

# WORLD MARTIAL ARTS COMMITTEE

**Event Guidelines** 

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## **GENERAL EVENT GUIDELINES OF THE WMAC**





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#### Introduction:

These guidelines replace all previously issued guidelines. These guidelines are valid for all members. However, local requirements and circumstances may be taken into account if necessary. The official language of the IRC is English. These guidelines may be translated into other languages by the IRC. However, in case of discrepancies, only the official English version shall prevail. These guidelines may not be copied, published or distributed without specific written authorisation from WMAC or the IRC. This includes electronic, digital, physical and all other forms of reproduction. These guidelines 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 2.0 of our World Martial Arts Committee Guidelines. We are proud to publish those WMAC guidelines 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 set of rules.

All of the guidelines contained in this document apply 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 finall

These guidelines 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 guidelines".

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



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## **GENERAL EVENT GUIDELINES**

#### **WMAC**

#### Introduction:

All tournaments or sports galas organised by the WMAC or its members are subject to the principle that we act for the WELFARE of the athletes and make every effort to ensure their safety during the competition. The venue must also be organised in accordance with the general event guidelines of the state/province/city/municipality or local authority in which the sporting event is taking place. The event to be organised should leave a lasting positive impression and offer the organiser the opportunity to present themselves to the public.

#### 1. Tournament venue:

The tournament venue must be proportionate to the expected number of participants and spectators. Emergency exits and safety regulations must comply with European standards. Authorisations from the local authorities are mandatory and must be presented without being requested. First aid and fire protection measures must be provided independently.

#### 2. Combat area:

There are 2 types of battlefields:

- A.) Open fighting surfaces (mats, hall floor etc.) Minimum dimensions 6 x 6 to 8 x 8 metres
- **B.)** Closed fighting area (rings, cage etc.) Minimum dimensions 5 x 5 to 6 x 6 metres

All fighting areas require a safety distance of at least 1 metre all around. All structures (lighting equipment, tables or fixed objects) must be located outside this safety zone. Closed fighting areas are an exception. Here, the fixed edge is considered to be the end and therefore the safety zone of 0.5 metres around the perimeter is sufficient.

The organiser must also ensure that sufficient electricity and light sources are available to guarantee the smooth running of the competition.

#### 3. securing the competition area:

The competition area is secured by barriers that can be clearly marked as such (e.g. tapes, floor labelling, etc.). Furthermore, neither an object nor a person may be present in the safety zone described above (risk of injury). With regard to a possible fall out of the fighting area, dangerous areas that lie outside this zone but represent a danger must also be secured separately (attachment of foam, masking, etc.).

#### 4. signposts / labelling:

For better orientation and to avoid unnecessary communication, so-called information signs (at least A4 size) must be attached to mark the IMPORTANT positions of the event.

- 1. INPUT / OUTPUT
- 2. ABWAAGE
- 3. CHANGE OF CLOTHING
- 4. REGISTRATION
- 5. BATTEN AREA 1, 2, ... (required for several areas)

#### 5. minimum local conditions in the hall / hall:

To ensure that the event runs smoothly, the following aspects must be fulfilled:

- Separate changing rooms
- 2. WĊ
- 3. Doctor's room (weighing room)
- 4. Meeting room (coach & referee meetings)
- 5. Referee tables with power connection
- 6. Sufficient chairs for referees / coaches
- 7. Microphone / sound system for music

#### 6. personnel that the organiser must / should provide at the event location :

- a. HALL with hall attendant or a person who has unrestricted access to the hall.
- b. Staff who help with the assembly and dismantling of the hall and follow the instructions of those responsible (at least 6 strong persons).
- c. Competition doctor (must be a doctor of medicine without a specific speciality) and, depending on the size of the event, the paramedics.

Inform the responsible rescue service centre about the planned event.

- d. Incoming / outgoing goods inspection
- e. If required (see event guidelines of the venue) Fire brigade & security
- f. Catering options with staff
- g. Depending on the size of the event car park signposts
- h. Depending on the type of event ring speakers and lap girls

#### 7. the organiser (association) shall provide the organiser with

- 1. in accordance with point 6 Premises/equipment and helpers/staff
- 2. doctor / paramedic
- 3. ring speakers & ring girls (evening events / galas), if applicable
- 4. sufficient tables/chairs and electricity
- 5. catering (min. 2 drinks and 1 meal)
- 6. overnight accommodation with breakfast if necessary

#### 8. the organiser receives from the association

1. equipment for the tournament (competition areas, equipment etc.)

- 2. judging panel
- 3. tournament organisation
- 4. paperwork (lists and folders)
- 5. certificates & medals / trophies / belts
- 6. result lists
- 7. poster of the event and promotion on the association's platforms
- 8. depending on size: tournament director & supervisor

#### 9 Officials and rules of the association:

The highest authority at each event is the supervisor. This is appointed by the association.

He manages the procedure in accordance with the current rules and regulations.

The rules of the respective association are mandatory for ALL (organisers, promoters, sponsors, etc.) Only the chairman of the NRC / IRC can initiate a rule change by resolution.

The judges' fees and payments are also collected by the supervisor and allocated for a specific purpose. He is also authorised to initiate doping tests and to change judges' scores that do not comply with the rules.

All evaluation documents are to be administered by him and the results are to be announced immediately to the headquarters (within 24 hours).

### 10.prescribed sequence of a sporting event :

#### Daily tournament :

Admission - weigh-in - registration - fight lists - coach meeting / referee meeting - welcoming the participants and officials - call at the respective areas - award ceremony - exit

#### Sports gala:

- Admission (fight card check)
- Weigh-in (EC/IC/WC titles at least 24 hours before the start, otherwise at least 2 hours before the start) in the presence of an official of the association (weight loss protocol)
- Medical check an official of the association must be present (medical report)
- Coach meeting by supervisor (with current fight card)
- Referee meeting by supervisor (incl. allocation of judges & jury)
- Ring control by supervisor (process discussion with organiser)
- Presentation of the association and the officials
- Event procedure according to the rules (belt presentation and anthem as well as bandage check mandatory for title fights)
- Award ceremony in the ring (belt presentation by official or guest of honour)

#### 11. defined formalities for the host / organiser:

The following forms are mandatory for all one-day tournaments & sports galas:

1. promoter licence (EVENTS)
2. title registration form (TITLE)

3. fighter profiles (for FIGHTERS / GALAS)

Except for the organiser / organiser is the ASSOCIATION itself!