

# Southeast Georgia Karate Championships

## RULES & REQUIREMENTS

### 1) GENERAL RULES:

- All participants must compete at the level of the highest belt achieved.
- All competitors/spectators must demonstrate proper sportsmanship and attitude towards other competitors and judges. Any disrespect or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification and loss of entry fees.
- Tournament sponsor reserves the right to combine or create divisions as needed to allow for fair competition.

### 2) FORMS and WEAPONS:

- Only forms that are recognized requirements in any attending school are allowed; NO Open or Creative Forms Allowed
- Forms will be judged by a panel of at least 3 Black Belts. Scoring will be to TWO decimal points to prevent a tie. In the event of a tie, competitors will both perform another form (same form if a beginner) the judges will then decide the winner by a show of hands.
- All competitors competing in the weapons division are subject to have their weapon inspected by the judges for safety reasons. Only traditional weapons are allowed (sai, tonfa, nunchaku, bo, sword, jo, etc.)
- If a competitor forgets his or her kata, he or she may start over. However, one full point will be deducted from the total score by the scorekeeper. The judges will score the competitor as usual. The center judge will instruct the scorekeeper of the 1.0 point deduction. Black Belt competitors will not be allowed to repeat a forgotten kata.
- Scores will be based on correct technique, focus, balance, power, speed, timing and overall execution of the kata.

### 3) SPARRING:

- **All competitors must wear molded foam type safety equipment - NO EXCEPTIONS.** Mandatory safety equipment is to include HEAD, HAND AND FOOT GEAR & MOUTHPIECE (groin cup Males). Shin Guards, chest protectors, etc are optional.
- Matches are two minutes (running clock), high score wins  
If there is a tie after the first round, there will be an additional 1 minute round. Continue with 1 minute rounds until the tie is broken. (No sudden victory. 1 minute tie breaker rounds will be used).
- One point is scored for all techniques
- The bye system will be utilized if there is an uneven number of competitors in a division.
- Acceptable target areas include: the front and side of the body from the belt up, the head, specifically the front and side of the face. Light contact to the body and head. (**NO CONTACT** to the face area: i.e. eyes, nose, mouth or to the back)
- All fighters will receive one warning for any illegal technique (i.e.: low kick, running out of bounds, etc.) Each warning thereafter may result in a penalty point awarded to the other competitor. If a competitor is using excessive contact, one warning will be given. Any infractions after this warning will result in disqualification at the Center Judge's discretion.
- No coaching is allowed while the competitors are engaged.
- Any disputes with judging can be taken up with the Tournament Director

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# SOUTHEAST GEORGIA KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Golden Isles YMCA, Brunswick, Georgia

## DIVISIONS

### KATA and SPARRING

<b>Black Belt:</b>	Senior (36 and up) Adult (19 to 35) Youth (15 to 18) Juniors (14 and under)
<b>Advanced:</b> Brown Belt, Red Belt	Senior (36 and up) Adult (19 and up) Youth (15 to 18) Juniors (12 to 14) Peeewe (9 to 11) Mini-Peeewe (8 and under)
<b>Intermediate:</b> Green Belt, Blue Belt	Senior (36 and up) Adult (19 and up) Youth (15 to 18) Juniors (12 to 14) Peeewe (9 to 11) Mini-Peeewe (8 and under)
<b>Beginners:</b> White, Yellow, Orange Belt	Senior (36 and up) Adult (19 to 35) Youth (15 to 18) Juniors (12 to 14) Peeewe (9 to 11) Mini-Peeewe (8 and under)

### WEAPONS

<b>Black Belt:</b>	Senior (17 and up) Adult (16 and under)
<b>Advanced:</b> Brown Belt, Red Belt	Senior (36 and up) Adult (19 and up) Youth (15 to 18) Juniors (14 and under)
<b>Intermediate:</b> Green Belt, Blue Belt	Senior (36 and up) Adult (19 and up) Youth (15 to 18) Juniors (12 to 14) Peeewe (9 and under)
<b>Beginners:</b> White, Yellow, Orange Belt	Senior (36 and up) Adult (19 and up) Youth (15 to 18) Juniors (12 to 14) Peeewe (9 and under)

**Note:** We reserve the right to combine or separate divisions as needed. In Kata and Weapons divisions, girls and boys will compete in same division. This will also be the rule for Mini Peeewe sparring. Peeewe and above Sparring divisions may be split between boys and girls depending on participation.