



# VIDEO REVIEW REGULATIONS

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## Video Review Rules in WKF Kumite Competitions (Individual and Team)

### Video Review Team

Definition	Abbreviation	Eliminations	Medal bouts
<b>Video Review Table</b>	VRT	3	3
Video Review Supervisor	VRS	2	2
Video Review Operator	VRO	1	1
<b>Coach Supervisor</b>	CS	1	2

1. **Prior to the beginning of the competition**, the Tatami Managers will appoint 2 Referees to act as Video Review Supervisors (VRS) in each tatami. Both VRS members will be seated on a table with the Video Review Operator (VRO) in the middle. The Video Review Team (VRO + 2 VRSs) is equipped with a red (rejected) and a green (approved) card. Only the two Supervisors and the operator can be present around Video Review (VR) table.
2. **Prior to each bout**, the Coach Supervisor (CS) will hand over a joy stick with one button to the corresponding coaches. The CS will be sitting between the two Coaches during the match. During the finals, the number of CS will be doubled, assigning one CS to each of the coaches, sitting next to their side. An orange electronic card with the initials "VR" can be seen in the scoreboard at the left side of the competitors scoring numbers. The CS, VRO and both of the VRS will be equipped with a two-way radio for communication purposes. Should the joy stick button present any functioning problem, the traditional system of physical red (AKA) and blue (AO) cards for the respective coaches will apply.
3. The procedure for a VR request applies only when a coach believes that his/her competitor's score was ignored. In order for the match not to be unduly delayed, it is the responsibility of the VRS to ensure that the protest is handled in a time-efficient manner.
4. Point(s) can only be given if the technique(s) of one or both competitors is (are) made before the Referee stops the match "Yame".

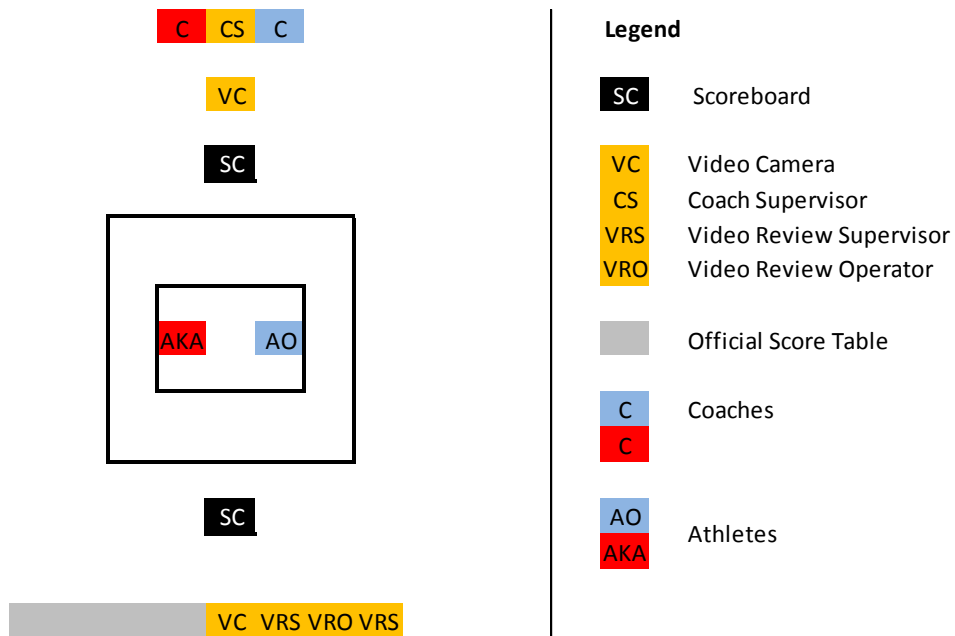


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5. For video review purposes, when a VR is used for more than one tatami, only 2 video cameras will be used in each tatami (please see image for video camera positions).

## Multiple Tatamis Display



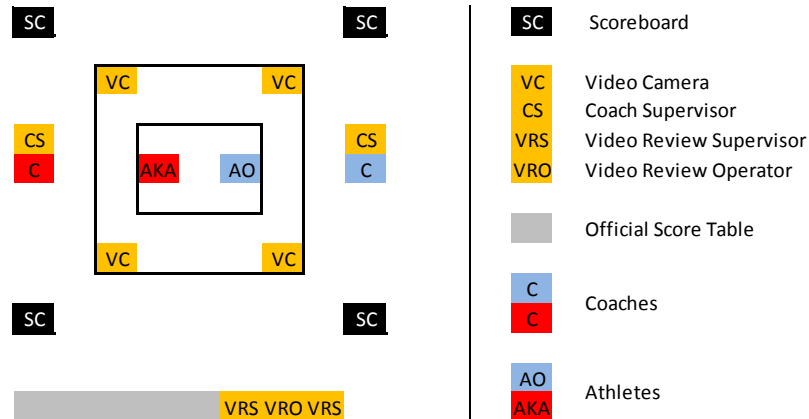
When only one single tatami is used (e.g. Olympic Games / Youth Olympic Games) and 4 video cameras with all the pertaining auxiliary equipment will be used in each tatami. The cameras shall be located in the corners close to the safety area. This equipment will be operated by a VRO.



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## Single Tatami Display



## 6. Video Review Request sequence

- The coach requesting a Video Review will push the joy stick's button and simultaneously a buzzer from the scoreboard will sound - and the VR card displayed on the scoreboard will start flashing.



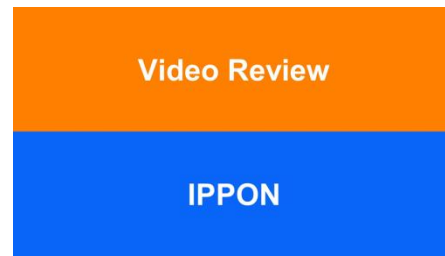
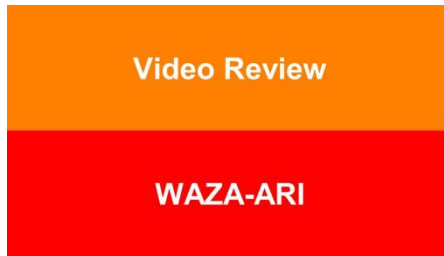
- The Referee will immediately stop the bout and the VRO will stop filming.

- The CS shall inform immediately through the radio the subject of the coach's VR request to the VRO and both VRS. The scoreboard will then display the requested action and the pertaining athlete. Should there be a double request at the same time, the scoreboard will display both simultaneously.

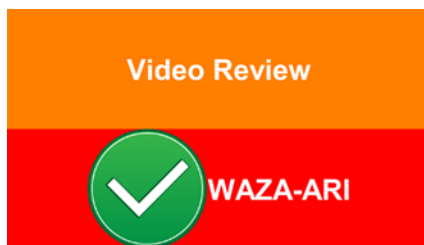


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- The VRO will rewind the tape back to the beginning of the disputed sequence.
- The VRS will examine, analyze and take a decision in the shortest time possible.
- The decision to award a point must be unanimous, otherwise it is considered as rejected. The decision will be announced by one of the VRS standing up and raising the green (YES) or the red (NO) card. If the green card is raised the VRS will also show, with the other hand, the kind of point the Referee should give. At same time the decision will be showing in the scoreboard.



- If the VR request is rejected the orange card in the scoreboard will automatically disappear and the coach will not have the possibility of VR request for all remaining matches in the relevant category for that particular competitor.



- Should the competitor loose the VR request during the eliminations round but classify for any medal bout, an additional VR request option will be granted.



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7. When using the Round Robin system (without bouts for medals) if the protest is rejected the coach will not be able to request a VR for that particular competitor for the remaining matches in the pool, but can do it again if the competitor goes to the medal bouts.
8. The VR request rejection does not stop the coach or the team leader from issuing a written protest (Article 11 in the WKF Kata and Kumite Competition Rules).
9. If a competitor suggest the coach to do a VR request, this will be considered a category 2 offence and a warning or penalty must be applied. In this situation if the coach does the VR request the procedure will not be stopped and the VR will take place even if the competitor is penalized with a category 2 warning or penalty.
10. If a competitor signals to the coach not to request VR because the technique was not good enough, this will also be considered a category 2 offence and a warning or penalty must be applied.
11. If a coach pushes the joy stick's button and then immediately regrets it, the procedure will not be stopped and the video review will take place accordingly.
12. If a coach requests VR and at the same time two or more judges show a score for the same competitor, the competitor's electronic orange card will be taken away from the scoreboard.



13. If a coach requests VR, but in the opinion of the referee panel the technique was uncontrolled or too hard, a category 1 warning or penalty must be applied; the competitor's orange electronic card will be taken away from the scoreboard.
14. In the case that the VR Team, because of technical problems (electricity, camera or computer malfunctions etc.) are not able to analyze the video and take a decision, the competitor's right for a VR request will remain. Please refer to Nr. 2, in the case of a joy stick malfunctioning problem.