

# Referee Seminar

## Part 5

Feedback through the  
2023 European Championship,  
2023 North American Championship,  
and 2024 European Junior Championship

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## A. General advises to all referees

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- ① Referees must read KIF Tournament Rules and review important points before each tournament.
- ② As it might be difficult to grasp from the text alone, it is recommended to use Part 2 of the document to review the important points.
- ③ It is also recommended to review Part 3 and Part 4 to familiarize yourself with the various situations.

## B. Chief Referee's actions and calls

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- ① Both the Chief Referee and the Corner Judges have to keep right posture and their backs straight.
- ② It is especially important that the Chief Referee behaves with dignity.
- ③ When bow to the front, Chief Referee should not say “OSU” after calling “REI”.
- ④ The call at the start of extension is “ZOKKO”, not “HAJIME”.
- ⑤ If a downed player does not get back up immediately, priority should be given to confirming the player's safety, and decisions should be made only after that confirmation has been completed.

## B. Chief Referee's actions and calls

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- ⑥ Chief Referee should make his best effort to count flags raised by Corner Judges.
- ⑦ However, it is also important to keep both players in sight if they are in the motion.  
This has higher priority than ⑥.
- ⑧ If you prioritize ⑦, once the players have stopped attacking and defending, ask for flags again and count them.
- ⑨ If multiple "KOKA" are observed, request a flag for each.

## B. Chief Referee's actions and calls

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- ⑩ If a player is knocked down and unable to stand up due to a blow to the head, etc., the referee should immediately call a doctor. The referee should not reach out to the player to remove the mask, but leave it to the doctor, or support the procedure based on the doctor's instructions. Please check page 68 of Part 2 of the document regarding "Response to downed athletes and athletes who have had accidents."
- ⑪ Players who require medical treatment will be taken out of the arena and then the winner or loser will be called.

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## C. Corner Judge's posture and actions

- ① A Corner Judge needs to blow his whistles loudly. A weak whistle gives the impression of uncertainty.
- ② If the Chief Referee did not hear the Corner Judge's whistle the Corner Judge must not give in and has his judgment acknowledged by blowing the whistle repeatedly. The same applies to rule violations.
- ③ When the Corner Judge hesitates, he will probably fail to blow the whistle.  
Be sure to follow your own judgment and do not hesitate when you blow the whistle.

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## C. Corner Judge's posture and actions

- ④ Judgment may depend on the viewing angle. The Corner Judge's decision may differ from others. Make decisions with confidence.
- ⑤ Even if a roundhouse kick to the head hits the NHG, if it does not reach the actual head and only hits the tip of the NHG, it will not be called a "KOKA".  
However, it may be difficult to judge depending on the viewing direction. , the Corner Judges who are at the visible angle must make an appropriate judgment.

## **C. Corner Judge's posture and actions**

- ⑥ When the Chief Referee calls "HANTEI" Corner Judges must not blow their whistles.**
- ⑦ Refer to pages 72 to 104 of the Materials Part 2 in advance to confirm judgment criteria for winning or losing considering various scenarios.  
You will be able to take the correct action if you understand Article 72 of the tournament rules.**

## **C. Corner Judge's posture and actions**

- ⑧ When a player from your own country is fighting, you must not give the preference to that player. You must perceive the match as a competition between two individual athletes regardless of their personal details and affiliation.**
- ⑨ If a referee is seen to have repeatedly made unfair decisions, his or her referee license may be demoted.**

## D. Chief Referee's final call

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- ① As it is safe to assume that the decision will be split, it is crucially important that the Chief Referee makes his own decision before calling for the Corner Judges decisions.  
Don't think about your decision after the flags of Corner Judges are raised.
- ② You have to decide if you are judging to give a victory to the White, or to the Blue, or call it a Draw before making "HANTEI" call.  
That way, no matter how the flag goes up, you won't be confused about the final call.

Do not think after you call "HANTEI".  
It is important to have your decision  
before making "HANTEI" call.

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If your decision is that White has won, how do you call in this situation?



What calls should you not make?

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If your decision is that White has won, how do you call in this situation?



What calls should you not make?

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If your decision is that Draw is appropriate, how do you call in this situation?



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## D. Chief Referee's final call

- ③ Regarding the final call and action, refer to pages 105 to 117 of the materials Part 2 in advance and imagine various scenarios.
- ④ In the case of extension, the presence or absence of a "HANSOKU" or "KEIKOKU" is an important determining factor, so be sure to check carefully before making "HANTEI" call..
- ⑤ Item ⑧ and ⑨ on page 10 is the same for Chief Referee.



## ⑤ Principles for counting

1. Count from the side with the fewer flags raised, and call the winner last.
2. When the same number of flags are raised, count in blue-white-draw order.
3. When there is no point, call "AO (or SHIRO) YUSEI-GACHI" .  
When there are points, call "AO (or SHIRO) KOKA(YUKO or WAZA-ARI) YUSEI-GACHI.
4. When Chief Referee applies his special right and calls draw, point at himself and count two times so the competitors and the public would clearly understand.

## D. Chief Referee's final call

### ➤ Call "HANTEI" (blow whistle)



- SHIRO Yusei Gachi
- SHIRO KOKA Yusei Gachi
- SHIRO YUKO Yusei Gachi
- SHIRO WAZA-ARI Yusei Gachi
- SHIRO IPPON Gachi



- Hikiwake

**Deputy CR and Corner Judges do not blow whistle at the Final Call**