



## **Rules for the Video Review in Karate Competitions**

- 1.** Prior to the beginning of the competition, the Tatami Managers will appoint 2 officials to act as Video Review Supervisor (VRS) in each tatami. Both VRS members will be seated at the official table with the Video Review Operator in the middle. The Video Review Team is equipped with a red (rejected) and a green (approved) card. Only the Supervisors and the operator can be present around Video review equipment.
- 2.** Prior to each bout, the Coach Supervisor will hand over the red and blue cards to the corresponding Coaches, red for Aka and blue for Ao. The Coach Supervisor will be sitting between the two Coaches during the match. He shall be equipped with a two-way radio.
- 3.** The procedure for rising protests by use of the card applies only when a Coach believes that his/her competitor didn't get a point. The match will not be delayed, and it is the responsibility of the VRS to ensure that the protest is professionally handled.
- 4.** For video review purposes, 2 to 4 video cameras with all the pertaining auxiliary equipment shall be used in each tatami. This equipment will be operated by a Video Review Operator. The cameras shall be located in the corners close to the safety area.
- 5.** The Coach lodging a protest will stand up and raise a hand showing the red or blue card. The Coach Supervisors will blow his whistle and the Referee will immediately stop the bout. When the card is raised the Video Review Operator (also equipped with a two-way radio) will stop filming the bout. The Coach Supervisor shall inform the operator about the subject of the Coach's protest and take the Coach's card. The Video Review Operator will rewind the tape back to the beginning of the disputed sequence.
- 6.** The VRS will examine, analyse and take a decision regarding the protest in the shortest time possible. The decision must be unanimous, otherwise it is considered as rejected. The decision will be announced by raising the green (YES) or the red (NO) card.
- 7.** The VRS will inform the Referee about the decision for him/her to act accordingly. The Coach Supervisor will, according to the decision, either give the card back to the Coach or keep it. If the Coach's request is rejected, the card cannot be used again for all remaining matches for the concerned competitor, except in the bouts for medals.

**8.** When using the Round Robin system (without bouts for medals) if the protest is rejected the coach will not get back the card for that particular competitor for the remaining matches in the pool but will get it again if the competitor goes to the semi final.

**9.** The protest rejection does not stop the coach or the team leader from issuing a written protest (Article 11 in the WKF Kata and Kumite Competitors Rules).

**10.** If a competitor suggest to the coach to raise the card, this will be considered a Category 2 offence and a warning or penalty must be issued. In this situation if the coach does raise the card the procedure will not be stopped and the video review will take place even if the competitor is penalized with a Cat. 2 warning or penalty.

**11.** If a competitor signalled to the coach not to raise the card because the technique was not a point, this will also be considered a Category 2 offence.

**12.** If a coach lifts up the card and then immediately put it back down, the procedure will not be stopped and the video review will take place accordingly.

**13.** In the case that the Video Review Supervisors, because of technical problems (electricity, camera or computer malfunctions etc.) are not able to analyse the video and take a decision, the card will be returned to the Coach by the Coach Supervisor.

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