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SANCTIONED CAMP POLICY

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USA KARATE SANCTIONED CAMP POLICY

I. PURPOSE

USA Karate aims to foster the growth of Karate through high-quality, structured camps that align with national standards. The Sanctioned Camp Program ensures consistency, fairness, and safety while promoting athlete development and enhancing the USA Karate brand. By establishing a clear framework for camp sanctioning, USA Karate upholds the integrity of sport, fosters community engagement, and creates pathways for athlete success at local, regional, and national levels.

Sanctioning camps provide a uniform standard that helps ensure fairness and safety while also promoting competitive excellence. It allows camps to be recognized within the official USA Karate structure, offering athletes the chance to earn ranking points and gain exposure within the broader competitive community. For coaches and promoters, sanctioning enhances credibility, increases visibility, and provides access to essential resources.

CAMP SANCTION LEVELS

❖ LEVEL I – LOCAL CAMPS

- **Number of Athletes:** 1–39
- **Membership Requirement:** Level 2
- **Coach Requirement:** USA Karate L1 Regional Coach
- **Sanctioning Fee:** \$100
- **Athlete Ranking Value:** 1 (100 Points)
- **Purpose:** Designed for community engagement, grassroots development, and introductory competitive exposure.

❖ LEVEL II – REGIONAL CAMPS

- **Number of Athletes:** 40–79
- **Membership Requirement:** Level 2
- **Coach Requirement:** USA Karate L2 National Level Coach
- **Sanctioning Fee:** \$200
- **Athlete Ranking Value:** 2 (200 Points)
- **Purpose:** Focuses on regional athlete development and higher-level training opportunities.

❖ LEVEL III – NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

- **Number of Athletes:** 80+
- **Membership Requirement:** Level 2
- **Coach Requirement:** USA Karate L3 Elite Level Coach
- **Sanctioning Fee:** \$300
- **Athlete Ranking Value:** 3 (300 Points)
- **Purpose:** Aims to prepare athletes for national competition and introduce advanced training methodologies.

❖ LEVEL IV – NATIONAL TRAINING CAMPS

- **Number of Athletes:** No cap
- **Membership Requirement:** Level 3 (National Competitive Member)
- **Coach Requirement:** USA Karate National Coaching Staff
- **Sanctioning Fee:** Waived
- **Athlete Ranking Value:** 6 (900 Points)
- **Purpose:** Reserved for elite training, preparing athletes for international competition and fostering high-performance excellence.

II. BENEFITS OF SANCTIONING

NAME RECOGNITION

Promoters can associate their events with USA Karate, gaining access to branding materials and promotion on official websites and social media platforms. The USA Karate name carries national prestige and enhances the event's credibility.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

Sanctioned camps receive limited liability insurance covering USA Karate members, ensuring legal protection and peace of mind for both promoters and participants.

NATIONAL RANKING POINTS

Athletes and referees earn points contributing to national rankings, enhancing their competitive profiles and opening doors to higher-level competitions.

ADVERTISING SUPPORT

Sanctioned events are actively promoted through USA Karate's communication channels, increasing visibility and participation.

ACCESS TO USA KARATE RESOURCES

Promoters gain access to the USA Karate Use of Marks and Logo Guide, official training materials, and marketing templates to ensure consistent brand representation.

INCREASED PARTICIPATION

Camps sanctioned by USA Karate tend to attract more participants due to the trust and reputation associated with the national governing body.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Sanctioned camps offer opportunities for coaches, referees, and athletes to develop their skills under recognized standards, fostering continuous improvement.

Sanctioning also promotes a safer and more structured environment, ensuring that all events meet minimum standards for athlete welfare, coaching credentials, and competition integrity. This, in turn, strengthens the Karate community and builds trust among participants and stakeholders.

III. GENERAL POLICIES

MEMBERSHIP COMPLIANCE

All participants must hold at least a Level 2 USA Karate membership to ensure consistent standards and eligibility for ranking points.

COACH REQUIREMENTS

Coaches must meet the minimum credential level for the sanctioned camp to maintain high-quality instruction and athlete safety.

INSURANCE

Sanctioned camps are covered under USA Karate's liability insurance, offering legal protection for all sanctioned activities.

ATHLETE RANKING SYSTEM

Points awarded contribute to national rankings, providing athletes with a pathway to higher levels of competition and recognition.

IV. APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Submit application via USA Karate official event software 30 days prior to the event.
2. Pay the appropriate sanctioning fee based on the camp level.
3. Notify USA Karate National Office of submission.
4. Upon approval, receive insurance certificates, marketing support, and access to branding resources.

This process ensures consistency in camp quality and allows USA Karate to provide appropriate support and oversight for all sanctioned events.

V. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- All participants, including athletes, and coaches, must register using the official USA Karate event software.
- Event promoters may use other platforms for event operations, but all initial registrations must be processed through the official software.
- Registration ensures that membership status and SafeSport compliance are verified before the event.
- All participants must complete registration by the published deadline to ensure proper documentation and insurance coverage.
- Promoters are responsible for submitting finalized participant lists to USA Karate no later than five (5) days post-event for ranking updates.

Proper registration guarantees that all participants are eligible, insured, and accounted for, maintaining the integrity and safety of the sanctioned camp.

VI. MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

LEVEL I CAMPS

No medical personnel required, though recommended.

LEVEL II CAMPS AND ABOVE

At least one (1) medical professional, holding a current certified Physical Trainer certification or higher, must be present onsite for the entire duration of the camp.

The designated medical personnel are responsible for addressing injuries, emergencies, and ensuring overall athlete safety during the camp. Failure to meet these requirements may result in loss of sanction status and revocation of ranking points.

VII. SAFE SPORT AND COMPLIANCE

- All athletes aged 18+ must complete SafeSport training and background checks to ensure a safe environment for all participants.
 - SafeSport policies and reporting procedures must be followed. Violations can result in loss of sanctions and ranking points.
 - Promoters must ensure that all participants are aware of SafeSport guidelines and have the necessary certifications prior to the event.
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VIII. VIOLATIONS AND REINFORCEMENT

Non-compliance with this policy may result in:

- Loss of future sanctioning rights
- Forfeiture of sanctioning fees
- Revocation of athlete and referee ranking points
- Suspension of USA Karate membership

Serious or repeated violations may result in referral to USA Karate's Ethics Committee or additional disciplinary actions. This ensures the integrity of sanctioned events and protects the reputation of USA Karate.

By adhering to these policies, USA Karate aims to provide a safe, fair, and developmental environment for all athletes and participants. The sanctioning process is designed to promote excellence, foster community engagement, and strengthen the national Karate network, ultimately advancing the sport and its athletes.