



Hard Traditional Weapon Rules- Karate

Note: If the weapon you wish to use is not listed below, you may enter the "Hard Open Weapons" division.

Weapon Rules

1. List of allowed weapons
 - Bo
 - Eku
 - Sai
 - Tonfa
 - Kama
 - Nunchucku -plastic/rubber only
 - Joh
 - Tinbe/ Rochin
2. No sharpened weapons will be permitted.
3. All weapons must be examined and approved by the Judging Panel/TM prior to competition to ensure that they are safe and of authentic design and construction. Weapons must be of official size and weight as described below. In children's divisions where there is no restriction on size or weight listed, weapon qualification will be at the discretion of the Judging Panel/TM.

Description of weapon requirements:

- Bo
 1. must be made of hardwood with or without tapered ends
 2. if tapered, diameter at end of taper to be not less than 2cm
 3. should be at least as tall as the top of the competitor's head or 6 feet
 4. must weigh 800 grams minimum for adults (18 & over); 750 grams minimum for under 18

- 5. Bo must be at least 2.5cm diameter in the center
- Eku
 1. should be a minimum of the height of the competitor's ear lobe
 2. blade must be a minimum of 8.5cm wide
 3. must weigh 800 grams minimum for adults
 4. must weigh 750 grams minimum for under 18
- Sai
 1. Must be made of metal
 2. Two sai must be used, no single sai kata permitted, or other combination of weapons
 3. Must weigh 600 grams minimum each for adults, minimum weight for under 18 divisions is 500 grams
 4. Must reach the competitor's elbow when held in closed position
- Tonfa
 1. Must be made of hardwood
 2. Must reach the competitor's elbow when in closed position
- Kama
 1. Must have wood, steel, or aluminum blades
 2. Must not be sharpened
 3. No weight restrictions
 4. Handle must be made of hardwood
- Nunchaku
 1. Must be made of rubber or some other flexible material
 2. Wood or metal nunchaku are illegal in BC and not allowed in competition
- Joh
 1. Must weigh 500 grams minimum for adults, minimum weight for under 18 divisions is 400 grams
 2. Must be made of hardwood, with or without tapered ends
 3. Height should reach the competitor's solar plexus from the floor
- Tinbe/ Rochin
 1. Must be made of safe, realistic material
 2. Rochin may not be sharpened and may not be thrown
 3. Rochin handle must be made of hardwood