

INTER-DOJO FRIENDSHIP TOURNAMENT KATA RULES v1.2019

Cummings Karate Dojo, ACT Shotokan, Kenbukan Australia, Tora Shotokan

The Inter-Dojo Friendship Tournament is held in good faith between participating dojo, with the mindset of camaraderie and budo spirit. The Tournament will be held with minimal rules, with the idea of providing a fun and informal competition format.

1. Competition area: The competition area, herein referred to as 'court' will be 8 x 8 m of flat, matted floor. This area will be outlined, herein referred to as the 'boundary'.

2. Etiquette: Each Dojo will be expected to follow their own in-house Dojo rules. All Judges on the day should be referred to as "Sensei".

3. Competition rules:

- Both red and white competitors align at the boundary of the court, bow to the front, and after bowing to each other, the white competitor awaits at the boundary and the red competitor comes to the starting position.
- The red competitor gets ready on the starting position of their choice within the court, bows to the front, gives the name of kata to be performed, and starts the performance. After the performance ends, the competitor bows, and exits the performance area and waits at the boundary line.
- After the performance of the red competitor, the white competitor takes his/her position to start, and performs in accordance with the provisions of the preceding point.
- After the performance of the white competitor, both competitors line up at the boundary line and wait for the score by the judges. Once a victor is announced, competitors bow to each other, bow to the front, then exit the court.
- Competitors will choose which kata to perform during the round. The timing commences and ends with the formal bow-in and bow-out. There is no minimum time for the kata performance, but the performance may not exceed three (3) minutes.
- Each event will be separated by age and grade, but the organisers reserve the right to combine the events if there are minimal participants in an individual event. Male and females will compete together.
- Students must wear their official uniform as designated by their respective dojo. No shoes will be permitted.
- The age of the competitor is determined based on the age they are on 30 June in the year of competition. The maximum age for competition is 16 years old as of 30 June in the year of competition.
- Any protests should be made to the table officials, to be considered by the Judges, at the end of the respective round.
- No music is permitted in any round.
- The red competitor will be designated by a red sash worn tied to the karate belt. Competitors will be assigned randomly and notified prior to their round commencing.

4. Scoring:

- Judges will collectively score students against the areas of those listed below and use these criteria to determine which competitor proceeds to the next round.
 - Difficulty and complexity of kata in relation to their skill-level;
 - Technical expertise, including stances, techniques, transitions, breathing, focus, etc; and
 - Athletic performance, including strength, speed, balance and timing, etc.
- The scoring will be via a flag system, the competitor who receives the most flags will be declared the victor.
- The judges shall indicate the score through a flag based on the whistle of the referee. All judges must render a decision with no ties.

5. Format of Tournament

- The tournament format will be run as a [*double elimination tournament format*](#) (see *Appendix A*) and will be divided into successive rounds. Each competitor will therefore have two opportunities to perform their kata. The competitor who receives the majority of flags will then proceed to the next round. The competitor who loses their first round will be placed in the L bracket.
- Competitors that are in the L bracket can finish at the highest, in second place. The winner of the W bracket will win the tournament.
- For second place, if the competitor who lost to the winner of the W bracket has already defeated the winner of the L bracket in an earlier round, they will automatically be considered the winner and receive second place. If this criteria is not met, the second-place competitor of the W bracket will verse the winner of the L bracket for overall second place, with the loser placing third.

6. Officials:

- The official judging panel will consist of a minimum of three (3) judges or five (5) judges, with at least 3 judges being from different dojo who are participating in the tournament. One judge will be nominated as a referee and responsible for control of the court, and the calling of scores via a whistle. The referee will sit facing the officials table.
- Officials will remain alert and respectful throughout the match.
- The table officials will announce the name of the two next competitors, and be responsible for recording score, and notifying of any timings being exceeded.

7. Penalties:

- Any competitor who leaves the court before the score is called and confirmed (during or after their performance) by the table will be immediately disqualified.
- Any competitor who disrupts the performance of another competitor will be immediately disqualified.
- Any competitor's performance that exceeds three (3) minutes will have their score reconsidered by judges.
- Any spectator who disrupts the performance of any competitor will result in their related competitor being disqualified.
- A distinct performance or stop in the performance will result in serious consideration to score. A distinct pause, stop or restart in the Advanced categories will result in disqualification.
- Belts falling off during performance will result in disqualification.
- Exceeding four (4) minutes during kata performance will result in disqualification.
- Failure to follow the instructions of the judges or other misconduct will result in disqualification.

8. Code of Conduct

- Each competitor will be expected to behave as per their respective Dojo Code of Conduct. The official representing the Dojo on the day reserves the right to disqualify any member of the competition that is deemed to not be following their respective Code of Conduct. The tournament host and official of the Cummings Karate Dojo, reserves the right to disqualify or expel any person in attendance from the premises should they be seen to be not observing satisfactory behaviour standards that breach safety.

9. Injuries and First Aid

- First Aid will be provided by the nominated Cummings Karate Dojo official on the day. This official will have completed HLTAID001, HLTAID002, HLTAID003.

Appendix A - Example of Double Elimination Tournament

