

Applied Karate Freestyle Kumite Rules

Applied Karate Sparring

<u>In ALL Divisions</u> – Contests consist of **2 rounds** of <u>continuous action</u> fighting, with a break between rounds. Points are scored with strikes and kicks, as well as legally authorized throwing techniques; Throwing technique reversals, and control holding techniques.

- In the event of a tie after the 2rd round; additional 1minute rounds will be held and scored until a winner is determined.
- In ALL Divisions –

One point for a kick or punch to the body

One point for a hand Strike to the Head

Two points for a kick to the Head

Two points for successful throw

Three points for a throw followed by a hold down or strikes (to body only).

10 second grip to initiate a throwing technique

5 seconds on the ground to either strike or secure a hold down.

Senior Divisions 17 and above

 2 – 120 second (2 minute) rounds of continuous action, <u>LIGHT CONTACT</u>, Sparring; 60 second (1min) break between rounds

Legal Techniques

- <u>Light contact</u> punches, kicks and strikes to legal target areas
- Sweeps and Base leg sweeping techniques
- Throwing techniques
- Pinning and Control Techniques



Legal Move list

- All fully closed fist techniques excluding hammer fist (Tettsui)
- Only open hand technique permitted is ridge hand strike (Haito)
- All kicking techniques excluding contact with the heel of the foot.
- All sweeps, throws and takedowns excluding slams and dangerous technique (see below for more information)
- All hold downs and pins

Illegal techniques

- Strikes that are thrown with no control or use of excessive force to target; Light Contact Rules will be Enforced!!!!
- Strikes or kicks to the Face Mask (T-zone) area: Eyes, nose, mouth, throat (NOTE: Cheek, forehead, chin, and side of face, are legal striking areas
- Kicks to the groin and knees (Note: Can kick legs)
- Kicks to the face, neck and to spine (Note: Can to the back and side/top of the head with control)
- Throws that cause a competitor to land on his head and/or neck
- Submission techniques and joint manipulation.

*****Safety is of the upmost importance for the competitors; at the discretion of the referee(s), a competitor may be allowed up to 2 minutes to recover from an injury following which the competitor must either continue or the round must be decided

Illegal techniques will cause a warning, no point gained and could lead to disqualification.

<u>Juniors</u>

<u>Ages 11 and under</u>: 2 – 60 sec (1min) rounds of continuous action, <u>LIGHT</u>
CONTACT, Sparring: 15 sec break between rounds.

Only single strike on the ground and no head strikes (just kicks)

 <u>Ages 12 to 16</u>: 2– 90sec (1.5min) rounds of continuous action, <u>LIGHT CONTACT</u>, Sparring; 30 sec break between rounds.

Only single strike on the ground