

Technical Notice 20th December 08
Re: Primary Grades Transfer to Junior.

Contest Rules.

It has come to the attention of the National Technical Committee that instances are occurring where primaries, transferring to the junior grade system, are not being awarded the appropriate grade, commiserate with their primary achievements.

There have been occasions of the transferee having to 'start again' as 6th Kyu with no bars thus giving the impression of little or no experience. This would give decided advantage in competitions or tournaments, which feature categories of grade.

This is not in accordance with the spirit of judo and the President's instruction that dictates a primary on transfer should be awarded a 5th Kyu, unless they are new novices or red stripes. This is determined on the basis that, in Judo we never down grade a person and by putting a primary white belt with orange stripes or above to white belt yellow stripes, could be conceived as a down grade by the student, parents or others.

Contest Rules Junior Section.

It is to be noted that from January 2009 the category for forbidden techniques as shown below are amended to apply to all categories of 50 kg and below (was 45kg).

1.2 FORBIDDEN TECHNIQUES

All sacrifice techniques as direct techniques, combination techniques or counter techniques

All arm-locks and strangle

Drop knee Seoi-Nage

Any form of Kata-Guruma

Leg or ankle grabs

All Maki-Komi throws

Kubi-Nage and any throw attempt where the neck is encircled using one or both arms.

The above applies for the year 2009 to any category of 50 kg and below.

For the year 2010 it will be amended to any category of 55 kg and below.

For the year 2011 it will be amended to any category of 60 kg and below.