



2018 International Seido Karate Tournament

Technique Shiai Rules

Format

- Open to competitors aged 8 to 12 years old inclusive, on the day of competition.
- Divisions will be by kyu grade, and males and females will compete in the same divisions.
- The Tournament Director reserves the right to split or merge divisions depending on the number of participants.
- Technique shiai will be performed as shadow-kumite. Two contestants will perform their technique simultaneously, separated by a line or physical barrier.
- No protective equipment is required for this event.
- All techniques - open and closed hand techniques, stationary and jumping kicks, rolls and flips - are permitted.

Match process

Format

- The competition is based on two individuals competing against each other, with the winner moving through to the next round.
- If there are only three contestants in a division there will be a round robin where each contestant performs against each other. In the case of each contestant winning one match, with an effective three-way tie, the judges will confer and decide on places based on all performances.
- There will be a play off for third in all other cases.

Process

- The marshal will call the two competitors, first red, then white, to the ring perimeter facing the head judge. Following a bow to the head judge and to each other, the competitors will face each other and move to fighting stance.
- The head judge will call out "BEGIN" and competitors will perform until the head judge calls "STOP".
- Each match will last for at least 20 seconds and no longer than 1 minute. Timing is at the discretion of the head judge.
- At the end of each match, competitors will return to their starting positions and the head judge will call out "Judges score". Each judge will raise a white or red flag to decide the winner. There will be no ties. The winner will move into the next round of competition.

The Judging Panel

- There will be 1 head judge and up to 4 judges. Each ring will also have a manager, marshal, and scorekeeper.

Judging Criteria

- The judges will look for good timing, focus, balance, coordination, and variety of techniques.