



## SANCTIONING TATAMI COMPETITIONS – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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## Preamble

Sport Martial Arts have attained significant popularity in Canada. Point Sparring, continuous point sparring, forms, and weapons forms are all practiced in clubs across the country. There are also many martial arts competitions within specific groups such as Karate, Kung Fu, Tae Kwon Do, as well as competitions that involve a diversity of participant styles. The rules for competitions vary across jurisdictions, organizing groups and even between competitions. There is an incredible range of health, safety and fair play practices at these events.

There have always been initiatives to standardize rules and competition requirements. Challenges to developing uniform policies and procedures have included a diversity of international bodies, disseminating these across various stakeholders, and a culture that lacks collaboration. Furthermore the sector has not had a regulatory structure in place to ensure industry standards, monitor events and ensure compliance.

With the change in government policy regarding all combative competitions, the regulatory structure has now been assigned to Provincial Sporting Organizations (PSO). WAKO Canada is the PSO for all kickboxing disciplines including the Tatami disciplines of Point Sparring, Light Contact, Kick Light, and Forms/Weapons, as well as the ring disciplines of Full Contact, Low Kick and K1.

Working with WAKO, the International Federation (IF) recognized by SPORTACCORD, and the National Sporting Organization (NSO), WAKO Canada has established a regulatory framework for Tatami competitions that went into effect July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. The following document lays out the requirements for all Tatami competitions.

The requirements of WAKO, as laid out in their rules documents, will always be adhered to by the PSO unless alternative policies are established. Alternative policies must be approved by the PSO Board and be justified based on legal, ethical or administrative requirements in the jurisdiction.

The PSO sanctioning framework is based on the principles of Excellence, Fair Play and Safety.

The following document provides policies specific to sanctioning competitions for Tatami Sports. WAKO Canada's Policy manual details all of the specific policies for all aspects of competitions.



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#### A. Athlete Requirements

1. All athletes must be members of a registered WAKO Canada club for the calendar year
2. All athletes must be registered members of WAKO Canada for the calendar year
3. All athletes must complete an annual medical disclosure form
4. Upon completion of these requirements, athletes will be issued an annual competitive licence
5. Athletes from outside of Canada are required to provide membership documentation from their National WAKO Federation (or register with the host club) and provide proof of emergency medical insurance coverage

#### B. Coaching Requirements

1. All coaches must be members of a registered WAKO Canada club for the calendar year
2. All coaches must be registered members of WAKO Canada for the calendar year
3. All coaches must complete a police vulnerable sector screen every 3 years
4. All coaches must have a minimum of first aid and CPR certification
5. All coaches must complete a minimum Level I Coaching Certification course
6. Coaches must complete the Making Headway Module (Coach.ca)
7. Upon completion of the requirements coaches will be issued a licence for the calendar year

#### C. Officials Requirements

1. All officials must be members of a registered WAKO Canada Member club for the calendar year
2. All officials must be registered members of WAKO Canada for the calendar year
3. All officials must complete an Officials Certification course or equivalent
4. All officials must have a minimum of first aid and CPR certification
5. All officials must complete the Making Headway Module (Coach.ca)
6. All officials will be issued an officials licence for the calendar year

#### D. Sanctioning Requirements

1. Tatami Sanctioning Application must be submitted with the fee 90 days prior to the event
2. Two Chief Officials are required for competitions under 100 participants
3. One additional Chief Official is required for every additional 100 participant or less
4. Final Event Documents must be submitted to the CASK office within 5 business days of event



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#### E. Competition Requirements

1. All participants (coaches, athletes, officials) must be current registered WAKO Canada members
2. Chief Officials must be present to oversee the entire competition
3. All competition rings must be a minimum of 5 meters square padded mats
4. There must be a 1 meter matted safety zone around the competition ring
5. All competition rings and safety zones must be nonslip padded mats (min of 2 cm thickness)
6. There must be a minimum of 1.5 meter space and a barrier beyond the ring/judges tables
7. Only registered Athletes and Coaches and accredited staff are permitted on the competition area
8. All equipment must be regulation equipment and in good order
9. All Officials must be wearing their WAKO Canada Attire

#### F. Health and Safety Requirements

1. Competitions are required to have established an EAP in conjunction with their local hospital
2. The EAP document must be provided in advance with the Chief Official
3. Lead medical staff required for events are physicians, athletic therapists, or paramedics
4. Competitions with less than 100 participants are required to have 2 lead medical staff (minimum first responder certification) and 2 additional medical staff (minimum of advanced first aid certification) that are located in the competition area easily accessible to all rings.
5. Competitions between 100-200 participants are required to have 3 lead medical staff (minimum first responder certification) and 2 additional medical staff (minimum of advanced first aid certification) that are located in the competition area easily accessible to all rings.
6. Competitions with more than 200 participants are required to have 4 lead medical staff (minimum first responder certification) and 3 additional medical staff (minimum of advanced first aid certification) that are located in the competition area easily accessible to all rings.

#### G. Chief Official Responsibilities

1. Ensuring Health and safety requirements are being adhered to
2. Ensuring all competition equipment is safe and in good working order
3. Ensure that only registered members of WAKO Canada are participants (coach, official, athlete)
4. Ensure the competition rules are being adhered to in each ring
5. Providing support to all ring referees
6. Providing support to the medical staff
7. Completing all medical injury forms for athletes



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#### H. Event Coordinator Responsibilities

1. To ensuring all WAKO Canada policies are adhered to throughout the competition
2. All print and social media must state: *Event is sanctioned by WAKO Canada.*
3. All print and social media marketing materials must have the KO logo clearly displayed
4. Ensuring that only registered WAKO Canada participants are involved in the competition
5. Providing all necessary support to the selected Chief Officials upon request
6. Ensuring only WAKO Canada registered members and staff are in the competition area
7. Ensuring the adequate medical staff are positioned so that all rings are visible
8. Providing travel expenses to the Chief Officials as per WAKO Canada policies

#### I. Fees and Disbursements

1. Club Fee - \$650/year (Includes HST)
  2. Tatami and/or Ring Sport Competitor - \$80/year
  3. Coaching Fee - \$80/year
  4. Official Fee - \$80/year
  5. Level I Coaching Course - \$175 + HST
  6. Sanctioning Fees: See EVENT SANCTIONING APPLICATION for all fees.
  7. Travel expenses for Chief Officials - \$0.50/km return for travel distances less than 500 km (one way) (provided by Event Coordinator)
  8. Flights for distances of more than 500 km one way plus hotel and travel to and from airport (provided by Event Coordinator)
  9. Provision of water and snacks for officials during the event (provided by Event Coordinator)
  10. Fees Paid to Referees - TBD (paid from the Event Coordinator)
  11. Fees Paid to Judges - TBD (paid from the Event Coordinator)
- Note – Sanctioning Fees include honorariums for Chief Officials that are paid directly by NSO
  - Note – Travel expense amounts are provided to Event Coordinator 30 days prior to the event and must be paid directly to the Chief Official prior to the beginning of the competition



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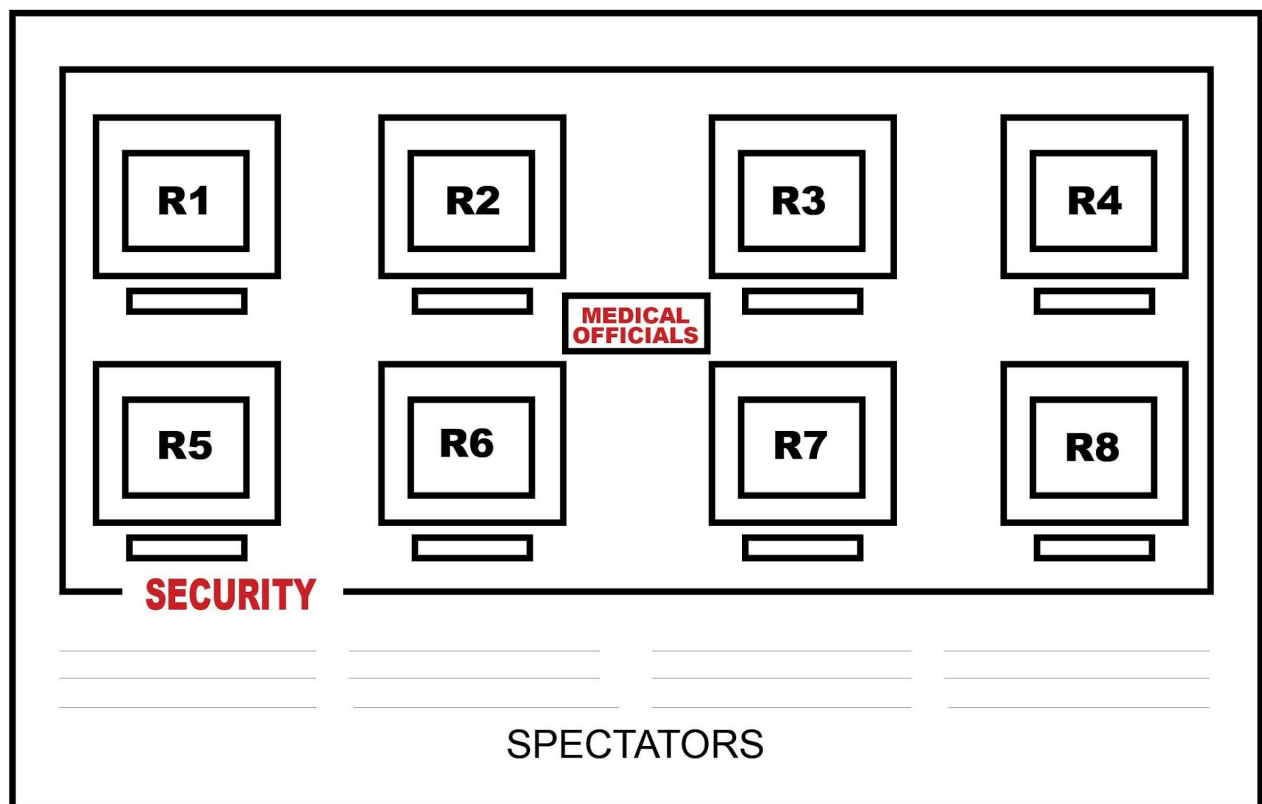
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## Competition Diagram A

The following is a sample diagram outlining the requirements for sanctioning Tatami Competitions:



The minimum requirements for the events is as follows:

1. All competition rings must be in full view and easily accessible for the Medical Team and CO's.
2. Security staff to ensure only registered coaches and athletes are permitted in the competition area.
3. Event Staff must have identification visible for the CO's.



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