



## ***COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT***

The 48<sup>th</sup> annual *Wa no Kizuna* Invitational Karate Tournament will be utilizing a coaching system to ensure the highest standards of competition. All coaches must sign the Coaches' Pledge acknowledging their responsibility to promote and maintain the traditional goals of karate-do. Only one coach for each 10 registered competitors will be authorized and it is expected that all coaches will be dojo **instructors**. Coaches **MUST** pre-register with Kurobane Sensei by **April 7, 2018** or they will not receive floor credentials. No late registration will be allowed. If there are any questions as to the procedures, qualifications or expectations for coaches please contact Jordan Fox at (303) 907-1077.

### **As a Coach I pledge to:**

1. Obey and abide by all tournament rules, regulations, protocols, and procedures.
2. Conform to appropriate dress codes and always maintain the highest standards of conduct.
3. Conduct myself in a manner that "honors karate-do" and demonstrates respect to athletes, coaches, officials and spectators.
4. Respect and support tournament officials.
5. Quietly and privately address all concerns to the head official or Tournament Director at the appropriate time.
6. Refrain from profane or abusive language or gestures.
7. Refrain from the use of alcohol, un-prescribed medications or other controlled substances which could impair my judgment or abilities as a Coach.
8. Endeavor to promote the history, philosophy, and techniques of traditional karate-do.

## **COACHES PLEDGE**

I hereby affirm that I have read the Coaches Code of Conduct. I agree to and shall comply with the terms, conditions and expectations contained therein. I acknowledge that my role as a Coach is a position of honor and responsibility and that I pledge to uphold the highest traditions of karate-do.

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Printed Name

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Dojo Representing

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Signature

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Date



## Coaches Rules and Procedures

1. Pre-Registration: All coaches must contact Kurobane Sensei no later than **April 7, 2018** to apply and receive coaches' credentials prior to the tournament. There will be no exceptions to this requirement.
2. Coaches Meeting: All coaches **must be present** at the Coaches meeting which will be held at 8:30 a.m. Floor credentials will be handed out at this meeting.
3. Coaches Official Dress:
  - A. All coaches shall dress in a professional manner. Coaches shall wear track suits.
  - B. No ball caps, tee-shirts or jeans shall be permitted.
4. Coaches shall not be permitted to videotape or photograph any portion of the tournament.
5. Competition floor access
  - A. Each athlete may have **only one coach** on the competition floor.
  - B. Coaches are **only** allowed on the competition floor when their athlete is engaged in a kumite match. Coaches **may not** be present during kata (exception made for divisions K1-K4).
  - C. **Coaches must stay seated** in the area assigned to them while on the competition floor. Coaches are not spectators and are only allowed on the competition floor during a match.
6. Official protest
  - A. Coaches may not ask for an explanation of judgment calls from any member of the Referee Panel and Referee Committee
  - B. No one may protest a judgment to the members of the Refereeing Panel
  - C. In the case of an administrative malfunction during a match in progress, the coach may notify the Chief Judge
7. Score Table and personnel:
  - A. Coaches are **prohibited** from being behind the score table at any time.
  - B. Coaches are **prohibited** from speaking with or making gestures to the staff at the score tables.
8. Coaches **must listen to and obey** all directions from the Referee Panel. The failure to follow such directions shall result in the loss of credentials.
9. We depend on Coaches to assist with the fair and smooth operation of our tournament. The audience is watching and thus we ask that you always maintain the proper dignity and respect expected of karate-ka. Please send us feedback with your suggestions for next year's tournament.