

TKO QUALIFIER AND STATE RULES

I. MANDATORY UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT:

A. All uniforms must be of regulation in that particular style or system.

(In KATA competition uniform may vary with tournament director's approval)

B. Must have a clean uniform.

C. Male competitors will wear groin protector.

E. All protective equipment must be approved by promoter.

F. Soft Type protective gear will be worn on hands & feet. (Foam, Vinyl).

G. Shin pads will be of soft material, foam, vinyl or leather. No metal or plastic.

H. No shoes allowed when sparring unless Ring Star approved shoes.

I. No type of headdress will be allowed.

J. Must wear a mouthpiece.

K. Head gear mandatory.

II. MATCHES:

A. All competitors will be briefed before competition starts.

B. All competitors must check in at their assign ring or face disqualification.

C. 2 judges will be used for Kumite per ring.

D. Center judge must be a black belt with experience in judging, and 18+ years of age.

E. Fighting area must be 20'x20' and no smaller than 16'x16'

F. Players card will be shuffled with 1st match not being from the same school.

G. Fighting area will be outlined by visible tape or padded mats.

H. Fighting area will have marked starting lines.

I. RED is always on the right hand side of head referee and WHITE is always on the left hand side of the head reference.

III. MATCH LENGTH:

A. All matches will be two minutes or first to 7 points.

B. Matches ending in a tie will go to overtime, first point wins.

C. Timekeepers will call time at end of each match.

D. Only head referee can stop the clock when:

(1). A fighter is injured

(2). Equipment Assistance

(3). Coach's time out is called (10 seconds)

(4). To talk to score keeper, time keeper, judges or for arbitration

E. Coach's time out is allowed once per match with only 10 seconds per side. No physical contact from coach and the competitor will be allowed

IV. SCORING:

A. Speed, focus, control & technique delivered to target areas will be awarded a point. No Groin is allowed.

(1). Punches 1 point.

(2). All Kicks to body 1 point.

(3) All Kicks to head 2 points.

(4) All Clashes will be awarded for Kicks 2 points and punch 1point

B. Target areas are: head, breast, rib cage, abdominal area.

C. Confirmation needed to be awarded a point

D. Light contact to the face & medium contact to the body for all ranks.

E. Capoeira, and Cartwheel kicks are allowed. (2 points)

V. ILLEGAL TECHNIQUES:

- A. No joints, no elbow techniques, no back or blind techniques, or throat techniques.
- B. No knee, or leg techniques, take downs (only in rings), headbutts, arms, spine, neck, eyes techniques, or kicks to the legs.
- C. No finger jabbing, ripping, gouging, or tearing techniques to facial area.
- D. No Groin
- E. No Ground fighting

VI. PROTESTS:

- A. Only the coach has the right to protest any call BEFORE the match is over.
- B. Head official will discuss protest with judge and arbitrator. All Final call will be made by the head official.
- C. Protest will be made in a gentlemanly manner.
- D. Protest will be made only if it is in conflict of rules.
- E. Protest must be made **at time** of infraction.
- F. Only the coach can protest a call.

VII. DISQUALIFICATION:

- A. Excessive contact in all divisions.
 - (1). If opponent is knocked out.
 - (2). Was warned more than once for Excessive Contact.
- B. Swelling, discoloration, or drawing blood on head or face in all ranks will be grounds for disqualification. (The injury is verification).
- C. Contestant talking back to an official.
- D. Unsportsman like conduct or any other form of conduct unbecoming to a martial artist.

- E. Harassment from instructor, parent, or team members.
- F. Striking an official: Will be barred for one year from all TKO events.
- G. Being judged by own student or instructor in fighting. (unless agreed by both sides)
- H. Parents protesting inside a ring without a coach pass.

VIII. OUT OF BOUNDS:

- A. Must have both feet over the tape or matted area is out of bounds. (Loss of 1 point to opponent)
- B. No verification needed for out of bounds call.

X. FOUL:

- A. Each foul called on an opponent will result in a point awarded to person receiving foul.
- B. Using the arms or legs as a target will be considered a foul.
- C. no majority needed on fouls.
- D. Fouls will carry over to sudden death situations.
- E. Fouls overrule points.
- F. Hitting after the break is a foul, cause for point awarded.
- G. Illegal techniques are fouls, cause for a point awarded.
- H. Combination Fouls are 1 point.

XI. KUMITE:

- A. Each competitor will compete in his/her division only. Size & weight will be a factor in junior divisions and below.
- B. If blood is drawn on same fighter a second time by a different opponent on same wound, disqualification will be called.
- C. Light contact only (face/body) (light).

XII. KATA/FORMS RULES:

- A. Divisions will be arranged by belt rank or age and sex.
- B. Competitors will address the center judge. giving name, style of art, and name of form.
- C. The judging board will be composed of 2 corner & one center judge.
- D. If 5 judge being used, High and low scores will be omitted. High score will be winner.
- E. A second chance will be given to contestants who forget their form. All Katas, Weapons, Specialty (Musical, Weapons, 2 man) can restart only once.
- G. Specialty (Musical, Weapons, 2 man) no longer than 2 minutes
- F. Judging own student is allowed but not two judges from same school.
- G. Competitors WEAPON must be 3 feet away from all JUDGES.

TIES

Regular scoring system first time around.

If tied – Run off of same or different kata is acceptable.

If tied again - judges point to winner.

Grand Champion KATA must be same KATA that won division.

When tie occurs another form will be allowed.

All Competitors are responsible to have Birth Certificates if a protest arises.