

# 2016 AAU Rule/Policy Changes

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- Point sparring and Olympic sparring** – The procedure for reversing a violation call has been changed to read the following:
  - To reverse a violation call the Referee shall repeat the wrong signal, point to the competitor and declare Chung or Hong then extend the right palm to the front, move the hand to the right, then to left as wide as the shoulders, and then back to the center while facing the computer operator. He will then declare the proper infraction and verbally declare the violation to be reversed (Kyong-go or Gam-jeom).
- Point sparring, forms and Olympic sparring** – When awarding the win, the Referee will no longer turn the competitors to face the head table before bowing out.
- Point sparring** – Under the definition of Referee Stops Contest (RSC), the following subsection has been removed. This action is considered a withdrawal, not an RSC.
  - XIII.B. When the contestant's coach throws in a towel to stop the match
- Olympic sparring** – The definition of a fist technique was further described as "A straight punching technique using the knuckle part of a tightly clenched fist" eliminating a hook punch or upper cut as a valid scoring technique.
- Olympic sparring** – The value of a turning kick to the legal scoring area of the trunk (in continuous motion) has been increased from two (2) points to three (3) points.
- Olympic sparring** – All infractions are now listed as Kyong-go penalties. The severity or intentionality of an infraction raises it to a Gam-jeom penalty. The interpretation of acts that constitute Gam-jeom penalties are further described in the examples of penalties.
- Olympic sparring** – At local and regional events the tournament director can waive equipment color requirements. When this is done, there must be an announcement made that the color requirements will be strictly enforced at the Nationals Championships.
- Point sparring** – Competitors can now wear clear plastic face shields as optional equipment. When a face shield is worn, striking the face shield will result in a Gam-jeom penalty.
- Point sparring** – Points for valid foot techniques to the legal body area has been increased from one (1) point to two (2) points.
- Point sparring** – The points for valid foot techniques to the legal head area has been increased from two (2) points to three (3) points.
- Point sparring** – The gap has been raised to twelve (12) points.
- Point sparring** – A penalty has been added that reads:
  - XVII.G.9. Flailing with the hand to the legal head area.
- Point sparring** – The color of mandatory equipment (headgear, hands, feet) has been changed to allow any color gear at all events.
- Forms** – Basic form 1-3 has been changed to Basic form 1-5.
- General** – The last date to hold a licensed Qualifier event will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May.
- General** – The date of May 1<sup>st</sup> will be used to determine the top 10 districts by membership. This group will be part of the Technical Rules Committee (TRC for the year).
- General** – The date to submit rule change proposals has been changed to June 10. See the handbook for the complete makeup of the TRC.
- General** – The requirement for upgrade from C to B official has been clarified to be two years' time-in-grade or working two National events as a C official (includes the Nationals being used to evaluate for upgrade to B).