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TO: All JKA WF member Countries and Organizations

Future policy on JKA Joint Camp

Since 2020, due to the global pandemic, JKA's Spring and Autumn JKA Spring Joint Training Camp have been forced to be completely suspended and held with restrictions. The event was a great success, attracting many participants from Japan and abroad. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Under such circumstances, I would like to report here that the following unfortunate incidents occurred, share it with the entire JKA/WF, and show our future policy and countermeasures on camps.

First of all, there were a few cases that people who did not meet the eligibility criteria and conditions for the Dan/qualification examination held during the training camp entered. As you all know, there are several qualifications and conditions that must be cleared in order to take the Dan/qualification exams. Those are listed on the homepage of HQ and was also noted in the guidance of the training camp. From now on, JKA HQ will thoroughly check the examinees in advance, but we ask for your cooperation in confirming the participation of members, their conditions and qualifications, etc.

Next, some problems arose regarding the acceptance of participants from other schools and organizations. Specifically, even though they participated as Non-JKA karateka, they put the JKA logo on their Gi, took pictures with the HQ instructors at the camp venues, and posted the photos on social networks to make them look like JKA members. Such conduct damage the name and values of JKA and JKAWF member countries/organizations and it can't be tolerated for us.



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In order to prevent a recurrence of this kind of thing in the future, JKA HQ will: 1) bring forward the deadline for applications from members of other schools and organizations, and check in advance whether there are any problems with the participants. In some cases, we may refer you to the representative of the country concerned, so please cooperate with us. This also applies to groups and individuals that are causing problems within JKAWF member countries and affiliated organizations. 2) In order for participants from other schools and groups to be able to recognize clearly, we will strictly check the use of the mark on their Gi.

JKA HQ hopes that many people will continue to learn JKA karate beyond the boundaries of schools and groups, deepen exchanges between karate practitioners, and provide fun and harmonious training camps.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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