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WKF COACH EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The WKF Coach Education Programme was first put in place at the WKF World Championships in Malaysia in the year 2011. Since then, the programme has been developing over time, adjusting to the developments of Karate and the WKF. However, the existing programme has now been refurbished to optimize the goals for the benefit of our coaches, and ultimately, our athletes.

One aspect of this review is focused on the possibilities given today by technology and online tools. These tools allow us to complement the existing onsite coach activities with online activities, which are needed more than ever as activity has come to a halt due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, once activity can restart, the online coach education activities can coexist with the presential ones as they support one another. As a result, we will provide greater options, flexibility and in various platforms to support our WKF coach as we pursue excellence together.

Furthermore, the need for continuous education of our coaches is key for the growth of athletes and subsequently our sport of Karate. Therefore, it is important that coaches progress through the different levels, but it is also essential for those coaches with vast experience and at the highest level (e.g. Karate Coach), to keep track of recent changes in rules and regulations that are not only WKF and Karate specific, such as anti-doping, safe sport, etc.

In the initial stages, **Level 1 (Accredited Coach)** has already been implemented online as of 4th August 2020. The platform for the course has been setup in cooperation with Sportdata and is running smoothly.

Following the above, the implementation of the next steps of the WKF Coach Education Programme will take place as detailed below:

- **Level 2 (Kumite/Kata Coach)** is foreseen to be fully implemented online by the end of October 2020 and aims to provide opportunities for the coaches to prepare the exam through accessing additional resources. Only one attempt will be allowed to pass the exam, if the candidate fails, he/she will need to register (and pay) again for the exam. Coaches will be required to obtain this level to be accredited for Karate 1 PL events as of 2021. To ensure the latter, the first Premier League event to be held in the year 2021 will provide an onsite coaching programme for those coaches who have yet to obtain their accreditation.
- **Level 3 (Karate Coach)** shall be implemented in January 2021. As the highest coach level, it is important to guarantee that coaches are active and up to date with the latest information and regulations and therefore, coaches will need to renew this level every 3 years.




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Additional requirements such as certificates of specific WADA / IOC courses are intended to instill a deeper understanding of the areas that impact regular coaching functions.

Summary of Coach Course Programme

	LEVEL I ACCREDITED COACH (ACRC)	LEVEL II KUMITE OR KATA COACH (KUM/KT)	LEVEL III KARATE COACH (KAR)
Requirement	Signed Coach Agreement Contents completion/ reading (Online) Seminar	Valid Accredited Coach License. Exam(s) for specific License(s): Kata/Kumite	Valid Kumite/Kata Coach License At least 5 years since the first WKF Coach License has been obtained Minimum 4 activities within the last 2 years as coach at WKF events Education Certificates - WADA Anti-Doping & Safe Sport
Minimum Qualification	Karate 1 – Series A events Karate 1 – Youth League events	Karate 1 – Premier League events * World Championships*	Become an Instructor for WKF development activities, including those under the Olympic Solidarity programmes
Validity	3 years	3 years	3 years
Costs	300 CHF presential 350 CHF online	250 CHF presential 300 CHF online	400 CHF

*Event according to Kata and/or Kumite License

