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Introduction:

This rulebook replaces all previously issued rules and contains the official WMAC amateur competition rules. These rules are valid for all members. However, local requirements and circumstances may be taken into consideration if necessary. The official language of the IRC is English. These rules may be translated into other languages by the IRC. However, in case of discrepancies, only the official English version shall prevail. This rulebook may not be copied, published or distributed without specific written permission from the WMAC or the IRC. This includes electronic, digital, physical and all other forms of reproduction. This rulebook can be downloaded free of charge as a PDF from the official WMAC website.

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Dear reader,

We are very pleased to release version 4.6 of our World Martial Arts Committee Rules and Guidelines. This is definitely the most comprehensive set of rules for tournaments available today and we are proud to publish it for your use. This has been made possible entirely through the hard work and dedication of individuals from around the world. We would like to thank everyone for their contribution to this comprehensive rulebook.

All of these rules and guidelines contained in this document are applicable to WMAC sanctioned events. In this case, they may not be deviated from except in exceptional circumstances and then only with the written permission of the IRC in conjunction with the Chief Referee (Supervisor) of the respective event. The instructions and decisions of the IRC with regard to these rules are decisive and binding. In the event of complaints/protests, his decision is decisive and final!

This rulebook can also be used for non-sanctioned events. In this case, the organiser of the event must include the following statement in writing in the announcement: "This event is organised in accordance with the official WMAC rules and regulations".

The World Martial Arts Committee is constantly endeavouring to develop further. We are constantly working on the expansion of our rules and regulations and their dissemination at events and tournaments. This set of rules should be checked before the events in order to discuss and incorporate any changes with us.

With best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harald Folladori'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Harald Folladori
WMAC World President

PART 4 - Kickboxing

ARTICLE 24. GENERAL RULES KICKBOXING

24.1 Classes:

24.1.1 **Gender** - Each class is divided into male and female.

24.1.2 **Age groups** - from 7 to over 45 years:

(Full contact disciplines start from the age of 15 and end at the age of 55).

Description of	Age groups
Children	U13
Juniors	U15
Cadets	U18
Adults	+18
Veterans	+ 35
Master	+ 45

24.1.3 **Class division** - Due to the many differences in martial arts styles, the colour of the belt (Japanese Kyu ranking or other grading) cannot apply to all.

The following guidance will serve as the **basis for** determining the appropriate classification of an athlete. Years of experience will be the common factor in determining an athlete's eligibility in an event.

Description of the	Martial arts experience in years	WMAC belt
Beginners	1 to 3 years	Yellow - Blue
Advanced	More than 3 years	Red, Brown
Black belt	different	Black

24.1.4 **Weight classes** - Weight classes are divided into the specific classes see overview. (see Article 14 - General Rules)

24.2 Weighing

24.2.1 Each athlete will be weighed at registration before the competition (U13 tolerance 1kg, rest 0 tolerance)

24.2.2 The participant must present a valid sports passport/passport or identity card and show it at registration and at the weigh-in.

24.2.3 The weighing of the participants will be carried out by the registration office in cooperation with the organising team (scribes & helpers) and under the supervision of the WMAC event organisation team.

24.2.4 Athletes must be weighed at the time of the official weigh-in. The weighing of the competitors must be completed within the specified time. Athletes may weigh-in without clothing or wearing only their underwear (ATTENTION: gender-specific weigh-in with visual protection)

24.2.5 Participants may (FREELY) bring their equipment to the weigh-in. Their equipment will be inspected. If it does not meet WMAC standards, the athlete must obtain appropriate WMAC approved equipment by the start of the match.

24.2.6 Weighing will start at the lower weight categories. A fighter whose weight does not meet the requirements of the category and cannot correct the weight within a time limit (end of weigh-in) of the weigh-in will be excluded from the tournament or will be placed in the next higher category.

24.3 Awarding of points - The awarding of points is explained in the specific classes (25.16).

ARTICLE 25. LIGHT CONTACT KICKBOXING (LC)

25.1 Description of this discipline - Light contact kickboxing is a controlled contact sport - light contact means the maximum blow would only touch the surface of the clothing & skin or the protective equipment - without injury to the opponent and without a permitted KO (mat sport)

25.2 Class divisions:

Men/ Women	U13	-25kg, -30kg, -35kg, -40kg, -45kg, -50kg, +50kg
Men	U15	-40kg, -45kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -65kg, -70kg, +70kg
Women	U15	-40kg, -45kg, -50kg, -60kg, -65kg, +65kg

Men	U18	-50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -65kg, -70kg, -75kg, -80kg, +80kg
Women	U18	-50kg, -60kg, -65kg, -70kg, +70kg

Men	+18	-60 kg, -65 kg, -70 kg, -75 kg, -80 kg, -85 kg, -90 kg, +90kg
Women	+18	-50 kg, -55 kg, -60 kg, -65 kg, -70 kg, +70 kg

Men	Veterans/ Masters	-75 kg, -80 kg, -85 kg, -85kg
Women	Veterans/ Masters	-60 kg, -65 kg, -70 kg, +70kg

Weight classes may be combined at the discretion of the supervisor with the approval of the WMAC. (see article 2.3)

25.2.3 Team Categories Team Fight (TN) & Tag Team (TT):

25.2.3.1 Age - under 13 years, under 15 years, under 18 years, adults, veterans, masters

25.2.3.2 Gender - male teams and female teams or mixed teams

25.2.3.3 Weight classes - There is no subdivision.

25.2.3.4 Number of participants - 3 persons, mixed teams 3+1 person

25.2.3.5 Scoring - Team Fight:

Each member of the team must fight a member of the other team and the team with the most points will be declared the winning team. In the event of a tie, one member of each team will compete in a deciding fight. The victory of this match will be used as the basis to declare the winning team.

Scoring - Tag Team:

In a round, each team member can be substituted a maximum of once by means of a glove slap after a fight interruption.

25.2.3.6 Rules - According to the rules of light contact kickboxing, time per round = 1 min

25.3 Uniform - Competitors must wear suitable martial arts/kickboxing trousers with a top or T-shirt. Athletes are not required to wear a belt during the match unless they are wearing a traditional karate suit.

Competitors are not permitted to wear costumes/theatre dresses, masks or other items that are not in accordance with the practice of kickboxing. Competitors with long hair must use a simple hair tie. Glasses are NOT permitted.

25.4 Performance area - Fighting takes place on a mat area of 6 by 6 metres or in the ring from U18 (see Article 3.3).

25.5 Entering & Exiting the Competition Area - Athletes will be shown where they enter the competition area and may only do so at this point (RED or BLUE corner)

Before the BATTLE begins, the head judge will check that all judges and table crew are ready. He will also check the area for any dirt or obstacles.

The judges check the athletes' protective equipment so that the fighters are ready. They should now move to the starting position in the centre of the MRC.

Before the start of each round, the participants will return to the starting point in the centre.

When the match is over and the winner has been announced, they bow first to each other and then to the judges, who reciprocate. The athletes then go to the opposing coach and bow in thanks. They return the greeting. Finally, the athletes leave the area at the point where they entered it.

25.6 Main & Judges - The competition will be conducted by a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 judges and 1 main judge in "fight through" mode. The judges placed at the corners count the points seen. The fight itself is directed by a main referee who moves around the area with the fighters. He is responsible for ensuring that the rules are adhered to.

His main responsibility is the safety of the athletes.

25.7 Protective equipment:

25.7.1 Men - head protection that also protects the upper area, mouth guard, 10oz gloves, groin protection, shin protection, foot protection (kickboxing shoes permitted). U13 athletes may wear 8oz gloves and an additional face guard (only allowed with perspex - must be shown to the MRef before the fight).

25.7.2 Women - head protection that also protects the upper area, mouth protection, 10oz gloves, chest protection, shin protection, foot protection, groin protection (kickboxing shoes permitted). U13 may also use 8oz gloves as well as a face guard (only plexiglass allowed - must be shown to the referee before the start of the fight). ATTENTION Chest protection recommended in all classes but only mandatory from visible chest attachment!

visual protection (only allowed with plexiglass - must be shown to the MRef before the fight).

25.8 Athlete safety - It is the main responsibility of the Referee to ensure the safety of the athletes. He is obliged to carry out the doctor's instructions in the event of injuries and, if necessary, to stop the fighters from continuing to fight.

25.9 Competition time - 120 seconds (2 minutes) per round.

25.10 Number of rounds - 2 rounds until the final and also 2 rounds in the final, except U13/U15 = only one round.

25.11 Time-out - Only the Referee has the right to stop a bout once it has started. He must always call a time-out if there has been a violation of the rules. The bout is stopped until the Referee gives the order to continue. He may stop the bout at the request of one of the judges, the coaches, the competitors or another official. The Referee alone decides on time-outs and does not have to be forced to do so from outside. (EXCEPTIONS Doctor & Supervisor)

If the competitor does not enter the competition area with the required complete safety equipment, he/she will be given one minute to get fully equipped. After this, minus points will be awarded at a rate of one minus point per minute until the competitor is disqualified. This rule also applies to unannounced ABSENCE from the fight. After the 3rd call by means of the SPEAKER, the time is also stopped and the regulation comes into force. Exception = announced late arrival e.g. double start on another area. In this case, the Referee may bring forward a complete bout to give the athlete time to get ready.

25.12 Permitted hit areas - front of head and face, sides of head, front and side of body, foot sweep at foot guard height = outside or inside of foot.

25.13 Not allowed hit areas - back of head, top of head, neck, nape, back, everything below the belt. Except outside & inside foot.

25.14 Legal techniques:

25.14.1 Hand - straight fist techniques, hooks, uppercuts

25.14.2 Legs - forward kick, round kick, side kick, backward kick, hook kick, diagonal kick, axe kick, spinning kicks, jumping kicks, jumping spinning kicks, foot sweeps

25.15 Prohibited techniques - blind punching, spinning back fist, front fist, elbow, knee, hand edge, palm edge, fingertips, scratching, ball of the hand, choke, clinch, 360° foot sweep and any other technique that may be deemed dangerous by the Referee.

25.16 Scoring:

Victory is awarded when the majority of the three judges award in a corner. The main referee calls "JUDGES - SCORE". Then all judges score by hand signals to the respective corner of the winner. They stand with their backs to the judges' table. ATTENTION A count in light contact is only permitted due to a massive lack of fitness, but not due to too hard contact.

The Referee may also co-score in the centre - this is legitimate but should remain the exception. If all 3 side judges are available, the Referee may NOT score. ONLY 3 judges are allowed to score.

A hit occurs when a legal technique reaches a legal target area and the athlete controls and observes the technique.

Scoring: ATTENTION all referees except the HKR must count their scores with a "clicker". NO scoring protocols in mat sports!

any technique	1 point
Kick to the mid	1 point
jumped kick to the body	2 points
Kick to the head	2 points
Jump kick to the head	3 points

- Techniques must be executed in a controlled manner, with non-injurious force.
 - Clear and clean techniques are scored, but no wiping techniques or pushed fist techniques.
 - Athletes cannot receive a warning and a point for a technique at the same time.
 - Athletes can't score if the technique hits in the fall.
 - Athletes cannot receive points for techniques that are performed from the ground. (No wheels, capoeira kicks, etc.)
- Only the soles of the feet may touch the ground during the fight.

25.17 Warnings and disqualification - Warnings are issued:

1. if the contact is too hard
2. for blind techniques
3. when a technique poses a danger to the opponent or oneself
4. when illegal techniques are used
5. for unsportsmanlike behaviour
6. when speaking during the fight
7. not being able to defend yourself
8. trying to avoid the fight
9. when the back is turned
10. deliberately touching the ground with your hands for the purpose of an unauthorised technique
11. deliberately leaving the fighting area
12. The Referee, in consultation with the Judges, may prevent an athlete from continuing at any time if the athlete appears to be unfit or unable to defend himself or poses a danger to himself or others (RSC or disqualification)
13. Any other technique that the HKR and SKR deem unqualified or dangerous warrants a warning.

25.17.1 Warnings are given as follows:

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| 1st | official warning (NO PENALTY = ATTENTION!) |
| 2nd | official warning & 1 point minus (= 5 hits FOR the opponent / clicker) |
| 3rd | official warning & 1 point minus (= 5 hits FOR the opponent / clicker) |
| 4. | official warning & disqualification |

Depending on the nature of the offence, the Referee, in consultation with the Judges and the Event Supervisor, may disqualify for the first UNSPORTABLE INFRINGEMENT.

25.18. If the competitor is unable to continue due to an authorised hit that results in an injury, the bout is automatically considered lost for the injured party. Medical time is permitted for a maximum of one round = 2 minutes. However, if the injury is caused by an infringement of the rules or deliberate contact that is too hard, the perpetrator must be penalised (e.g. minus point or disqualification). In this case, BOTH are eliminated from the competition.

ARTICLE 26. LIGHT CONTACT WITH LOW-KICK = KICK-LIGHT (KL)

26.1 Description of this discipline - Light contact kickboxing with low kick is a controlled contact sport. Light contact means that the maximum blow would only touch the surface of the clothing/skin or the protective equipment without causing injury to the opponent. There is no permissible KO in this discipline (mat sport).

26.2 Class divisions:

Men/ Women	U13	-25kg, -30kg, -35kg, -40kg, -45kg, -50kg, +50kg
Men	U15	-40kg, -45kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -65kg, -70kg, +70kg
Women	U15	-40kg, -45kg, -50kg, -60kg, -65kg, +65kg

Men	U18	-50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -65kg, -70kg, -75kg, -80kg, +80kg
Women	U18	-50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -65kg, -70kg, +70kg

Men	+18	-60 kg, -65 kg, -70 kg, -75 kg, -80 kg, -85 kg, -90 kg, +90kg
Women	+18	-50 kg, -55 kg, -60 kg, -65 kg, -70 kg, +70 kg

Men	Veterans/ Masters	-75 kg, -80 kg, -85 kg, +85kg
Women	Veterans/ Masters	-60 kg, -65 kg, -70 kg, +70kg

Weight classes may be combined at the discretion of the supervisor with the approval of the WMAC. (see article 2.3)

26.3 Uniform - Competitors must wear suitable martial arts/kickboxing shorts with a top or T-shirt. Athletes are not required to wear a belt during the fight.

Competitors are not permitted to wear costumes/theatre dresses, masks or other items that are not in accordance with the practice of kickboxing. Competitors with long hair must use a simple hair tie. Eyeglasses are NOT permitted. Contact lenses are allowed.

26.4 Performance area - Fighting takes place on a mat area of 6 by 6 metres or in a boxing ring from U18 (see Article 3.3).

26.5 Entering & Exiting the Competition Area - Entering & Exiting the Competition Area - Athletes will be shown where they enter the competition area and may only do so at this point (RED or BLUE corner).

Before the BATTLE begins, the head judge will check that all judges and table crew are ready. He will also check the area for any dirt and obstacles.

The judges check the athletes' protective equipment so that the fighters are ready. They should now move to the starting position in the centre of the MRC.

Before the start of each round, the participants will return to the starting point in the centre.

When the match is over and the winner has been announced, they bow first to each other and then to the judges, who reciprocate. The athletes then go to the opposing coach and bow in thanks. They return the greeting. Finally, the athletes leave the area at the point where they entered it.

26.6 Main & Judges - The competition is conducted by a minimum of 2 to a maximum of 3 judges in "fight through" mode. The judges placed at the corners or sides of the ring count the points seen. The fight itself is conducted by a main referee who moves around the area with the fighters. He is responsible for ensuring that the rules are adhered to. **His main responsibility is the safety of the athletes.**

26.7 Protective equipment:

26.7.1 Men - head protection that also protects the upper area, mouth protection, 10oz gloves, groin protection, shin protection, foot protection (kickboxing shoes permitted). U13 may also use 8oz gloves and a face guard (only plexiglass allowed - must be shown to the Referee before the start of the fight).

26.7.2 Women - head protection that also protects the upper area, mouth protection, 10oz gloves, chest protection, shin protection, foot protection, groin protection (kickboxing shoes permitted). U13 may also use 8oz gloves as well as a face guard (only plexiglass allowed - must be shown to the referee before the start of the fight). ATTENTION Chest protection recommended in all classes but only mandatory from visible chest attachment!

26.8 Safety of athletes - It is the main responsibility of the Referee to ensure the safety of opponents. In the event of injury, he is obliged to follow the instructions of the medical staff and, if necessary, not to allow athletes to continue competing. The doctor may only treat on the FIELD in an EMERGENCY, otherwise only diagnose whether the athlete can/may continue to fight. There is a medical time for this = max. 2 minutes.

26.9 Competition time - 120 seconds (2 minutes) per round.

26.10 Number of rounds - 2 rounds until the final and also 2 rounds in the final, except U13/U15 = only one round.

26.11 Time-out - Only the Referee has the right to stop a bout once it has started. He must always call a time-out if there has been a violation of the rules. The bout is stopped until the Referee gives the order to continue. He may stop the bout at the request of the judges, coaches, competitors or another official. The Referee alone decides on time-outs and does not have to be forced to do so from outside. (EXCEPT doctor & supervisor)

If the competitor does not enter the competition area with the required complete safety equipment, they will be given one minute to get fully equipped. After that, a minus point is added per minute up to disqualification. This rule also applies to unannounced absences from the bout after the 3rd call by loudspeaker.

26.12 Permitted hit areas - front of head and face, sides of head, front and side of body, inside/outside ankle for foot sweep at foot guard height, inside/outside thigh.

26.13 Not allowed hit areas - back of head, top of head, neck, nape, back, everything below the belt - except ankles & thighs.

26.14 Legal techniques:

26.14.1 Hand - straight fist techniques, hooks, uppercuts.

26.14.2 Legs - forward kick, round kick, side kick, backward kick, hook kick, diagonal kick, axe kick, spinning kicks, jump kicks, jumping spinning kicks, foot sweep, low kick.

26.15 Prohibited techniques - blind punch, spinning backfist, front fist, elbow, knee, hand edge, palm edge, fingertip, scratch, ball of the hand, choke, clinch, 360° foot sweep and any other technique that may be deemed dangerous by the Referee.

26.16 Scoring:

The point is awarded when the majority of the three judges award a corner. The main referee calls: "JUDGES- SCORE!" - Then all judges score by signalling to the respective corner. They turn their backs to the main referee table. A count in this discipline is only possible due to a massive lack of fitness, but not due to excessive impact.

The Referee may also score in the centre if 3 judges are not available, but this is an EXCEPTION and should not be the rule. The scoring is done identically to the SKR by a simultaneous show of hands.

A hit occurs when a legal technique reaches a legal target area and the athlete controls and observes the technique.

Scoring: all points must be scored using the "clicker". NO scoring protocols are used (mat sport)

any technique	1point
Kick to the body	1point
Kick to the thigh	1point
jumped kick to the body	2points
Kick to the head	2points
Jump kick to the head	3points

- Techniques must be executed in a controlled manner without causing injury.
- Clear and clean techniques are scored, but no wiping techniques or pushed techniques.
- Fist techniques.
- Athletes cannot receive a warning and a point for a technique at the same time.
- Athletes cannot score points if the technique hits in the fall.
- Athletes cannot receive points for techniques performed from the floor. (No wheels, kicks from the roll etc.) Only the soles of the feet may touch the fighting surface.

26.17 Warnings and disqualification - Warnings are issued:

1. if the contact is too hard
2. for blind techniques
3. when a technique poses a danger to the opponent or oneself
4. when illegal techniques are used
5. for unsportsmanlike behaviour
6. when speaking during the fight
7. not being able to defend yourself
8. trying to avoid the fight
9. when the back is turned
10. deliberately touching the ground with your hands for the purpose of an unauthorised technique
11. deliberately leaving the fighting area

12. The Referee, in consultation with the Judges, may remove an athlete from the competition at any time if the athlete appears to be unfit or unable to defend him/herself or poses a danger to him/herself or others. (RSC or disqualification)
13. Any other technique that the HKR and SKR deem unqualified or dangerous warrants a warning.

26.17.1 Warnings are given as follows:

1. Official warning (NO PENALTY = ATTENTION)
2. Official warning & 1 point minus (= 5 hits FOR the opponent / clicker)
3. Official warning & 1 point minus (= 5 hits FOR the opponent / clicker)
4. Official warning & disqualification

Depending on the nature of the offence, the Referee may disqualify for the FIRST INFRINGEMENT.

26.18. If the competitor is unable to continue due to an authorised hit that results in an injury, the bout is automatically considered lost for the injured party. Medical time is permitted for a maximum of one round = 2 minutes. However, if the injury is caused by an infringement of the rules or deliberate contact that is too hard, the perpetrator must be penalised (e.g. minus point or disqualification). In this case, BOTH are eliminated from the competition.

ARTICLE 27. SEMI-CONTACT KICKBOXING = POINTFIGHT (PF)

27.1 Description - Semi-contact Kickboxing is a controlled contact sport in which kicks are made with semi-contact. Semi-contact means that the technique would be effective if executed effectively and regularly. However, in this version, the technique may only hit the body and head with light contact. The clothing and skin are therefore hit in a controlled manner without causing injury. Unauthorised contact that is too hard and a KO are not permitted (mat sport).

Weight classes:

Men/ Women	U13	-25kg, -30kg, -35kg, -40kg, -45kg, -50kg, +50kg
Men	U15	-40kg, -45kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -65kg, -70kg, +70kg
Women	U15	-40kg, -45kg, -50kg, -60kg, -65kg, +65kg

Men	U18	-50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -65kg, -70kg, -75kg, -80kg, +80kg
Women	U18	-50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -65kg, -70kg, +70kg

Men	+18	-60 kg, -65 kg, -70 kg, -75 kg, -80 kg, -85 kg, -90 kg, +90kg
Women	+18	-50 kg, -55 kg, -60 kg, -65 kg, -70 kg, +70 kg

Men	Veterans/ Masters	-75 kg, -80 kg, -85 kg, +85kg
Women	Veterans/ Masters	-60 kg, -65 kg, -70 kg, +70kg

27.2.1 Team categories:

27.2.1.1 Age - under 13 years, under 15 years, under 18 years, 18 years and over

27.2.1.2 Gender - men's teams and women's teams and mixed teams

27.2.1.3 Weight classes - There is no subdivision.

27.2.1.4 Number of participants - 3 persons / mixed team 3 + 1 person

27.2.1.5 Scoring

Team

Fight:

Each member of the team must fight a member of the other team and the team with the most points will be declared the winning team. In the event of a tie, one member of each team will compete in a deciding bout. The victory of this match will be used as the basis to declare the winning team. In tag team scoring, each team member may change gloves a maximum of two times per round.

27.2.1.6 Rules - According to rules semi-contact kickboxing / time per round = 1min

27.3 Uniform - Competitors must wear suitable martial arts/kickboxing trousers with a top or T-shirt. Athletes are not required to wear a belt during the bout unless they are wearing a traditional karate suit. Competitors are not permitted to wear costumes/theatre dresses, masks or other items that are not in accordance with the practice of kickboxing. Competitors with long hair must use a simple hair tie. Glasses are NOT permitted. The Referee may assign a coloured belt to a competitor by means of demarcation / differentiation of the fighters.

27.4 Performance area - Fighting takes place on a mat area of 6 by 6 metres (see Article 3.3).

27.5 Entering & Exiting the Competition Area - Athletes will be shown where they enter the competition area and may only do so at this point (RED or BLUE corner)

Before the BATTLE begins, the head judge will check that all judges and table crew are ready. He will also check the area for any dirt and obstacles.

The judges check the athletes' protective equipment so that the fighters are ready. They should now move to the starting position in the centre of the MRC.

Before the start of each round, the participants will return to the starting point in the centre.

When the match is over and the winner has been announced, they bow first to each other and then to the judges, who reciprocate. The athletes then go to the opposing coach and bow in thanks. They return the greeting. Finally, the athletes leave the area at the point where they entered it.

27.6 Main & Judges - The competition is conducted by 2 judges (SKR) and one main judge (HKR) in "point stop" mode. The Referee moving on the competition area or the Judges placed at the front corners indicate the recognised points immediately by pointing with their fingers without any time delay. The point to the starting point - the respective corner of the fighter - is displayed. Depending on the hit, 1, 2 or 3 fingers are used and clearly displayed above the referee's shoulder height. The fight itself is controlled by a main referee who moves with the fighters in the area and 2 judges who move independently on the sidelines. The Referee is responsible for ensuring that the rules are followed and the points are awarded. **His main responsibility is the safety of the athletes.**

27.7 Protective equipment:

27.7.1 Men - head protection that also protects the upper area, mouth guard, 10oz gloves/open hands, groin guard, shin guard, foot protection (kickboxing shoes permitted). U13 athletes may wear 8oz gloves and an additional face guard (plexiglass only - must be shown to the MRef before the fight).

27.7.2 Women - head protection that also protects the upper area, mouth guard, 10oz gloves or open hands (closed fingertips), chest protection, groin protection, shin protection, foot protection (kickboxing shoes permitted). U13 athletes are allowed to wear 8oz gloves and an additional face shield (plexiglass only - must be shown to the MRef before the fight). ATTENTION: Chest protection is recommended in all age groups but becomes mandatory if the chest is recognisable.

27.8 Safety of athletes - It is the main responsibility of the Referee to ensure the safety of opponents. He is obliged to follow the instructions of the medical staff in the event of injuries and, if necessary, to stop athletes from continuing to fight. ATTENTION Athletes may only be treated on the competition area in an emergency. The doctor may only give advice within the scope of his work. The medical time = 2 minutes is used for this purpose.

27.9 Competition time:

27.9.1 Round time - 2 minutes. The fight can end prematurely if a fighter has reached 10 points difference prematurely. This rule applies to all international tournaments but NOT to the FINALS!

27.10 Number of rounds - 2 x 2 minutes elimination match and final (except U13/U15 = only one round each).

27.11 Interruptions (time-outs) - Only the Referee has the right to stop a bout once it has started. He/she must always call a time-out if there has been a violation of the rules. The bout is stopped until the referee gives the order to continue. He/she may stop the bout at the request of the judges, coaches, competitors or another official. The Referee alone decides on time-outs and does not have to be forced to do so from outside. (EXCEPT doctor & supervisor)

If the competitor does not enter the competition area with the required complete safety equipment, they will be given one minute to get fully equipped. After that, minus points per minute will be added up to disqualification. This rule also applies to unannounced absence from the bout after the 3rd call by loudspeaker.

27.12 Permitted hit areas - front of head, sides of head, front and side of body, foot sweep at ankle height inside & outside, face, back of head guard (back of head)

27.13 Non-permissible strike areas - top of head - fontanel, neck, nape, back, below the belt - except ankles.

27.14 Legal techniques:

27.14.1 Hand - straight fist techniques, hook, fist back, palm edge

27.14.2 Legs - forward kick, round kick, side kick, backward kick, hook kick, diagonal kick, axe kick, spinning kicks, jump kicks, jumping spinning kicks, foot sweep.

27.15 Prohibited techniques - blind punch, spinning back fist, elbow, knee, outside edge of hand, fingertips, scrapes, ball of the hand, choke, clinch, uppercut, 360 degree foot sweep, low kick and any other technique deemed dangerous by the Referee.

27.16 Scoring: A score is awarded when a legal technique is used to reach a legal scoring area and the athlete controls and observes the technique.

Scoring: all points must be scored using the "clicker".

any technique	1 point
Kick to the body	1 point
jumped kick to the body	2 points
Kick to the head	2 points
Jump kick to the head	3 points

- Techniques must be executed in a controlled manner and must not lead to injuries.
- Clear and clean techniques are scored, but no wiping techniques or pushed techniques. Fist techniques.
- Athletes cannot receive a warning and a point for a technique at the same time.
- Athletes cannot score points if the technique hits in the fall.
- Athletes cannot receive points for techniques performed from the floor. (None Wheels, Capoeira kicks etc.) Only the soles of the feet may touch the ground during the fight.

27.17 Warnings and disqualification - Warnings are issued:

1. if the contact is too hard
2. for blind techniques
3. when a technique poses a danger to the opponent or oneself
4. when illegal techniques are used
5. for unsportsmanlike behaviour
6. when speaking during the fight
7. not being able to defend yourself
8. trying to avoid the fight
9. when the back is turned

10. deliberately touching the ground with your hands for the purpose of an unauthorised technique
11. deliberately leaving the fighting area

12. The Referee may, in consultation with the Judges, remove an athlete from the competition at any time if the athlete appears to be unfit or unable to defend him/herself or poses a danger to him/herself or others. (RSC or disqualification)
13. Any other technique that the HKR and SKR deem unqualified or dangerous warrants a warning.

27.17.1 Warnings are given as follows:

1. Official warning (NO PENALTY = ATTENTION)
2. Official warning & 1 point minus
3. Official warning & 1 point minus
4. Official warning & disqualification

Depending on the nature of the offence, the Referee may disqualify for the first INFRINGEMENT.

27.18.1 If the competitor is unable to continue due to an authorised hit that results in an injury, the bout is automatically considered lost for the injured party. Medical time is permitted for a maximum of one round = 2 minutes. However, if the injury is caused by an infringement of the rules or deliberately too hard contact, the perpetrator must be penalised (e.g. minus point or disqualification). In this case, BOTH are eliminated from the competition.

ARTICLE 28. KICKBOXES according to K1 (K1)

28.1 Description of this discipline - K1 Kickboxing is a controlled FULL CONTACT SPORT - full contact means that the maximum blow may touch the opponent or the protective equipment - injuries are to be avoided, knocking out the opponent is desired and permitted. It is therefore permitted to practise techniques with FULL CONTACT within the framework of the rules (ring sport).

28.2 Class divisions:

ATTENTION MINIMUM AGE 15 years and confirmation of legal guardian

Men	U18	-50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -65kg, -70kg, -75k, -80kg, +80kg
Women	U18	-50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -65kg, -70kg, +70kg

Men	+18	-60 kg, -65 kg, -70 kg, -75 kg, -80 kg, -85 kg, -90 kg, +90kg
Women	+18	-50 kg, -55 kg, -60 kg, -65 kg, -70 kg, +70 kg

Men	Veterans/ Masters	-75 kg, -80 kg, -85 kg, +85kg
Women	Veterans/ Masters	-60 kg, -65 kg, -70 kg, +70kg

Weight classes may be combined at the discretion of the supervisor with the approval of the WMAC. However, it is important to note that in RINGSPORT there should be no weight differences of more than 10kg outside the highest weight class (see Article 2.3).

28.3 Uniform - Competitors must wear suitable martial arts/kickboxing shorts (leggings are permitted - but NO compression shorts with inserts) with a top (women), men must wear a topless uniform. It is NOT permitted to wear a belt. Competitors are not permitted to wear costumes/theatre dresses, masks or other items that are not in accordance with the practice of kickboxing. Competitors with long hair must use a simple hair tie. Glasses are NOT permitted.

28.4 Performance area - Fighting takes place in a boxing ring or similar (octagon etc.) measuring at least 6 by 6 metres (see Article 3.3)

28.5 Entering & leaving the competition area - athletes will be shown / announced where they enter the ring (coloured corners) and may only do so at this point.

Before the bout begins, the referee will check that all judges and table crew are ready. He will also check the area for any dirt or obstacles.

If everything is to his satisfaction, he holds up his hand to show that the fighters can start as soon as they are ready. They should now move to the starting position.

Before the start of each round, the participants will bow to each other or touch their gloves.

When the fight is over and the winner has been announced, the fighters say goodbye to each other in a sporting manner. The athletes then go to the opposing coach and bow their thanks. They return the greeting. Finally, the athletes leave the area where they entered it.

28.6 Starting and ending a fight:

ONLY THE RING RICHTER (RR) CAN "START" AND "END" THE FIGHT.

The ringside doctor may look at a fighter at the request of the referee (RR) or on his own initiative, but ONLY from the outside of the ring ropes, if possible ONLY in the NEUTRAL = white corner. He then decides whether the fighter can or may continue fighting. He is not allowed to treat the fighter (except if his life is in danger) but only to advise and diagnose. The maximum time for this is 2 minutes medical time. However, this is ONLY necessary in absolutely exceptional situations as treatment may NOT take place Example = low blow. However, ONLY the referee stops the fight. (in this case DOD DOCTOR DECISION)

The coach can signal to the referee by throwing a towel or sponge that the fighter wants/should end the fight. However, again ONLY the RR can end the fight. (In this case SUR = SURRENDER)

The fighter himself can signal to the referee that he wants to end the fight by raising his arm or verbally (speaking). However, again ONLY the RR may end the fight. (Also SUR)

The round signal (gong, bell or other signal) ONLY signals the end of the round time, it does NOT automatically end the match or a respective countdown. The end of the match is again ONLY signalled by the RR.

28.6.1 Ending the fight:

No coach or other person may enter the ring before the RR has finished and released the match, e.g. by clearly crossing his hands over his head in the event of a cancellation.

If a coach or any other person enters the ring before the referee has finished, the referee will stop the match:

- a.) the fight must be ended immediately by the RR.
- b.) the fighter of the corner from which people enter the ring early, either with 1 MINUS or be penalised with DISQUALIFICATION. The decision regarding the amount of the penalty is the responsibility of the Referee after consultation with the supervisor.
- c.) If it is the doctor, the fight must be stopped immediately, as immediate intervention by the doctor is probably necessary.

28.6.2 Rules during a match:

- a.) ONLY 3 people may be in the ring during a match.
 - 1 fighter from the red corner
 - 1 fighter from the blue corner
 - 1 referee
- b.) During the break between rounds, 5 people may legally stay in the ring.
 - Exceptions = ring speakers or persons authorised by the RR / supervisor (ring girls)
 - 1 fighter and 1 coach in the red corner (the 2nd coach or cutmen may only support from the outside)
 - 1 fighter and 1 coach in the blue corner (the 2nd coach or cutmen may only support from the outside)
 - 1 referee

28.7 Main & judges - The competition is judged by 3 judges (SCR) in the "fight through" mode. The judges placed at the tables count the points seen. The fight itself is conducted by a referee (RR) who moves with the fighters on the RING/FIGHTING AREA. He is responsible for ensuring that the rules are observed. The main referee or supervisor also sits at the judges' table and analyses the score sheets of the 3 referees. The Referee or SUPERVISOR can also act as the 3rd referee and also score. **The main responsibility of the referee teams lies in the safety of the athletes.**

28.8 Protective equipment:

28.8.1 Men - Head protection that also protects the upper area, mouth guard, 10oz gloves, groin guard, shin and instep protection.

28.8.2 Women - Head protection that also protects the upper area, mouth protection, 10oz gloves, chest protection, shin and instep protection and groin protection.

28.9 Athlete safety - It is the main responsibility of the Referee to ensure the safety of the athletes. In the event of injury, the medical staff must always be consulted to determine whether the athletes can or cannot continue to compete. ATTENTION Bandages - it is not permitted to tape the ankles in the amateur area. Only commercially available bandages may be used. Exceptions = CUTMEN on site who look after all athletes.

28.10 Competition time - 120 seconds (2 minutes) per round.

28.11 Number of rounds - 2 rounds until the final and 3 rounds in the final.

28.12 Time-out - Only the referee has the right to stop a match once it has started. He/she must always call a time-out if there has been a violation of the rules. The fight is stopped until the referee gives the order to continue. He/she may stop the bout at the request of the judges, coaches, competitors or another official. The referee alone decides on time-outs and does not have to be forced to do so from outside. (EXCEPT doctor & supervisor)

If the competitor does not enter the competition area with the required complete safety equipment, they will be given one minute to get fully equipped. After this time, minus points will be added per minute up to disqualification. This rule also applies to unannounced absences from the bout after the 3rd announcement by loudspeaker.

28.13 Permitted hit areas - front of head and face, sides of head, front and side of body, inside and outside of ankles & thighs.

28.14 Non-permissible hit areas - back of head, top of head - fontanel, neck, nape, back, below the belt line excluded - see permitted hit areas.

28.15 Legal techniques:

28.15.1 Hand - straight fist techniques, hooks, uppercuts, spinning backfists, active clinching up to 3 seconds followed by max. 1 technique are permitted.

28.15.2 Legs - Forward kick, round kick, side kick, back kick, hook kick, diagonal kick, axe kick, spinning kicks, jumping kicks, jumping spinning kicks, foot sweep, low kick, knee to body, holding the foot with a follow-up technique (1-2 seconds) are permitted.

28.16 Prohibited techniques - knees to the head or thigh, blind strikes, front fists, elbows, hand edges, fingertips, scrapes, ball of the hand, chokes, 360° foot sweeps and any other technique that can be categorised as dangerous by the referee. No ground contact with any part of the body other than the feet is allowed!

28.17 Scoring:

The fight is scored according to the 10:9 method using a "clicker" on a score sheet. Each referee carries all the referee's scores such as W = Warning or C = Counting. The winner of each round receives 10 points, the loser 9 points. If an opponent is very much inferior, the round can also be scored 10:8. Penalty points (for C and W) must be deducted from the result. All round points are then added together and the result compared. The winner is then circled on the score sheet. Each score sheet must be signed and filled out correctly.

If a fighter is counted 3 times/round or 4 times in the entire fight, the fight must be stopped. The referee may stop the fight immediately in the event of serious hits that would endanger health. The referee may only start counting when the opponent is standing in the neutral corner. The count takes place every second. Each fully executed punch that knocks the opponent to the ground or leads to obvious impairments in the defence behaviour must be counted.

The count is from 1-8, then the fight can continue, provided that the person being counted is in a position to do so (gloves in front of the face or at chest height - ready to fight). If the count reaches 10, the fight is over. Please note that the count must be completed even after the gong has sounded. The gong does NOT protect against counting on or off!

However, the RR can also cancel at any time after the first count for valid reasons (imminent danger, health, etc.).

If the fighter is visibly injured in the ring, the RR may allow an assessment by the ring doctor in the neutral corner - but no treatment may take place. During the breaks, the respective cutmen may treat the wounds, but they may NOT provide any medical treatment.

A hit occurs when a legal technique reaches a legal strike area and the athlete controls and observes the technique. In RINGSPORT, only techniques that have been executed with force (regardless of body weight) are to be scored.

Scoring: may only be scored with "clickers" and these results must also be entered under HITS.

any technique		1 point	
Kick	to	body	1point
Knee to body		1point	
jumped kick to the body		2points	
Kick to the head		2points	
Jump kick to the head		3points	

- Techniques must be executed in a controlled manner and may be applied with full force.
- Clear and clean techniques are scored, but no wiping techniques or pushed fist techniques
- Athletes cannot receive a warning for a technique and a point for it at the same time.
- Athletes cannot score points if the technique hits the person falling or lying on the ground.
- Athletes cannot receive points for techniques performed from the floor. (None Wheels Capoeira kicks etc.) Only the soles of the feet touch the floor.

28.18 Warnings and disqualification - Warnings are issued:

1. In the event of unauthorised/illegal contact
2. for blind techniques
3. when a technique poses a danger to the opponent or oneself
4. when illegal techniques are used
5. for unsportsmanlike behaviour
6. when speaking during the fight
7. not being able to defend yourself
8. trying to avoid the fight
9. when the back is turned
10. deliberately touching the ground or the ring ropes with the hands for the purpose of an unauthorised technique
11. deliberately leaving the fighting area
12. The RR may, in consultation with the judges, remove an athlete from the competition at any time if the athlete appears to be unfit or appears to be unable to defend himself or poses a danger to himself or others. (RSC or DIS)
13. Any other technique that HKR deem unqualified or dangerous warrants a warning.

28.18.1 Warnings are given as follows:

1. Official warning (NO PENALTY = ATTENTION)
2. Official warning & 1 point minus
3. Official warning & 1 point minus
4. Official warning & disqualification

Depending on the nature of the offence, the referee may disqualify for an UNSPORTING INFRINGEMENT.

28.18.2 Should the competitor not be allowed to continue the match due to an authorised hit that results in an injury the fight is automatically considered lost for the injured person.
The medical time may not exceed the duration of one lap = 2 minutes! If the injury is caused by an intentional rule violation has been caused, the perpetrator will be penalised - minus points or disqualification.

ARTICLE 29. THAIBOXING (TB) DIFFERENCES from K1

29.1 Description of this discipline - THAIBOXING is a controlled FULL CONTACT RING SPORT - full contact means the maximum punch may touch the opponent or the protective equipment - injuries are to be avoided, the knockout of the opponent is desired and permitted. FULL CONTACT and the permissible KO are desired in this SPORT.

29.8.1 Men - Head protection that also protects the upper area, mouth guard, 10oz gloves, groin guard, shin and instep protection, elbow protection.

29.8.2 Women - Head protection that also protects the upper area, mouth guard, 10oz gloves, chest protection, shin and instep protection, groin guard & elbow protection.

29.13 Permitted hit areas - front of head and face, sides of head, front and side of body, foot sweep at ankle height, inner & outer thigh.

29.14 Non-permitted strike areas - back of the head, top of the head, neck, nape, back, below the belt - except see "Permitted strike areas".

29.15 Legal techniques:

29.15.1 Hand - straight fist techniques, hooks, uppercuts and controlled spinning backfists and elbow strikes to the body - also spinning, clinching is allowed in all variations, inactive clinching is separated.

29.15.2 Legs - Forward kick, round kick, side kick, back kick, hook kick, diagonal kick, axe kick, spinning kicks, jump kicks, jumped spinning kicks, foot sweep, low kick, stop kick, knee to body & thigh. Flat throws allowed, holding the foot with a follow-up technique (1-2 seconds) are allowed.

29.16 Prohibited techniques - blind punching, front fist sweep, hand edge, inside hand edge, fingertips, scratching, ball of the hand, choke, 360° foot sweep, elbow to the head and any other technique that may be deemed dangerous by the Referee.

A hit occurs when a legal technique reaches a legal target area and the athlete controls and observes the technique. The TECHNIQUE must be executed with hard contact and clearly hit the target. Regardless of the weight class of the athletes.

Scoring: additionally in THAIBOXEN

Knee to thigh	1 point
any elbow technique	1 point
Throwing technique	1 point

ARTICLE 30. FULL CONTACT - KICKBOXES (FC) DIFFERENCES from K1

30.1 Description of this discipline - Full contact kickboxing is a controlled FULL CONTACT RING SPORT - full contact means the maximum punch may touch the opponent or the protective equipment - injuries are to be avoided, the knockout of the opponent is desired and allowed. FULL CONTACT and the permissible KO are desired in this SPORT.

30.3 Uniform - Female and male fighters of all age categories shall wear standard LONG KICKBOX PANTS.

The trousers must not have any pockets or zips, cords must be on the inside of the trousers.

Female participants wear a short-cut, sleeveless, close-fitting top made of synthetic fibre or cotton. The chest protector must be worn under the top.

Male participants fight bare-chested.

30.8 Protective equipment:

30.8.1 Men - Head protection that also protects the upper area, mouth guard, 10oz gloves, groin guard, shin and foot protection.

30.8.2 Women - head protection that also protects the upper area, mouth guard, 10oz gloves, groin guard, shin and foot protection and chest protection.

30.13 Permitted strike areas - front of head and face, sides of head, front and side of body, foot sweep at ankle height,

30.14 Not permitted strike areas - back of head, top of head - fontanelle, neck, nape, back, below the belt except ankle height.

30.15 Legal techniques:

30.15.1 Hand - straight fist techniques, hook, uppercut, twisted fist back

30.15.2 Legs - forward kick, round kick, side kick, backward kick, hook kick, diagonal kick, axe kick, spinning kicks, jump kicks, jumping spinning kicks, foot sweep.

30.16 Prohibited techniques - blind punch, front fist, elbow, knee, hand edge, palm edge, fingertip, scratch, palm strike, choke, clinch, 360° foot sweep and any other technique that may be deemed dangerous by the Referee.

ARTICLE 31. LOWKICK (LK) DIFFERENCES from K1

31.1 Description of this discipline - Low Kick is a FULL CONTACT RING SPORT - full contact means that the maximum blow may touch the opponent or the protective equipment - injuries are to be avoided, the knockout of the opponent is desired and permitted. FULL CONTACT and the permissible KO are desired in this SPORT.

31.3 Uniform - Female and male fighters of all age categories shall wear standard Thai or kickboxing trousers made of satin or cotton, ending at least 10 cm above the knee but covering at least half of the thigh.

The trousers must not have any pockets or zips, cords must be on the inside of the trousers.

Female participants wear a short-cut, sleeveless, close-fitting top made of synthetic fibre or cotton. The chest protector must be worn under the top.

Male participants fight bare-chested.

31.8 Protective equipment:

31.8.1 Men - head protection that also protects the upper area, mouth protection, 10oz gloves, groin protection, shin and instep protection

31.8.2 Women - head protection that also protects the upper area, mouth guard, 10oz gloves, chest protection, shin and instep protection, groin protection.

31.13 Permitted hit areas - front of head and face, sides of head, front and side of body, foot sweep at ankle height, inner & outer thigh.

31.14 Non-permitted strike areas - back of the head, top of the head, neck, nape, back, below the belt - except see "Permitted strike areas".

31.15 Legal techniques:

31.15.1 Hand - straight fist techniques, hooks, uppercuts and controlled twisted backfists

31.15.2 Legs - forward kick, round kick, side kick, backward kick, hook kick, diagonal kick, axe kick, spinning kicks, jump kicks, jumping spinning kicks, foot sweep, low kick,

31.16 Prohibited techniques - blind punching, front fist, hand edge, inside hand edge, fingertips, scratching, ball of the hand, choke, 360° foot sweep and any other technique that may be considered dangerous by the Referee.

ARTICLE 32 Oriental Boxing (OB) DIFFERENCES to K1

32.1 Description of this discipline - Oriental Boxing, or OB for short, is a full contact wrestling sport in which no kicks are allowed - it combines classic boxing with elements from full contact kickboxing & K1 to create an extremely attractive combat sport. Full contact means that the maximum punch may touch the opponent or the protective equipment - injuries are to be avoided, knocking out the opponent is desired and permitted.

VARIANTES see programme = Oriental Boxing CLASSIC = ident only with shoes and without foot sweeper

contact = Oriental Boxing LIGHT = identical to Oriental Boxing only with controlled contact / **no**

deliberate knockdown allowed - see Light Contact & Kicklight Rules (Area & Clothing)

32.3 Uniform - Female and male fighters of all age categories shall wear standard satin or cotton boxing or Thai boxing trunks ending at least 10 cm above the knee but covering at least half of the thigh.

The trousers must not have any pockets or zips, cords must be on the inside of the trousers.

Female participants wear a short-cut, sleeveless, close-fitting top made of synthetic fibre or cotton. The chest protector must be worn under the top.

Male participants fight bare-chested.

32.8 Protective equipment:

32.8.1 Men - Head protection, mouth protection, 10oz gloves, groin protection, shin and instep protection recommended! OB Classic trainers allowed.

32.8.2 Women - Head protection, mouth protection, 10oz gloves, chest protection, groin protection, shin and instep protection recommended! OB Classic trainers permitted.

32.13 Permitted strike areas - front of head and face, sides of head, front and side of body, foot sweep at ankle height.

32.14 Non-permitted strike areas - back of the head, top of the head, neck, nape, back, below the belt - except see "Permitted strike areas".

32.15 Legal techniques:

32.15.1 Hand - straight fist techniques, hook, uppercut and controlled twisted backfist, jump-in fist punch.

32.15.2 Legs - all leg techniques are PROHIBITED except foot sweeps inside & outside from the front (NO CIRCLES = 360 degree sweeps) Oriental Classic NO foot sweeps are allowed!

32.16 Prohibited techniques - blind punching, front fist, hand edge, inside hand edge, fingertips, scrapes, palming, clinching, chokes, 360° foot sweeps and any other technique that may be deemed dangerous by the Referee.