

# **SEIDO Karate Eiko Hanshi Tournament 2025**

## **Junior & Collegiate Student KATA Tournament Rules**

**When: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025 (9am start)**

**Where: St Oran's College, 550 High Street, Lower Hutt**

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### **Section 1 - AGE Groupings**

- Junior: Those students enrolled in Primary and Intermediate Schools (generally aged between 5 and 12 years)
- Collegiate: Those students enrolled in College Schools (generally aged between 13 and 17 years)

#### **JUNIOR**

- 5 & 6 years
- 7 & 8 years
- 9 & 10 years
- 11 & 12 years

#### **COLLEGIATE**

- 13-15 years
- 16-17 years

### **Section 2 - Belt or Grade Divisions**

- White & White advanced (10<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> kyu)
- Blue & Blue advanced (8<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> kyu)
- Yellow & Yellow advanced (6<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> kyu)
- Green & Green advanced (4<sup>th</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> kyu)
- Brown & Brown advanced (2<sup>nd</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> kyu)
- Black (shodan, nidan, sandan)

### **Section 3 - Individual KATA Competition Rules**

#### **1. Permitted Katas.**

- ALL contestants will perform a kata of their choosing that is within the approved syllabus belt / grade level. (Refer table below).
- Kata's must be from the approved Seido syllabus (refer to table of approved kata below)

#### **2. Calling up the Contestant.**

- The Marshal will call the contestant's name.
- The contestant will enter the ring from the side as directed by the marshal(s).
- The contestant must walk to the centre of the ring and stand in front of the judges.
- The contestant will announce their kata to the Head Judge followed by a loud 'Osu' to announce their readiness and assume either fudo dachi (junior and or senior grades) or musubi dachi for mokuso kata (senior grades only - refer approved syllabus table).
- The Head Judge will announce for the contestant to commence by saying "Hajime"

**3. Mistakes in Kata by contestants.**

- a. If a contestant makes a mistake at the beginning of the kata, the Head Judge may halt the contestant and permit the contestant to start again.
  - i. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any restart of a kata at the instruction of the Head Judge, will automatically incur a 1.0-point penalty in the score from each judge and the maximum score that may be awarded in this case by each judge will be 9.0.
- b. **Where the Kata performed is not the kata announced** by the contestant:
  - i. The contestant will automatically be awarded the lowest possible score of 7.0 by each judge at the completion of their kata.
  - ii. This is the lowest possible score that may be awarded and is considered an automatic fail.

**4. Scoring of contestants:**

- a. At the completion of the kata each contestant will receive a judge's score.
- b. The ring marshal will count 1,2,3 to the judges who will then display their scores.
- c. The ring marshal will call out the scores of each member of the judge panel.
- d. Score keepers will keep a record of the score tally.
- e. The score keepers will drop lowest and highest scores awarded by the judging panel.
- f. The remaining scores will then be used to tally the FINAL score for each contestant.

**5. Top contestant play-off:**

- a. Where there are more than 5 contestants in a round or group, the top 5 contestants (based on their scores) will be called back for a medal play-off to determine the top 3 placings.
- b. Top contestant play-off will be dependent upon the total number of contestants entered in each age group, division and event.

**6. Alternating Kata requirements:**

- a. Junior Grades
  - i. White belt, blue belt and yellow belt graded contestants may choose to repeat **OR** perform a different kata in the medal play off round.
- b. Senior Grades
  - i. Green belt and above graded contestants must perform a different kata in play-off rounds from the kata performed in the non-play-off rounds i.e. The play-off **kata must be different to their first-round kata**.
  - ii. In the event of a tied score during the medal play off round the contestants may choose to repeat **OR** perform a different kata.
- c. Black Belt Dan grade divisions for empty hand and weapons kata.
  - i. Black Belts may not repeat their empty hand and weapons kata in consecutive rounds.
  - ii. Where weapons kata are demonstrated, the weapon must not contact the floor or the ring in a manner that may be expected to cause damage to the floor.
    1. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Failure to abide by rule 6(c)(i) or (ii) above will result in an automatic fail score or 7.0 being awarded by each member of the judging panel.

## **Section 4 - Three - Person Team Kata Competition Rules:**

1. As above but adapted to apply to 3-Person Team and 3-Person Weapons Team Kata formations.
  - a. The kata performed by a team should be within the syllabus of the lowest grade member of the team if the team is a mixed grade team kata.
2. All 3-Person Team Kata formations will be at the choice of each team (e.g. 3 in a triangle formation, 3 in a horizontal or longitudinal row etc.).
3. All 3-Person Team Kata and 3-Person Weapons Team Kata will be performed in a synchronized manner

## **Section 5 - Parent Child Kata**

1. The parent child kata team may only consist of one adult (parent or guardian) and one student only.
2. Graded parents / guardians - the parent and child may perform a kata that is within the grade syllabus of the child / collegiate student.
3. As per individual kata and team kata's all rules apply.
4. All judging will be performed as per Section 6, 7, and 8 (below).

## **Section 6 - Scoring of Contestants by Judges**

1. Only one Judge per attending Dojo is permitted per KATA ring.
2. Judges will score the contestant(s) between 7.0 - 10.0 using a scorecard system.
3. Each contestant will start with a score of 10 and judges will deduct points based on the observations in line with the judging criteria provided (Refer section 7 below)
  - a. 0.1 scores deductions allowed between 8-10
  - b. 0.5 score deductions allowed between 7-8
  - c. Where a restart of the Kata is instructed by the Head Judge (refer Rule S3(a)(i)), scoring by the members of the judging panel will be between 7.0 - 9.0 by each member of the judging panel.
  - d. Rule S5(3)(c) above (a 1.0-point deduction by each judge on the judging panel) will apply if a mixed team kata is demonstrated which is above the syllabus of the lowest team member's Belt / Grade (refer Rule S4(1)(a)).
  - e. Any breach of Rules S3(3)(a)(i), S3(3)(b)(i), S3(6)(b)(i), and S3(6)(c)(i) will result in an automatic score of 7.0 being awarded by each member of the Judging panel.
4. All contestants in the top 3 or top 5 scores will play off for 1st, 2nd and 3rd medal placings depending upon size of belt division and event groupings.
5. Judges are expected to make individual decisions in judging the performance of the contestant(s) and will not collude with each other or any other person(s) in making their decisions and scoring.

## **Section 7 - Judging Panel:**

1. As noted above, the judging panel will be made up of only one judge from each Dojo in attendance per KATA Ring.
2. The most senior black belt judge will be assigned as Head Judge for each KATA Ring
3. All judges must be black belts (shodan and above)

## **Section 8 - Judging Criteria:**

The following section is designed to guide the judges in the scoring of contestants:

1. The contestant(s) have demonstrated:
  - a. The correct kata as announced by the contestant(s).
  - b. Good timing, rhythm, speed, balance, focus and power.
  - c. The correct and proper use of breathing.
  - d. The expected degree of focus, attention and concentration relevant to their grade and the complexity of kata chosen.
  - e. Good stances and techniques during the kata.
  - f. A loud and concise 'KI-AI' where required in the kata.
  - g. The appropriate level of energy in their kata, and,
2. The contestant(s) adhere to all other rules of the tournament.

**PERMITTED KATA FOR EACH GRADE (Empty Hand and Weapons Kata)**

Grade	Belt Grade	JUNIOR	COLLEGIATE	TERTIARY
White	10 <sup>th</sup>	Sanbon Tsuki 1,2, Taikyoku 1, 2 or 3	Taikyoku 1, 2 or 3	Taikyoku 1, 2 or 3
Advanced White	9 <sup>th</sup>	Sanbon 1, 2, Taikyoku 1, 2 or 3	Taikyoku 1, 2 or 3	Taikyoku 1, 2 or 3
Blue	8 <sup>th</sup>	Taikyoku 3, Seido 1	Taikyoku 3, Seido 1, Pinan 1	Taikyoku 3, Seido 1, Pinan 1
Advanced Blue	7 <sup>th</sup>	Seido 1, Pinan 1	Seido 1, Pinan 1	Seido 1, Pinan 1
Yellow	6 <sup>th</sup>	Seido 1, Seido 2, Pinan 1, Pinan 2	Seido 2, Pinan 2	Seido 2, Pinan 2
Advanced Yellow	5 <sup>th</sup>	Seido 2, Pinan 2	Seido 2, Pinan 2, Pinan 3	Seido 2, Pinan 2, Pinan 3
Green	4 <sup>th</sup>	Seido 2, Seido 3, Pinan 2, Pinan 3 Gekisai-dai	Seido 3, Pinan 3, Pinan 4 Gekisai-dai	Seido 3, Pinan 3, Pinan 4 Gekisai-dai
Advanced Green	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Seido 3, Pinan 3, Pinan 4 Gekisai-dai	Seido 3, Pinan 4 Gekisai-dai, Yansu	Seido 3, Pinan 4 Gekisai-dai, Yansu
Brown	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Seido 4, Pinan 4 Tsuki-no	Seido 4, Pinan 4, Pinan 5 Tsuki-no, Yansu	Seido 4, Pinan 4, Pinan 5 Tsuki-no, Yansu
Advanced Brown	1 <sup>st</sup>	Seido 4, Pinan 4, Pinan 5 Tsuki-no, Sai-ha	Seido 4, Pinan 5 Tuski-no, Yansu, Sai-ha, Tensho	Seido 4, Pinan 5 Tuski-no, Yansu, Sai-ha, Tensho
Shodan	1 <sup>st</sup> Dan	Seido 5, Gekisai-sho, Seienchin Bo Chion Kata	Seido 5, Gekisai-sho, Seienchin Bo Chion Bo Kata	Seido 5, Gekisai-sho, Seienchin Bo Chion Bo Kata
Nidan	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan	Seido 5, Gekisai-sho, Seienchin, Koryugojushiho Fusetsu-dai Bo Kata	Seido 5, Gekisai-sho, Seienchin, Koryugojushiho Fusetsu-dai Bo Kata	Seido 5, Gekisai-sho, Seienchin, Koryugojushiho Fusetsu-dai Bo Kata
Sandan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dan		Koryugoshiho, Kanku, Seido-Empi-no dai Fusetsu-sho Bo Kata	Koryugoshiho, Kanku, Seido-Empi-no dai Fusetsu-sho Bo Kata