



New ranking system for WKF Referees

Starting 1.1. 2025 the previous system for Referee Ranking will be replaced by a new ranking based on current average performance points and accumulative attendance points, which sum will determine the current ranking points. The purpose of the new system is to better balance the importance of performance versus attendance.

Kumite A licensed Referees will be evaluated for performance on a scale from 1 to 5 for performance in the roles of i) Referee, ii) Judge/Video Review Supervisor, iii) Kansa (Match Supervisor).

Performance points

The number of performance points per event will be calculated by the average of the performance marks (1 to 5) multiplied by 100 to give up to 500 performance points, which again will be averaged for all the K1 events attended over the last 365 days. The performance score will therefore always be an average of performance over the last 365 days and may go up or down according to how well one performs.

Attendance points

In addition, a fixed number of attendance points (equal for all K1 events) will be allocated for each K1 event attended. On the recommendation of the WKF President, the value has been set to 60 points per K1 event attended. Attendance points, going back 365 days, will be allocated from the previous system and will include the attendance of previous Referee Commission members going back into the ranking.

Ranking points

The sum of the current performance points and the attendance points are summarized to give the ranking points.

Example:

Number of K1 events:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	STATUS
Performance points	350	375	320	380	375	333	350	355 Averaged
Attendance points	60	120	180	240	300	360	420	420 Accumulated
Ranking points	410	495	500	620	675	693	770	775 Current

Last 365 days



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Guideline for evaluation

As before, the only information entered on the Excel registration sheet is the performance mark for each role performed by the referee and checking off the check box if the Referee has served as a Tatami Manager, Tatami Manager Assistant or Member of the Appeals Jury. The Excel spreadsheet used for registration of the performance marks will automatically average the performance score and calculate the performance points, which is the only number that needs to be entered in the database per referee.

The following table illustrates the proficiency expected for performance marks for each of the evaluated roles:

Role:		Referee	Judge/Video Supervisor	Kansa
Evaluation criteria:		Application of the rules, safety, warnings and penalties, positioning, signals and commands.	Application of the rules, ability to correctly and swiftly identify and signal points.	Application of the rules in supervision of the bout and the actions of the referee and judges.
Performance marks	5 Excellent	Excellence in performance serving as a role model for other officials. This level is expected to be reserved for the upper 10% of officials.		
	4 Very Good	Performance above average level. Only very minor objections to excellence in performance. This level should only be allocated to the upper 20-30 % of the officials.		
	3 Good	Performance at expected level without actions causing approved protests or mistakes in the outcome of a bout or a match.		
	2 Lacking	Performance under the expected level, such as actions causing approved protests or mistakes in the outcome of a bout or a match or generally lacking in performance in providing accurate judgements. This level is expected to be reserved for the lower level of 10% of officials.		
	1 Poor	Multiple actions causing approved protests or mistakes in the outcome of a bout or a match. The lack of performance jeopardize the license of the official.		
Performance points are the average of the performance marks for all roles performed x 100.				
An additional 25 attendance points are earned for being a Tatami Manager, Tatami Manager Assistant or Member of the Appeals Jury.				
Getting a grade of 2 in any role will reduce the total performance points for that event down to 200.				
Getting a grade of 1 in any role will reduce the total performance points for that event down to 100.				

Each Tatami Manager will do the evaluation of the Referees on his/her tatami, but the final performance points for each Referee are subject to the approval of the Chief Referee who may make corrections for missing consideration of observed mistakes and/or approved protests. The Tatami Managers are evaluated by the Chief Referee.

Implementation

The new system will be applied from the first K1 event in 2025. The ranking will first be published after the third K1 event which will take place in Fujairah 22-23 February.