

UMAF Championship Rules

- ? Competitor must be a UMAF member
- ? Competitors will compete during the tournament season at UMAF sponsored events for points. Points will be awarded for first, second and third place finishes. Points will be awarded in both forms and sparring competitions. School owners may have other events at UMAF tournaments but championship points will only be awarded for forms and sparring in 2006. Other events will be added in coming years.
- ? Points will be combined from what is earned in both sparring and forms competition. There will not be a forms champion and a sparring champion. There will be one overall champion in each division.

Points will be awarded in the following manner:

- ✍ 1st Place – 5 Points
- ✍ 2nd Place – 3 Points
- ✍ 3rd Place – 1 Point

The season points will be used for seeding at the championship tournament. The competitor in each division with the most points will be the number one seed at the championship. The competitor with the second most points will be the second seed, etc. At the championship all competitors will start back at a zero, but the top 3 finishers will receive bonus points as follows:

- ✍ #1 Seed – 3 Bonus Points
- ✍ #2 Seed – 2 Bonus Points
- ✍ #3 Seed – 1 Bonus Point

#1 seeds will receive the bye (if applicable) in sparring, and compete last in the forms competition.

- ? The champion in each division will be decided by the competitor with the most combined points earned at the championship tournament.
- ? Ties – In case of a tie between two competitors in the regular season then the seeding will be decided by a coin toss. For 3 or more ties seeding will be decided by drawing names out of a hat.

If a tie occurs during the championship then the competitors will compete in a first change of point sparring match. Same sparring rules apply, but two judges must see the point.

- ? Competitors will compete in the appropriate age group using their age as of July 1st.

- ? Divisions – Divisions will be broken in to Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Black Belt. If during the season the competitor feels they will be moving from one division to the next (due to a rank change) then they should start competing in the higher division. Points do not follow competitors when moving to a higher division. Ages for divisions will be broken into the following:

6-8 year old
9-10 year old
11-12 year old
13-14 year old
15-17 year old
18-29 year old
30-39 year old
40+ year old

Forms Competition

Competitors will be judged by no less than three judges. In the event of a tie, the competitors will be asked to do their form again, and the judges will make a decision solely based on the second form.

Forms should be traditional not “creative” style forms. Competitors will compete using any form up to their current rank.

Judges are to score competitors on technique, power, stances and overall quality of the form. Judges should not score on what they perceive as a ‘correct’ form.

If a competitor has asks to begin their form again the highest score they can receive from each judge is a 6 (Advanced and Black Belt divisions only).

Sparring Competition

The sparring competition will be a point sparring event. The event will be scored by three judges. When a clean scoring punch or kick is seen by a judge the judge will call “STOP”, and the judges will award the point. The first competitor to 5 points, or the competitor with the most points at the end of 2 minutes will win the match.

A point can be awarded if one judge saw a point. In the case of a tie at the end of regulation the match will go to sudden victory. 2 judges must see the point in the overtime period.

Judges will either score a point, a block or a no see when the center judge calls for point. A ‘no see’ calls signals that the judge is neutral on the point. They are basically taking themselves out of the scoring for that point.

Excessive contact will not be tolerated. The penalty for excessive contact will be as follows:

First violation: Verbal Warning

Second violation: Opponent receives 1 point

Third violation: Competitor is disqualified.

If the center judge feels the contact was excessive and done in a malicious manner a point can be taken away for first violation, or the competitor disqualified.

Scoring:

Backfist to the side, or top of the head = 1

Ridge hand to the side of the head = 1

Any hand technique to the front torso = 1

Kick to the front torso = 1

Kick to the head = 2 points

Jump kick to the front torso = 2 points

Illegal strikes and targets:

Anywhere on the back of the opponent

Anywhere below the belt of the opponent

Punches or kicks to the face area...this includes chin and throat and neck.

The penalty for the above violations are as follows:

First violation: Verbal Warning

Second violation: Opponent receives 1 point

Third violation: Competitor is disqualified.

If the center judge feels the contact was excessive and done in a malicious manner a point can be taken away for first violation, or the competitor disqualified.

Special Rules

- ? Students competing in sparring MUST wear all protective gear. Head gear, hand gear, foot gear, shin guards, mouth piece, cup (males).
- ? In the event of a tie at the end of regulation (sparring), the match will go to a "next point wins" scenario.
- ? Bad sportsmanship of any kind will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to taunting, "bad loser", or "bad winner". Violations can result in loss of point(s), match and/or trophy