue	Blue Competitor
Red	Red Competitor

3. ONE (1)-POINT SIGNAL

Purpose

To indicate a valid scoring technique worth **one (1) point**.

Procedure

The Corner Judge shall assume a stable position and extend the corresponding flag (red or blue) at approximately a **45-degree angle** from the body.

Score Awarded

One (1) Point

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4. TWO (2)-POINT SIGNAL

Purpose

To indicate a valid scoring technique worth **two (2) points**.

Procedure

The Corner Judge shall extend the corresponding flag horizontally at shoulder height.

Score Awarded

Two (2) Points

5. THREE (3)-POINT SIGNAL

Purpose

To indicate a valid scoring technique worth **three (3) points**.

Procedure

The Corner Judge shall raise the corresponding flag vertically above the head.

Score Awarded

Three (3) Points

6. FOUL SIGNAL

Purpose

To inform the **Center Referee** of a possible violation observed during the bout.

Procedure

The Corner Judge shall hold the corresponding flag visibly in front of the chest.

Applicable Situations

- Prohibited techniques.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Dangerous actions.
- Any other violation of these Official Combat Rules.

The final decision shall always be made by the **Center Referee**.

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7. NO SCORE SIGNAL

Purpose

To indicate that the observed action does not qualify for a score.

Procedure

The Corner Judge shall remain in a neutral position with both flags lowered and shall not display any scoring signal.

8. PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENCE

Each Corner Judge shall evaluate every technical action independently.

All decisions shall be based exclusively upon what the judge has personally observed during the bout.

9. PRINCIPLE OF VISIBILITY

All official signals shall be performed:

- Clearly.
- Firmly.
- Immediately.
- In a manner clearly visible to the Center Referee and the Technical Table.

10. REFEREEING DECISION

Points shall be awarded in accordance with the official **WFSH Refereeing System**.

The signals made by the Corner Judges constitute technical recommendations that assist the Center Referee in making the final refereeing decision.

11. FINAL PROVISION

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The corresponding official illustrations form an integral part of the **WFSH International Refereeing Manual**.

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ANNEX 2B
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OF CORNER JUDGE SIGNALS

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The purpose of the Corner Judge signals is to communicate to the Center Referee and the Technical Table the actions observed during the bout.

Each Corner Judge shall use **ONE (1) BLUE FLAG** and **ONE (1) RED FLAG** in both hands.

FLAG LEGEND

 **BLUE**
Blue Competitor

 **RED**
Red Competitor

OFFICIAL SIGNALS

1 1 POINT
Indicates a valid technique worth **ONE (1) POINT**.

Lower the corresponding flag (blue or red) at approximately a 45-degree angle downward.

2 2 POINTS
Indicates a valid technique worth **TWO (2) POINTS**.

Extend the corresponding flag (blue or red) horizontally at shoulder height.

3 3 POINTS
Indicates a valid technique worth **THREE (3) POINTS**.

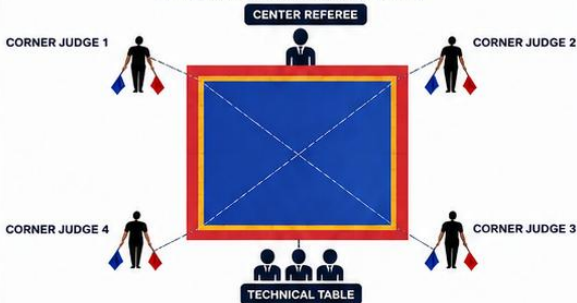
Raise the corresponding flag (blue or red) vertically above the head.

4 FOUL / INFRACTION
Indicates to the Center Referee a possible foul or infraction committed by a competitor.

Place the corresponding flag (blue or red) visibly in front of the chest.
The decision shall be made by the Center Referee.

5 NO SCORE
Indicates that the observed action does not meet the requirements to be awarded a score.

Remain in a stable position with both flags facing down without making any signal.

POSITION OF CORNER JUDGES
Corner Judges are positioned at the 4 corners of the competition area, in diagonal position, for optimal visibility.

IMPORTANT NOTE
Each Corner Judge shall always hold both flags: blue (blue competitor) and red (red competitor).

INFORMATION FOR REFEREES

**INDEPENDENCE**
Each Corner Judge shall evaluate technical actions independently.

**OBJECTIVITY**
Decisions shall be based exclusively on what was observed during the bout.

**VISIBILITY**
All signals shall be executed clearly, firmly, immediately, and in a manner visible to the Center Referee and the Technical Table.

**RESPECT**
Always show courtesy, discipline and respect toward competitors, officials and the public.

**REFEREEING DECISION**
The score will be awarded according to the refereeing system established by WFSH. The signals of the Corner Judges are technical opinions that support the refereeing decision.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

**PRECISION**

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FINAL PROVISION
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WFSH OFFICIAL COMBAT RULES 2026-2028

ANNEX 3 OFFICIAL COMPETITION AREA WORLD FEDERATION FOR SPORT HAPKIDO (WFSH)

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The official competition area shall ensure:

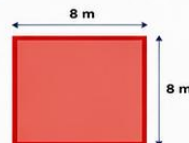
- ✓ Safety of the participants.
- ✓ Correct visibility for the referees.
- ✓ Adequate movement space for the execution of techniques and projections.
- ✓ Optimal conditions for refereeing and technical performance.
- ✓ Optimal conditions for the work of refereeing and technical officials.

2. OFFICIAL DIMENSIONS

ELEMENT	DIMENSION
Combat Area	8 m × 8 m
Safety Area	2 m on each side
Total Area Recommended	12 m × 12 m

3. COMBAT AREA

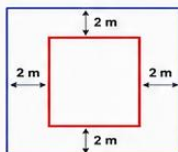
- ✓ Square shape.
- ✓ Uniform surface.
- ✓ Free of obstacles.
- ✓ Clearly delimited.
- ✓ Visually differentiated from the safety area.



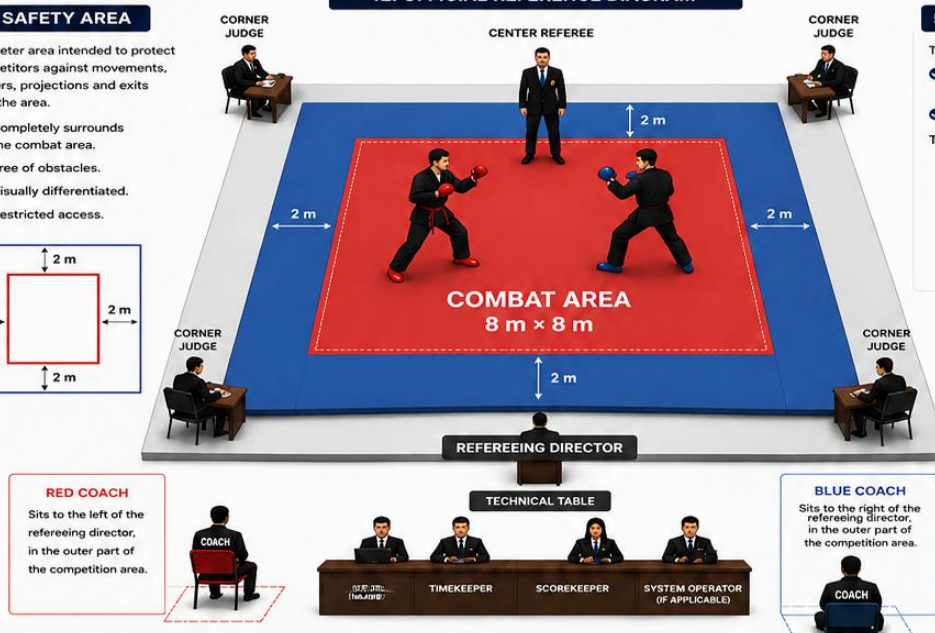
4. SAFETY AREA

Perimeter area intended to protect competitors against movements, barriers, projections and exits from the area.

- ✓ Completely surrounds the combat area.
- ✓ Free of obstacles.
- ✓ Visually differentiated.
- ✓ Restricted access.



12. OFFICIAL REFERENCE DIAGRAM



5. COMPETITION SURFACE

The competition shall be conducted on:

- ✓ Tatami mats homologated by the WFSH.
- ✓ Surface approved by the WFSH.

The surface must be:

- ✓ Non-slip.
- ✓ Uniform.
- ✓ Stable.
- ✓ Safe for projections and falls.

6. COMPETITORS' LOCATION

Before the start of the bout, competitors must occupy the positions designated by the center referee.

- RED COMPETITOR**
Left side of the referee.
- BLUE COMPETITOR**
Right side of the referee.

7. COACHES' LOCATION

- Coaches shall remain:
- ✓ Outside the competition area.
 - ✓ On opposite sides.
 - ✓ In the outer part of the competition area.

Only the accredited coach may occupy the assigned area.



8. CORNER JUDGES' LOCATION

Four-Judge System:

- ✓ One judge at each corner of the competition area.
- ✓ All judges shall maintain direct visual control of the technical actions.



9. TECHNICAL TABLE

The Technical Table shall be located facing the competition area.

Integration:

- ✓ Table Judge
- ✓ Timekeeper
- ✓ Scorekeeper
- ✓ System Operator (if applicable)

Functions:

- ✓ Official scoring.
- ✓ Time control.
- ✓ Recording of penalties.
- ✓ Video Review management.

10. REFEREEING DIRECTOR

The Refereeing Director shall be located in a position that allows:

- ✓ Supervision of the bout.
- ✓ Supervision of the refereeing team.
- ✓ Control of Video Review procedures.
- ✓ Intervention when the regulations allow.



11. VIDEO REVIEW SYSTEM

When using Video Review, the review station shall be located:

- ✓ Next to the Technical Table.
- or
- ✓ In a position with immediate access to the official images.



13. AUTHORIZED ADJUSTMENTS

The World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) may authorize reasonable adjustments to the distribution of the competition area or to the sporting venue under the following conditions:

- ✓ None of the adjustments may affect:
 - ✓ The safety of the participants.
 - ✓ The impartiality of refereeing.
 - ✓ The correct application of the regulations.



FINAL PROVISION

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ANNEX 4

OFFICIAL VIDEO REVIEW PROCEDURE

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This Annex establishes the official procedure governing the use of the **Official Video Review System** during competitions sanctioned, organized or officially recognized by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

1. PURPOSE

The Official Video Review System is intended to ensure the correct application of these Official Combat Rules, promote refereeing transparency and safeguard sporting fairness through the review of technical actions that may affect the outcome of the bout.

2. SYSTEM AVAILABILITY

The Official Video Review System shall be used only at competitions where the required technological resources are available.

The absence of the Official Video Review System shall not prevent an official competition from being conducted.

Whenever the system is unavailable, all decisions shall be made in accordance with the official WFSH Refereeing System established in these Official Combat Rules.

3. RIGHT TO REQUEST A VIDEO REVIEW

A request for Video Review may be submitted only by:

- ✓ The Officially Accredited Coach.

The following persons may **not** request a Video Review:

- X Competitors.
- X Delegates.
- X Spectators.
- X Unauthorized persons.

4. TIME LIMIT FOR REQUESTING A VIDEO REVIEW

The request shall be made:

- Immediately after the action under review.

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- Before the bout resumes.

Once the bout has resumed, no previous action may be reviewed.

5. REVIEWABLE SITUATIONS

The following situations may be reviewed:

- Scoring techniques.
- Sweeps.
- Throws.
- Reaping Throws.
- Sacrifice Throws.
- Catapult Throws.
- Knockdowns.
- Penalties.
- Exits from the competition area.
- Any situation that may affect the outcome of the bout.

The decision regarding whether the request will be accepted shall be made by the **Refereeing Director**.

6. REVIEW PROCEDURE

Once a Video Review request has been accepted:

a) The Center Referee shall order:

STOP (Kalyeo).

b) The bout shall be temporarily suspended.

c) The Refereeing Director or the designated official shall conduct the review.

d) All available video footage shall be examined.

e) A final decision shall be reached.

f) The Center Referee shall officially announce the decision.

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7. SUSPENSION OF TIME

During the Video Review procedure, the following shall be suspended:

- Official bout time.
- Rest period.
- Protection Count.
- Any other procedure related to official bout time.

The official timer shall resume only after the Center Referee orders:

CONTINUE (Kye Sok).

8. RETENTION OF THE RIGHT TO REQUEST VIDEO REVIEW

Whenever a Video Review request is **accepted**, the competitor shall retain the right to submit additional Video Review requests during the same bout.

9. LOSS OF THE RIGHT TO REQUEST VIDEO REVIEW

Whenever a Video Review request is **rejected**, the competitor shall lose the right to request any further Video Reviews during that bout.

10. EX OFFICIO VIDEO REVIEW

The Refereeing Director may order an **ex officio** Video Review whenever he or she considers that a situation may significantly affect:

- The correct application of these Official Combat Rules.
- The safety of the competitors.
- The outcome of the bout.
- The sporting integrity of the competition.

11. POSSIBLE DECISIONS

DECISION	EFFECT
Confirm Decision	The original decision is maintained.
Modify Decision	The original decision is corrected.
Award Points	Valid points are added.
Cancel Points	Incorrectly awarded points are removed.
Confirm Penalty	The original penalty is maintained.
Modify Penalty	The original penalty is corrected.

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12. FINAL DECISION

The decision reached through the Official Video Review System shall be:

- ✓ Final.
- ✓ Binding.
- ✓ Not subject to appeal.

Once officially communicated, the bout shall either resume or conclude, as appropriate.

13. OFFICIAL RECORD

The Organizing Committee may maintain official records of all Video Reviews conducted during the competition for the following purposes:

- Statistical analysis.
- Referee education.
- Disciplinary investigations.
- Technical development.
- Institutional development of the WFSH.

FINAL PROVISION

The provisions established in this Annex shall be mandatory for all official competitions utilizing the Official Video Review System sanctioned, organized or officially recognized by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

ANNEX 5

OFFICIAL WFSH GLOSSARY

WORLD FEDERATION FOR SPORT HAPKIDO (WFSH)

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This Glossary establishes the official terminology used throughout the **WFSH Official Combat Rules**.

All definitions contained in this Annex shall be considered official for the uniform interpretation and application of these Official Combat Rules.

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GENERAL TERMS

TERM	OFFICIAL DEFINITION
WFSH	World Federation for Sport Hapkido, the international governing body responsible for regulating and promoting Sport Hapkido worldwide.
Competitor	An athlete officially registered to participate in a competition sanctioned or recognized by the WFSH.
Coach	An officially accredited person authorized to provide technical assistance to a competitor during a bout.
Refereeing Team	The group of referees and technical officials responsible for conducting and supervising a competition.
Refereeing Director	The highest refereeing authority of a competition.
Center Referee	The referee with primary authority over the bout inside the competition area.
Corner Judge	A referee responsible for assisting the Center Referee in evaluating technical actions during the bout.

COMPETITION AREA

TERM	OFFICIAL DEFINITION
Competition Area	The complete official area where the competition is conducted.
Combat Area	The official 8 m × 8 m area where the bout takes place.
Safety Area	The protective perimeter surrounding the Combat Area.
Technical Table	The official area responsible for timekeeping, scoring and technical administration.
Coaches' Area	The designated area reserved exclusively for officially accredited coaches.

TECHNIQUES

TERM	OFFICIAL DEFINITION
Hand Technique	An offensive technique executed with the fist against a valid scoring area.
Kicking Technique	An offensive technique executed with the foot against a valid scoring area.
Sweep	A technique intended to unbalance the opponent through a legal action directed to the Posterior Achilles Zone (PAZ).

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TERM	OFFICIAL DEFINITION
Throw	A technique intended to project the opponent onto the competition area, causing the opponent's back to make clear contact with the surface.
Reaping Throw	A type of throw executed through a reaping action using one or both legs.
Sacrifice Throw	A throw in which the competitor intentionally sacrifices his or her own balance or body position to throw the opponent.
Catapult Throw	A throw in which one or both legs are used as the primary lifting or projecting mechanism.

SCORING AND RESULTS

TERM	OFFICIAL DEFINITION
Valid Score	A technical action officially recognized by the WFSH Refereeing System.
Knockdown	A situation in which a competitor is temporarily unable to continue immediately after receiving a valid scoring technique.
Knockout (KO)	A result declared when a competitor cannot continue before the completion of the official ten-second Protection Count.
Technical Superiority	Victory obtained by achieving a twelve (12)-point advantage.
Golden Point	An additional round used to determine the winner when the score is tied at the end of regulation time.

DISCIPLINE AND PENALTIES

TERM	OFFICIAL DEFINITION
WARNING (Kyongo)	An official warning issued for a minor violation.
PENALTY (Ganchom)	A serious penalty resulting in the direct deduction of one (1) point.
Disqualification	The official exclusion of a competitor due to accumulated penalties or a serious violation of these Official Combat Rules.
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	Any behavior contrary to the principles of respect, integrity and Fair Play.

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VIDEO REVIEW

TERM	OFFICIAL DEFINITION
Official Video Review	The official video review procedure used to verify technical actions during a bout.
Accepted Request	A Video Review request that is accepted for official review.
Rejected Request	A Video Review request that is denied, resulting in the loss of the right to submit further requests during that bout.
Ex Officio Video Review	A Video Review initiated by the Refereeing Director without a coach's request.

OFFICIAL REFEREE COMMANDS

COMMAND	MEANING
START (Shi Jak)	Begins or resumes the bout.
STOP (Kalyeo)	Immediately stops the bout.
CONTINUE (Kye Sok)	Resumes the bout.
WARNING (Kyongo)	Official warning for a minor violation.
PENALTY (Ganchom)	Serious penalty resulting in the deduction of one (1) point.
MEDICAL TIME (Kye Shi)	Suspension of the bout for official medical assistance.
WINNER (Seung Ja)	Official declaration of the winner.
DISQUALIFICATION (Silgyeok)	Official declaration of disqualification.

FINAL PROVISION

The definitions contained in this **Official WFSH Glossary** shall serve as the official interpretative reference for the uniform application of the **WFSH Official Combat Rules**.

Whenever any technical or regulatory term is subject to interpretation, the definitions established in this Annex and the official interpretation issued by the **World Technical Commission** and the **World Refereeing Directorate** of the WFSH shall prevail.

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ANNEX 6

OFFICIAL WFSH REFEREE UNIFORM

The official uniform of the referees of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) has been designed to project a professional, unified and respectful image, in accordance with the spirit of Hapkido and the international standards of refereeing.

FRONT VIEW

SIDE VIEW

BACK VIEW

UNIFORM DETAILS

COLLAR AND CHEST

SLEEVE

BACK

FABRIC

SPECIFICATIONS

	OFFICIAL POLO SHIRT	• Color: Navy Blue • Breathable, high-quality technical fabric • Collar with gold rib detail • Gold rib trim on sleeves • Gold rib trim on collar
	EMBLEM	Embroidered on the left chest. Official WFSH Shield in gold thread.
	BACK TEXT	Embroidered on the back: WFSH REFEREE in gold thread.
	TROUSERS	• Color: Black • Formal straight cut • Comfortable, stretch fabric
	SHOES	Color: Black Sports style.
	FLAGS	One (1) blue flag and one (1) red flag in both hands.
	ACCESSORIES	The use of accessories is not allowed during the competition (watches, bracelets, chains, etc.).

UNIFORM PRINCIPLES

UNITY

Reflects unity and professionalism of the WFSH refereeing body.

PRESENTATION

Maintains a flawless, respectful image at all times.

IDENTITY

Strengthens the institutional identity of WFSH in all competitions.

FUNCTIONALITY

Designed for comfort, mobility and optimal performance during refereeing.

UNIFORM USE

- The uniform must be clean, pressed and in perfect condition.
- It must be worn only during official WFSH competitions and activities.
- All referees are required to wear the complete official uniform.
- Failure to comply with this standard may result in sanctions in accordance with the current regulations.

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ANNEX 7 OFFICIAL WFSH COMBAT EQUIPMENT



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The following equipment must be used in all official competitions of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH). All equipment must comply with the quality, safety and homologation standards established by the WFSH.

1 FOREARM GUARDS



- Material: High-density foam
- Coverage: From wrist to the elbow
- Fastening: Elastic Velcro
- Color: White with black or red details

2 SHIN AND INSTEP GUARDS



- Material: High-density foam
- Coverage: Shin and instep
- Fastening: Elastic with Velcro
- Color: Black, Blue or Red

Colors may be black, blue, or red.

3 TRANSPARENT FACE SHIELD



- Material: Transparent polycarbonate
- Protection: Full face
- Fastening: Adjustable straps
- Features: Clear vision and total facial protection

4 PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR



- Material: High-density foam with interior padding
- Protection: Head, temples and ears
- Fastening: Chin strap with Velcro
- Color: Blue or Red (by draw or corner)

5 MMA COMBAT GLOVES



- Material: High-quality synthetic leather
- Protection: Knuckles, fingers and back of the hand
- Fastening: Velcro on the wrist
- Color: Black, Blue or Red, according to the competitor's corner assignment

6 CHEST PROTECTOR



- Material: High-density foam with synthetic coating
- Protection: Chest and ribs
- Fastening: Adjustable straps
- Color: Red or Blue (reversible)

7 MOUTHGUARD



- Material: Medical-grade silicone
- Protection: Teeth and gums
- Features: Malleable and comfortable
- Color: Transparent

8 MALE GROIN GUARD



- Material: High-density foam
- Protection: Male genital area
- Fastening: Adjustable elastic
- Color: Any color

9 FEMALE GROIN GUARD



- Material: High-density foam
- Protection: Female genital area
- Fastening: Adjustable elastic
- Color: Any color

10 OFFICIAL WFSH BLACK UNIFORM



- Material: Resistant and breathable fabric
- Components: Jacket, pants and belt
- Color: Black
- Use: Mandatory for all competitors



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OFFICIAL WFSH COMBAT EQUIPMENT

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☒ Official WFSH Black Uniform | ☒ Forearm Guards |
| ☒ Protective Headgear (Blue or Red) | ☒ Shin and Instep Guards |
| ☒ Transparent Face Shield | ☒ Mouthguard |
| ☒ Chest Protector (Red or Blue) | ☒ Male Groin Guard |
| ☒ MMA Combat Gloves (Black, Blue or Red) | ☒ Female Groin Guard |

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- All equipment must be in good condition, clean, with no damage and may not be modified. It is the responsibility of the competitor, coach and organization to ensure the safety of the participants.
- The WFSH Technical Commission and the World Refereeing Directorate have the authority to inspect, approve or reject any equipment that does not comply with the established safety standards.
- Failure to comply with the provisions contained in this Annex may prevent a competitor from participating until the equipment is replaced or properly corrected.



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CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Application

These Official Self-Defense Competition Rules establish the technical, sporting, and officiating standards governing all official Self-Defense competitions recognized, sanctioned, or organized by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

The provisions contained in these Official Rules shall be mandatory for all competitors, coaches, referees, officials, and affiliated organizations participating in official WFSH Self-Defense competitions.

Their purpose is to ensure that competitions are conducted under the principles of fairness, impartiality, safety, transparency, and technical uniformity.

Article 2. Purpose

The purpose of these Official Rules is to unify, regulate, and standardize the Self-Defense (Hosinsul) competition system of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) at the national, continental, and world levels.

Only competitions conducted in accordance with these Official Rules and officially recognized, sanctioned, or organized by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) or its affiliated national organizations shall be recognized as official WFSH Self-Defense competitions.

Article 3. Official Competition Area

Official Self-Defense (Hosinsul) competitions shall be conducted in a competition area designed to ensure competitor safety and facilitate the proper performance of the officiating panel.

The competition area shall comply with the following specifications:

- a) Minimum dimensions of eight (8) meters by eight (8) meters.
- b) Maximum dimensions of ten (10) meters by ten (10) meters.
- c) The surface shall be flat, level, and free from any obstruction.
- d) The competition area shall be covered with tatami, wooden flooring, or any resilient surface approved by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).
- e) When an elevated platform is used, its height may range from fifty (50) to sixty (60) centimeters above ground level.

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f) The outer edge of the platform shall include an approximate thirty (30) degree slope to reduce the risk of injury in the event of an accidental exit from the competition area.

Article 4. Competition Area Delimitation

The official competition area shall be clearly marked.

When the surface consists of wood or resilient material, the boundary line shall be white and five (5) centimeters wide.

When tatami is used, the competition area shall be distinguished by the color combination approved by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

Article 5. Positioning of Officials and Participants

During the competition, officials and participants shall be positioned as follows:

a) Five (5) judges shall evaluate each performance.

b) Judges may be arranged in either of the following configurations:

- Three (3) judges positioned in front of the competitor and two (2) judges positioned behind the competitor.

or

- Five (5) judges positioned in front of the competitor.

The Technical Delegate shall determine the most appropriate arrangement according to the venue conditions.

c) Judges shall be seated approximately one (1) meter from the competition area and at least one (1) meter apart from one another.

d) One (1) referee shall supervise the competitor's entrance to and exit from the competition area.

e) The Technical Table shall be responsible for recording, compiling, and immediately displaying the official scores.

f) The coach shall remain approximately one (1) meter from the competition area in the location assigned by the Organizing Committee.

g) Competitors shall remain grouped according to their categories approximately three (3) meters from the competition area while awaiting their official call.

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Article 6. Competition Area Colors

The color combination of the competition area shall not create excessive glare or visual fatigue for competitors, judges, or spectators.

The selected colors shall harmonize with the overall appearance of the venue while allowing optimal visibility throughout the competition.

Article 7. Competition Platform

The official competition platform shall comply with the technical specifications established in these Official Rules.

The layout of the competition area, including the positioning of judges, referee, coach, competitors, and the Technical Table, shall be established in accordance with Annex 1 – Official Competition Area for Self-Defense (Hosinsul), which forms an integral part of these Official Rules.

Article 8. Official Uniform

All competitors shall wear the Official Competition Uniform of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) in accordance with the specifications established in the WFSH Official Combat Rules.

The official uniform shall consist of:

- a) Official black Hapkido jacket.
- b) Official black Hapkido trousers.
- c) For identification purposes during the performance, the main competitor shall wear a blue belt, while all assistants or supporting partners shall wear red belts. This identification shall be mandatory throughout the entire performance.**

The uniform shall be clean, in good condition, and properly fitted throughout the competition.

Paragraph 1. Official Identification

The uniform may display only the official insignia authorized by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH) in accordance with the provisions established in the WFSH Official Combat Rules.

Paragraph 2. Prohibited Items

During the competition, competitors shall not wear:

- a) Footwear.
- b) Socks.
- c) Watches.

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- d) Bracelets.
- e) Wristbands.
- f) Earrings.
- g) Necklaces.
- h) Metal accessories.
- i) Any other item that may represent a safety risk or interfere with the normal conduct of the competition.

Paragraph 3. Uniform Inspection

Before the presentation begins, the officiating panel shall verify that the competitors' uniforms comply with these Official Rules.

If any irregularity is detected, the competitors shall be granted a maximum of two (2) minutes to correct the deficiency.

Failure to comply within the allotted time shall result in the application of the sanctions established in these Official Rules.

CHAPTER II

COMPETITORS

Article 9. Competitor Eligibility

Only competitors who meet the following requirements may participate in official Self-Defense (Hosinsul) competitions:

- a) Hold the nationality of the country they officially represent in accordance with the regulations of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).
- b) Be officially endorsed or registered by the corresponding National Federation, National Association, or affiliated organization.
- c) Be officially registered in the Self-Defense (Hosinsul) event.

Article 10. Official Age Categories

The official age categories shall be as follows:

- a) Junior: Competitors aged from twelve (12) years to fourteen (14) years and three hundred sixty-four (364) days.
- b) Youth: Competitors aged from fifteen (15) years to seventeen (17) years and three hundred sixty-four (364) days.

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c) Adults (Elite Open): Competitors eighteen (18) years of age and older.

d) Senior: Competitors forty (40) years of age and older.

Paragraph 1. A competitor's official age shall be determined based on the starting date of the competition.

Paragraph 2. A competitor who is within two (2) months of advancing to the next age category may compete in that higher category upon prior written authorization from the Technical Delegate and the Organizing Committee.

Article 11. Gender and Rank Divisions

Official competitions shall be conducted in the following divisions:

a) Male.

b) Female.

Competitors shall also be classified according to their officially registered rank.

A. Beginner Division

- White Belt.
- Yellow Belt.
- Orange Belt.

(Including their respective intermediate grades, stripes, or tips.)

B. Advanced Division

- Green Belt.
- Blue Belt.
- Purple Belt.
- Red Belt.
- Brown Belt.
- Black Belt.

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Article 12. Team Composition

Each Self-Defense (Hosinsul) performance shall consist of:

- a) A minimum of two (2) competitors, consisting of one (1) performer and one (1) attacker.
- b) A maximum of four (4) competitors, consisting of one (1) performer and up to three (3) attackers.

Team members may be of the same gender or mixed genders.

Article 13. Medical Control and Anti-Doping

All competitors shall comply with the medical control and anti-doping regulations established by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

The use, administration, or distribution of prohibited substances or methods under the WFSH Anti-Doping Regulations is strictly prohibited.

The WFSH may conduct medical examinations and anti-doping tests at any time during the competition.

Any competitor who refuses to undergo such testing or who returns a positive result shall be disqualified, shall forfeit all results obtained, and shall be subject to the corresponding disciplinary sanctions.

The Organizing Committee shall be responsible for coordinating all medical control and anti-doping procedures in accordance with the official regulations of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

CHAPTER III

COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Article 14. Competition Format

Official **Self-Defense (Hosinsul)** competitions recognized, sanctioned, or organized by the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)** shall be conducted using the official single-elimination system.

For an international competition to be officially recognized by the WFSH, it shall include a minimum of five (5) national delegations and at least three (3) competitors or teams registered in each official division.

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Article 15. Performance Routine

Each competitor or team shall perform one (1) official **Self-Defense (Hosinsul)** routine based exclusively on traditional Hapkido techniques.

The routine shall comply with the following requirements:

- a) Minimum duration of one (1) minute.
- b) Maximum duration of one (1) minute and thirty (30) seconds.
- c) Consist exclusively of traditional Self-Defense (Hosinsul) techniques.
- d) Not include artistic gymnastics, professional gymnastics, or acrobatic elements unrelated to traditional Hapkido techniques.

Acrobatic techniques may only be performed in official demonstration events or in other modalities expressly authorized by the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

Article 16. Performance Procedure

During the performance, the officiating panel shall verify compliance with the technical evaluation criteria established in these Official Rules, including:

- a) Proper execution of traditional Hapkido techniques.
- b) Compliance with the official judging criteria.
- c) Compliance with the official performance time.

Each competitor or team shall have only one (1) opportunity to perform.

If an unexpected interruption occurs, the Center Referee may allow a maximum of five (5) seconds for the performance to resume.

If the routine is not resumed within the allotted time or is interrupted due to fatigue, memory lapse, coach instruction, or any other circumstance attributable to the competitor, the performance shall be considered concluded.

In such cases, judges shall evaluate only the portion of the routine that was effectively completed, provided it satisfies the minimum evaluation requirements established in these Official Rules.

If those minimum requirements are not met, the competitor shall be declared the loser.

Article 17. Scoring System

Scores shall be awarded by the judges according to the official evaluation criteria established in these Official Rules.



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The final ranking shall be determined by the official score obtained by each competitor or team.

Article 18. Awards

At the conclusion of the competition, first (1st), second (2nd), and third (3rd) place shall be awarded in each official division.

When a division includes more than six (6) competitors or teams, the Organizing Committee may award two (2) third-place medals.

Article 19. Tie-Break Procedure

Any ties shall be resolved in accordance with the official tie-break procedure established in these Official Rules.

Article 20. Official Draw

The order of performance shall be determined through an official draw conducted during the Technical Meeting attended by coaches, team leaders, and national delegates.

The draw shall be conducted by the Technical Delegate, and its result shall be final for determining the official order of performance.

CHAPTER IV

OFFICIAL SCORING SYSTEM

Article 21. Evaluation Procedure

Each performance shall be evaluated by five (5) official judges accredited by the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

Once the competitor enters the competition area, the Center Referee shall give the official command **START (Shi Jak)** to begin the performance.

Upon completion of the routine, the Center Referee shall issue the command **STOP (Bah-roh)** and conduct the official closing protocol using the commands **ATTENTION (Cha-ryeot)** and **BOW (Kyeong-rye)**.

Following the bow, the judges shall submit their scores, and the Technical Table shall compile and announce the official result before the next competitor or team enters the competition area.

Paragraph 1. Each routine shall include a minimum of five (5) Self-Defense (Hosinsul) techniques.



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Article 22. Official Scoring System

The maximum score for each performance shall be one hundred (100) points.

The evaluation shall be distributed as follows:

- a) Accuracy and Creativity: **25 points.**
- b) Expression: **25 points.**
- c) Technical Skill: **25 points.**
- d) Postural Execution: **25 points.**

Article 23. Accuracy and Creativity

This criterion shall evaluate:

- a) Accuracy in the execution of fundamental Hapkido techniques.
- b) Correct individual execution of each Self-Defense (Hosinsul) technique.
- c) Creativity, variety, and logical organization of the routine.

Maximum score: **25 points.**

Article 24. Expression

This criterion shall evaluate:

- a) Speed and power.
- b) Rhythm, continuity, and movement control.
- c) Energy, concentration, confidence, and stage presence.
- d) Proper use of **Kihap**.
- e) Coordination among team members.

Maximum score: **25 points.**

Article 25. Technical Skill

This criterion shall evaluate:

- a) Difficulty level of the techniques performed.
- b) Proper application of Hapkido technical principles.
- c) Variety of hand techniques.

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- d) Variety and difficulty of kicking techniques.
- e) Proper use of traditional weapons when authorized.
- f) Smooth transitions and technical continuity.

Maximum score: **25 points.**

Article 26. Postural Execution

This criterion shall evaluate:

- a) Proper execution of fundamental Hapkido stances.
- b) Variety of stances.
- c) Balance.
- d) Stability during transitions.
- e) Postural control throughout the performance.

Maximum score: **25 points.**

Article 27. Score Deductions

Score deductions shall be applied whenever technical, execution, expression, or procedural errors are observed during the performance.

Deductions shall be applied according to the following criteria:

a) Execution Errors

Deductions shall apply when:

- Techniques lack sufficient extension or range of motion according to the performer's physical characteristics.
- The routine is performed with a constant rhythm without appropriate variations in speed, power, or intensity.
- Body expression, eye focus, attitude, or **Kihap** are not properly demonstrated.

b) Minor Technical Errors

Each minor technical error observed during the execution of an individual technique shall result in the corresponding deduction within the affected evaluation criterion.

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c) Major Technical Errors

Major technical errors include, but are not limited to:

1. Failure to perform the **Kihap**, or performing it at an incorrect moment.
2. Interrupting the routine for three (3) seconds or longer due to memory lapse or loss of continuity.
3. Failing to direct the eyes toward the intended direction of the technique.
4. Excessive breathing noises or sounds that affect the quality of the performance.
5. Accidental dropping of the performer or any authorized weapon used during the routine.
6. Verbal communication between team members during the performance.
7. Injury to any team member resulting from improper technical execution.

d) Restarting the Routine

If the competitor or team restarts the routine after the performance has begun, the corresponding deduction shall be applied regardless of the number of techniques previously executed.

e) Official Time Limit

The official performance duration shall be a minimum of one (1) minute and a maximum of one (1) minute and thirty (30) seconds.

If the routine is shorter or longer than the official time limit, the Technical Table shall deduct five (5) points from the competitor's or team's final score.

Article 28. Official Competition Protocol

Article 28.1. Competitor Call

Competitors shall report to the warm-up area at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled start of their division.

The official call shall be announced up to three (3) times by authorized competition personnel.

Any competitor or team failing to report after the third official call shall be declared **absent** and shall lose the right to compete, unless otherwise authorized by the Technical Delegate for a justified reason.

Article 28.2. Uniform Inspection

Before entering the competition area, all competitors shall undergo an official inspection of their uniforms and authorized equipment.

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The inspection shall be conducted by an official designated by the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

Competitors shall not wear or carry any object or accessory that may endanger any participant or interfere with the proper conduct of the competition.

Article 28.3. Entry into the Competition Area

Once the official inspection has been completed, the competitor or team shall enter the competition area accompanied only by their officially accredited coach.

Article 28.4. Start of the Performance

The performance shall begin only after the Center Referee issues the official command:

START (Shi Jak).

Article 28.5. End of the Performance

Upon completion of the routine, the Center Referee shall conclude the performance by issuing the command:

STOP (Bah-roh).

The Center Referee shall then conduct the official closing protocol using the commands:

- **ATTENTION (Cha-ryeot).**
- **BOW (Kyeong-rye).**

Competitors shall remain in position until the protocol has been completed.

Article 28.6. Publication of Results

Once all judges have submitted their scores, the Technical Table shall compile the official results.

The Center Referee shall announce the official score and, when applicable, declare the winner of the performance.

Article 28.7. Exit from the Competition Area

After the official protocol has concluded, competitors shall leave the competition area in an orderly manner, following the instructions of the Center Referee and the technical staff.



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Article 29. Determination of the Winner

Article 29.1. Performance Evaluation

Each judge shall independently evaluate the performance in accordance with the official judging criteria established in these Official Rules.

The maximum score awarded by each judge shall be one hundred (100) points, with the appropriate deductions applied whenever necessary.

Article 29.2. Official Score

Once the scores from the five (5) judges have been recorded, the Technical Table shall eliminate:

- a) The highest score.
- b) The lowest score.

The remaining three (3) scores shall be added together to determine the competitor's or team's official score.

The maximum official score shall be three hundred (300) points.

Article 29.3. Declaration of the Winner

The official ranking shall be determined according to the final score obtained by each competitor or team.

The following awards shall be granted:

- First Place: Highest score.
- Second Place: Second-highest score.
- Third Place: Third-highest score.

Awards shall be presented in accordance with these Official Rules.

Article 29.4. Declaration of the Loser

A competitor or team shall be declared the loser if any of the following occurs:

- a) Failure to complete the Self-Defense (Hosinsul) routine.
- b) Failure to obtain a score sufficient to achieve an official placing.
- c) Failure to comply with the registration requirements established by the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

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- d) Failure to comply with the Official Uniform Rules.
- e) Failure to meet the nationality requirements for international competitions.
- f) Violation of the WFSH Medical Control or Anti-Doping Regulations.
- g) Violation of the disciplinary, ethical, or behavioral standards established by the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

Article 29.5. Tie-Break Procedure

If two (2) or more competitors or teams obtain the same final score for any of the top three (3) positions, the tie shall be resolved according to the following procedure:

- a) The competitor or team that performed the routine with the greatest number of attackers or assistants shall be declared the winner, provided the performance fully complied with the technical requirements established in these Official Rules.
- b) If the tie remains, the tied competitors or teams shall perform a new complete Self-Defense (Hosinsul) routine, which shall be evaluated again by the five (5) official judges.
- c) If the tie still persists after the second performance, the final decision shall be made by an open vote of the five (5) official judges, and the competitor or team receiving the simple majority of votes shall be declared the winner.

CHAPTER V

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 30. Official Interpretation

The official interpretation of these **Official Self-Defense (Hosinsul) Competition Rules** shall be the exclusive responsibility of the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)** through the **World Technical Commission** and the **World Refereeing Directorate**.

No affiliated organization may issue interpretations that contradict the provisions established in these Official Rules.

Article 31. Unforeseen Cases

Any situation not expressly provided for in these Official Rules shall be resolved by the **Director of Arbitration** and the **World Technical Commission** of the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

All decisions shall be based on the principles of safety, fairness, sporting integrity, and the technical development of Sport Hapkido.



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Article 32. Mandatory Application

The provisions contained in these Official Rules shall be mandatory in all national, continental, and world competitions recognized, sanctioned, or organized by the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

Article 33. Amendments to the Rules

Amendments to these Official Rules may only be approved by the **Board of Directors of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)** upon recommendation of the **World Technical Commission** and/or the **World Refereeing Directorate**.

Article 34. Regulatory Cycle

These Official Rules shall remain in force throughout the regulatory cycle established by the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

Ordinary amendments shall enter into force at the beginning of the next regulatory cycle, except for those that must be implemented immediately for reasons related to participant safety, sporting integrity, or the proper administration of the discipline.

Article 35. Official Translations

The **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)** may publish official versions of these Official Rules in different languages.

In the event of any discrepancy between translations, the official version published in the English language shall prevail.

Article 36. Intellectual Property Rights

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Their reproduction, modification, translation, distribution, or total or partial use is prohibited without the prior written authorization of the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

Article 37. Entry into Force

These **Official Self-Defense (Hosinsul) Competition Rules** shall enter into force on the date of their official approval by the **Board of Directors of the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

From that date, all previous regulatory provisions that are contrary to these Official Rules shall be repealed.

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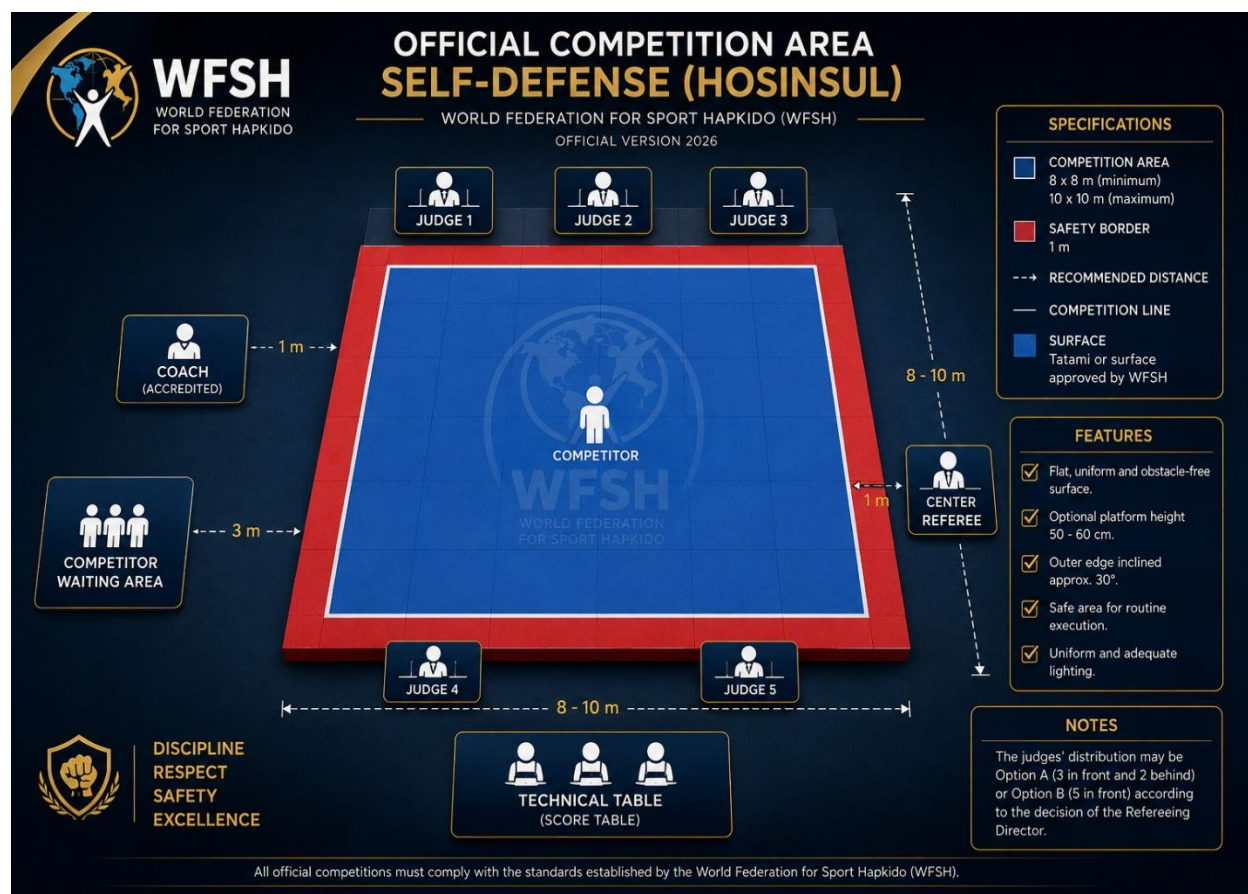
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ANNEX 2

OFFICIAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

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OFFICIAL EVALUATION TABLE

EVALUATION CRITERION	ELEMENTS TO BE EVALUATED	MAXIMUM SCORE
1. Accuracy and Creativity	• Accuracy in the execution of fundamental Hapkido techniques. • Correct individual execution of each Self-Defense (Hosinsul) technique. • Creativity, variety, and logical organization of the routine.	25 Points
2. Expression	• Speed and power. • Rhythm and continuity. • Body control. • Energy expression. • Concentration. • Confidence and attitude. • Proper use of Kihap. • Coordination among team members.	25 Points
3. Technical Skill	• Difficulty level of the techniques performed. • Proper application of Hapkido technical principles. • Variety of hand techniques. • Variety and difficulty of kicking techniques. • Proper use of traditional weapons (when authorized). • Technical fluency and continuity.	25 Points
4. Postural Execution	• Proper execution of fundamental Hapkido stances. • Variety of stances. • Balance.	25 Points

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EVALUATION CRITERION	ELEMENTS TO BE EVALUATED	MAXIMUM SCORE
	- Stability during transitions. - Postural control throughout the performance.	
	TOTAL MAXIMUM SCORE	100 POINTS

GENERAL EVALUATION PRINCIPLES

Official evaluation shall consider the following principles:

- Technical accuracy.
- Creativity.
- Body expression.
- Rhythm.
- Power.
- Coordination.
- Technical mastery.
- Postural control.
- Safety throughout the performance.
- Proper application of traditional Hapkido principles.

OFFICIAL PERFORMANCE SCALE

FINAL SCORE	PERFORMANCE LEVEL
96.00 – 100.00	Excellent
91.00 – 95.99	Very Good
86.00 – 90.99	Good
80.00 – 85.99	Acceptable
Below 80.00	Insufficient

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OFFICIAL NOTE

Each of the five (5) official judges shall award a maximum score of 100 points.

The Technical Table shall automatically discard the highest and lowest scores, adding the remaining three (3) scores to determine the competitor's or team's official score.

Maximum Official Score: 300 Points.

ANNEX 3

OFFICIAL DEDUCTION TABLE

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OFFICIAL DEDUCTION TABLE

TYPE OF ERROR	DESCRIPTION	DEDUCTION APPLICATION
Execution Errors	Techniques lacking sufficient range of motion according to the performer's physical characteristics.	At the judges' discretion.
	Routine performed with a constant rhythm, without appropriate variations in speed or intensity.	At the judges' discretion.
	Poor body expression, attitude, concentration, or stage presence.	At the judges' discretion.
	Improper use or absence of Kihap .	At the judges' discretion.
Minor Technical Errors	Individual mistakes during the execution of a technique.	At the judges' discretion.
Major Technical Errors	Failure to perform the Kihap or performing it at the wrong moment.	At the judges' discretion.
	Interrupting the routine for three (3) seconds or longer.	At the judges' discretion.

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TYPE OF ERROR	DESCRIPTION	DEDUCTION APPLICATION
	Failing to direct the eyes toward the proper direction of the technique.	At the judges' discretion.
	Excessive breathing or noises affecting the quality of the performance.	At the judges' discretion.
	Accidental dropping of an authorized weapon during the routine.	At the judges' discretion.
	Verbal communication between team members during the performance.	At the judges' discretion.
	Injury caused by improper technical execution.	At the judges' discretion.
Routine Restart	Restarting the routine after the performance has already begun.	At the judges' discretion.
Official Time Limit	Routine shorter than one (1) minute.	-5 points (Technical Table).
	Routine longer than one (1) minute and thirty (30) seconds.	-5 points (Technical Table).

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OFFICIAL NOTES

- Deductions shall be applied only by judges officially accredited by the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.
- All deductions shall be applied consistently, objectively, and impartially.
- The deduction for exceeding or failing to meet the official time limit shall be applied exclusively by the **Technical Table** after verifying the official performance time.
- The same technical error shall not be penalized more than once during the same action.



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CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Definition of the High Jump Event

The **High Jump** event consists of a vertical jump in which the competitor must clear a horizontal crossbar supported by two (2) vertical uprights positioned at a height determined according to the competitor's official category and the levels previously cleared during the competition.

The official jump height shall be measured from ground level to the upper edge of the crossbar.

The jump shall conclude with a regulation landing consisting of either a forward roll using both hands or a side roll using one hand, in accordance with these Official Rules.

Article 2. Runway

The runway is the area designated for the competitor's approach before performing the jump.

The approach shall be performed in a straight line over an official distance of six (6) meters with a minimum width of one (1) meter.

Article 3. Landing Surface

The landing surface shall consist of a gymnastics safety mat designed to protect the competitor during landing.

The landing mat shall have, as a minimum, the following dimensions:

- a) Minimum width of one and one-half (1.50) meters.
- b) Minimum length of two (2) meters.
- c) Minimum thickness of twenty (20) centimeters.

Article 4. Competition Levels

The High Jump competition shall be conducted through progressive height levels.

Each official category shall begin at its corresponding minimum official height.

After each successfully cleared height, the crossbar shall be raised by five (5) centimeters for the next level.

The competition shall conclude once the official podium positions have been determined.

Article 5. Official Categories and Minimum Heights

The official categories and minimum heights for the High Jump event shall be as follows.



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A. Official Categories

- a) **Junior:** Competitors aged from twelve (12) years to fourteen (14) years and three hundred sixty-four (364) days.
- b) **Youth:** Competitors aged from fifteen (15) years to seventeen (17) years and three hundred sixty-four (364) days.
- c) **Adults (Elite Open):** Competitors eighteen (18) years of age and older.
- d) **Senior:** Competitors forty (40) years of age and older.

B. Official Minimum Heights

Category	Male	Female
Junior	1.20 m	1.00 m
Youth	1.30 m	1.10 m
Adults (Elite Open)	1.40 m	1.15 m
Senior	1.30 m	1.10 m

CHAPTER II

COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Article 6. Valid Attempt

The competition shall begin at the official minimum height established for each category.

A jump attempt shall be considered valid when the competitor fully complies with the technical provisions established in these Official Rules.

For an attempt to be declared valid, the following requirements, among others, shall be met:

- a) Begin the approach run only after receiving the signal from Judge 1, who shall authorize the attempt following the official call of the competitor.
- b) Perform the approach run within the official runway established in these Official Rules.
- c) Execute the jump by successfully clearing the height corresponding to the current official level.
- d) Clear the horizontal crossbar without dislodging it during the execution of the jump.

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e) Perform a regulation landing consisting of either a forward roll using both hands or a side roll using one hand.

f) Finish the landing standing upright in the guard position.

g) Exit the landing surface by walking through its designated end.

h) Obtain validation of the attempt from the officiating panel.

When the competitor successfully clears the current official height, they shall advance to the next competition level.

Article 7. Invalid Attempt

A jump attempt shall be declared invalid if the competitor commits any of the following actions:

a) Commits a disciplinary or sporting infraction.

b) Fails to appear when called for the corresponding category or round.

c) Begins the approach run or executes the jump before the official starting signal.

d) Exceeds the official runway distance (six meters) or leaves the runway after the attempt has been authorized.

e) Begins the approach run without properly executing the jump.

f) Dislodges the horizontal crossbar during the execution of the jump.

Paragraph. If the crossbar falls solely as a result of vibration occurring after the competitor has clearly cleared the height, and the officiating panel determines that the fall resulted from an external factor unrelated to the technical execution of the jump, the attempt may be repeated.

g) Fails to make the first body contact with the landing surface using one or both hands.

h) Performs a landing other than a forward roll or a side roll.

i) Lands wholly or partially outside the landing surface.

j) Allows any limb to extend beyond the landing surface.

k) Uses the hands for support while standing up.

l) Fails to finish the attempt in the guard position.

m) Exits the landing surface from any location other than its designated end.

The commission of any of the above actions shall invalidate the attempt.



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Article 8. Disqualification

A competitor shall be disqualified under any of the following circumstances:

- a) When, during the official warm-up, the officiating panel determines that the competitor does not possess the minimum technical ability required to perform the event safely, thereby representing a risk to their own physical integrity.
- b) Any other circumstance resulting in disqualification as provided in the **WFSH Official Combat Rules**.

Disqualification shall result in the cancellation of all results obtained by the competitor in the event.

CHAPTER III

OFFICIAL OFFICIATING PANEL

Article 9. Composition of the Official Officiating Panel

The High Jump competition shall be conducted by an Official Officiating Panel duly accredited by the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

The Official Officiating Panel shall consist of:

- a) Judge 1.
- b) Judge 2.
- c) Judge 3.
- d) Judge 4.

When required by the conditions of the competition, the Organizing Committee may appoint additional technical officials to assist in the conduct of the event.

Article 10. Judge 1

Judge 1 shall be the highest authority during the competition.

Judge 1 shall have the following responsibilities:

- a) Call the competitors.
- b) Authorize the start of each attempt by giving the official signal.
- c) Declare each attempt valid or invalid.
- d) In the event of an invalid attempt, verbally announce the reason for the infraction (start, jump, landing, or finish).

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- e) Officially announce the height at the beginning of each round.
- f) Maintain the official competition records.
- g) Declare the opening and conclusion of each official category.

Article 11. Judge 2

Judge 2 shall be positioned at the beginning of the runway.

Judge 2 shall have the following responsibilities:

- a) Verify the correct marking of the runway.
- b) Confirm the identity of the competitor before the attempt.
- c) Ensure that the competitor remains within the official runway and does not exceed the regulation approach distance.
- d) Confirm that the competitor begins the approach only after the signal from Judge 1.

Article 12. Judge 3

Judge 3 shall be positioned adjacent to the horizontal crossbar.

Judge 3 shall have the following responsibilities:

- a) Confirm whether the crossbar is dislodged by the competitor during the execution of the jump.
- b) Adjust the crossbar to the required height for the next attempt or competition level.
- c) Confirm that the competitor's first contact with the landing surface is made with one or both hands.
- d) Verify that the landing consists exclusively of either a forward roll or a side roll.

Article 13. Judge 4

Judge 4 shall be positioned alongside the landing surface.

Judge 4 shall have the following responsibilities:

- a) Confirm that the competitor does not use the hands for support while standing up.
- b) Verify that the competitor finishes the attempt in the guard position.
- c) Confirm that the competitor exits the landing surface through its designated end.

Article 14. Officiating Decisions

Each judge shall make decisions independently within the scope of their assigned responsibilities.



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Official decisions shall be communicated using the following signals:

- a) **Blue Flag:** Valid jump.
- b) **Red Flag:** Invalid jump.

The final decision regarding the validity of an attempt shall rest with Judge 1, taking into consideration the observations made by the other judges.

CHAPTER IV

RANKING, TIE-BREAKING, AND OFFICIAL RESULTS

Article 15. Tie-Break Procedure

In the event of a tie for any of the first three (3) positions in the official ranking, the tie shall be resolved by applying the following procedure:

- a) It shall first be verified that the tied competitors have successfully cleared the official minimum height corresponding to their category.
- b) The tied competitors shall perform one (1) additional jump at a height five (5) centimeters below the last height at which they failed.
- c) Competitors who successfully clear that height shall continue the tie-break by raising the horizontal crossbar in increments of five (5) centimeters until the final positions have been determined.
- d) If none of the competitors clears the designated height, the horizontal crossbar shall be lowered by five (5) centimeters and another tie-break attempt shall be conducted.

Paragraph 1. The procedure described in paragraph (d) may be repeated as many times as necessary until the tie is resolved, provided that the horizontal crossbar is not lowered below the official minimum height established for the category. Otherwise, the competitors shall be disqualified from the event.

Paragraph 2. Only competitors eliminated in the immediately preceding round due to the infractions established in **items d), g), k), l), and m) of Article 7** of these Official Rules shall be eligible to participate in the tie-break procedure.

Article 16. Official Ranking and Award Ceremony

The official ranking shall be determined according to the greatest height successfully cleared by each competitor during the competition.

Only the first (1st), second (2nd), and third (3rd) place competitors in each official category shall receive awards.



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Any competitor who fails to clear the official minimum height established for their category shall not obtain an official ranking.

The best height achieved during the competition shall be officially recorded and, where applicable, may be recognized as an **Event Record, National Record, Continental Record, or World Record**, in accordance with the nature of the competition and the regulations of the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

Each medal awarded shall count as one (1) medal toward the official overall delegation standings.

CHAPTER V

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 17. Official Interpretation

The official interpretation of these **Official High Jump Competition Rules** shall be the exclusive responsibility of the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)** through its World Technical Commission and World Refereeing Directorate.

No affiliated organization may issue interpretations that contradict the provisions established in these Official Rules.

Article 18. Unforeseen Cases

Any situation not expressly provided for in these Official Rules shall be resolved by the Refereeing Director and the World Technical Commission of the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

All decisions shall be made in accordance with the principles of safety, impartiality, sporting integrity, and the technical development of Sport Hapkido.

Article 19. Mandatory Application

The provisions contained in these Official Rules shall be mandatory in all national, continental, and world competitions recognized, sanctioned, or organized by the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

Article 20. Amendments to the Rules

Amendments to these Official Rules may only be approved by the Board of Directors of the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)** upon the recommendation of the World Technical Commission and/or the World Refereeing Directorate.

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Article 21. Regulatory Cycle

These Official Rules shall remain in force throughout the regulatory cycle established by the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

Ordinary amendments shall enter into force at the beginning of the next regulatory cycle, except where immediate implementation is required for reasons of competitor safety, sporting integrity, or the proper administration of the event.

Article 22. Official Translations

The **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)** may publish official versions of these Official Rules in different languages.

In the event of any discrepancy between translations, the official English version shall prevail.

Article 23. Intellectual Property Rights

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Article 24. Entry into Force

These **Official High Jump Competition Rules** shall enter into force on the date of their official approval by the Board of Directors of the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

From that date forward, all previous regulatory provisions that conflict with these Official Rules shall be repealed.

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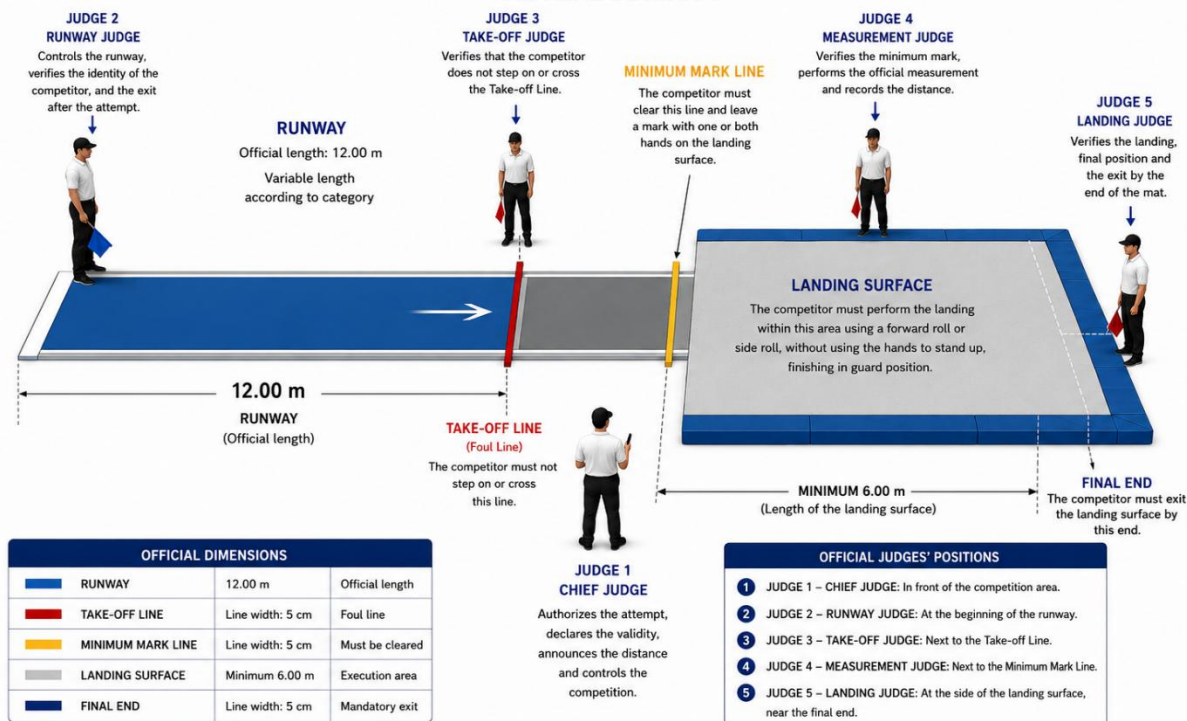
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CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Definition of the Long Jump Event

The Long Jump Event consists of the execution of a horizontal jump performed by the competitor after a controlled approach run, with the objective of achieving the greatest possible distance while complying with the technical provisions established in these Official Rules.

Before performing the jump, the competitor shall apply chalk or talcum powder to both hands in order to leave a visible mark on the landing surface, which shall serve as the official reference for measuring the jump distance.

The jump shall be executed without stepping on the Take-off Line and shall conclude with a regulation landing technique consisting of either a forward roll using both hands or a side roll using one hand, finishing in a guard position in accordance with these Official Rules.

Article 2. Runway and Take-off Line

The Runway is the designated area used for the approach prior to the jump.

The approach run shall be performed in a straight line over an official distance of twelve (12) meters and a minimum width of one (1) meter.

At the end of the runway shall be the Take-off Line, which marks the maximum permitted take-off point.

The competitor shall not step on or cross the Take-off Line during the execution of the jump.

Article 3. Landing Surface and Minimum Mark Line

The landing surface shall consist of gymnastics safety mats designed to protect the competitor during the landing phase.

The landing mats shall meet the following minimum specifications:

- a) Minimum width of one meter and fifty centimeters (1.50 m).
- b) Minimum length of two (2) meters.
- c) Thickness ranging from five (5) to ten (10) centimeters.

The total length of the landing surface shall be between six (6) and eight (8) meters.

The landing surface shall include a clearly marked Minimum Mark Line corresponding to the competitor's official category, which must be surpassed for the attempt to qualify for official measurement.

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Article 4. Rounds

The Long Jump competition shall consist of three (3) official rounds.

Each competitor may perform one (1), two (2), or three (3) jump attempts.

Once the competitor surpasses the minimum mark established for the respective category, the achieved distance shall be officially recorded.

For ranking and award purposes, only the competitor's best valid mark shall be taken into account.

Paragraph 1. A competitor may choose not to participate in one (1) or two (2) official rounds. Such decision must be communicated to Judge 1 before the start of the corresponding round.

Paragraph 2. The invalidation of any jump attempt due to failure to comply with the technical provisions established in these Official Rules shall result in the immediate disqualification of the competitor and the cancellation of all marks previously obtained in the event.

Article 5. Official Measurement of the Jump

The jump distance shall be measured using officially approved and properly calibrated measuring equipment.

The measurement shall be taken from the Minimum Mark Line corresponding to the competitor's category to the mark left by the hand closest to that line on the landing surface.

The official jump distance shall be calculated by adding the minimum mark established for the category to the additional distance measured from the Minimum Mark Line to the point of hand contact.

Article 6. Official Measuring Equipment

All jump measurements shall be carried out using official measuring equipment that ensures accuracy, reliability, and consistency.

The following measuring devices may be used, among others:

- a) Properly calibrated steel or fiberglass measuring tape.
- b) Electronic measuring devices approved by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

All measuring equipment shall be maintained in proper working condition and may be inspected by the Refereeing Director before the start of the competition.

Whenever there is reasonable doubt regarding a measurement, the Refereeing Director may order a new measurement, which shall be considered final.



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Article 7. Official Categories and Minimum Marks

The official categories and minimum qualifying marks for the Long Jump Event shall be as follows:

A. Official Categories

- a) Junior: Competitors from twelve (12) years of age up to fourteen (14) years and three hundred sixty-four (364) days.
- b) Youth: Competitors from fifteen (15) years of age up to seventeen (17) years and three hundred sixty-four (364) days.
- c) Open Adults (Elite): Competitors eighteen (18) years of age and older.
- d) Senior: Competitors forty (40) years of age and older.

B. Official Minimum Marks

Category	Male	Female
Junior	2.00 m	1.50 m
Youth	2.50 m	1.80 m
Open Adults (Elite)	3.00 m	2.00 m
Senior	2.50 m	1.80 m

CHAPTER II

COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Article 8. Start of the Competition

The competition shall begin with the execution of the jump attempts corresponding to each official category, in accordance with the order of participation established by the Organizing Committee.

Each competitor shall be entitled to the number of attempts established in these Official Rules in order to record a valid mark.

The order of participation shall be determined by the Organizing Committee and announced before the start of the competition.

Article 9. Valid Attempt

A jump attempt shall be considered valid when the competitor fully complies with the technical provisions established in these Official Rules.



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For an attempt to be declared valid, the following requirements, among others, shall be met:

- a) Begin the approach run only after receiving the signal from Judge 1.
- b) Perform the approach run within the official runway.
- c) Not step on or cross the Take-off Line.
- d) Clear the Minimum Mark Line corresponding to the competitor's official category.
- e) Leave a visible hand mark on the landing surface.
- f) Perform a regulation landing by executing either a forward roll or a side roll.
- g) Finish the attempt by assuming the guard position.
- h) Exit the landing surface through its designated end.

Compliance with all of these requirements shall qualify the attempt for official measurement.

Article 10. Invalid Attempt

A jump attempt shall be declared invalid if the competitor commits any of the following actions:

- a) Commits a disciplinary or sporting infraction.
- b) Fails to appear when called for the corresponding category or round.
- c) Begins the approach run or executes the jump before the official start signal.
- d) Exceeds the official runway or leaves the runway during the execution of the attempt.
- e) Begins the approach run without properly executing the jump.
- f) Steps on or crosses the Take-off Line.
- g) Fails to clear the Minimum Mark Line.
- h) Touches the Minimum Mark Line with the hands.
- i) Fails to leave a visible chalk or talcum mark on the landing surface.
- j) Fails to make the first body contact with the landing mat using one or both hands.
- k) Performs a landing other than a forward roll or a side roll.
- l) Lands wholly or partially outside the landing surface.
- m) Allows any limb to extend beyond the landing surface.
- n) Uses the hands for support while standing up.

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o) Fails to finish in the guard position.

p) Exits the landing surface from any location other than its designated end.

The commission of any of the above actions shall invalidate the attempt.

Article 11. Disqualification

A competitor shall be disqualified under any of the following circumstances:

a) The invalidation of any jump attempt in accordance with the provisions established in these Official Rules.

b) When, during the official warm-up, the officiating panel determines that the competitor does not possess the minimum technical ability required to perform the event safely, thereby representing a risk to their own physical integrity.

c) Any other circumstance resulting in disqualification as provided in the WFSH Official Combat Rules.

Disqualification shall result in the cancellation of all marks and results obtained by the competitor in the event.

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Article 12. Composition of the Official Officiating Panel

The Long Jump competition shall be conducted by an Official Officiating Panel duly accredited by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

The Official Officiating Panel shall consist of:

a) Judge 1.

b) Judge 2.

c) Judge 3.

d) Judge 4.

e) Judge 5.

When required by the conditions of the competition, the Organizing Committee may appoint additional technical officials to assist in the conduct of the event.

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Article 13. Judge 1

Judge 1 shall be the highest authority during the competition.

Judge 1 shall have the following responsibilities:

- a) Call the competitors.
- b) Authorize the start of each attempt by giving the official signal.
- c) Declare each attempt valid or invalid.
- d) Verbally communicate the reason for an invalid attempt when applicable.
- e) Officially announce the measured distance.
- f) Maintain the official competition records.
- g) Declare the opening and conclusion of each official category.

Article 14. Judge 2

Judge 2 shall be positioned at the beginning of the runway.

Judge 2 shall have the following responsibilities:

- a) Verify the correct marking of the runway.
- b) Confirm the identity of each competitor.
- c) Verify that chalk or talcum powder has been properly applied to both hands.
- d) Ensure that the competitor remains within the official runway during the approach.
- e) Confirm that each attempt begins only after the signal from Judge 1.

Article 15. Judge 3

Judge 3 shall be positioned adjacent to the Take-off Line.

Judge 3 shall have the following responsibilities:

- a) Verify that the competitor does not step on or cross the Take-off Line.
- b) Assist in the official measurement of the jump.
- c) Immediately report any observed infraction.

Article 16. Judge 4

Judge 4 shall be positioned adjacent to the Minimum Mark Line.

Judge 4 shall have the following responsibilities:



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- a) Confirm that the competitor clears the Minimum Mark Line corresponding to the official category.
- b) Verify that the competitor's first contact with the landing surface is made with one or both hands.
- c) Conduct the official measurement of the jump.
- d) Clearly and audibly communicate the measured distance to Judge 1.

Article 17. Judge 5

Judge 5 shall be positioned alongside the landing surface.

Judge 5 shall have the following responsibilities:

- a) Confirm that the competitor's first contact with the landing mat is made with one or both hands.
- b) Verify that the landing consists exclusively of either a forward roll or a side roll.
- c) Confirm that the competitor does not use the hands for support while standing up.
- d) Verify that the competitor finishes the attempt in the guard position.
- e) Confirm that the competitor exits the landing surface through its designated end.

Article 18. Officiating Decisions

Each judge shall make decisions independently within the scope of their assigned responsibilities.

Official decisions shall be communicated using the following signals:

- a) Blue Flag: Valid attempt.
- b) Red Flag: Invalid attempt.

The final decision regarding the validity of an attempt shall rest with Judge 1, taking into consideration the observations made by the other judges.

CHAPTER IV

RANKING, TIE-BREAKING, AND OFFICIAL RESULTS

Article 19. Official Ranking

The official competition ranking shall be determined according to the greatest valid distance achieved by each competitor during the official rounds.

Only marks obtained through valid attempts in accordance with these Official Rules shall be considered for the official ranking.

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Article 20. Best Official Mark

For ranking purposes, only the best valid mark achieved by each competitor during the competition shall be officially recorded.

All remaining attempts shall be considered for statistical purposes only and shall not affect the official ranking.

Article 21. Tie

A tie shall exist when two (2) or more competitors achieve exactly the same best valid mark at the end of the official rounds.

In such cases, the tie shall be resolved in accordance with the procedure established in the following article.

Article 22. Tie-Break Procedure

In the event of a tie for any of the first three (3) positions in the official ranking, the tie shall be resolved by applying the following criteria in the order listed below:

- a) The second-best valid mark achieved by each competitor shall be compared.
- b) If the tie persists, the third-best valid mark achieved by each competitor shall be compared.
- c) If any tied competitor voluntarily abstained from participating in one or more official rounds, that competitor shall complete the missing attempt(s) solely for the purpose of resolving the tie, applying the criteria established in the preceding paragraphs.
- d) If, after applying the above criteria, the tie still remains, the tied competitors shall perform one (1) additional tie-break jump. The competitor achieving the greater valid distance shall be declared the winner of the tie-break.

Paragraph 1. This tie-break procedure shall apply only to ties involving first, second, or third place in each official category.

Paragraph 2. If the tie persists after the first additional tie-break jump, additional tie-break attempts shall be conducted until one competitor achieves a greater valid distance.

Article 23. Official Results

Upon completion of the competition, Judge 1 shall prepare the Official Results Report, which shall include, as a minimum, the following information:

- a) Full name of the competitor.
- b) Country, National Federation, or represented institution.
- c) Official category.

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- d) Distance achieved in each attempt.
- e) Best valid mark.
- f) Final ranking.
- g) Observations, where applicable.

The Official Results Report shall be signed by Judge 1 and the Refereeing Director.

Article 24. Award Ceremony

The award ceremony shall be conducted in accordance with the official ranking established at the conclusion of the competition.

At a minimum, first, second, and third place competitors in each official category shall be recognized.

The Organizing Committee may grant additional awards in accordance with the official event regulations.

Article 25. Publication of Official Results

The official results shall be published upon completion of the review and signing of the Official Results Report.

Upon publication, the results shall become official and final.

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CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Definition of the Event

The **Pair Freestyle** event is a technical and artistic competition in which two (2) athletes perform a synchronized choreographed routine based on the technical principles, stances, and movements of Hapkido, accompanied by music.

The purpose of this event is to demonstrate technical quality, coordination, synchronization, martial expression, and mastery of Hapkido fundamentals.

Pair Freestyle is not considered a Self-Defense (Hosinsul) or Combat event. Therefore, simulated fighting, combat techniques, or applications specific to those events shall not be permitted.

Article 2. Objectives

The objectives of the Pair Freestyle event are:

- a) To promote the technical development of Hapkido through the performance of freestyle routines in pairs.
- b) To evaluate coordination, synchronization, precision, and body control.
- c) To encourage creativity while respecting the technical principles and philosophy of Hapkido.
- d) To strengthen teamwork, harmony, and martial expression within a technical and artistic non-combative event.

CHAPTER II

COMPETITORS

Article 3. Team Composition and Official Age Categories

Each pair shall consist of two (2) athletes of the same gender and belonging to the same official age category.

Both competitors shall perform the routine in a synchronized and coordinated manner, without assuming the roles of attacker or performer.

The official age categories shall be:

- a) **Junior:** Competitors aged from twelve (12) years to fourteen (14) years and three hundred sixty-four (364) days.

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b) **Youth:** Competitors aged from fifteen (15) years to seventeen (17) years and three hundred sixty-four (364) days.

c) **Adults (Elite Open):** Competitors eighteen (18) years of age and older.

d) **Senior:** Competitors forty (40) years of age and older.

Article 4. Performance Categories

Each pair shall select only one (1) of the following performance categories:

a) Hand Form

A routine performed exclusively with traditional Hapkido hand and body techniques, without the use of weapons.

b) Weapons Form

A routine performed exclusively with traditional Hapkido training weapons.

c) Mixed Form

A routine that combines hand techniques and traditional weapons in a balanced and harmonious presentation.

CHAPTER III

TECHNICAL CONTENT

Article 5. Hand Form

The Hand Form event shall permit:

- Traditional Hapkido stances.
- Footwork and turning movements.
- Hand techniques, including blocks, strikes, and technical controls without combat application.
- Technical kicks.
- Falling techniques.
- Breathing, rhythm, and Kihap.

The following shall not be permitted:

- Self-Defense (Hosinsul) techniques.

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- Applied joint locks.
- Throws involving contact.
- Simulated combat.

Article 6. Weapons Form

The Weapons Form event shall permit the use of traditional Hapkido training weapons, including:

- Short stick.
- Long staff.
- Rope.
- Training knife.
- Practice sword.
- Other traditional weapons authorized by the World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH).

The use of real weapons or any item that may endanger the participants shall be strictly prohibited.

The evaluation shall emphasize:

- Technical weapon handling.
- Pair coordination and synchronization.
- Smooth and safe transitions.
- Spatial awareness and weapon control.

Article 7. Mixed Form

The Mixed Form shall combine hand techniques and traditional weapons within a single performance.

A balanced integration of both forms of execution shall be demonstrated.

Transitions shall be smooth, safe, and technically correct.

CHAPTER IV

COMPETITION AREA AND PERFORMANCE TIME

Article 8. Official Competition Area

The **Pair Freestyle** competition shall be conducted in an official competition area with the following specifications:



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- a) Performance area measuring ten (10) meters by ten (10) meters.
- b) Total safety area measuring twelve (12) meters by twelve (12) meters.
- c) The surface shall be covered with tatami approved by the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.
- d) The competition area shall remain free of obstacles and provide safe conditions throughout the performance.

Article 9. Official Performance Time

Each pair shall perform within the following official time limits:

- a) Minimum time: sixty (60) seconds.
- b) Maximum time: one hundred twenty (120) seconds.

The official time shall begin with the start of the music and end when the music concludes.

Any performance that fails to comply with the official time limit shall be subject to the deductions established in these Official Rules.

CHAPTER V

OFFICIAL SCORING SYSTEM

Article 10. Official Evaluation Criteria

Each performance shall be evaluated by five (5) official judges accredited by the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.

The maximum score awarded by each judge shall be one hundred (100) points, distributed as follows:

Evaluation Criterion	Evaluation Elements	Maximum Score
Technique and Postural Accuracy	Technical quality, stances, accuracy, balance, and proper execution of Hapkido fundamentals.	20 Points
Pair Coordination and Synchronization	Movement uniformity, synchronization, teamwork, and harmony between both competitors.	20 Points



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Evaluation Criterion	Evaluation Elements	Maximum Score
Flow, Rhythm, Transitions and Musical Harmony	Continuity of the routine, technical transitions, execution rhythm, and proper synchronization with the selected music.	20 Points
Presentation and Creativity	Originality, choreographic structure, effective use of the competition area, and creativity while respecting Hapkido technical principles.	20 Points
Martial Expression and Attitude	Stage presence, concentration, Kihap, martial attitude, confidence, and projection throughout the performance.	20 Points
	TOTAL MAXIMUM SCORE	100 POINTS

The **Technical Table** shall discard the highest and lowest scores, adding the remaining three (3) scores to determine the pair's official score.

Maximum Official Score: 300 Points.

CHAPTER VI

SCORE DEDUCTIONS

Article 11. Grounds for Score Deductions

Score deductions shall be applied whenever any of the following situations occur during the performance:

- Loss of synchronization between team members.
- Execution of techniques inconsistent with the technical principles of Hapkido.
- Excessive use of gymnastic acrobatic elements that alter the martial nature of the event.
- Lack of proper technical control of the traditional weapons used during the performance.
- Partial or complete exit from the official competition area.
- Failure to comply with the official performance time limit.

Deductions shall be applied by the officiating panel in accordance with the official judging criteria established by the **World Federation for Sport Hapkido (WFSH)**.



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CHAPTER VII

OFFICIAL PERFORMANCE PROTOCOL

Article 12. Official Procedure

Every **Pair Freestyle** performance shall follow the official protocol below:

- a) Official call of the pair by the officiating panel.
- b) Inspection of the official uniform and authorized traditional weapons, when applicable.
- c) Orderly entrance into the official competition area.
- d) Official bow to the officiating panel.
- e) Start of the music and performance of the routine.
- f) Final bow upon completion of the performance.
- g) Exit from the official competition area.

Failure to comply with this protocol may result in the penalties or deductions established in these Official Rules.

CHAPTER VIII

TECHNICAL IDENTITY OF THE EVENT

Article 13. Technical Principles

The **Pair Freestyle** event is a technical and artistic non-combative discipline based on the correct execution of traditional Hapkido technical principles.

The event is characterized by:

- a) Synchronized and coordinated execution between both athletes.
- b) Technical mastery of stances, footwork, and transitions.
- c) Controlled martial expression without combat contact.
- d) Safe, responsible, and technically correct use of traditional weapons, when applicable.

To preserve the technical identity of this event, it is expressly established that:

- It is not a Self-Defense (Hosinsul) event.
- It is not a Combat event.

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- The effectiveness of combat techniques shall not be evaluated; only technical quality, synchronization, creativity, and proper execution of the routine shall be assessed.

Any performance inconsistent with these principles may be penalized or lead to disqualification at the discretion of the officiating panel.

CHAPTER IX

PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED EXECUTIONS

Article 14. Permitted Executions

The following technical actions shall be permitted and positively evaluated:

- a) Synchronized hand technique sequences.
- b) Coordinated footwork and technically correct turns.
- c) Precise execution of traditional Hapkido stances.
- d) Traditional weapon techniques performed with control, precision, and safety.
- e) Smooth transitions between hand techniques and weapons in the Mixed Form category.
- f) Proper use of Kihap as an expression of martial spirit.
- g) Rhythm, breathing, and appropriate synchronization with the accompanying music.

Article 15. Prohibited Executions

The following actions are prohibited and may result in deductions, penalties, or disqualification:

- a) Self-Defense (Hosinsul) techniques involving actual joint locks, painful controls, or impact throws.
- b) Representation of attacker and defender roles.
- c) Simulation of combat or fighting.
- d) Physical striking or contact between team members.
- e) Excessive use of gymnastic acrobatic elements that alter the martial nature of the event.
- f) Execution of techniques belonging to other martial arts that compromise the technical identity of Hapkido.
- g) Unsafe or uncontrolled use of traditional weapons.

Article 16. Safety During Performance

The safety of the competitors shall be a fundamental principle throughout the Pair Freestyle event.



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The officiating panel may interrupt or terminate a performance whenever it determines that there is a clear risk to the physical integrity of the competitors, officials, spectators, or any other person present in the competition area.

The following situations shall be considered, among others:

- a) Unsafe use or loss of control of traditional weapons.
- b) Execution of techniques that create an unnecessary risk to the competitors.
- c) Damage or malfunction of the equipment used during the performance.
- d) Unsafe conditions within the official competition area.
- e) Any other circumstance that, in the opinion of the officiating panel, compromises the safe conduct of the competition.

When a performance is suspended for safety reasons attributable to the competitors, the officiating panel may apply the corresponding deductions or declare the competitors disqualified in accordance with these Official Rules.

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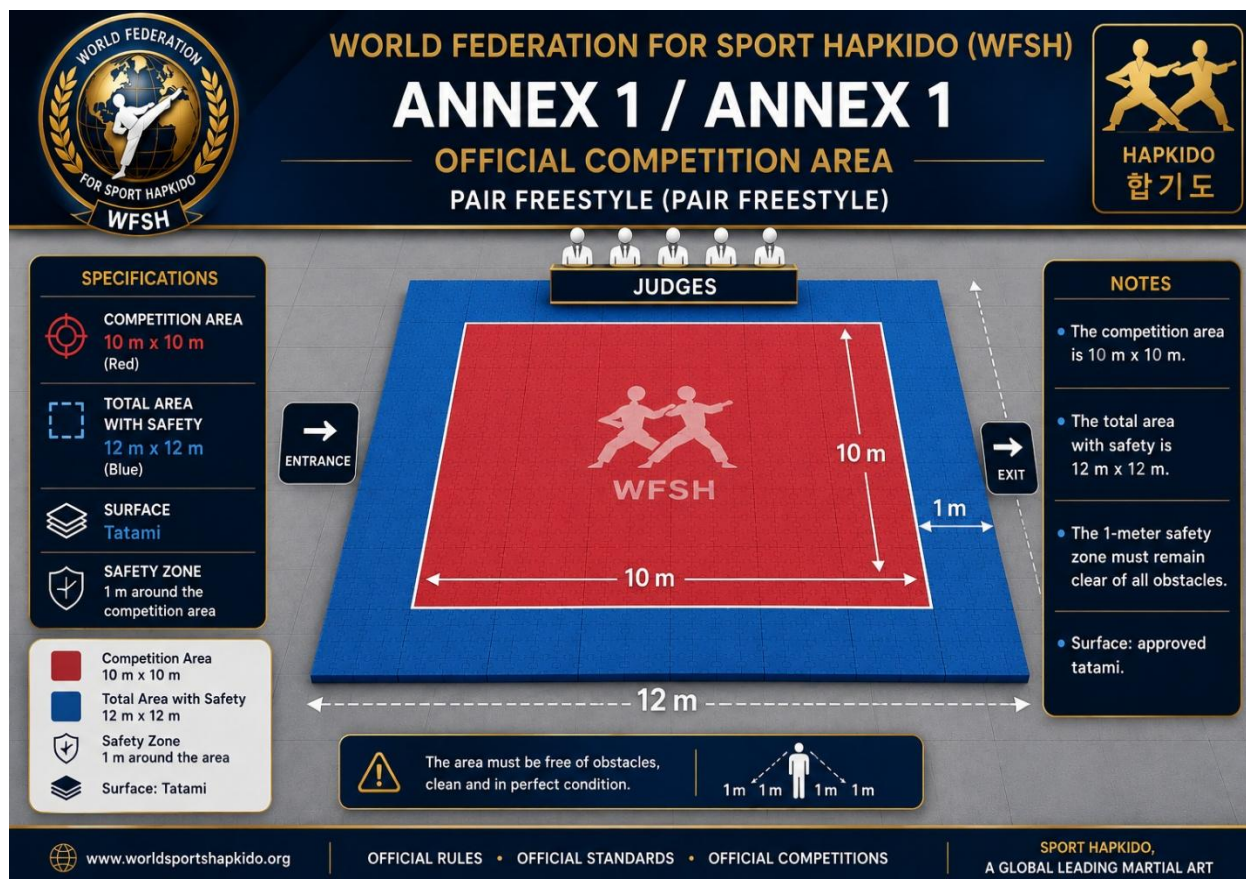
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