

2010 Refereeing Rule Adjustments

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Leg Grabbing Throws (*Ashi Dori Waza*)

All direct (initial) attacks (or blocking) with one or two hands or with one or two arms below the belt are not allowed.

First attack — *Hansoku make* (only that contest)

Throws like *Kata ashi dori*, *Kata guruma*, *Ku chiki taoshi*, *Kibisu gaeshi*, *Morote gari*, and *Sukui nage*, just to name a few are no longer allowed as initial attacks.



Leg grabbing throws (*Ashi dori waza*) are allowed as the Kaeshi waza (countering technique(s)), as long as the action is continuous.

Without body contact the grip of leg(s) is prohibited.



Leg grabbing throws (*Ashi dori waza*) are allowed as the second or follow up attack(s) in *Renraku waza* (Combination techniques). The action must be continuous.



Exception

Grabbing of the leg is authorized when the opponent is in the position of a cross over back grip. (two hands same side.)

In a normal Kumi-Kata position to escape by **ducking (passing)** the head under the opponent's arm, placing them in the cross over back grip and then gripping the leg is prohibited. *Hansoku make-white.*



If one contestant attacks with *Ashi dori waza* and the other contestant counters for a score, the score should be given. If the score is Ippon, there is no need for the penalty. If the score for the counter is *Yuko* or *Waza-ari*, stop the contest at an appropriate time, consult with the judges then, if the team agrees there was *Ashi dori waza*, administer *Hansoku make*.

The referee gesture will be an arm sweeping motion in front and then to you. This simulates the leg grabbing arm motion when doing *Kata ashi dori* or *Ku chiki taoshi*.

Golden Score Rule Change

When the initial contest ends and the scores and penalties are even, all scores and penalties on the scoreboard for the initial contest will remain on the scoreboard for the Golden Score Contest. (Only the contest time is reset).

If at the end of the Golden Score contest, the scoreboard is even, the decision as to which contestant should win must be based on the *Kinsa* (Advantage) each player has accumulated during the Initial Contest **and** the Golden Score Contest.

In any case of extremely defensive position, the referee must penalize either or both contestant(s) with the appropriate penalty. (Reiteration)
Any action against the spirit of Judo can be punished by a direct *Hansoku Make* at any time of the contest. (Reiteration)
Contests will be conducted with one referee and two judges.(Reiteration)