



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

CLARIFICATION OF ARTICLE 6 PARAGRAPH 3b

SANBON is awarded for Jodan Kicks and:

b) Any scoring technique delivered on a thrown or fallen opponent.

The first thing to understand is that the Rule itself takes priority and that Explanations are an attempt to clarify or explain. There is no need to start looking for hidden meanings or inventing complicated situations. In Article 6 the Explanation in Paragraph II states:

"When a contestant is thrown according to the rules, slips, falls, or is otherwise off their feet and is scored upon by the opponent the score will be Sanbon." The phrase *"otherwise off their feet"* seems to have been seized upon by some as having some special significance which alters the intention of the Rule itself. That is not so. A thrown or fallen opponent means that they are down on the tatami. It does not mean jumping up in the air, standing on one leg, or performing a jump kick.

However to be sure that everyone understands, Explanation II in Article 6 is deleted and replaced with:

"When a contestant is thrown or falls and is scored upon when their torso is on the tatami the score will be Sanbon."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tommy Morris', with a horizontal line underneath.

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