



WUKF Professional Karate structure

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1. Contests division

1.1 In each WUKF Professional Karate competition there can be simple ranking contests or/and World Champion title contests.

1.2 Simple ranking contests are fights between competitors classified on ranking no. 2 and below positions.

1.3 World Champion title contests are fights between current World Champion (no. 1 in ranking) and competitor (challenger) classified on no. 2 - 5 position.

1.4 WUKF continental governing bodies, as well as WUKF national members can also organize their own rankings in their continents/countries, to determine Continental/National Champions.

2. Contracting the match, organizer responsibilities

2.1 What makes a contest professional is the pool of financial prize - not less than €500 for the simple ranking contest, and not less than €2,000 for the World Champion title fight.

2.2 Fights (kata and/or kumite contests) are contracted by competitors or their managers and the organizer of fighting Gala event.

2.3 Each manager must have written authorization from his competitor, allowing him/her to represent that competitor in the contest managing process. Copy to be recorded with Professional Karate Commission.

2.4 Competitors (or their managers allowed to represent them) negotiate the pool prize money with the organizer of the event .

2.5 Pool prize money must be agreed by all (organizer/competitors/management) show to all exactly what prize money is for a match winner and loser.

2.6 Each competitor can fight only once at each event.

2.7 To get rights to organize ranking fight, organizer has to apply to WUKF Professional Karate Commission for it and pay license fee (€50 per each ranking fight).

2.8 To get rights to organize World Champion title fight, organizer has to apply to WUKF Professional Karate for it and pay license fee (€150 per each World Champion title fight).

2.9 To get rights to organize any WUKF Professional Karate event, organizer have to meet following criteria:

a. Each WUKF Professional Karate competition should include typical aspects of the show:

- Press conference (with official weight-in included) before the event;
- Special lights; i.e spot lights/ flashing lights display for the occasion
- Artistic performances at the beginning of the Gala or between the rounds;
- Music during competitors presentation, for entry to Tatami Area/arena;

- Tatami mats placed on platforms;
- LED screen;
- Special promotional movies/video;
- for the events which included World Champions title fights - the World Champion Belt;

b. Each WUKF Professional Karate competition should include typical aspects of budo and Karate etiquette:

- bows and Dojo Kun at the press conference;
- bows before, during and after the fight;

2.9.1 It is recommended for the organizer of WUKF Professional Karate event to include also other characteristic aspects of the great show and budo (i.e. it can be included in the artistic part of the opening ceremony).

2.10 Selection of the particular competitors for the simple ranking contests is made by the organizer of the WUKF Professional Karate event.

2.11 For the World Champion title contests, selection of the competitors is made following this procedure:

a. Organizer of WUKF Professional Karate event choose current holder of World Champion title in particular category for the defending title contest (after making necessary arrangements with current World Champion).

b. The Organizer has to ask WUKF Professional Karate Commission for establishing the challenger to fight for a World Champion title. This has to be done at least 6 months before the event.

c. WUKF Professional Karate Commission will invite to this contest all competitors classified on the positions no.2 - no.5 in the ranking, checking if there is more than one challenger willing to fight in the World Champion title contest.

c1. If there is only one competitor willing to fight in this contest, he /she will be accepted by WUKF Professional Karate Commission for this fight.

c2. In case of having several challengers - WUKF Professional Karate Commission will make special event with the fight between 2 challengers, who are classified on the highest positions in the ranking. The winner will get rights to fight against current World Champion, at the World Champion title contest.

3. Ranking rules

3.1 First ever Professional Karate ranking is made by WUKF Executive Committee and WUKF Professional Karate Commission, based on their opinions about competitors skills and their sport value. At this moment the positions of WUKF Professional World Champion (no. 1 in the ranking) in all categories are left empty (vacancy).

3.2 Next rankings are made monthly, based on rules followed in art. 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5. All the changes in the ranking are made chronologically.

3.3 In case of victory of the athlete who is already classified higher than opponent in the ranking - winner of the match go up 1 position, loser go down 1 position (ex. if athlete ranked no. 4 win with athlete ranked no. 9, then no. 4 go up to ranking position no. 3 and no. 9 go down to position no. 10).

3.4 In case of victory of the athlete who is classified lower than opponent in the ranking - winner of the match replace position with loser, but maximum 4 positions up/down (ex. if athlete ranked no. 18 win with athlete ranked no. 7, then no. 18 go up to ranking position no. 14 and no. 7 go down to position no. 11) or (ex. if athlete ranked no. 3 win with athlete ranked no. 2 then they just replace - winner go up to position no. 2 and loser go down to position no.3).

3.5 In case of tie no changes in the ranking are made (either up or down). Competitors keep positions they had before the fight happened.

3.6 When the rank of the fight is vacant World Champion title, the winner of the contest will win the World Championship title (no. 1 in the ranking), and the loser go down 1 position (ex. if athlete ranked no. 2 will win in such contest with athlete ranked no. 5, then no. 2 will become World Champion, and no. 5 will go down to position no. 6).

3.6.1 In case of tie in such contest (when the rank is vacant World Champion title) no changes in the ranking are made (either up or down). Competitors keep positions they had before the fight happened.

3.7 Only competitors classified on the ranking positions no. 1 - 5. are allowed to participate in the World Champion title fights.

3.8 There have to be at least 6 months breaks between World Champion title fights in each category.

3.9 Every World Champion will have to defend his/her title at least once a year.

3.9.1 If a current World Champion cannot meet the criteria mentioned in §3.9, he/she will automatically loose his/her World Championship title, going down to position no.2 in the ranking. In that case World Champion position will be vacant.

3.10 At the end of every month rankings of all categories are published on the WUKF Professional Karate webpage.

4. WUKF Professional Karate system - registration procedure

4.1 Competitors register themselves on the WUKF Professional Karate system online.

4.2 To compete in the WUKF Professional Karate events competitors have to pay the annual license fee €250 euro.

4.3 After the registration, competitors will get their position in the ranking:

4.3.1 If the registration is made at the time of first month of the system's exist, competitor position in ranking will be established by WUKF Executive Committee and WUKF Professional Karate Commission, based on their opinions about competitors skills and their sport value.

4.3.2 If the registration is made after first month of system's exist, then competitor will get the last position in the ranking of particular division.

5. Insurance responsibility

5.1 Competitors are responsible of their own health during all the WUKF Professional Karate events.

5.2 Registering to the WUKF Professional Karate system, every competitor has to attach a copy of the valid personal accident insurance document.

5.3 Taking a part in every WUKF Professional Karate event competitor must have valid personal accident insurance document.

5.4 All competitors competing in WUKF Professional Karate Championship must have doctors clearance of fitness. Copy to WUKF Professional Karate Commission.