

## Guidelines for Officials Decisions, Protest Procedures and Competition Proceedings

### Article I. Officials' Decisions

Official decisions made during and at the end of the contest are not negotiable. Any intent to protest must be made by the coach (not contestant) immediately following the match (refer to the protest paragraph in both Point and Olympic-Style sparring sections.) to ensure that tournament officials preserve all necessary records. Subsequently, the dispute shall be decided by the Tournament arbiter(s) in consultation with the Team Leader. The arbiter(s) may also call upon the Referee and/or Judges, in order to settle the dispute.

### Article II. Competition Proceedings

**II.A.** All officials, coaches and contestants participating in a licensed tournament are required to observe the decorum code of the AAU and the rules of the tournament.

**II.B.** All contestants, coaches, and officials are required to be registered with the AAU during the year of the competition.

**II.C.** If the Referee requests a time-out during a match, the time shall not be included in the calculation of the total match time.

**II.D.** Any contestant who wishes to leave the ring area during his/her division must request permission from the Referee.

**I E** During a match, coaches are required to remain seated and are not allowed to move about the perimeter of the ring. The coach may **never** enter the ring with the exception of filing a protest. When doing so, he is allowed to take one step only into the ring and announce to the Referee, "I wish to protest this match."

**II.F.** Coaches **MUST** be in their proper chairs **PRIOR** to the beginning of a match and are required to remain seated. Coaches may **NOT** come into a chair once the match has begun unless approved by the Referee. Once the match has begun, the request to sit in the coach's chair can only take place between rounds. Coaches may **NOT** switch out during a match. A coach is **NOT** mandatory for competition. However, if an athlete does not have a coach, no protests will be allowed.

### Article III. Disciplinary Reviews at National Events

**III.A.** The AAU National Sport Chair, and/or the National Chief Referee may request an on-the-spot three-person Disciplinary Review Committee be convened for deliberation when inappropriate behaviors are demonstrated by a coach, a contestant, official, and/or any staff member of AAU TKD.

**III.B.** The Disciplinary Review Committee shall deliberate the matter, summoning the person(s) concerned for confirmation of events and determine the disciplinary action(s) to impose, if any. The result of this deliberation shall be immediately announced to the spectating public and reported in writing, together with relevant facts and rationale, to the National Sport Chair.

**III.D.** Potential Violations of Conduct by a Contestant, Coach, Official, or Staff Member:

**III.D.1.** Refusing the Referee's command to complete the ending procedures of the match, including, but not limited to, bowing to his/her opponent at the end of the match or participating in the declaration of the winner

**III.D.2.** Throwing his/her belongings (headgear, groves, etc.) as an expression of dissatisfaction with decision

**III.D.3.** Not leaving the competition area after the end of a match

**III.D.4.** Not returning to a match after the referee's repeated command

**III.D.5.** Not complying with the competition official's ruling or command

**III.D.6.** Manipulation of scoring equipment, sensors and/or any part of PSS equipment

**III.D.7.** Any serious unsportsmanlike behavior during a match or aggressive misconduct toward competition officials

**III.D.8.** Complaining about and/or arguing against an official's decision during or after a round.

**III.D.10.** Arguing with the referee or other official(s)

**III.D.11.** Violent behavior or remark toward officials, opponents or the opposing side, or spectators during a match

**III.D.12.** Provoking spectators or spreading false rumors

**III.D.13.** Instructing athlete(s) to participate in misconduct, such as remaining in the competition area after a match or refusing to bow.

**III.D.14.** Violent behavior such as throwing or kicking personal belonging(s) or competition material(s).

**III.D.15.** Not following instructions of competition officials to leave the field of play or venue

**III.D.16.** Any other serious misconduct toward competition officials

**III.D.17.** Any attempt to bribe competition officials

**III.D.18.** Not abiding by policies set forth by AAU Rules and Regulations and/or the AAU Taekwondo competition rules

**III.D.19.** Accepting bribes for special judgement toward (either favorable or unfavorable) an athlete

### IV. Disciplinary Actions

Disciplinary actions taken by the Disciplinary Review Committee may vary according to the degree of the violation and consequence of same including, but not limited to the following:

**IV.A.** Disqualification of the athlete

**IV.B.** Warning and order to issue official apology

**IV.C.** Removal of Accreditation (official credentials)

**IV.D.** Ban from the competition venue

**IV.D.1.** Ban for the day

**IV.D.2.** Ban for the duration of the Championships

**IV.E.** Cancellation of Result

**IV.E.1.** Cancellation of the match result and all related merits

**IV.F.** Suspension of an athlete, coach, and/or team official from all AAU TKD activities

**IV.F.1.** Six month suspension

**IV.F.2.** One year suspension

**IV.F.3.** Two year suspension

**IV.G.** Suspension of an athlete, coach and/or team official from all championships for a specified period of time (up to two (2) years)

The Disciplinary Review Committee may recommend to the National Sport Chair that additional disciplinary actions be taken against the members involved, including but not limited to longer-term suspension, or lifetime ban.