



# 2021 TKA Events, Points & Divisions

- 6-8 years old
- 9-11 years old
- 12-14 years old
- 16 & 17 years old
- 18-34 years old Black Belt – all DAN ranks
- 35-49 years old Black Belt – all DAN ranks
- 50+ senior Black Belt – all DAN ranks

## EVENT POINTS

Participants will receive the following points based on placements within each event in which they participate. Certain tournaments will have Double & Triple Points and points given will be adjusted by that factor.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 10 Points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 7 Points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 5 Points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – 3 Points

All participants will receive a minimum of 2 points.

If a member changes from Novice to Advance or to a higher age group anytime during the year, points will be totaled at the end of the year and the awards will be presented in the age or rank with the most points won.

## RANK DIVISIONS

Events will be separated by the participant's rank & age at the time of the tournament. Age divisions vary by event, so please pay attention to the individual event information listed below.

Rank will be divided as follows:

- Novice: 10<sup>th</sup> KYU-6<sup>th</sup> KYU
- Advanced: 5<sup>th</sup> KYU-1<sup>st</sup> KYU

## KATA EVENTS

All Kata events are co-ed and are separated by Novice & Advanced participants for all KYU ranks (see rules for rank divisions). Black Belt Divisions are separated only by age group.

### Weapons Kata Age & Rank Divisions:

- 8 & Under
- 9-11 years old
- 12-14 years old
- 15-17 years old
- Adults 18+
- Adult Black Belt – all DAN ranks

### Empty-hand Kata Age & Rank Divisions:

- 4-5 years old

## KUMITE EVENTS

All Kumite/Sparring events are separated by participant age, rank, & gender for all KYU and DAN Ranked participants (see rules for rank divisions).

### Junior Divisions:

- 4-5 years old Co-ed
- 6-8 years old Co-ed
- 9-11 years old Boys/Girls
- 12-14 years old Boys/Girls
- 15-17 years old Boys/Girls

### Women's Division 18+:

- Novice (10<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> KYU)
- Advanced (5<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> KYU)
- 18-49 years old Black Belt – All DAN ranks
- 50+ years old senior Black Belt – All DAN ranks

### Men's Division 18+:

- Novice (10<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> KYU)
- Advanced (5<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> KYU)
- Brown Belt (3<sup>rd</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> KYU)
- Lightweight Black Belt (175lbs & under)
- Heavyweight Black Belt (176+lbs)
- 35-49 years old Black Belt (All DAN ranks)
- 50+ years old Black Belt (All DAN ranks)

## CHANBARA

All Chanbara events are separated by separated by Novice & Advanced participants for all KYU ranks. Black Belts are separated by rank only.

- 6 & Under (Novice and Advanced)
- 7-8 years old (Novice and Advanced)
- 9-10 years old (Novice and Advanced)
- 11-12 years old (Novice and Advanced)
- 13-14 years old (Novice and Advanced)
- 15-17 years old (Novice and Advanced)
- Adults Novice & Advanced
- Jr Black Belt (under 18 years old)
- 18+ Black Belt (All DAN ranks)

Divisions with a large number of participants maybe split into two or more groups. This will be at the discretion of the Tournament Coordinator or Director.



# 2021 TKA Sanctioned Rules

Controlled striking and good sportsmanship are always expected from all participants. Unsportsmanlike conduct, disregarding instructions given by judges, purposely striking after a stop, illegal strikes, or other inappropriate behavior will result in the following penalties:

- Warning
- Penalty point given to opponent
- Disqualification

The center judge at each ring holds the final say and, if deemed necessary, can skip immediately to more severe penalties.

Concerns with how a match is being judged should be addressed respectfully with the Tournament Coordinator or Director.

#### Contact:

Light contact to face, back of head, kidney, chest/torso, and groin in all divisions. Excessive contact (i.e. rocking opponents head back, blind strikes/kicks, etc.) or illegal contact (i.e. kicks to legs, back/spine, etc.) will result in a warning or penalty.

#### Equipment:

All equipment listed below is mandatory and must be provided by the student:

- Groin cups
- Punch & kick pads
- Headgear
- Mouthpiece (even if a face shield is used)

Face shields are mandatory for all Junior Divisions; optional for Adult Divisions.

#### Out of Bounds Rule:

“Out of Bounds” is defined as: **BOTH** feet touch outside of the designated rink perimeter (does not include “fighting out”). If both feet go out of bounds with no contact, it becomes a penalty point.

#### Coaching:

Coaching from parents/instructors is allowed so long as it is respectful and does not interfere with participants or judges. Parents, instructors, and participants may be asked to leave or disqualified from competition for disrespectful behavior.

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#### Chanbara:

Points will only be given for clean technique with follow through. Slapping and tapping will not be awarded points. Stabbing will be awarded points so long as the tip of the “blade” is bent.

Acceptable target areas include:

- Head (ankle & above)
- Legs
- Torso/chest
- Arms (wrist & above)

## JUDGING & JUDGES:

All events will have a minimum of 3 judges (one center and two corner judges) but no event will have more than five (5) judges (one center and four corner judges).

#### Kumite & Chanbara:

For Kumite/Sparring & Chanbara Events the center judge has the final say as to how points are given to participants.

All judges may stop a match at any time and for any reason but only the center judge may call for points.

#### Kata:

Judges will score each competitor based on the following criteria:

- Power
- Balance
- Focus
- Execution
- Concentration
- Control

Judges should grade each participant based on his/her individual performance and not on how he/she thinks the kata would be performed within their own system.

If three (3) judges are present, the average score of all three judges will be calculated for each participant. If five (5) judges are present, the highest and the lowest scores will be dropped and the average score of the remaining judges will be calculated for each participant.

In the event of a tie, the low and high scores (if applicable) will be added back in. If there is still a tie, or if low and high scores cannot be added back in, the judge will request the tied participants execute their kata again. The center judge, at his/her discretion, may request their first kata or ask them to perform a different kata.