

REGULATIONS NK TEAMS 2021

Article 1. Auspices

The Open Dutch Team Championships (mentioned as NK Teams after this) will be organized under the auspices of the SNN/WNA.

Article 2. Participation

Nunchakukas can only participate in the NK Teams if:

- a) the participant has a valid WNA passport and the annual membership has been paid.
- b) the participant needs to be registered with the club he/she is participating for.

Article 3. Disciplines

The NK Teams consists of the following disciplines:

- a) kata
- b) kumite
- c) the disciplines are separate from each other, there will be no overall cup

Article 4. Kata

- a) a kata team consists of two persons, excluding a spare player. The spare player needs to be announced before the commencement of the tournament.
- b) entering with less than two persons is not allowed.
- c) the participants will perform the kata synchronized with the team; Link kata 1-2, Competition kata or Kata Shodan.
- d) every contestant is allowed to enter in a class above their own, but not in a class beneath their own.
- e) every participant may enter for two katas depending on their rank. The kata for their class and a kata higher than their class. This means that a yellow belt can enter in both link kata and the competition kata. This way participants have a double chance at obtaining a prize. Black belts can only enter in the division Kata Shodan.
- f) the Link kata will be performed by participants with a yellow or orange belt.
- g) the Competition kata may be performed by contestants with a yellow belt up to and including contestants with a brown belt.
- h) Kata Shodan may be performed by contestants with a green belt and up.
- i) the starting positions for the synchronized kata will be next to each other and will be marked on the competition field.
- j) the katas will be performed one time. Depending on the number of registrations it can be decided that the katas will be performed two times.

Article 5. Judging the kata

Every kata will be judged by a jury, consisting of three or four members.

- a) the team katas will be judged according to the WNA regulations in combination with the technical execution and the degree of synchronization.
- b) if the jury consists of three members, the lowest grade will be discarded.
- c) if the jury consists of four persons, the lowest and highest grades will be discarded.
- d) the remaining grades will be added up and will create the final score.

Article 6. Final score kata

The result of the kata will be determined by:

- a) the results of the team kata.
- b) if two or more teams have an equal score and there must be a winner to determine the outcome of the tournament then all grades will be counted towards the final score
- c) if the situation as mentioned in Article 6.b. will also result in an equal score, then those teams will need to perform the team kata once more. The result of that team kata will be leading for the final score.

Article 7. Order of the katas

- a) the kata participants will be (depending on the order of registration) be placed on two positions on the competition field:
 - position 1
 - position 2
- b) the position determines the order of the kata.
- c) it is not possible to change this order unless a person is swapped with a spare player.
- d) if a spare player is brought into the match, it is not allowed to make another change.
- e) it is only allowed to swap a participant with a spare player once.

Article 8. Kumite

- a) a kumite team consists of three members, excluding two spare players (one in the class -1,65m and one in the class +1,65m).
- b) a team consists of:
 - one contestant in the class -1,65m (junior nunchaku)
 - two contestants +1,65m (senior nunchaku)
- c) it is not allowed to enter with a team consisting of less than two participants.

Article 9. Kumite regulations

Three kumite matches will be fought according to the regulations of the WNA.

Article 10. Kumite team grouping

- a) the grouping of a kumite team will be based on the registration form.
- b) it is not allowed to deviate from this order, except for the situation when a spare player is brought into the match.
- c) if a spare player has been brought into the match, it is not allowed to reverse this switch.
- d) during the tournament only one spare player can be brought into the match per length class.

Article 11. Results kumite

The results of a kumite match will be based on the following:

- a) the number of matches won.
- b) with an equal amount of wins, the waza-aris and ippons will be counted as well.
- c) if article 9.b. will result in an equal outcome as well, then there will be an extra match (by lottery) to decide the outcome. If needed, the Golden Score regulations will apply.

Article 12. Behaviour and decency

- a) if a contestant clearly shows during the match, through word or gesture, that he/she does not agree with the decisions of the referee, a punishment by 'keikoku' will be issued.
- b) if a participant crosses the boundaries of common respect and decency during the match, disqualification will follow.
- c) if a contestant tries to influence his/her match or a match of the team members, through word or gesture, a punishment by 'keikoku' will follow. If this happens again the contestant will be disqualified.

Article 13. Disqualification

- a) if a contestant from a team is disqualified, the match will end and result in a 6-0 win for the other team.
- b) the head referee will decide, after consultation with the other referees, if the disqualification will be for the rest of the tournament and if it will be for just the contestant or the entire team.
- c) after the disqualification the head referee will file an official report within one week to the SNN.

Article 14. Protest

- a) during a match nobody is allowed to file a protest with one of the referees.
- b) if one has the opinion that the referees did not act according to the regulations, then it is possible for the coach to submit a protest to the head referee after the match has ended.
- c) in case of a protest, the head referee will talk with the parties involved and will make a decision that is binding.
- d) if the boundaries of common decency were crossed, it is not possible to file a protest.

Article 15. Extreme situations

- a) if there are situations that are not described in these regulations, or if there is doubt on how to interpret certain rules, then the head referee will discuss this together with the other referees to find a proper solution. The decision of the head referee will be binding. Afterwards, the head referee will file a report with the SJC (referee committee), who shall make a final decision about the situation.