

Rule Change Proposals
Accepted by the 2016 TRC at Nationals on Sunday 7/3/2016
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General Section

1. Adjustments were made to both the required score percentages and the method of calculating the scores for upgrades for B and higher classifications.
2. Tournament directors have the option to use octagon rings.

Point and Olympic Sparring Sections

1. Hair must be tucked inside head gear for both Olympic-Style and Point-Style sparring.

Point Sparring Section

1. For point sparring, the age, belt and weight requirements have been changed to read "competition shall be divided by Age, Belt, Weight (lbs.) or Height (In.) and Gender.
2. For point sparring scoring, the officials will indicate their opinion by both turning the properly colored flag with one hand and indicating 1, 2, or 3 points with the other hand.
3. In point sparring, if two officials agree that one player scored, but do not agree on the number of points scored, the lowest point displayed will be given.

Olympic Sparring Section

1. In Olympic-Style sparring using PSS, if divisions are combined and the player moving up would wear a different size hogu in their normal division, at the referee's discretion, they may use that hogu, however the power settings will remain at the level of the division the player moved into.
2. In Olympic-Style sparring, the head is defined as the entire head above the bottom line of the head protector. The neck is no longer a valid scoring area.
3. During Golden Point Round when using PSS, if a point is scored from an illegal act, the referee invalidates the point and gives a penalty. At the end of the Golden Point round, if the score is tied, the TL must eliminate the missed hit manually to determine the winner.

J.O. Games Competition Section

4. For the J.O. Games ONLY, the following changes have been made.
 - For Padded Weapons competition, competitors may compete with one or two hands on the weapon at any time.

- For Padded Weapons competition, dropping the weapon will result in one point being awarded to the opponent.
- The age for J.O. competitors now includes ages 5 to 24.
- There is no age requirement for special needs competitors.
- The belt rank for J.O. competitors has been expanded to include all belts