

Part 12 - Uniform/Dress

Article 22 - Uniform Requirements

22.1 Referees/Judges

22.1.1 Referees and judges must wear the official uniform designated by the referees' council. This uniform must be worn at all tournaments and courses.

22.1.2 The official uniform will be as follows:

22.1.2.1 A single breasted navy-blue blazer bearing two silver buttons.

22.1.2.2 A white shirt with long or short sleeves, depending on prevailing climatic conditions.

22.1.2.3 An official tie worn without tiepin.

22.1.2.4 Plain light gray trousers without cuffs.

22.1.2.5 An official badge.

22.1.2.6 An officials' license book with their name and license rating.

22.1.2.7 Un-patterned dark blue or black socks and black, slip on shoes for use on the match area.

22.1.2.8 Jewelry of any kind is not allowed, including watches, wedding rings and stud earrings.

22.1.3 All officials must present their license credentials to the Chief Referee or Council of Referees prior to the commencement of the opening ceremonies.

22.1.4 All officials shall bring a whistle attached to a white chord, pen, pad and breath mints.

22.2 Coaches

22.2.1 The coach shall at all times during the tournament wear white Gi pants, tennis shoes, an official coaches shirt and an identifying credential placed around their neck.

22.2.2 Coaches must be current members of AAU in good standing.

22.2.3 No person shall be allowed to coach unless they are in compliance with these requirements.

22.2.4 No coach shall have another person substitute or act in his behalf. Those in violation will not be able to coach for a minimum of two years.

22.2.5 Coaches shall not wear their own team, organization or club jackets at national events unless granted permission by the AAU National Executive Committee.

22.3 Competitors

22.3.1 Contestants must wear a white unmarked Karate Gi without stripes or piping. An identifying number issued by the Organizing Committee may be worn on the back.

22.3.2 The Karate Gi jacket, when tightened around the waist with the belt, must be of minimum length that covers the hips, but no longer than mid thigh. In the case of women, a plain white T-shirt or white sports bra may be worn beneath the Karate Gi jacket.

22.3.3 Gi sleeves may not be rolled. The sleeves of the Gi jacket must come, in principle, at least halfway down the forearm. The exception to this rule is in KOBUDO competition where the sleeves of the Gi jacket may be modified to facilitate safe progression of the performance.

22.3.4 The Gi jacket must be of kimono style (left side over right), not V-neck style.

22.3.5 The Gi trousers must be long enough to cover at least two thirds of the shin - and may not be rolled up.

22.3.6 The belts must be around 5 centimeters wide and of a length sufficient to allow 15 centimeters free on each side of the knot ends after it has been properly tied around the waist, but not to hang lower than the knee.

22.3.6.1 The color of belts to be worn at all Qualifying AAU events are as prescribed as follows:

22.3.6.1.1 White Belt - Beginner competitions (under one year experience).

22.3.6.1.2 Green Belt - Novice competitors (one to under two years experience).

22.3.6.1.3 Brown Belt - Intermediate competitors (two to under four year's experience).

22.3.6.1.4 Black Belt - Advanced competitor (four or more years experience).

22.3.7 Each contestant must keep his/her hair clean and cut to a length that does not obstruct smooth bout conduct. Should the referee consider any contestant's hair too long and/or unclean, he may, with the Referee's Council approval disbar the contestant from the bout. Hair slides are prohibited, as are metal hair clips. In KATA a discreet hair clip is permitted.

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22.3.8 Uniforms may not bear the trademark or name of a product or manufacturer, and may not bear the name of a club or organization, not a member of the AAU unless approved by the **AAU** National Karate Committee.

22.3.9 The official AAU patch shall be worn on the uniform, be affixed to the left breast of the Gi jacket and must be properly sewn on.

22.3.10 No protective gear shall be worn during KATA or KOBUDO competition.

22.3.11 Glasses that are secured to the head are permitted in KATA and KOBUDO competition.