



# WORLD MARTIAL ARTS COMMITTEE

## AMATEUR RULES FOR TOURNAMENTS

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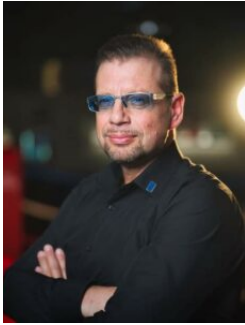
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## Introduction:

*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 account 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 authorisation 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.*

# 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 comprehensive tournament rulebook available today and we are proud to publish it for your use. This has been made possible solely 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 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 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.

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Harald Folladori  
WMAC World President

## 3T 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, as well as any changes announced on the day of the event.

### **GENERAL DECLARATION (for more information = official WMAC manual)**

#### **WMAC - World Martial Arts Committee**

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

#### **Types of members (status) in the WMAC**

Members (Individual Member, National Member & International Member)  
Ordinary members (members of the Executive Board)  
Honorary members (deserving and long-standing members)

#### **Membership of the WMAC**

Membership of the WMAC is evidenced by payment of the annual membership fee by 31 January of the year at the latest. Proof of membership is the sports pass, which must be valid for 12 years and can be used with the respective annual season ticket.

#### **BOD - Board of Directors (WMAC Board of Directors)**

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

- 1st President
- 2nd Vice President
- 3rd Secretary General
4. chairman of the member representatives
5. chairman of the rules committee
6. sports manager
7. event manager
8. cashier

Assessor:  
Athletes' representative  
Minority representative  
Auditor

The association is managed by the Presidium (President, General Secretary & Treasurer), which can take decisions by a simple majority but must subsequently have them approved by the Executive Board.  
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 further appointed international referees (but at least 5 judges). These can be directly co-opted/appointed or elected by the BOD.

The IRC is authorised to amend or omit existing rules and 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 relating to major tournaments. The IRC members are appointed exclusively by the BOD - proposals are made by the IRC (members). They are trained for specific divisions and are NOT bound by instructions (autonomous voting rights).

## ARTICLE 1 CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

**1.1** All WMAC events, e.g. the World Martial Arts Games, are "amateur" events. In this regard, only competitors who hold amateur or pro/AM status in the discipline in which they compete at WMAC events may compete. Competitors who are labelled as "professional" are not allowed to compete in WMAC events if they earn the majority of their income (at least 15.000€/year) or are already a reigning PRO title holder in more than one martial arts federation. (European, Intercontinental or World Champion).

This means that a professional kickboxer (K1) would not be able to compete in his fighting discipline of kickboxing in one of our events. Nevertheless, such athletes could compete in e.g. forms, break test, 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 Chairman of the International Rules Committee (IRC) to ask for a specific rule.

If, within 12 months of winning the title, they do not take part in a "professional title fight" (European Championships, IC, World Championships) and fall below the €15,000 limit, professionals automatically revert to amateur status. This does NOT apply to the PRO AM sector.

**1.2 Participation in all our events is open.** Exception World Martial Arts Games (category ELITE World Championship) all athletes must be registered & nominated with the national WMAC member country (if a national representation exists) for which they wish to compete. International members compete for their country of origin even if they are based in another country.

**1.3 The nationality** and proof of residence make it clear for which country the athlete is competing. Documents such as an ID card may be required. Unclear cases must be clarified with the commission before the start of the competition. (Applies ONLY to World Games = WMAC World Championships)

**1.4 All start registrations must be made with the age of the participants on the day of the competition.**

**1.5 Each fighter 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.

Fighters should acknowledge and declare 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 parents or legal guardians sign 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 the contact sports (CONTACT) need a medical certificate** for participation, which is not older than 12 months. The sports WITHOUT CONTACT (e.g. forms, no contact etc.) are excluded from this - we still recommend that you consult your doctor here too, but do so on your own initiative. Exceptions such as conditions of participation under special health risks (e.g. Corona) must be announced separately in each invitation to tender and are subject to the legal framework of the host country,

**1.6 It is the responsibility of the SUPERVISOR, the Referee and/or Judges** to apply the rules to the best of their knowledge and belief. 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 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 your willingness to undergo a possible doping test (e.g. WADA conformity) and also recognise its CONSEQUENCES (this applies to amateur and professional events). The doping test may only be taken at the SUPERVISOR'S ORDER. For this purpose, the doctor or the respective officials are directly authorised by the supervisor.

**1.8 All uniforms should 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 clearly displayed at WORLD GAMES, especially in the ELITE category. In general, no indecent slogans or pictures may be displayed 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 the loss or damage of 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 to be expected during an event, long fingernails or toenails, if exposed, must be cut or covered. Safety - Always prioritise safety equipment.

**1.11 Jewellery** must be removed at all events. Exceptions are piercings in a discipline NOT performed with body contact = e.g. moulds. Here jewellery can also be taped off.

**1.12** The referee may ask a competitor to put on a coloured belt **for identification purposes**, or another 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 that a competitor is guilty of such an offence, he/she should conduct a brief referee's briefing. This may result in immediate disqualification or even expulsion from the tournament, of course with no refund of fees (it is imperative to consult the supervisor).

**1.14 Deliberate damage to the venue facilities** or parts thereof will be penalised 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 with immediate disqualification. This may result in further penalties being imposed on the country officials (e.g. exclusion 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 Austrian association law. We do NOT tolerate any kind of discrimination - political, racist, sexist, religious, criminal, physical and mental. For us, ALL people are EQUAL according to the UN Human Rights Charter and should be treated accordingly. All people who identify themselves here and follow this charter are WELCOME to the WMAC family.

**1.17 Sexual harassment & protection of minors.** The WMAC makes NO compromises in this matter either. All suspicions will be reported IMMEDIATELY to the relevant authorities! Nevertheless, the persons concerned will be immediately banned from the competition and separated until the authorities arrive. For the protection of minors, the WMAC also has trained pedagogues for supervision. **EVERY suspicion is investigated immediately!** = This agenda is the responsibility of the highest INSTANCE = Supervisor & WMAC World President.

## **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 (with the exception of the World Games - World Championships, which are up to 4 days).

**2.3** International WMAC WORLD 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 procedure, also classified as a "walk-through". The remaining athletes will compete against each other in the normal mode - this can be 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 athletes 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 2.5 cm to max. 4 cm to absorb/absorb a throw. The mats, boxing rings, octagon etc. must be laid out flat and secured. Any seams and tears must be taped properly.

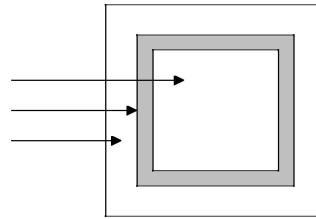
**3.2** The official mat area/boxing ring area/octagon etc. must be kept clear of spectators and other non-participants. During the fight, only the two fighters and the judges may be on the competition area.

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

**Competition area** - 6 x 6  
(mat 6x6 metres & 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 metres. Boxing rings for national events may be 5 x 5 metres! Except for forms - here the mat area must be at least 8 x 8 metres.

**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 approx. 1-2 metres wide (approx. 6 feet wide) around the safety zone.

**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 PARTIES

### 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 for officials to have the relevant 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. A DAN (black belt) qualification is required to work in the IRC. This rule does not apply if the person is an honorary helper or someone is called upon for special tasks (e.g. a doctor, paramedic). Judges who have 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, self-study of the rules and 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 people who are designated for special tasks (e.g. a doctor).

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

**4.4 A "conflict of interest"** exists when the duty or responsibility of a judge or official is compromised. All head judges, judges and officials must ensure 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 must not be assessed by that Referee. This must be made known to the main referee or the supervisor, stating the reasons (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 as follows: One judge from each participating country and one neutral judge from another country must judge the bout, or 3 neutral judges)

**4.5 The IRC Chairman of the Supervisor** will decide at the meeting of the WMAC Board who will be the Chief Judge at the World Games. One nomination per country (International C/B/A licence only) will be accepted. The supervisor may, to the best of his knowledge and belief, and at any time, even during a competition, remove an official from the field if he does not behave in accordance with the rules and in proper manners. Referees can also be replaced at any time if their performance does not meet the expectations of the WMAC.

**4.6 The highest authority for judges** is the IRC. This is followed by the International Supervisor Licences (A1 & A/S), the International Judges (A/B/C) and the 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 course of the event and have free access to ensure decisions, guidelines and compliance with the rules. Board members are to be involved in the event area (award ceremony, official activities, etc.)

**5.2** Medical personnel must be available at all times, easily recognisable and only accessible at one location, and the location must be selected in such a way that deployment can be guaranteed at all times. Barrier-free and designed so that the medical personnel do NOT have to leave the hall. If the medical staff are 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 officials is specified by the rules 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 main referees/judges required for an event is recorded in the organisation plan for the respective tournament = EVENT MANAGEMENT & SUPERVISOR.

**5.5 Referees** - in the WMAC there is generally no distinction between points and referees as we are of the opinion that a referee should master and practise ALL areas of his sport. The licences are therefore identical and will be manifested at the annual referee seminars. National licences can be increased from year to year with proof of a minimum of 3 times/year. International licences up to B require 3 years with also 3x/year. The A licence requires the approval of the IRC - supervisor licences are only issued by the board.

### Judges & Referees

<b>J</b>	<b>Youth licence</b>	Judges for U13 & U15 categories. Minimum age 15 years (NO RINGSPORT), from the age of 18 = F licence
<b>F</b>	<b>National Points</b>	Judge for national events only applies to the Youth licences that are issued automatically and without additional be upgraded. (NO RINGSPORT)
<b>E</b>	<b>National</b>	Points judge for national events = 1st licence from 18 years. (NO RINGSPORT)
<b>D</b>	<b>National</b>	Points judge for national and international events
<b>C</b>	<b>International</b>	Scorekeepers for national and international events
<b>B</b>	<b>International</b>	(National titles and international titles) Points judge for all events
<b>A</b>	<b>International</b>	(European & intercontinental titles) Points judge for all events (world title)
<b>A/S</b>	<b>International Supervisor</b>	Supervisor for various areas e.g. mat sports
<b>A 1</b>	<b>International Supervisor</b>	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 English for RINGSPORT/RINGRICHTER the National D licence is required (experience). However, the F & E licences may also be used as SHADOW RIDERS.

### **5.5.3 Awarding 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 a positive examination at the end of a referee course and are valid for a



minimum of 1 year and are extended after positive use as a points judge or referee and participation in further courses. Minimum assignment 3 events / year.

The International C and B licence is awarded by the International IRC or nominated by the Head Referee for 3 years after a successfully completed international referee seminar and must also have at least 3 assignments per year.

The A licence is only issued by majority vote by 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 = e.g. KB Mattensport) licence is issued by the respective IRC member/specialist according to their responsibility and the majority decision of the IRC. This licence is valid for 3 years.

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

All referees must renew their licences in good time at the relevant referee seminars.

#### **5.5.4 Training of the judges:**

The training of national referees for the J, F, E and D licences is carried out by members of the NRC at national referee seminars.

The training of international judges for the C, B and A licences is 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 number of referees**

National referee licence: At least 3 assignments per year, as well as annual attendance at a Referee seminar

International referee licence: at least 3 assignments per year, as well as a mandatory licence every 2 years  
International Referee Seminar

**ATTENTION: The upgrading of the respective licences can only take place after participating referee seminars and assess PERFORMANCE, KNOWLEDGE, APPLICATION and BEHAVIOUR.**

### **ARTICLE 6. GENERAL DUTIES OF A SUPERVISOR & REFEREE**

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

**6.2** The head judge is responsible for his area/ring - starts and stops the competition, issues warnings, communicates & directs the table crew and the judges. He gives clear signals and scores to the scorekeeper and timekeeper. He announces the winner at the end of the competition. The Referee should give all official decisions in a clear and 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:

**6.3.1to** check the equipment

**6.3.2to** pass on the points of the judges

**6.3.3to** award points, impose penalties and issue warnings

**6.3.4to** 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 lawful protests

## **ARTICLE 7 - GENERAL ORDERS / COMMANDS BY A REFEREE**

**7.1 Start of competition** - After the Chief Judge has confirmed that the athletes, judges, list leaders and timekeepers are ready, he or she must call "BEGIN" or "FIGHT" to start the time and the competition.

**7.2 End of the round** - At the end of each round, the Referee calls "STOP" to halt the competition. He sends the athletes to the centre of the mat. Scoring = The judges indicate their scores with hand signals at the same time as the Referee. The main referee awards the victory to the corresponding athlete.

**7.3 Breaking the rules** - The main referee stops the competition and gives the athlete who caused the rule violation a warning or a minus point. The Referee may also stop the competition, consult with the Judges and then make a decision. For this situation, he makes a time interruption = "time out".

**7.5 Leaving the competition area** - If an athlete 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 athlete is not outside the competition area. Please note: to be outside the competition area, the athlete must leave the competition area with both feet. Then he cannot score a point. However, if he has one foot in the competition area, he can still score points with his hands and the opponent can hit him anywhere and score points.

**7.6 Time-out** - When awarding all penalties and violations, the Referee must call "TIME-OUT" to stop the not to shorten the fighting time unnecessarily.

**7.7 Excessive harshness** - If there is no majority vote of the judges regarding excessive harshness, the head judge can independently issue a warning. Depending on the degree of severity, 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 Rating symbols**

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 obliged 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 lead to CONFLICTS.

## **ARTICLE 9. SCORING BY JUDGES**

**9.1** Each judge awards points based on their 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 main judge in the event of ambiguity. Points must be awarded in accordance with the criteria for each category.

## **ARTICLE 10 TASKS OF THE TIMER (table crew)**

**10.1** The timekeeper shall sit next to the competition area. He stops and starts the time according to the instructions of 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 representative (scoreboards with an audible signal may be used for this purpose).

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

## **ARTICLE 11. TASKS OF THE POINT COUNTERS/ LIST-KEEPERS (table crew)**

**11.1** The table crew must record all athletes' scores and penalties as instructed by the Referee or Referee Supervisor.

**11.2** Fights won and lost and the rounds must be recorded by the list keeper.

**11.3** They indicate the winner by means of the visible points on the electronic boards or hand signals.

**11.4** Laps are assessed, counted and decided individually. He calls the athletes to the start based on the lists. This also applies to those already present in order to check them. The RED corner is always called first. This is followed by the BLUE corner.

**11.5** The list leaders must have a table, all specified sheets, hand counters, stopwatches and scoreboards. They must also have sufficient writing materials.

**11.6** The scorekeepers must ensure that the scoreboard is visible to the Referee, the Judges and the athletes. Computer, television, electronic boards or manual board.

## **ARTICLE 12. STANDARDISATION OF COMMANDS BY OFFICIAL**

### **12.1 Referee:**

"Begin" or "Fight"	- Start the fight
"STOP"	- Stop the fight
"Hold down"	- holding 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 again on their own.

### **12.2. Judges:**

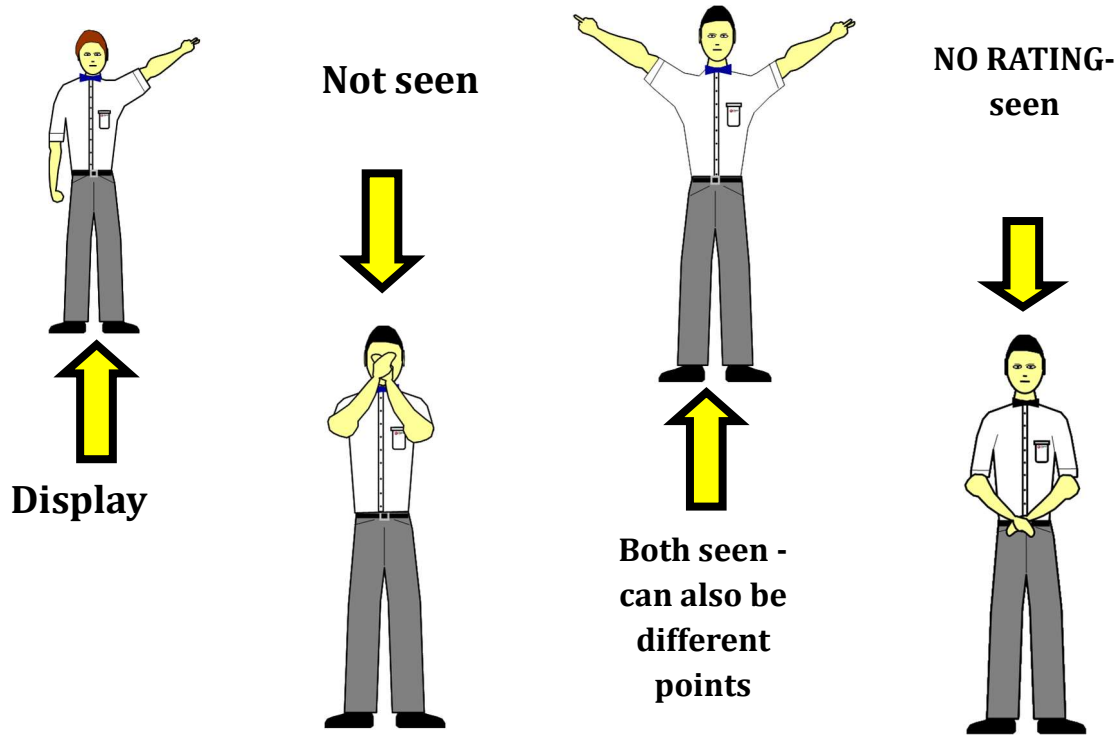
- indicate immediately on the command "Stop" without being asked if a point is awarded (PF), or after the fight at the request of the referee "JUDGES SCORE" with a hand signal to the side of the winner (LK, KL, etc.) - depending on the discipline! The judge's hand must point to the side of the winner. They stand with their backs to the main judges' table during the HAND SIGNAL VARIANCE.

### **12.3 Official dress code**

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

12.4 . Official hand signals: Example semi-contact (see referee seminar)

### Classification " 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/judge, in any area, only the following methods will be accepted:

1. attract the attention of the Referees / Judges on the bout area immediately and before the next bout starts.
2. he/she (MRef & referee team) will stop the match and call the supervisor.
- 3 Explain the nature of the complaint calmly and objectively.
4. wait for the supervisor's decision.
- 5 The decision of the supervisor is final and binding.
- 6 Only the registered national country coach (for national teams) or team coach (clubs) can initiate/submit an official complaint = PROTEST. 7.
- the protest costs 100 € or the equivalent in the usual national currency as an initiation fee and this will be refunded if the protest is too right. The protest will NOT be processed without a FEE. (Seriousness of the protest)
8. video recordings, photos and persons who are not identified as HEADCOACH are NOT recognised as parties and are not admitted to the proceedings.

### 13.2 Formal complaints procedure (complaints procedure after the event)

Formal complaints will be referred for investigation by the WMAC committee investigating these complaints. This must be done 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 subject to a fee of €200. If the appeal is justified, the €200.00 will be returned, otherwise it will go towards the WMAC referee training programme.

### **13.3 The court of arbitration**

Conflicts between two parties can lead to problems that cannot be resolved either in the rules or in a sporting sequence. This is where the arbitration tribunal comes in. The arbitration tribunal is a panel of 3 high-ranking personalities with a minimum age of 40 years and at least 10 years of association membership. The members may NOT be PART of the conflict or the parties and may NOT be members of the current Executive Board. Furthermore, they must have at least 4 DAN in their respective sport. However, they may be IRC members as they act AUTONOMOUSLY and without instructions. The chairperson is the eldest - in case of age equality, the rank decides. The arbitration tribunal has 14 days to propose a solution to the board, including both parties to the dispute. This is then binding for ALL and immediately LEGALLY ENFORCEABLE.

**ARTICLE 14 WEIGHT CLASSES (except for non-contact disciplines - see height, belt colour and age categories)**

<b>OFFICIAL WEIGHT CLASSES OF ALL AMATEUR KICKBOXING/FIGHTING DISCIPLINES OF THE WORLD MARTIAL ARTS COMMITTEE ( WMAC )</b>					
<b>U13 children</b> 8 - 12 years	<b>U15 Juniors</b> 13 - 14 years	<b>U18 Cadets</b> 15 - 17 years	<b>+18 adults</b> 18 - 34 years	<b>+35 Veterans</b> 35 - 44 years	<b>+45 Master</b> 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.*

The U13 participants are excluded from this. They have a weight tolerance of 1 kg.

If a fighter does not meet the weight, the supervisor/registration team can do the following:

1. he cancels the fighter and places him in the next higher weight class. He must pay a second entry fee for this.
2. the fighter will get his entry fee back and will be cancelled from the tournament.

# OFFICIAL WEIGHT CLASSES OF ALL PROFESSIONAL MARTIAL ARTS DISCIPLINES OF THE WMAC

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

If a fighter does not meet the weight, the supervisor can do the following:

1. cancels the match and sets a new date.
2. it issues 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 must also pay for it. He has to pay 15€ for every 0.1kg more (max. 450€) The opponent and the federation each receive 50% of this money. If both fighters exceed the weight, the money must be paid directly before the fight.

<b>Male (15 - 55 years)</b>			<b>Female (15 - 55 years)</b>		
Weight class	Maximum limit		Weight class	Maximum limit	
	in <u>kilogrammes</u> (kg)	in <u>pounds</u> (lb)		in <u>kilogrammes</u> (kg)	in <u>pounds</u> (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			
Superlight heavyweight	83.2	183.4			
Cruiserweight	85.9	189.4			
Supercruiser weight	90	198.4			
Heavyweight	95	209.4			
Super heavyweight	No weight limit				