



Application of the WT Rules 2026

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Purpose

This document outlines the amendment to the WT Competition Kyorugi Rules dated January 1st, 2026. These changes will take effect on June 1, 2026.

The document will be presented in 3 parts:

- A. Amendments effective June 2026
- B. Changes in the application of the rules for officials
- C. Rules implemented January 2026



A) Amendment WT Rules

Take effect on June 1st, 2026



POINT GAP - 15 POINTS

Hong 15	Chung 0
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The point difference required to finish a round has been increased from 12 to 15 points to fit the new scoring structure.

This reflects the scoring value adjustment, as spinning head kicks increased from 5 to 6 points, necessitating the point gap adjustment to maintain competition balance.



DEFINITION OF CROSSING THE BOUNDARY LINE

A Gam-Jeom will now be given if **any part** of the foot crosses the boundary line, **not necessarily the whole foot**.

This adjustment ensures consistent referee decisions and prevents athletes from exploiting ambiguous boundary situations during competition.





RESPECT & DIGNITY : REDEFINING THE WINNER DECLARATION

Formal Commands Reinstated



At the end of the match, the referee will return the athletes to the center of the ring with the command of 'Chung, Hong', then command 'Cha-ryeot' (Attention) and 'Kyeong-rye' (bow) before announcing the winner of each match. Players can choose whether or not to remove their helmets for the bow.

The purpose is to highlight the Taekwondo philosophy of 'beginning and ending with respect'. It encourages good sportsmanship, showing mutual respect between contestants, regardless of the outcome.



DOUBLE POINTS FOR PASSIVITY

Last 10 seconds per round

3 Gam-Jeom (Passive behavior)

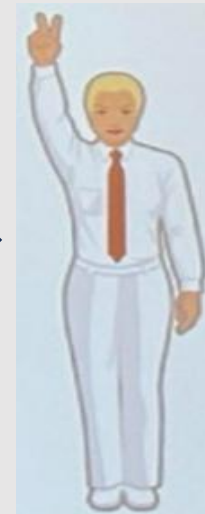
1. Crossing the boundary Line
2. Falling Down
3. Running away or avoiding engagement



4. Rejection of Technical Card (Green Card)



**Award
2 points to
Opponent**



Counted for only one (1) Gam Jeom but two (2) points to opponent



TECHNICAL CARD SYSTEM

GREEN CARD

Green Technical IVR Card 	Chung /Hong Card 
Request for 4 Technical issues (Referee and coach)     Referee forgot to invalidate the points after GJ (Only by coach)	Any other IVR Request
The coach raises his blue/red card, the referee does not take it, he/she uses his/her own green card.	The card is returned to the coach if the request is 100% accepted.
If the request is rejected, a GJ will be given for misconduct.	
 Last 10 seconds of the round : the GJ for misconduct is worth 2 points to the opponent.	



TIEBREAKER CRITERIAS

Precision

1. Number of direct kicks to the head -3 pts
2. Number of direct kicks to the body -2 pts
3. Number of punch – 1pt

1. **Total Points**
by turning or
spinning kicks

2. Higher Value
techniques

3. **Number of
points from
Gam-Jeoms**

4. Registered
hits

5. Superiority
Woo-se-Girok

1. Aggressive match management
2. Greater number of techniques
3. More advanced techniques
4. Better competition manners
(sportsmanship)

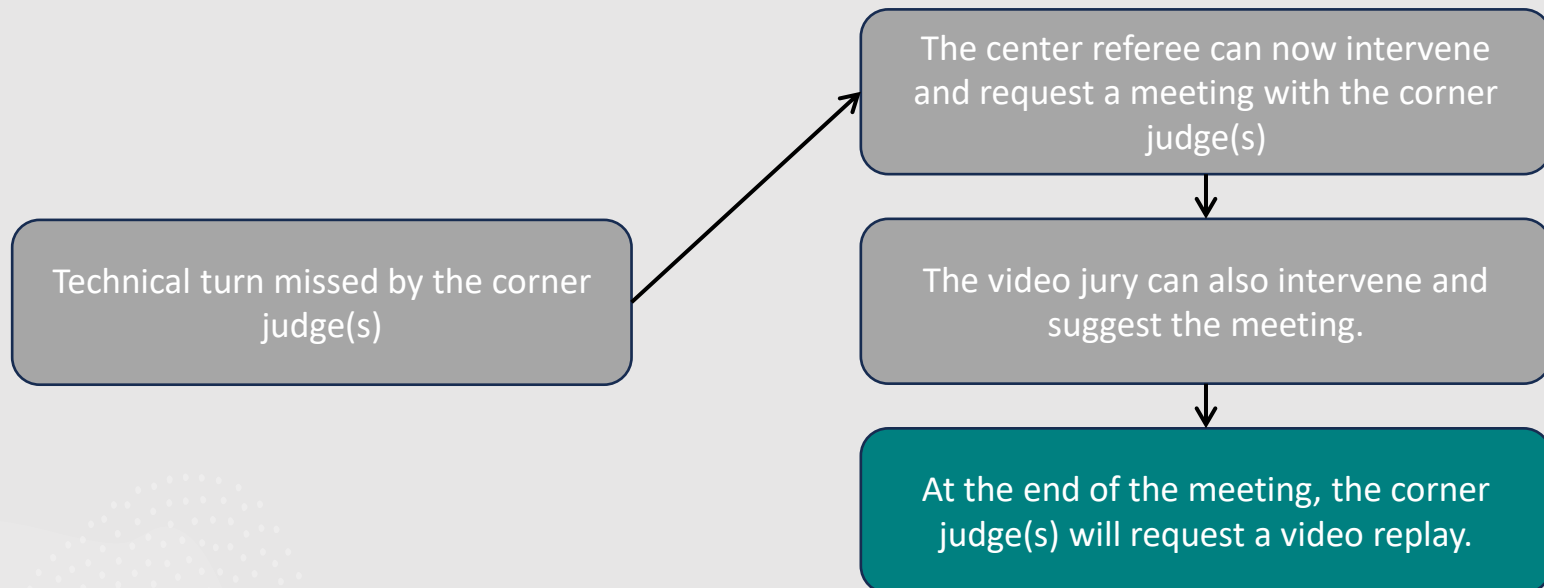


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B) Changes in the application of the rules for officials

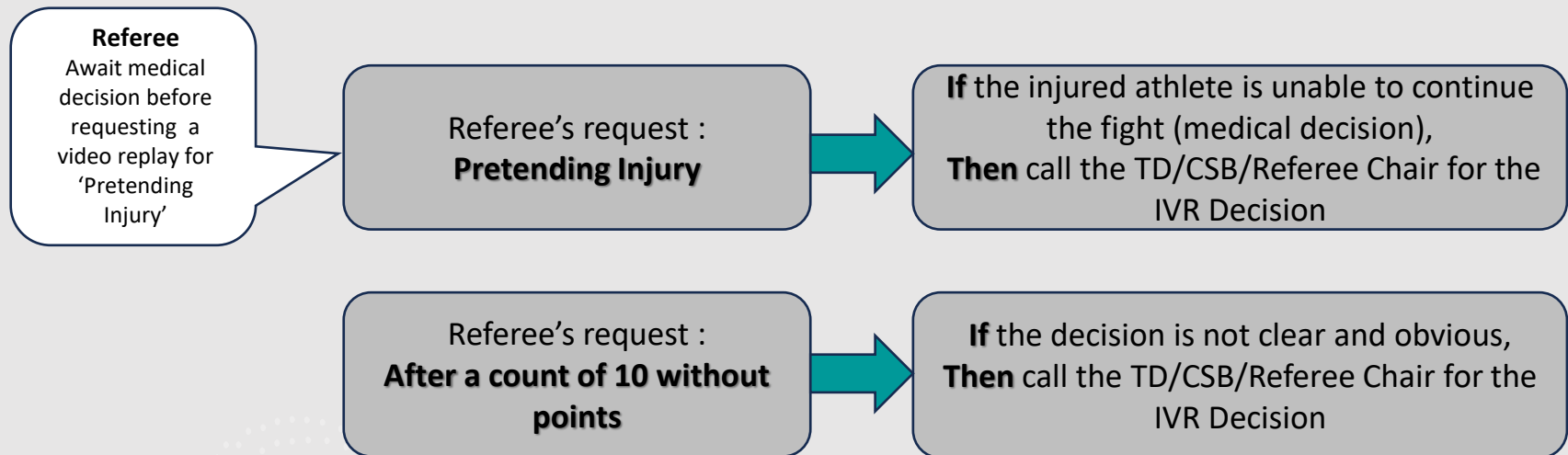


Technical Points Collaboration between officials





Match ended by 'RSC' IVR Decision





C) Application of the WT Rules January 2026

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New - Coaches Removed IVR for Head kicks

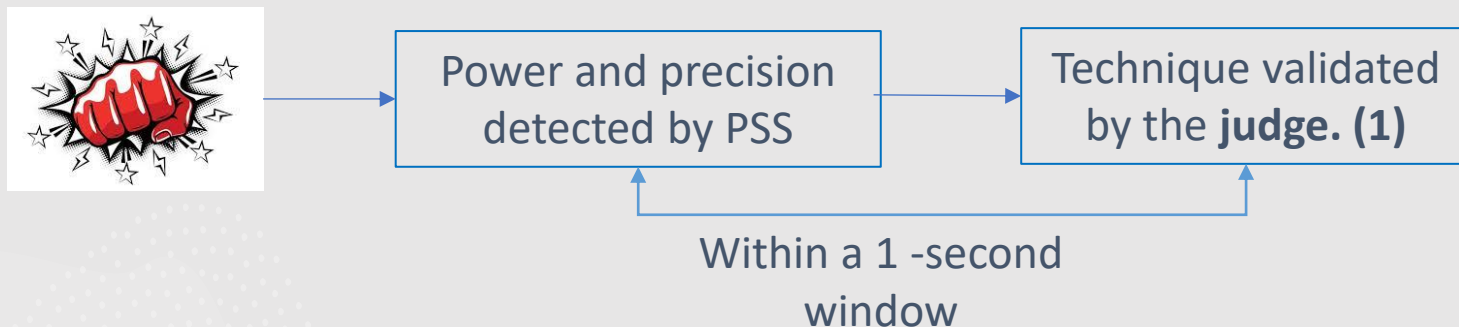
- Coach can not longer request IVR for Head Kicks that are not scored by PSS
- The center referee may still request video replay only after counting for a head kick which did not score. As before, the referee must see one or more of the following criteria in order to count :





New PSS Punch Scoring

A semi-automatic scoring method may be used for punch points. Punch sensors have been added to all PSS systems. When sensing gloves are employed, the impact of the punch will be detected by the PSS, and the correct technique shall be validated by the judge.





New Referee's Team : Video Jury, Referee Center and Judge

- Due to the addition of PSS Punch detection, the role of the corner judge is more limited. Going forward, when PSS punching is in use, there will only be one corner judge, which has been renamed to technical judge.
- In the event of a woo-see-girok decision, the video jury joins the referee and the judge.



New Updated Technical Points + Divisions

1. Technical points (Turning kicks) are now double of their base score

Technique	Old Point Value	New Point Value
Turning Body Kick	4 points	4 points (Double Points)
Turning Head Kick	5 points	6 points (Double Points)

2. 6 Olympic weight divisions instead of 4 (To be tested in 2026)



IVR Request - Coach

My player

Punch Misidentification

Technical Issues :

- Test PSS
- Time
- Phantom Points
- Scoreboard entry

Gam Jeom + Points related:

- Invalidation any GJ + points related
- GJ was invalidated but points did not get restored
- GJ given to the wrong player

Technical Points



IVR Request - Coach

Opponent

Invalidation Points :

GJ was given but points scored after GJ were not invalidated

Technical Issues :

- Test PSS
- Time
- Phantom Points
- Scoreboard entry

Gam Jeom and related Points:

- Crossing the boundary line
- Falling Down
- Attacking After Kal-Yeo
- Attacking Fallen Opponent

Invalidation of Technical Points



Guideline for the Review Jury

Special Cases

Coach can request 2 actions within 5 seconds, even if they are not connected

- 1) Adding or removing 2 technical points/removing Gam Jeom
- 2) Gam Jeom for opponent (Limited to 4 Gam-Jeoms cases)
 - Crossing the boundary line
 - Falling Down
 - Attack after Kal-yeo
 - Attack the fallen opponent



Guideline for the Review Jury

Special Cases – By CR/Coach/Judge

IVR for Head kick (by CR), Technical Points (by Coach/Judge) (Body/Head)

Review Jury checks the video and see a clear prohibited act
(limited to 4 specified Gam-Jeom)

Crossing the
boundary line

Falling Down

Attack after Kal-
Yeo

Attack fallen
Opponent



Review Jury will advise the CR to reject the request.



This presentation represents the situation as of June 2026. It is possible that the WT' interpretations may evolve in the coming months. If so, you will be notified as soon as possible.

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THANK YOU