



**CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR COACHES FUNCTIONING AT  
OCEANIA KARATE FEDERATION EVENTS**

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## **1. Scope**

These regulations pertain to coaches participating in official OKF events, and any other event directly sanctioned by the OKF. The function of this program is to establish a standard rather than being a fully, fledged training program. The primary education of coaches will remain within the National Federations; much in the same manner as it functions today for the education of referees.

## **2. Application**

The OKF Referee Commission is responsible for the implementation of these regulations. Any revision, change or exceptions to these rules are subject to the decision of the OKF Executive Committee.

## **3. Description**

3.1 All coaches of athletes representing OKF National Federations must sign the "Accreditation Agreement for Coaches" in order to be functioning at OKF sanctioned events. The signed agreement is retained by the OKF Referee commission. Record of any dismissed protest by the coach, and any sanction against the coach and his/her administered athletes.

3.2 The "Accreditation Agreement for Coaches" is both a basic work description for the coach function and the coach's personal agreement and commitment to the standards set forth in the agreement. The signature of the Accreditation Agreement for Coaches is a requirement for holding a valid accreditation as a coach at a OKF event.

3.3 The Certification Program for Coaches is divided into two different levels: The first level, "Certified Kumite Coach" or "Certified Kata Coach", requires the function as a coach on an international level, and passing a formal test on the rules for either kumite or kata (as applicable). In order to apply for the test, the applicant must have his/her Federation sign up the applicant for the test. By applying the National Federation certifies that the applicant is to functioning as coach for national team member(s) at OKF events. If the applicant passes the written exam, a diploma will be issued to the applicant with an expiry period of four years. After four years the applicant must repeat the written exam for re-certification. The second level, "Certified Karate Coach" may be awarded to coaches who have completed both the "Certified Kumite Coach" and "Certified Kata Coach" requirements, has served as a coach at OKF events for at least five years, does not have multiple rejected protests over the last two years, and has no record of breach of the Accreditation Agreement for Coaches.

3.4 The OKF Referee Commission shall withhold the diploma from any applicant having issued multiple invalid protests within the last two years, or having any disciplinary sanction held against him/her by the OKF for the same period of time. In such cases the Referee

Commission shall refer the case to the Executive Committee with their recommendation for solution.

3.5 The OKF Referee Commission may revoke or suspend a certification at any time for any breach of the Accreditation Agreement for Coaches. Any such action must be recorded on the back of the person’s signed Accreditation Agreement for Coaches by a representative of the Technical Commission. Any coach, previously accredited, or certified, having the accreditation removed, must pass the applicable written examination for certified kumite or kata coach in order to be eligible for re-certification, regardless if any exam has been passed before. A coach of previous accredited status, being re-instated as accredited, will not automatically obtain certified status by passing the written exam.

3.6 The Referee Commission, may at their own discretion, award certifications to known experienced coaches without formal testing provided that the candidate signs the Accreditation Agreement for Coaches, has the required experience for the certification and no disciplinary record with OKF.

#### 4. Overview

Level 1 OKF Coach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend Referee/Coach Seminar</li> <li>• Undergo Kata and/or Kumite Exam <i>(2018 onwards)</i></li> <li>• Sign Coach Accreditation Agreement</li> <li>• Resit exam every four years must attend briefing at all OKF events</li> </ul>
Level 2 OKF Coach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend Referee/Coach Seminar</li> <li>• Undergo Kata and/or Kumite Exam <i>(2018 onwards)</i></li> <li>• Sign Coach Accreditation Agreement</li> <li>• Resit exam every four years must attend briefing at all OKF events</li> <li>• Hold licence in both Kata and Kumite for 5years or longer</li> </ul>

#### 5. WKF Coaches

Coaches who hold a WKF **Certified** coaches Licence are exempt from sitting the exam, however they are required to attend the Referee/Coach Seminar and provide a copy of accreditation to the Secretary of the OKFRC prior to the OKF sanctioned event. WKF accredited coaches who have not undergone the WKF exam are required to sit the OKF exam.

**6. ACCREDITATION AGREEMENT FOR COACHES**

The undersigned hereby agrees to conform to the following conditions as a prerequisite for coaching at OKF events and obtaining and maintaining OKF coaching licenses:

As a coach I am responsible for:

1. the safety and wellbeing of all athletes assigned to me by my National Federation, both inside and outside the competition area;
2. the courteous and disciplined conduct of myself and my assigned athletes, both inside and outside the competition area;
3. the adherence of myself and my assigned athletes to instructions given by the referee or other empowered tournament officials;
4. the adherence of my assigned athletes to the current anti-doping rules;
5. to keep myself abreast of current competition rules and ensure that my assigned athletes abide by the same rules;
6. avoiding protests without basis in the rules. I hereby confirm that I understand that by non-compliance of this Accreditation Agreement may forfeit my right to coach at OKF events, and that such non-compliance may result in the revocation or suspension of any coaching license issued to me by the WKF, based on the decision of the Referee Commission.

NAME : .....

NATIONAL FEDERATION: .....

Date: ..... Signature: .....