

Judo Canada memo _ refereeing regulations 2009.

1. The IJF Hansoku-make rule for an illegal judogi.

As of January 1st, 2009, the IJF approved a hansoku-make penalty for competitors who enter the **contest area** wearing a judogi that does not conform to the IJF Contest Rules. **Competitors** are held responsible for ensuring that their judo gi conforms to Article 3 of the rules. A special measuring device (Sokuteiki) and a new procedure of judo gi control (how to measure the gi) were also approved. Attached are copies of the IJF's Sokuteiki Rule announcement and new judo gi control procedures using the Sokuteiki. The Sokuteiki is now available from the Mizuno distributors. All competitors competing abroad should be aware that they are subject to this rule. **IN CANADA, until August 31st 2009**, we will apply the following modifications to this IJF rule:

- If the Sokuteiki is not available at the competition site, the hansokumake rule will not be applied.
- **At the National Championships and events conducted at the Provincial and Regional level in Canada** – this modification is based on the principle of giving the competitors the benefit of doubt that it was not their intention to compete with an illegal gi as well as providing them with ample opportunity to become educated to the new rule. Sokuteiki will be provided in the warm-up area of the competition venue for competitors to measure their gi. For competitors in the Veteran, Senior, U20 and U17 age divisions the penalty of hansoku-make will be applied if they enter the contest area in judo gi that is determined, (by a Sokuteiki measurement), to be illegal, **for the second time during the same event**. The first time such an incident occurs, the athlete will be allowed to change their judogi without penalty. Athletes who compete in the U15 age division will be allowed to change an illegal judogi without penalty regardless of re-occurrences during the same event.
- **At international events conducted in Canada** (where athletes from other countries compete) - the National Championships' Sokuteiki rules will be applied.

2. Coaches on the side of the tatami.

As of January 1st, 2009, the IJF approved a rule removing coaches from the side of tatami. In 2009, and until otherwise notified, Judo Canada will apply the following modifications to this rule:

- **At the National Championships and all other domestic events** coaches are allowed on the side of the tatami as per the old IJF rules.
- **At international events conducted in Canada and advertised in the calendar of the IJF (Rendez Vous Canada)** the 2009 IJF rules apply.

NOTE: no abuse of referees/judges will be tolerated at any time regardless of the level of an event. Coaches who, in whatever fashion, abuse referees/judges working at an event, will be disallowed the privilege of assisting their athletes at the side of the tatami.