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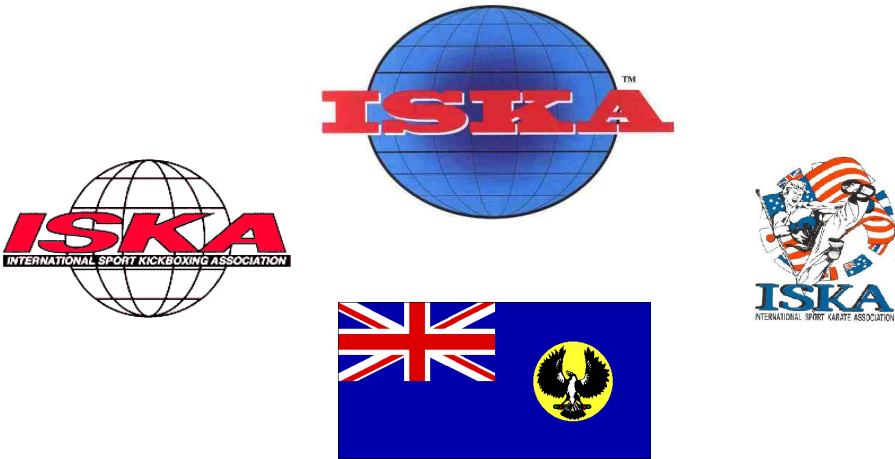
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BACKGROUND

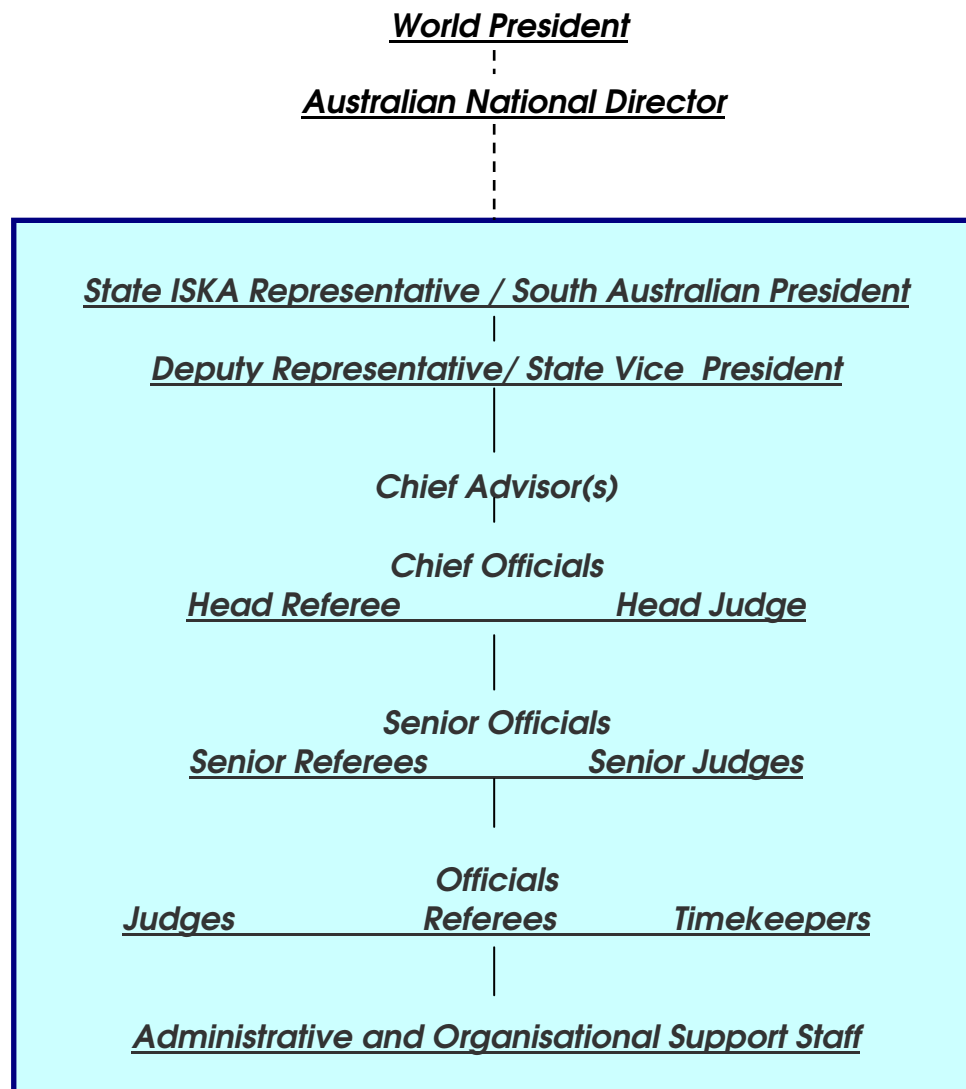


BACKGROUND

ISKA South Australia Official Rule Book

Overview

- The International Sports Karate Association South Australia (ISKA SA) is a direct affiliated and member of to the ISKA Australia and ISKA World-Sanctioning Organisation.
- The ISKA SA consists of two divisions (refer to figure 1);
 - *International Sports Karate Division*
 - *International Sports Kickboxing Division*
- The ISKA SA has the following organisational structure;



- The information contained in the *ISKA Official Rules for South Australia* (the Official Rules) relates to both Kickboxing and Karate Divisions and

contains the ISKA Rules, Regulations and Policies for South Australia. The Background Section provides relevant information for understanding and interpreting these Rules and Regulations. Schedule 1 to 3 define requirements for all ISKA sanctioned events in South Australia;

- ***Schedule 1 applies to all sanctioned events and activities regardless of the style of competition or tournament.***
 - ***Schedule 2 applies to all kickboxing sanctioned events and activities.***
 - ***Schedule 3 applies to all karate sanctioned events and activities.***
- The ISKA SA will endeavour to ensure consistency between South Australian Rules, Regulations and Policies, and those of both the ISKA Australia and ISKA International. However, several unique state based variations have been included where it was deemed necessary.
 - The ISKA SA will endeavour to ensure consistency with Government requirements. In any circumstance where ISKA SA Rules, Regulations or Policies, differ from South Australian Government Legislation and / or Regulations, (*including the Boxing and Martial Arts Act 2000 and supporting Regulations*), or are silent on a subject, Government requirements will be adopted by the ISKA SA.
 - Any variations to the Official Rules, will be coordinated and managed through and only with the approval of the State ISKA Representative / South Australian President (ISKA SA Representative).
 - The authority of the ISKA in South Australia is vested in the ISKA SA Representative, whom has authority for all matters related to the operations, structure, appointments of personnel, accreditation of Officials, trainers and clubs, and approval of all qualifications as granted, of the ISKA in South Australia. This authority has been granted by and subject to the approval of the National Director of the ISKA. Specific policies can be created as needed by the ISKA South Australia representative in the interest of the ISKA.

Note: It should be noted that although the wording, format and structure of the South Australian rules may vary to that of the International or Australian rules, the meaning, content and intention are the same and consistent

Figure 1: ISKA South Australia

The ISKA South Australia comprises of two Divisions;

1. South Australian Division of International Sports Kickboxing Association



2. South Australian Division of International Sports Karate Association





SCHEDULE 1

ISKA SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POLICIES

SCHEDULE 1 – SECTION 1

Background to Policy Requirements

- 1.1 All ISKA sanctioned events or activities in South Australia are required to comply with Schedule 1 of the Official Rules (including all Kickboxing, Karate and Martial Arts events or activities).
- 1.2 The ISKA SA will endeavour to ensure consistency between the Policies applied to South Australian sanctioned activities and events, and ISKA Australia Policies.
- 1.3 The ISKA SA will endeavour to ensure consistency between the Policies applied to South Australian sanctioned activities and events, and requirements of the South Australian Government.
- 1.4 Where ISKA SA policies differ from (or are silent on) the requirements of South Australian Government Legislation and/or Regulations (*specifically the Boxing and Martial Arts Act 2000 and supporting Regulations*), Government requirements will be adopted by the ISKA South Australia.
- 1.5 The ISKA South Australia reserves the right to review their policy and change in accordance to meet with Government Regulation.
- 1.6 All ISKA Officials have the authority under the ISKA Rules and Regulations to seek compliance with Schedule 1 from competitors, trainers and spectators.
- 1.7 The ISKA SA Representative or Tournament Chairman has the authority under the ISKA Rules and Regulations to seek compliance with Schedule 1 from ISKA Officials.
- 1.8 State non-compliance penalties will be determined by the ISKA SA Representative, with National and International penalties determined in consultation with the National Director and International Commissioner.

SCHEDULE 1 – SECTION 2

ISKA South Australia Code of Conduct Policy

2.0 Introduction

The following policies have been established in the interests of the competitor, official, and spectator.

2.1 No Tolerance Policy

- 2.1.1 The ISKA SA prides itself on providing a fair, safe & competitive playing field and will not tolerate poor sportsmanship and displays of disrespect to any individual.
- 2.1.2 The ISKA SA expects promoters to support its policies and vision of providing a fair, safe & competitive playing field. Promoters will be required to comply to “No Tolerance” and “Code of Code” policies at their events.
- 2.1.3 Competitors, trainers and seconds who are disqualified during their bout for willful gross rule violations, or unprofessional performance, or who represent themselves improperly following their bout, may be subject to penalties.
- 2.1.4 Penalties, which will apply to South Australia, are at the discretion of the ISKA SA Representative, with National and International penalties determined in consultation with the National Director and International Commissioner.

2.2 Competitor Code of Conduct Policy

- 2.2.1 Any competitor who conducts himself or herself in a way unbecoming of a Martial Artist or Sportsman will be immediately dismissed from a given event, and will be considered for suspension from future events.
- 2.2.2 Behaviour that is grounds for dismissal includes, but is not limited to, foul language, verbal or physical threats to another individual, or argumentative encounters with an official or other individual.
- 2.2.3 ISKA SA Officials, reserves the right to expel a competitor at their discretion.

2.3 Coaches / Trainers / Seconds Code of Conduct Policy

- 2.3.1 Any coach, instructor or corner second, who conducts themselves in a way unbecoming of a Martial Artist or Sportsman, will be immediately dismissed from a given event and will be considered for suspension from future events.
- 2.3.2 Behaviour that is grounds for dismissal includes, but is not limited to, foul language, verbal or physical threats to another individual, or argumentative encounters with an official or other individual.
- 2.3.3 The ISKA SA reserves the right to expel any coach, instructor or corner second at their discretion.
- 2.3.4 The competitor(s) represented by a particular coach or instructor whose behaviour is determined to be unacceptable will also be dismissed from the event.

2.4 Spectators

- 2.4.1 Any spectator who behaves disrespectfully towards another individual will be immediately dismissed from a given event.
- 2.4.2 The ISKA SA reserves the right to expel a spectator at their discretion.
- 2.4.3 If a spectator acts disrespectfully towards an official or competitor, then the competitor whom the spectator represents can be disqualified from the event / tournament they are competing in and, based on the severity of the incident, may be dismissed from the event completely.

2.5 Officials

- 2.5.1 Any Official who conducts themselves in a way unbecoming an ISKA Official, acts in a manner unbecoming of a Martial Artist, or Professional Sporting Official, will be immediately dismissed from a given event and will be considered for suspension from future events.
- 2.5.2 Any Official who intentionally violates any rule or regulation of the ISKA or State Government, will be immediately dismissed from a given event and will be considered for suspension from future events.

- 2.5.3 The ISKA SA Representative or Tournament Chairman has the authority under the ISKA Rules and Regulations to seek compliance from ISKA Officials.
- 2.5.4 Penalties, which will apply to South Australia, are at the discretion of the ISKA SA Representative with National and International penalties determined in consultation with the National Director and International Commissioner.

SCHEDULE 1 – SECTION 3

ISKA South Australia Alcohol & Drug Policy

3.0 Background

- 3.0.1 The ISKA SA is committed to providing its members with a safe and healthy sports environment.
- 3.0.2 The ISKA SA supports and adopts the ISKA Australia Alcohol & Drug Policy as described in Schedule 1 Section 3.1.
- 3.0.3 The ISKA SA will endeavor to ensure consistency with Government requirements and policies.
- 3.0.4 The ISKA SA reserves the right to review their policy and change in accordance to meet with Government Regulation.

3.1 ISKA Australia Alcohol & Drug Policy

- 3.1.1 The ISKA is committed to provide a safe and healthy sports environment. We recognise that alcohol or drug misuse will impair an individual's ability to perform in a safe manner.
- 3.1.2 It is the policy of the ISKA to protect its members, assets, the community and the environment in which it operates from hazards arising from alcohol or drug misuse.
- 3.1.3 Consequently, we require the performance of anyone within the ISKA organisation whether a member, competitor, family, friend etc. and others to be unimpaired by drug or alcohol misuse whilst associated with any type of activities to do with the ISKA .
- 3.1.4 The legal or unauthorised possession, consumption, sale or being under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs during any type of activity for the ISKA is prohibited.
- 3.1.5 We view drug or alcohol dependency as a medical condition and encourage any member, nonmember or anyone associated with the ISKA with a problem to seek confidential support and treatment.
- 3.1.6 Any person/s associated with the ISKA found to be in breach of this policy shall be subject to removal from any events associated with the ISKA.

3.1.7 The above policy is subject to anyone wishing to be in any part of business associated with the ISKA.

SCHEDULE 1 – SECTION 4

ISKA South Australia Health & Safety Policy

4.0 Background

- 4.0.1 The ISKA SA is committed to providing its members with a safe and healthy sports environment.
- 4.0.2 The ISKA SA supports and adopts the ISKA Australia Health & Safety Policy as described in Schedule 1 Section 4.1.
- 4.0.3 The ISKA SA will endeavor to ensure consistency with Government requirements and policies. Where ISKA SA policies differ from the requirements of South Australian Government Legislation and/or Regulations, or are silent, Government requirements will be adopted by the ISKA SA.
- 4.0.4 The ISKA SA reserves the right to review their policy and change in accordance to meet with Government Regulation.

4.1 ISKA Australia Health & Safety Policy

- 4.1.1 The ISKA is committed to provide a safe and healthy sports environment.
- 4.1.2 This policy recognises that the health and safety of all ISKA members or employees is the responsibility of all in maintaining a Health and safety environment within the organisation.
- 4.1.3 The ISKA acknowledges its legal, moral and social responsibility to provide a healthy and safe workplace/ training, and to secure the health and safety of its employees, members and visitors.
- 4.1.4 All members involve with the ISKA must provide and maintain a safe training and equipment within the organisation.
- 4.1.5 It is the responsibility of all within the ISKA to recognise the hazards occurring within the organisation, the ISKA will take every practical step to provide and maintain a safe and health environment for its members.
- 4.1.6 Members who run their own clubs and are in charge or own their own training facilities are:
 - *Responsible for the effective implementation of their company or dojo training facilities.*
 - *Health and safety policy must observe, implement and fulfill its responsibilities under the acts and*

- *regulations that apply to ISKA Australia.*
- *Must make regular assessments of safety performances within their clubs facilities.*
- *Must provide clear training instructions to all its members to limit risk of any injuries.*

- 4.1.7 Students or Members within the ISKA organisation have a duty to take the care of which they are capable for their own health and safety and others affected by their actions at training or when competing at tournaments.
- 4.1.8 Students or Members within the ISKA organisation shall comply with the safety procedures and directions agreed within the Dojo rules.
- 4.1.9 Students or Members within the ISKA organisation must not interfere with or misuse items or facilities provided in the interests of health, safety and welfare for all within the organisation.
- 4.1.10 The ISKA reserves the right to carry its own Risk Assessment with its members to achieve a health and safe environment within the organisation.
- 4.1.11 The ISKA urges all its members to review their Health and Safety requirements at all times and for anymore information to contact Work cover within their State.

SCHEDULE 1 – SECTION 5

ISKA South Australia Members Protection Policy

5.0 Background

- 5.0.1 The ISKA SA is committed to providing its members with a safe and healthy sports environment.
- 5.0.1 The ISKA SA supports and adopts the ISKA Australia Members Protection Policy as described in Schedule 1 section 5.1.
- 5.0.2 The ISKA SA will endeavor to ensure consistency with Government requirements and policies.
- 5.0.3 The ISKA SA reserves the right to review their policy and change in accordance to meet with Government Regulation.

5.1 ISKA Australia Members Protection Policy

- 5.1.1 The ISKA, Members and affiliated clubs, branches and states, is committed to the Health, Safety and well-being of all its members and is dedicated to providing a safe environment for participating in Martial Arts activities.
- 5.1.2 Abuse is defined as anything, which individuals or organisations do, or fail to do, that directly or indirectly harms people or damages their prospects of a Safe and Healthy development. This includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, inappropriate training, inappropriate touching, Sexual abuse and neglect. (*National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, 2000*)
- 5.1.3 This Member Protection Policy conveys a message to all ISKA Australia members, and prospective members, responsible for Martial Arts activities, particularly those involving members under 18 years of age, about minimizing risk exposure of those members.
- 5.1.4 All ISKA Members, particularly age managers, coaches, officials, trainers and management personnel, have a responsibility to provide safeguards dedicated to the well being of all other members.
- 5.1.5 The abuse of youth (or any members or person), by other members or external source, is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

- 5.1.6 The ISKA encourages all incidents of such abuse, as described in this policy, to be reported immediately to the appropriate authorities.
- 5.1.7 The ISKA supports the designation of such authorities by the respective state, branch and club affiliates of the ISKA in a protective procedure for handling inappropriate behavior by an ISKA member or external influence.
- 5.1.8 The ISKA Australia (Board) continues its support of the development of specific procedures and processes for addressing member protection in each state, in accordance with ISKA Australia Policies and the laws of that state.

SCHEDULE 1 – SECTION 6

ISKA South Australia Refund Policy

6.0 Background

- 6.0.1 The ISKA SA supports and adopts the ISKA Australia Refund Policy as described in Schedule 1 section 6.1.
- 6.0.2 The ISKA South Australia reserves the right to review their policy and change in accordance to meet with Government Regulation.

6.1 ISKA Australia Refund Policy

- 6.1.1 The ISKA does not issue refunds prior to one week to the start of the event.
- 6.1.2 It is the ISKA's policy to issue a free credit to the next ISKA tournament in lieu of a refund at the discretion of the promoter. Nor does the ISKA issue refunds in any circumstances after the conclusion of the event.
- 6.1.3 It is the ISKA's policy to issue a free credit to the next tournament on a case by case basis.