

WKF REFEREE TERMINOLOGY

SYMBOL	JAPANESE	ENGLISH	REQUIREMENTS	
	SHOBU HAJIME	Start the Match or Bout	4th KYU	3,2,1 KYU
	YAME	Stop	Terms	All Terms and
	TSUZUKETE HAJIME	Resume Fighting - Begin	Only	Hand Signals
□	KACHI	Winner	"	3, 2 & 1 KYU
X	MAKE	Loser	"	"
	HIKIWAKE	Draw (Tie)	"	"
△	ENCHO-SEN	Extension / Sudden Death	"	"
		(first person to Score WINS)		
○ - ●	SANBON	3 Points	"	"
●	NIHON	2 Points	"	"
○	IPPON	1 Point	"	"
W	CHUKOKU	Warning without Penalty(1st time)	"	Category 1 Contact
K	KEIKOKU	1 Point Penalty	"	Category 2 Non-Contact
HC	HANSOKU CHUI	2 Points Penalty	"	add C 1, or C 2 to penalty
H	HANSOKU	3 Points Penalty (Disqualified)	"	example C 1 K, or C 2 K
J	JOGAI	Out of Bounds	"	"
KK	KIKEN	Forfeiture	"	"
M	MUBOBI	Self Endangerment	"	"
S	SHIKKAKU	Disqualified from Tournament	"	"
	Torimasen	No Score		Additional Hand Signals for
	Aiuchi	Simultaneous Score		2 & 1 KYU
	Moto No Ichi	Original Position		"
	Shugo	Call Judge to Referee		"
	Hantei	Judgement / Decision		"
	Mienai	Did Not See		"
	Nukemashita	Technique Misses		"
	Ukemashita	Technique Blocked		"
	Mijikai / Maai	Technique Short of Target		"
	Yowai	Technique Too Weak		"
Aiuchi	Awase Waza	Combination Technique		"
	Shomen Ni Rei	Bow to Dignitaries		"
	Otagai Ni Rei	Bow to Opponent & Judges		"
No Hand Signals	Atoshi Baraku	A Little More Time (30 Seconds)		"
	Shushin	Referee		"
"	Fukushin	Judge		"
"	Kansa	Arbitrator		"
"	Aka	Red		"
"	AO	Blue		"

Requirement for White Referee Tip :

All 3,2, & 1 Kyu Ranks must Referee Kumite Match using proper Terminology & Hand Signals

FACE CONTACT RULES

WKF (USA-NKF)

CATEGORY

AGE

ALLOWABLE

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Adult

18 & over
Beg. Nov. Inter, Adv.

Glove Skin touch – OK
Foot Skin touch – OK

2-5 cm distance can score
Non-injurious, light,
controlled touch to
face, head & neck
(but not throat)

All under 18

Beg. Nov. Inter, Adv.

Glove Skin touch – NO
Foot Skin touch – OK

Referee will not score
glove touch
Kicks must only make
light skin touch

DURATION OF A BOUT

USA-NKF

CATEGORY

AGE

DURATION

MEDALING BOUTS

Male

Adv.

18 & over

3 :00 stop time

4 :00 stop time

All Male &
Female

Beg. Nov. Inter, Adv.

12 & over

2 :00 stop time

Female

Adv.

18 & over

2 :00 stop time

3 :00 stop time

All Male &
Female

Beg. Nov. Inter, Adv.

11 & under

1 :50 stop time