

2017 Rules Amendments for Junior Boys and Girls (U12)

After carefully considering the following:

- Analysis of the feedback from various clubs, coaches and referees
- The detailed discussions on various situations
- Considering the likelihood technique application
- Potential for injury along with injury statistics

The JFA Referee Committee has collectively agreed to implement the amendments to the contest rules for **Junior Boys and Girls** category as follows:

<p>1. All forward techniques executed on both knees are not allowed</p> <p>a) Matte should be announced immediately to avoid the potential injury</p> <p>b) Tori would be penalised by Shido</p> <p>c) Technique will not be valid for the scoring purposes</p>
<p>2. All throws applied with Tori holding only the neck, (e.g. Koshi Guruma, Kubi Nage)</p> <p>a) At no time is a one or two armed headlock to be applied during any throwing technique. The collar of an opponent's jacket may only be gripped above the shoulder and should not extend beyond the midpoint of the opponent's neck.</p> <p>a) Matte should be announced immediately once Tori applies a headlock. No penalty should be awarded.</p> <p>b) Any instances of a deliberate hit of Uke's head, neck or shoulder when attempting a grip around the neck may be penalised with Hansoku Make as actions against the spirit of Judo.</p>
<p>3. All backward techniques (e.g. O Soto Gari, Ko Soto Gari)</p> <p>If it is noticed that Uke is in distress as a result of the impact of any legitimate throwing technique:</p> <p>a) If Tori has applied an Osaekomi the referee should announce Sonomama to provide opportunity for Uke to recover. The Medical Officer may be called to assist the player (if required). Once Uke has recovered and is able to compete Yoshi should be announced after returning both players into the original Osaekomi position.</p> <p>b) If Tori has not applied Osaekomi then Matte should be called immediately to provide opportunity for Uke to recover. The Medical Officer may be called to assist the player (if required). Once Uke has recovered and is able to compete Hajime should be announced.</p>
<p>4. Headlock in Ne Waza</p> <p>When Kesa Gatame or any roll over is applied with Tori holding only the neck, (i.e. without securing/controlling the arm), Matte should be announced immediately. No penalty should be given.</p>
<p>5. Coaching is allowed at all times, not just between Matte and Hajime.</p> <p>This only applies to the coach sitting on the official chair next to the mat.</p> <p>Note: Coaches' Code of Conduct as per Attachment 7 in the JFA Sporting will be strictly followed.</p>

Note: National Referee Committee recommends that in the interest of the safety of the Mons divisions, same rules should be applied at the state level for Monsters and Junior Boys and Girls divisions.

JFA Referee Committee

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