



Press Pass Guidelines

The Press Pass provides direct access to the Competition Floor and Staging Area which are restricted areas. Because of this access and to maintain the professionalism and integrity of the competition, USA Karate has established the following guidelines for those issued a Press Pass.

The purpose of the Press Pass must be to provide PRESS coverage of the event and not to video or photograph team members for nostalgic reasons. There are many spectators at the event who would like access to the competition floor for the purpose of photographing, but because this would effect the overall operations of the event, USA Karate does not allow spectators on the Competition Floor. Press Passes should not be used by spectators to circumvent this policy and gain access to the Competition Floor.

Those holding Press Passes should be aware of the following:

- The Press Pass does not grant access to the center aisle of the Competition Floor. The score tables are in the center aisle and USA Karate must maintain the integrity of the scoreboards, charting paperwork and tournament documents.
- Anyone holding a Press Pass found in the center aisle will risk the pass being revoked.
- The Press Pass does grant access to the Staging Area and Competition Floor area, other than the center aisle.
- Individuals holding a Press Pass are expected to dress in a professional manner while on the Competition Floor. No shorts or open toe shoes will be allowed on the Competition Floor.
- Individuals holding a Press Pass cannot be dressed in a karate gi or team uniform while acting in the capacity of Press. USA Karate wants to avoid the appearance of allowing an athlete or coach to photograph from the Competition Floor.
- The Press Pass is subject to revocation if photographing or movements of the photographer disrupt the athletes or officials. Photographers using flash ringside have distracted athletes and officials in the past. Please be aware of the use of flash during competition.
- USA Karate has the right to designate an Official Photographer for the event and grant that individual special access.

Any questions related to the access or conduct of those holding the Press Pass should be directed to the Director of Tournament Operations.

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