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Chapter 1: General rules

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Introduction:

This rulebook replaces all previously issued rules and incorporates the official WMAC - Amateur - Competition Rules. These rules are valid for all members. However, local requirements and circumstances may be taken into account if necessary.

be. The official language of the IRC is English. This rulebook may be translated into other languages by the IRC. However, in the event of any discrepancy, the official English version alone shall prevail.

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NATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS COMMITTEE

International Rules & Guidelines



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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 detailed competition tournament rulebook 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 sincerely thank all individuals for their contribution to this detailed rulebook.

All these rules and guidelines, which can be found in this document, are to be applied at 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 Referee's Representative (IRC) in conjunction with the Referee Supervisor of the event. The instructions and decisions of the Referee Supervisor regarding these rules are final and binding. In the event of a complaint/protest, the Referee's decision shall be final and binding.

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

The World Martial Arts Committee is constantly striving to develop. We are constantly working on the development of our rulebook and its dissemination in events and tournaments. This set of rules should be checked before the events in order to discuss any changes with us and incorporate them.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harald Folladori', written in a cursive style.

Harald Folladori
WMAC World President

3 PART 1- GENERAL RULES

The following general rules apply to all disciplines. Please read them and ensure that they are fully understood. By participating in a WMAC event, you accept these rules as set out in this document and any changes announced on the day of the event.

GENERAL DECLARATION (for more information = official WMAC handbook)

WMAC - World Martial Arts Committee

The WMAC is the World Martial Arts Committee (non-profit association) based in Bregenz, Austria. The admitted national and international federations are members of the WMAC. The word and figurative mark is protected by patent (see German Patent Office trademark register) in the name of Harald Folladori.

Types of members (status) in the WMAC

Members	(Individual Member, National Member & International
Member) Full Members	(Board Members)
Honorary members	(Deserving and longstanding members)

Membership of the WMAC

Membership of the WMAC is confirmed by payment of the annual fee by 31.1. of the year at the latest. As proof of membership, the sports pass must be validated with the respective annual membership card and can be used for 12 years.

BOD - Board of Directors (WMAC Board of Directors)

The BOD is the highest authority of the WMAC and consists of:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary General
4. Chairperson of the Member Representatives
5. Chairman of the Rules Committee
6. Sports Manager
7. Event Manager
8. Treasurer

Assessor:
Athletes' representative Minority
representative Auditor

The Association is governed by the Presidium (President, General Secretary & Treasurer), which may take decisions by simple majority, but which must be subsequently re-approved by the Executive Committee.
This board is elected for 4 years (01.09.2023) and is subject to Austrian association law. (see Statutes).

IRC - International Rules Committee

The IRC is the International Rules Committee. The IRC consists of the Referee Chairman plus other appointed international referees (but at least 5 referees). These may be co-opted directly by the BOD.
/be appointed or elected.

The IRC is empowered to amend or omit existing rules, as well as to create new ones. The IRC can also be used as a court of arbitration in special cases. The IRC also deals with Referee - Matters at major tournaments. The IRC members are appointed exclusively by the BOD - proposals for this are made by the IRC (members). They are trained for specific divisions and are NOT bound by instructions (autonomous voting right).

ARTICLE 1 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1.1 All WMAC events e.g. the World Martial Arts Games are "Amateur" events. In this respect, only competitors who hold amateur or pro/AM status in the field in which they compete at WMAC events may compete. Competitors designated as "professional" may not compete in WMAC events if they earn the majority of their income (at least 15.000€/year) or are already a reigning PROFESSIONAL title holder in more than one Martial Arts Association. (European, Intercontinental or World Champion).

Thus, a professional kickboxer (K1) would not be able to compete in his fighting discipline kickboxing in one of our events. However, such athletes could compete in e.g. forms, breaking, self-defence or other disciplines.

If someone is unsure of their status, they can consult their National WMAC Country Director who will write to the Chair of the International Rules Committee (IRC) to ask for a specific rule.

If in 12 months after winning the title no professional title fight (European Championships, IC, World Championships) is participated in and the 15000€ limit is not reached, professionals automatically fall back to their amateur status. This does NOT apply to the PRO AM area.

1.2 Participation in all our events is open. With the exception of the World Games, all athletes must be registered & nominated with the national WMAC member country (if there is a national representative office) for which they wish to compete. International members compete for their country of origin even if they are based in another country.

1.3 Nationality and proof of residence clarify the country for which the athlete is competing. Documents such as ID card may be required. Unclear cases must be clarified with the Commission before the start of the competitions. (Applies ONLY to World Games = WMAC World Championships)

1.4 All entries must be made with the age of the competitors on the day of the competition.

1.5 Each competitor is responsible for his/her own safety. Team coaches are responsible for the safety of minors in their care. Under no circumstances will the event organisers, staff, officials or management be held responsible for any illness or injury that may occur during the event.

Contestants should acknowledge and agree their knowledge of the risks involved in participating in a martial arts tournament by completing the Tournament Consent Form. Persons under the age of 18 may only participate if their parent or guardian signs on their behalf. No participant will be admitted to the tournament without signing the consent form and showing it before the start of the tournament.

1.5.1. All participants of contact sports (TOUCHING) need a medical certificate for participation, which is not older than 12 months. The sports WITHOUT CONTACT (e.g. forms, no contact etc.) are exempt from this - we nevertheless recommend consulting the doctor here too, however, this is VOLUNTARY. Exceptions, such as participation conditions under special health risks (e.g. Corona), are to be announced separately in each announcement and are subject to the legal framework of the host country,

1.6 It is incumbent upon the SUPERVISOR, Referee and/or Judge to implement the rules to the best of his/her ability. However, each coach and competitor must ensure that he/she knows and understands the rules of the category in which he/she is competing. Similarly, he/she must also be aware of the risk of injury for the particular division in which he/she is competing. Pre-tournament coach and referee meetings are mandatory and must be held.

1.7 As soon as you enter a WMAC tournament, you declare that you are ready for a possible doping test (e.g. WADA compliance) and also accept its CONSEQUENCES (this applies to amateur & professional events). The doping test may only be taken at the ORDER of the SUPERVISOR. For this purpose, the doctor or the respective officials are directly authorised by the Supervisor.

1.8 All combat uniforms shall represent the own country/school or club. The WMAC is free to decide which uniform should be worn. The name of the country or its national colours should be visibly displayed at WORLD GAMES (WM). In general, no indecent slogans or pictures may be placed on the clothing.

1.9 Each participant is responsible for their own equipment and materials (music for music forms, etc.) Under no circumstances will the event organisers, staff, officials or management be held responsible for any loss or damage to a participant's equipment, props or personal possessions during the event.

1.10 Each participant is responsible for their own safety and that of their partners (self-defence, team forms etc.). If physical contact is expected during an event, long fingernails or toenails, if exposed, must be cut or covered. Ensure safety - equipment is always a priority.

1.11 Jewellery must be removed in all events. Exceptions are piercings in a discipline NOT performed with body contact = e.g. forms. In this case, the piercing can be taped off.

1.12 For identification purposes the Referee may ask a competitor to put on a coloured belt or other suitable textile to be attached to the back of the belt.

1.13 Every PARTICIPANT (fighter, coach etc.) is expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. Aggressive and uncontrolled behaviour will not be tolerated. If the Referee believes a competitor is guilty of such an offence, he/she should conduct a short Referee briefing. This may be followed by immediate disqualification up to and including expulsion from the tournament, without refund of fees of course.

1.14 Intentional damage to the venue facility or any part thereof will be punished as an offence with immediate disqualification from all categories without refund of fees.

1.15 Deliberate misinterpretation, cheating, insults or other improper behaviour by an official, coach or athlete will be punished by their immediate disqualification. This may result in further sanctions against the country officials (e.g. expulsion see official WMAC guidelines but also civil charges).

1.16 Human Rights Passage / UN - CHARTER

The WMAC is a democratically elected association. Membership is without exception VOLUNTARY and in accordance with the statutes of the Austrian Association Law. We do NOT tolerate any kind of discrimination - political, racist, sexist, religious, criminal, physical & mental. For us, ALL people are EQUAL according to the UN Human Rights Charter and are to be treated accordingly. All people who identify themselves here and follow this charter are WELCOME to the WMAC family.

ARTICLE 2. GENERAL COMPETITION FORMAT

2.1 The official language of the WMAC - WORLD is English.

2.2 National events should have a duration of one day. International events up to a maximum of 2 days (except for the World Games, where it is up to 3 days).

2.3 International WMAC tournaments are standardised in their procedure and structure and all organisers must implement these regulations 1:1 in their planning in order to guarantee the athletes an orderly procedure.

2.4 In order to allow competition between an odd number of athletes/classes, some will be granted a non-combat approach, also classified as a "walkover". The remaining athletes will compete in the normal mode - This can be done through a consolation round or a knockout system. A walk-through is only possible during the first round of the competition. If there are less than 3 people in a category, they must be placed in the next higher category. There is no competition with less than 3 persons.

ARTICLE 3. GENERAL COMPETITION AREA

3.1 The fighting surface consists of proper floor mats with a suitable thickness of at least 2.5cm to max. 4cm to absorb/absorb a throw. The mats, boxing rings, octagon etc. must be laid flat and secured. Any seams and tears must be taped with proper tape.

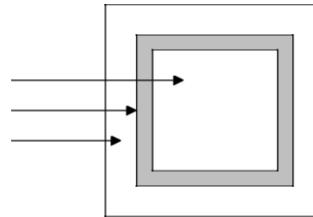
3.2 The official mat area/boxing ring area/octagon etc. must be kept free of spectators and other non-participants. During the bout only the two fighters and the referees are allowed on the competition area.

3.3 Unless otherwise arranged, the fighting area should consist of three zones covering an area of at least 7 x 7 m up to a maximum of 12 x 12 m.

Competition area - 6 x 6
(mat 6x6 meters & boxing ring = AIBA NORM)

Safety zone - 1 metre wide

Danger zone - if possible 1 - 2 metres wide



3.3.1 Competition zone - for mat boxing rings, octagon must be 6 x 6 m. Boxing rings for National Events may be 5 by 5 metres! Except for forms - here the mat area must be at least 8 x 8m.

3.3.2 Safety zone - should be coloured red, fixed and placed around all 4 sides of the competition zone, 1 m wide.

3.3.3 Danger zone - a cordoned-off zone, around the safety zone approx. 1- 2 m wide (approx. 6 feet wide).

3.3.4 Mat thickness - for forms and fighting disciplines min. 2.5 cm, for grappling/MMA min. 2.5 to max. 4 cm.

PART 2 - RESPONSIBLE PERSONS

ARTICLE 4. SELECTION OF ARBITRATORS, JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

4.1 Being an official is a prestigious position, therefore all officials must have several years of martial arts experience. It is advantageous and desirable to have the appropriate training that makes specialist work possible (event managers, trainer training, referee training, etc.) and that can be confirmed by a recognised international martial arts association. For an activity in the IRC a DAN (black belt) graduation must be available. This rule does not apply if the person is a volunteer or someone is called in for special duties (e.g. a doctor, paramedic). Referees with international WMAC training are exempt from this rule.

4.2 All Supervisors - Referees, Judges and other Senior Officials must have completed a WMAC certified course. They must have a sound knowledge of the understanding, interpretation and administration of all aspects of the rules. This can only be achieved through in-depth training and self-study of the rules as well as training under competition conditions. For this reason, a certified International Referee Course is held at least once a year in Bregenz (AUT). This rule does not apply to voluntary helpers or a group of persons who are designated for special tasks (e.g. a doctor).

4.3 Officials who are actively involved in the WMAC should not be appointed on the basis of proposals from the respective country. They are co-opted by the WMAC Executive Board after qualification.

4.4 A "conflict of interest" is when a Referee's or Official's duty or responsibility is compromised. All Referees, Judges and Officials must declare that there is no conflict of interest when participating. If a Referee, Judge or Official suspects that a conflict of interest may exist, the person with whom the conflict exists may not be judged by that Referee. This must be made known to the Referee or Supervisor with the reason given (example: Referee and competitor are from the same club or family - at WORLD GAMES / World Championships even from the same country - the decision must therefore be: One referee from each participating country and one neutral referee from another country must judge the bout, or 3 neutral judges).

4.5 The appointed Chief Judges at the World Games will be decided by the IRC Chairman of the Supervisor at the WMAC Executive Committee meeting. One nomination per country (International C/B/A licence only) will be accepted. The Supervisor may, in good faith and at any time, including during a competition, eject an official if the official does not behave in accordance with the rules and in proper manners. Referees may also be replaced at any time if their performance does not meet the expectations of the WMAC.

4.6 The highest authority of the judges is the IRC. This is followed by International Supervisor Licences (A1 & A/S), International Judges (A/B/C) and National Judges (D/E/F) under the age of 18 (J). National Judges may ONLY act as Judges at International tournaments.

ARTICLE 5. OFFICIAL

5.1 WMAC - national directors or board members are to be informed about the event process and have free insight to ensure decisions, guidelines and rule compliance. Board members are to be involved in the event area (award ceremony, official activities etc.).

5.2 Medical staff must be available at all times, easily identifiable and only accessible at one location. The location must be chosen in such a way that the deployment can be guaranteed at all times. The location must be barrier-free and designed in such a way that the medical staff does NOT have to leave the hall. If the medical staff is NOT in the hall, the competition must be stopped immediately. It is therefore recommended to have at least 3 persons in the medical team.

5.3 The official dress for all referees, judges and the officials will be specified by the rule book and approved by the WMAC prior to the event. (black WMAC polo shirt - shirt and blue tie and black trousers).

5.4 The number of head judges/side judges required for an event will be recorded in the organisation plan for that tournament = EVENTMANAGMENT & SUPERVISOR.

5.5 **Referees** - in the WMAC there is generally no distinction between Points & Referees as we believe that a Referee should be proficient in ALL aspects of their sport and practice them. The licences are therefore identical and are manifested at the annual Referee Seminars. National licences can be increased from year to year with proof of a minimum of 3x/year. International licences up to B require 3 years with 3x/year as well. The A licence requires the approval of the IRC - Supervisor licence is only awarded by the Board.

Scorekeeper & Referee

J	Youth licence	Scorekeepers for U13 & U15 - categories. Minimum age 15 years (NO RING SPORTS), from the age of 18 = F Licence
F	National	Scorekeeper for national events only applies to youth licences which are automatically upgraded without additional examination. (NO RINGSPORT)
E	National	Scorekeepers for national events = 1st licence from 18 years. (NO RINGSPORT)
D	National	Scoring judges for national and international Events
C	International	Scoring judges for national and international Events
B	International	(National Titles and International Titles) Scorekeepers for all events
A	International	(European title & Intercontinental title) Scorekeeper for all events (World title)
A/S	International Supervisor	Supervisor for various areas e.g. mat sports
A 1	International Supervisor	Supervisor for the entire event (RESPONSIBLE)

5.5.2 International scorekeepers and referees:

Minimum age 18 years, membership of an association representing the WMAC, completion of an International Seminar, basic knowledge of the English language for RINGSPORT/RINGRICHTER the National D - Licence is required (experience values). However, the F & E licences may count as SHADOW RATERS.

5.5.3 Issue and validity of licences:

The national licences J, F, E and D are awarded by the national referee chairman and the NRC (National Rules Committee) by majority decision and after positive examination at the end of a referee course and are valid for a minimum period of 1 year and are extended after positive use as a scorekeeper or referee and participation in further courses. Minimum assignment 3 events / year.

The International C and B Licence will be awarded by the International IRC respectively the Head Referee nominated for 3 years each after a positively completed international referee seminar and must also prove at least 3 assignments / year.

The A - Licence is only granted by majority vote of the IRC, but must be proposed by a member of the IRC or BOD and is also valid for 3 years.

The AS (assigned supervisor = example KB Mat Sports) licence is awarded subject-specifically by the respective IRC member/specialist according to their competence and the majority decision of the IRC. This licence is valid for 3 years.

A1 Supervisor Licence, also nominated by the IRC - but, as it is the highest licence in the WMAC, must be elected by unanimous board vote. This is valid for 5 years and must then also be renewed.

All referees must renew their licences in a timely manner at the appropriate referee seminars.

5.5.4 Training of the judges:

The training of national judges for the J, F, E and D licences will be carried out by members of the NRC at national judges' seminars.

The training of international judges for the C, B and A licences will be carried out by members of the IRC at international judges' seminars. However, if required, judges with AS and A1 licences (supervisors) can also be included in the training as lecturers.

5.5.5 Minimum assignments of the referees

National Referee Licence: at least 3 assignments per year, as well as annual attendance of a Referee seminar

International Referee Licence: at least 3 assignments per year, and mandatory every 2 years.
International Referee Seminar

ATTENTION: The upgrading of the respective licences can only take place after participating in the referee seminars.

ARTICLE 6. GENERAL DUTIES OF A SUPERVISOR & REFEREE

6.1 The supervisor is responsible for the supervision of the event - the categories and their course. His primary goal is the safety of the athletes, an orderly process, the allocation of the judges, the list monitoring, the rules, as well as the support of the judges in problem situations. He is the HIGHEST authority of the federation at each event and is authorised to give instructions.

6.2 The Referee is responsible for his area/ring - starts and stops the competition, gives warnings, communicates & directs the table crew and the Judges. He clearly gives signals and scores to the scorekeeper and timekeeper. He announces the winner at the end of the bout. The Referee should give all official decisions in a clear distinct voice and make them clear to the athletes concerned by voice and gestures.

6.3 Only the Referee may call a Time Out for the following reasons:

- 6.3.1** to check the equipment
- 6.3.2** to pass on the scores of the judges
- 6.3.3** to award points, give penalties and issue warnings
- 6.3.4** to bring the athletes back to the centre, the neutral zone
- 6.3.5** to check on an athlete in case of injury
- 6.3.6** to receive legitimate protests

ARTICLE 7. - GENERAL ORDERS / COMMANDS BY A REFEREE

7.1 Start of Competition - After the Referee has confirmed that the athletes, Judges, Scorekeepers and Timekeepers are ready, he or she shall call "BEGIN" or "FIGHT" to start the time and the competition.

7.2 End of Round - At the end of each round the Referee will call "STOP" to halt the contest. At the same time he will send the contestants to the centre of the mat. Scoring = The Judges will indicate their score with hand signals at the same time as the Referee. The Referee will award the win to the corresponding contestant.

7.3 Rule Breaking - The Referee stops the contest and gives a warning or a minus point to the competitor who caused the rule breaking. The Referee may also stop the bout, confer with the Judges and then make a decision. For this situation he will make a "Time Out".

7.5 Leaving the competition area - If a competitor is outside the competition area, the Referee will call "STOP - EXIT" to stop the competition and send the athletes back to the centre of the competition area and restart the competition.

7.5.1 The judges can only give a score if the contestant is not outside the competition area. Attention: To be outside the competition area he must leave the competition area with both feet. Then he cannot score a point. However, if he is inside the competition area with one foot, he can still score with his hands and the opponent can hit him anywhere and score.

7.6 Time-Out - When awarding all penalties and violations the Referee must call "TIME-OUT" so as not to unnecessarily shorten the bout time.

7.7 Excessive Harshness - If there is no majority vote of the Judges regarding excessive harshness, the Referee may independently issue a warning. Depending on the degree of harshness, this may even be a disqualification.

7.8 Judges Majority Decision - The Referee MUST under no circumstances overrule the "majority" of the Judges.

7.9 Scorecard

Semi-contact/Pointfight : see pictures at 12.3 and referee seminar documents
Light contact and Kick-Light: see referee seminar documents

ARTICLE 8. GENERAL DUTIES OF THE JUDGES

8.1 Certification - All judges are required to be certified if they wish to judge at an event (see point 4.6).

8.2 Restricting Movements - Judges are required to restrict their movements to their respective area of the competition area.

8.3 Conflict of Interest - Due to this obligation, all Judges must ensure that there is no conflict of interest. In such cases, all Judges must act in accordance with Article 4.4. Failure to do so may result in ADJUSTMENTS and CONFLICTS.

ARTICLE 9. SCORING BY JUDGES

9.1 Each Judge will award points based on his own observations and should not be influenced by the actions or votes of others. The only exception to this is after consultation with the other Judge and the Referee following any ambiguity. Points must be awarded in accordance with the criteria for each category.

ARTICLE 10. TASKS OF THE TEMPORARY (Table Crew)

10.1 The timekeeper shall sit next to the competition area. He will stop and start the time as directed by the Referee. The timekeeper may signal to the Referee that the time has expired by a verbal and visual signal (a suitable object) thrown into the centre of the mat area, or when he or she has received a formal protest from the Supervisor or his or her representative (scoreboards with audible signals could be used for this purpose).

10.2 The time is officially over only when the Judges and athletes have been verbally informed by the Referee "TIME". The doctor and tournament supervisor can also stop the bout at any time (injury, irregularity, etc.).

ARTICLE 11. TASKS OF THE POINT COUNTERS/ LIST LEADERS (Table Crew)

11.1 The table crew must record all scores and penalties of the athletes as directed by the Referee or Head Referee.

11.2 Won as well as lost fights and the rounds are to be recorded by the list leader.

11.3 They indicate the winner by the visible dots on the electronic boards or hand signals.

11.4 Laps are scored, counted and decided individually. He calls the athletes to the start on the basis of the lists. This also applies to those already present in order to check them. First to be called is always the RED corner. This is followed by the BLUE corner.

11.5 The list leaders must have a table, all given sheets, hand counter, stopwatch and scoreboards. Also sufficient writing material.

11.6 The scorekeepers must ensure that the score is displayed in a manner visible to the Referee, Judges and athletes. Computer, television, electronic boards or manual board.

ARTICLE 12. STANDARDISATION OF COMMANDS BY OFFICIAL

12.1 Referee:

"Begin" or "Fight"	- Start of the fight
"STOP"	- Stop the fight
"Hold down"	- Hold down/fixing
"Exit"	- outside the fighting area
"Score" rating awarded	
"Time Out"	- Time Expired
"Time"	- Start or stop time
"Fight"	- To start after a stop
"Break"	- The fight is briefly interrupted, the fighters take a step back and start by themselves.

12.2 Judges:

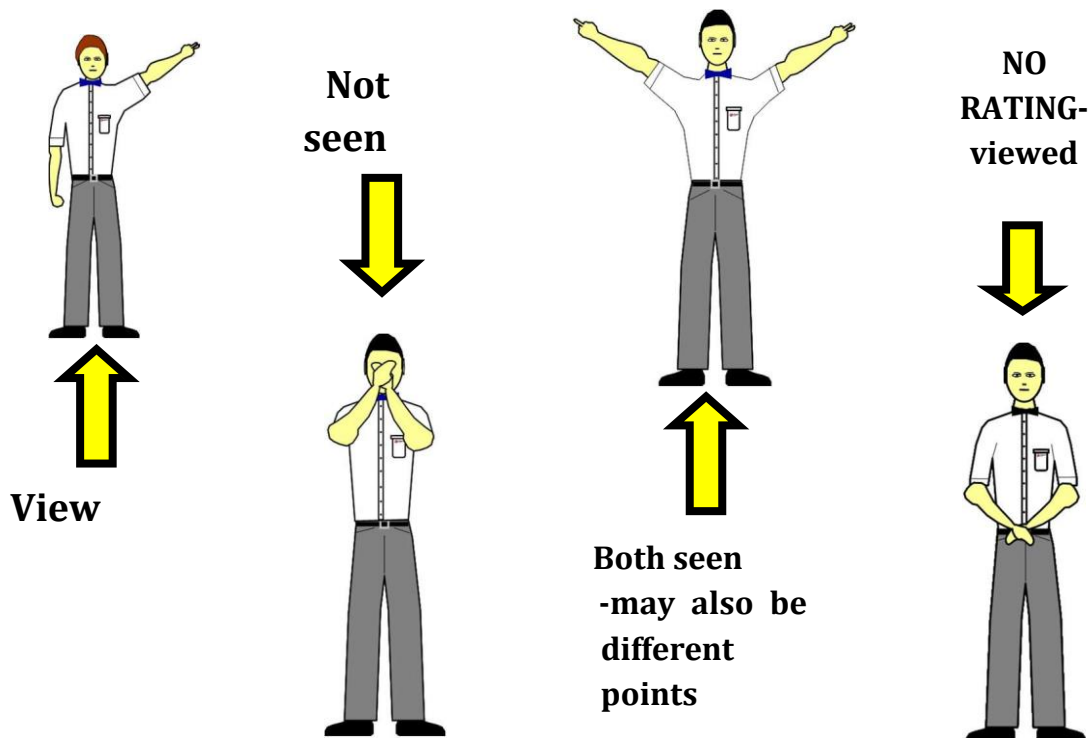
- indicate immediately at the command "Stop" without being asked when a point is awarded (PF), or after the fight at the request of the Referee "JUDGES SCORE" with a hand signal to the side of the winner (LK, KL, etc.) - depending on the discipline! Here the hand of the judges must point to the side of the winner. They will stand with their backs to the Referee Table for the HAND SIGN.

12.3 Official dress code

For all judges: black shirt (WMAc emblem/writing on the back or chest), blue tie - for International events and black trousers.

12.4 . Official Hand Signals: Example Semi-Contact (see Referee Seminar)

Scoring " Pointfight - Semi-Contact":



ARTICLE 13. DISPUTES & COMPLAINTS (Protest Procedure)

13.1 Complaints procedure

Should the need arise to make a complaint on the day of the event in relation to the implementation of the rules or in relation to an official/referee, in any area, only the following methods will be accepted:

1. Attract the attention of the Referees / Judges on the match area immediately and before the next bout starts.
2. He / She (Referee & Referee Team) will stop the bout and call the Supervisor.
3. Explain calmly and factually the nature of the complaint.
4. Wait for the supervisor's decision.
5. The supervisor's decision is final and binding.
6. Only the registered national country coach (for national teams) or team coach (clubs) can initiate/deliver an official complaint = PROTEST.
7. The protest costs 100 € or the equivalent in the national currency as an initiation fee and this will be refunded if the protest is too right = again. Without a FEE, the protest will NOT be dealt with. (Seriousness of the protest)
8. Video recordings, photos and persons who are not identified as HEADCOACH will NOT be recognised as parties and will not be admitted to the proceedings.

13.2 Formal grievance procedure (post-event grievance procedure)

Formal complaints will be referred for investigation by the WMAC committee that reviews these complaints. This must be in writing to the IRC or Supervisor. It will require the names and contact details of all witnesses who were present at the action and will be accompanied by a fee of €200. If the appeal is substantiated, the €200.00 will be returned, otherwise it will go towards WMAC Referee Training.

13.3 The Court of Arbitration

Conflicts between two parties can lead to problems that cannot be solved either in the rules or in a sporting sequence. For this purpose there is the arbitration court. The Court of Arbitration is a PANEL of 3 high-ranking personalities with a minimum age of 40 years and an association membership of at least 10 years. The members must NOT be PART of the conflict or the parties and must NOT be members of the current Executive Committee. Furthermore, they must have at least 4 DAN in their respective sports. They may, however, be IRC members as they act in an AUTONOMOUS and DIRECTION-FREE manner. The oldest shall preside - in case of equality of age, the rank shall decide. The arbitration court has 14 days to submit a proposal for a solution to the board, including both parties to the dispute. This is then binding for ALL and immediately LEGAL.

ARTICLE 14. WEIGHT CLASSES (Excluding the Non-Contact disciplines - see size specifications, belt colour and age categories).

**OFFICIAL WEIGHT CLASSES OF ALL AMATEUR KICKBOXING/FIGHTING DISCIPLINES OF
THE
WORLD MARTIAL ARTS COMMITTEE (WMAC)**

U13 children 8 - 12 years		U15 Juniors 13 - 14 years		U18 Cadets 15 - 17 years		+18 adults 18 - 34 years		+35 Veterans 35 - 44 years		+45 Master 45 - 55 years	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
-25	-25	-40	-40	-45	-50	-60	-50	-75	-60	-75	-60
-30	-30	-45	-45	-50	-55	-65	-55	-80	-65	-80	-65
-35	-35	-50	-50	-55	-60	-70	-60	-85	-70	-85	-70
-40	-40	-55	-55	-60	-65	-75	-65	+85	+70	+85	+70
-45	-45	-60	-60	-65	-70	-80	-70				
-50	-50	-65	-65	-70	+70	-85	+70				
+50	+50	-70	+65	-75		-90					
		+70		-80		+90					
				+80							

The WMAC amateur weight classes have a weight tolerance of "0" kg.

This does not apply to the U13 participants. They have a weight tolerance of 1 kg.

If a competitor does not meet the weight, the Supervisor/Registration Team may do the following:

1. He cancels the fighter and places him in the next higher weight class. For this he has to pay a second entry fee.
2. The fighter will get his entry fee back and will be removed from the tournament.

OFFICIAL WEIGHT CLASSES OF ALL PROFESSIONAL FIGHTING DISCIPLINES OF THE WMAC

The WMAC professional disciplines have a weight tolerance of "0" kg.

If a contestant does not meet the weight, the Supervisor may do the following:

1. He cancels the fight and sets a new date.
2. He gives a "non official weight agreement" (NOWA)

NOWA: this means that the supervisor can set a weight tolerance (max. 3 kg). Since the fighter has more weight, he also has to pay for it. He has to pay 15€ for every 0,1kg more (max. 450€). The opponent and the federation each get 50% of this money. If both fighters exceed the weight, the money must be paid directly before the fight.

Male (15 - 55 years)			female (15 - 55 years)		
<u>Weight pounds</u>	Maximum limit classin <u>kilograms</u> in		<u>pounds</u>	Maximum weight classin <u>kilograms</u> in	
	(kg)	(lb)		(kg)	(lb)
Flyweight	50.5	111.3	Lightweight	50	110.7
Super flyweight	52	114.6	Welterweight	55	121.3
Bantamweight	53.5	117.9	Middleweight	60	132.3
Superbantamweight	55.5	122.4	Light Heavyweight	65	143.3
Featherweight	57	125.7	Heavyweight	No weight limit	
Super featherweight	59	130.1			
Lightweight	61.5	135.6			
Super lightweight	63.5	140			
Welterweight	67	147.7			
Super welterweight	70	154.3			
Middleweight	72.5	159.8			
Super Middleweight	76	167.6			
Light Heavyweight	79	174.2			
Super light heavy weight.	83.2	183.4			
Cruiserweight	85.9	189.4			
Supercruiserweight	90	198.4			
Heavyweight Super	95	209.4			
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