

## **Brief descriptions about revision of the KIF Tournament Rules**

In the first, KIF asked the board members for their opinions regarding the revision of the KIF Tournament Rules. Subsequently, after incorporating their feedbacks, KIF requested opinions from representatives of all member countries.

Based on these inputs, KIF submitted proposal to the KIF Board of Directors. The followings are overview of the proposal.

### **1. Proposal for women's match times**

Based on the results of a survey targeting female athletes, KIF proposes to change the women's match time to three minutes. In accordance with this change, the number of NEWAZA will be set to two.

Amended article: Art. 27 and 31.

### **2. Proposal for women's classification**

Currently, there are only two categories: -220 and 220+, but the U18 applies 4 categories. After observing athletes who participated in the World Cup and Asian Championships, KIF proposed that the minimum category should be set at -215 (therefore  $-210 \pm 5$ ) and the number of categories will be set to four, the same as U18.

Amended article: Art. 33.

### **3. Proposal for attacks to the groin**

Japan is the only one holding MUSABETSU (open-weight) tournament, and KIF propose that the contents of Article 34 and related provisions will be deleted under the international rules.

Amended article: Art. 34 and 74.

Note: As describe in the Art. 34, when holding an absolute ("MUSABETSU") tournament, rules will be established separately for cases where the difference in Physical Index is large.

### **4. Proposal for Loss of Will to Fight**

KIF believes that allowing a match to continue when a fighter has lost the will to fight is dangerous in itself, and that losing the will to fight is itself a violation.

KIF proposes that the chief referee will ultimately check with the fighter and his second and then make the decision to stop the match, rather than determining whether a fighter has lost the will to fight based on the number of seconds that have passed.

Amended article: Art. 62, 63, 64, and 74.

### **5. Proposals for the criteria for judgement**

The criteria set forth in Article 72 are consistent. However, it may be difficult to properly understand Article 72 and make decisions at the match venue without making mistakes. KIF senses the need to simplify the criteria for judgment so that judges do not make mistakes.

KIF proposes some changes to Article 72 to make it easier to understand and easier for the referees to remember.

KIF proposes the following:

- (1) For all matches other than the finals, the rules will remain unchanged.
- (2) In the final match, if one player has scored two or more points, the rules remain unchanged.
- (3) In the final match, if the score is 0-0 or 1-1, extra match will be played automatically.
- (4) In the final match, if the score is 1-0, a flag decision will be made. The Deputy Chief Referee may call a draw.
- (5) In the final match, further extra match may be played. In this judgement, similar to an Initial Match, the Deputy Chief Referee may raise the "draw" flag.

- (6) The criteria for determining the winner in this second extension shall be the same as those for the first extension. However, there shall be no draw and there is no third extension.

Amended article: Art. 72.

## **6. Proposal for handling injuries**

In the All-Japan Kudo Championships, there was a case where an athlete wanted to participate in the next competition despite having a fractured second metacarpal bone in his dominant hand. After the tournament doctor and the head of the safety committee confirmed the extent of the injury, the athlete was not allowed to participate.

KIF proposes that a clause be added to the tournament rules that allows organizers to force athletes to withdraw depending on the extent of their injury.

Amended article: Art. 72, Note 5.

## **7. Proposals for prohibited behavior pertaining to combativeness -1**

Article 74, Paragraph 6 prohibits "not attacking for 30 seconds or more", but 30 seconds is too long. This amounts to one-sixth of the 180-second match duration.

KIF proposes setting it at 10 seconds.

Amended article: Art. 74, Paragraph 6.

## **8. Proposals for prohibited behavior pertaining to combativeness -2**

Article 74, Paragraph 6 prohibits "Whether standing or in NEWAZA exiting the fight are to escape the opponent's attack." In NEWAZA, it has been judged strictly as a violation.

KIF proposes that the pursuit of standing techniques be applied more strictly than it is now, and the criteria should be set for this purpose. KIF propose that it be considered a violation from the first time even if they don't turn their back and escape.

Amended article: Art. 74, Paragraph 6.

Note: Regarding this matter, recent international tournaments have been conducted in accordance with this proposal.

## **9. Proposals for some expressions regarding violations**

KIF suggests deleting the first item's note 1 of the Article 74, paragraph 4, because we think the problem lies with the person who holds on.

KIF suggests changing the seventh item to eliminate the misunderstanding that "if the Kani-Basami does not injure the knee joint or ankle, it is not a violation."

Amended article: Art. 74, Paragraph 4.

## **10. Proposals regarding the Handling of Rest Time between the Initial Round and Extension**

When there is an extension match, Rest Time is set at 30 seconds, but in reality, it takes around 60 seconds or more to resume play after temporarily removing the NHG.

KIF proposes that Rest Time be defined as the period from when the Chief Referee declares a draw until the start of the extension match. And the players who are not ready after 30 seconds will be penalized for delaying the match.

Amended article: Art. 74, Paragraph 7.

Note: This does not prohibit removing the NHG during interval time. Removing it to wipe fog or to take a deep breath is permitted. However, the NHG must be set by the end of the interval time.

These apply to the general division rules, while items 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 10 affect the junior rules. These five items represent minor revisions, and since there are no revisions related to item 5(criteria for judgement), they have no impact on judging in junior matches.