

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All competitors must wear the traditional uniform of their School. No T-Shirts (Exception - Kung Fu may wear their traditional attire), sleeveless or other non-traditional uniforms will **NOT** be allowed. Shoes will not be allowed (Exception - Kung Fu competitors may wear their traditional attire).
2. This is an "**Invitational Tournament Only**" - all competition is restricted to active students directly under an invited School and its respective instructor(s). No other students or Black Belts will be allowed to register, compete or judge without the expressed consent of the host tournament director.
3. Trophies will be presented for **First, Second & Third** place for each division.
4. Men and Women may compete together in Kata.
5. All competitors & spectators must demonstrate good **sportsmanship, attitude** and **respect** to all Competitors, Judges and spectators (**everybody**). Disrespect, poor sportsmanship or bad attitude will not be tolerated and **WILL** result in immediate disqualification and loss of all entry fees (**school instructors will be held responsible & accountable for their student's actions**).
6. Competition divisions will be divided as follows: **WHITE BELT** - (all White, Yellow and Orange Belts) **GREEN BELT**-(all Green and Blue Belts), **PURPLE** Belts (may fall under Green or Brown Belts depending on your school's discipline), **BROWN BELT**- (all Red and Brown belts), **BLACK BELT**- (**5th Degree & below**). Divisions may be split based on actual competitors the day of competition.

KATA RULES

1. There shall be no musical Kata.
2. Each competitor will enter the ring as they are taught to do so, must announce to the panel of judges the Kata to be performed.
3. A panel of three or five judges will score each competitor using a scale of 7 thru9. Two-digit decimal points will be used to minimize ties. If five judges are used, the high and low score will be thrown out. Once the scores are read out loud by the scorekeeper, the judges cannot change their scores. Please make sure your scores are correct.
4. The first three competitors in each division will perform their Kata prior to scoring - followed by the judges scoring all three individually in their respective order; each competitor thereafter will receive their score immediately following their Kata performance (**this rule shall be in effect when 4 or more competitors are present, less than 4 competitors shall all be scored individually**) if only 2 competitors - then blind selection shall prevail.
5. All weapons used during Weapons Kata are subject to examination by the head judge. Traditional weapons shall only be allowed: Sai, Tonfa, Nunchaku, Sword, Bo or Jo (no hunting knives or modern weapons of any kind allowed).
6. (**White Belts ONLY**) shall be allowed to restart a Kata, however the head judge will instruct the scorekeeper to deduct one full point from the final total score. Judges will score competitors performance as normal. **Green, Brown and Black Belt** divisions shall **NOT** be allowed a restart and scoring shall be appropriate or not at all.
7. Ties shall be broken with each tied competitor performing again. Scores shall **not** be given. Winner shall be by judge's blind selection - scoring shall commence should there be **more** than 2 competitors tied.
8. **Adult Black Belt Kata Division** shall include **ALL Black Belt** competitors in one division; however, the tournament director reserves the right to split the division as deemed appropriate.
9. Competitors who show up after their respective division has bowed in **WILL NOT** be allowed to compete in that division. Tournament director reserves the right to allow an exception to this rule in kata divisions only.

KUMITE RULES

1. **MANDATORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR ALL DIVISIONS AS FOLLOWS:** BE OF FOAM TYPE - FULL HAND PADS, FEET PADS, HEAD GEAR, AND MOUTHGUARD, GROIN CUP FOR MEN STRONGLY RECOMMENDED - **NO MMA GLOVES.**
2. At the discretion of the tournament director **and** competitor's instructor, pairing of men and women may be allowed.
3. No Boxing, Kenpo or Short Knuckle (MMA) gloves allowed, instep only pads for the feet may be allowed.
4. Matches will be 3 **CONTINUOUS** minutes or 5 points maximum, whichever occurs first. Ties will be broken by the next point awarded with no time limitation after 3-minute expiration. Any judge can stop a match for point call, an emergency or equipment failure - time keeper can only be stopped by **Head Judge.**
5. Punch, strike & kick's will only constitute a point; no other techniques will constitute the scoring of a point.
6. **ONLY EXTREMELY CONTROLLED LIGHT CONTACT** will be allowed **ABOVE** the belt, face, side of head- forward of the ears for all divisions, **any blood constitutes disqualification** (groin is a target for **Black Belt Division ONLY** with **EXTREME UGHT CONTROL**). Contact is not required to score any one point provided the proper distance and technique is demonstrated. A majority call of the SAME technique constitutes a point and the technique **MUST** be consistent with the majority of the judge's calls (**different techniques identified upon a call for a point does not constitute a majority ruling, thus no point shall be scored - Head Judge controls the ring and may ask each corner judge to identify the technique seen - (NO POINT SHALL BE GIVE IF THERE IN NOT UNANIMITY).**
7. **ABSOLUTELY NO CONTACT WILL BE ALLOWED TO THE REAR OF THE HEAD – NECK – SPINE OR JOINTS.**
8. There will be no leg checks allowed in **ANY** divisions. No sweeps or takedowns of any kind allowed in **ANY** divisions **UNDER BROWN BELT.** Front leg sweeps outside the leg (**boot to boot only**) and takedowns will be allowed in **ADULT BROWN & BLACK BELT DIVISIONS ONLY,** all techniques will be **CONTROLLED** and followed by an immediate legal scoring technique. Points will only be awarded for a punch, strike or kick **IMMEDIATELY** following a legal sweep or takedown. No point will be scored for a sweep or takedown alone.
9. Grabbing of the gi is allowed, however a **CONTROLLED** punch, strike or kick technique must **IMMEDIATELY** follow to score a point. No point will be scored for grabbing only or a delay in a scoring technique (**1 second rule**).
10. Spectators must remain **OFF** the competition floor and behind the yellow tape at all times. There will be **NO COACHING** from outside or inside the ring. Respect to **ALL** competitors and tournament officials is expected. Excessive yelling for a competitor will not be tolerated and may result in that competitor's disqualification.
11. Rings will be judged by three or five judges. **Head Judge** may disqualify a competitor for any one of the following reasons without the consent of their corner judges: **(A)** A competitor violates a rule that jeopardizes the safety of another competitor; **(B)** Excessive contact with intent; **(C)** Poor sportsmanship, lack of respect/bad attitude; **(D)** Head Judge may call for a conference with all corner judges to determine if a warning or disqualification is justified (**Points will NOT be awarded to the opposing competitor as a result of his opponent's warning - subsequent warnings may constitute a disqualification**).
12. Competitors **MUST** immediately stop fighting when any judge calls for stoppage.
13. Competitors who show up late for **KUMITE** after their division has commenced **WILL ABSOLUTELY NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPLETE** in that division (**no exceptions**). Being late is disrespectful and it is each competitor's responsibility to be on time!
14. All decisions made by a **Head Judge** and/or **Tournament Arbitrator** are **FINAL.**