



# **Delaware Open Martial Arts Championship**

## **May 7, 2023**

### **LOCATION:**

DoubleTree Hotel  
4727 Concord Pike  
Wilmington, DE 19803

### **DETAILS:**

*Door Open at 8am*  
*Black Belt Meeting at 9:30am*  
*Tournament begins at 10am*  
*Youth and Under belt Weapons and Forms*

*\*\*Safety equipment is mandatory. (Head gear, mouth pieces, groin cups are mandatory for ALL youth and Under belt sparring divisions) \*\**

### **TOURNAMENT PRICING:**

- \$65.00 for all events before March 1<sup>st</sup>
- \$75.00 for one event, \$10.00 for each additional event

### **SPECTATOR PRICING**

- \$25 Adult Spectator fee
- \$15 children spectators 12 and under
- FREE for Children 2 and under

### **COMPETITOR RULES**

All competitors must present themselves in a respectful manner, following all tournament etiquette, must be dressed in a clean, neat, and full gi with a properly tied belt. Beginner division will be scored between 5 and 7, intermediate between 6 and 8, advanced between 9 and 10. Medals will be awarded to those who place 1st through 3rd. When you finish all your events and if you have not placed in any division, you will be awarded a participation medal. No one is allowed on the floor except judges and competitors. All decisions will be made by arbitrators and are final. We reserve the right to combine any divisions. No refunds will be issued for missed divisions. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

### **PROTEST**

A competitor has the right to protest an infraction of the rules or if a possible mistake was made (not a judgment call).

1. If a competitor wishes to protest, he/she should first let the referee know he/she believes there has been an infraction of the rules or a mistake has been made.
2. The referee will summon the arbitrator to the ring (if the referee cannot properly settle the protest to the player's satisfaction) to render a decision.
3. All protests must be made in an orderly, proper and sportsmanlike manner.
4. All protests must be made immediately.
5. Protests are not allowed once competition has resumed (after the fact protest).



6. A competitor may be penalized or even disqualified if he/she is protesting improperly or without proper cause.

### **CALLS AN OFFICIAL MAY MAKE**

When the referee believes there has been a significant exchange of techniques, or when signaled to do so by a corner judge, he/she shall call out the word, "STOP!" in a loud voice. The referee shall wait until the competitor's return to their starting marks and addresses the judges by saying "JUDGES CALL!" All judges and the center referee cast their votes simultaneously and assertively in the following manner.

1. Judge Sees a Point – He/she should hold up both colors or hold up one arm, if colors are not being used. At the same time, he/she yells out the word "CALL!" in a loud, clear voice to let the referee know he/she has a call.
2. Point Calling – When signaled by the referee (referee says the competitor who scores the point. If a competitor scores a two-point kick, the officials should hold up or point with two fingers (index and middle fingers). If only one point is being called, the "Judges Call" in a loud clear voice) a judge raises the appropriate color (red or white usually) if colors are being used or points to judge should point with only one finger (Index finger).
3. No Point Scored – An official crosses his/her wrist at waist level or holds both colors down to indicate that he/she believes that a point was not scored.
4. Did Not See If A Point Was Scored – The officials hold his/her hand over his/her eyes indicating that he/she could not see whether a point was scored or not. Indicates the official was not in position to see if a point scored. (When using this signal, it has the same effect as saying "no point", but it indicates to the referee, competitors, and fans the reason why you are not calling the point).
5. Clash – Officials make a motion as though they are hitting both fists together, indicating that both competitors scored at the same time.
6. Penalty – The judge waves the color of the offending competitor in a circular motion. If no colors are used the judge waves the hand and arm in a circular motion while pointing at the offending competitor.
7. Disqualification – A disqualification vote is taken separately from any other vote. When a disqualification vote is asked for, the center official will say, "JUDGES CALL". The judges will then hold the color or point to the competitor who is to be disqualified. If the judge does not feel the competitor should be disqualified, he/she crosses his/her wrist or holds both colors down at waist level.

### **LATE CALLS**

All officials should make their calls at the same time. If, in the opinion of the center official, the corner judges are making a late call intentionally, the center official can disqualify the call and/or judge (noise not allowing the judges to hear the referee and the honest mistake of raising the wrong color or pointing at the wrong competitor should be taken into consideration not to disqualify the call or judge).

### **LEGAL, ILLEGAL, AND NON-TARGET AREAS**

1. Legal Target Areas: Entire head and face, ribs, chest, abdomen, collarbone and kidneys.
2. Illegal Target Areas: Spine, back of neck, throat, sides of the neck, groin, legs, knees and back.
3. Non-Target Areas: Hips, shoulders, buttocks, arms, and feet.

### **SWEEPS, TAKEDOWNS, AND GROUND FIGHTING**



Sweeps are not meant to take down an opponent, but only to obstruct the balance so as to follow up with a sport karate technique and can only be executed to the back of the front leg at mid-calf or below.

1. A sweep must be deemed a proper sweep and not a kick, to be legal.
2. Controlled Takedowns and sweeps that are meant to take down an opponent are not allowed.
3. A point is awarded only when the legal sweep or takedown is followed up effectively legally and immediately with an appropriate sport karate technique.

### **DELAY OF TIME PENALTY**

In Under Black Belts one (1) warning may be issued to the competitor (verify with promoter if Black Belts and UBB have the same rules.) A penalty point will be issued for each minute the competitor is not properly ready to compete. Upon 3 penalty points the offending competitor will be disqualified. At the discretion of the center official, a penalty point may be issued immediately, if the center official believes the competitor is delaying without a valid reason (equipment as an example).

### **OTHER PENALTY RULES**

A competitor cannot be penalized and still receive a point on the same call. A competitor can receive a point for a proper technique and another point from a penalty call against his/her competitor. If, in the opinion of the referee and/or the medical personnel, a competitor cannot continue because of an injury caused by an illegal penalized attack executed by his/her competitor, the offending competitor shall be automatically disqualified. The injured competitor cannot continue to compete.

### **OTHER CAUSES FOR PENALIZATION**

Attacking illegal and non-target areas, using illegal techniques, running out of the ring to avoid fighting, falling to the floor to avoid fighting, continuing after being ordered to stop, excessive stalling, blind, negligent, or reckless attacks, uncontrolled techniques, showing unsportsmanlike behavior by the competitor, his/her coaches, friends, etc., excessive contact, and delay of time are just some examples of possible penalization.

### **DISQUALIFICATION**

Requires a majority vote by all officials unless it is an automatic disqualification.

- a) Non-Competing Penalty: If, in the majority opinion of the officials, it is considered that one or both competitors are not making an obvious attempt to compete in the sparring match in the true spirit of competition, one or both competitors will be warned and if it continues, will be disqualified.
- b) Wrong Division: If any competitor competes in a division he/she does not qualify to compete in due to age, weight, rank, gender, style, etc., he/she will be disqualified.

### **OUT-OF-BOUNDS**

A competitor is out-of-bounds as soon as he/she does not have at least one foot touching inside or on the boundary line. An out of bounds competitor cannot score a point while out of bounds. In bounds competitor, can score on an out of bounds competitor if the center referee has not called stop.

### **COACHING**

The luxury of having a coach is something that most competitors do not have access to. Therefore, it sometimes can become an unfair advantage over a competitor who does not have a coach. The rules are made and enforced so no one competitor has an advantage or disadvantage over another competitor. Therefore, coaching is allowed but only under the following guidelines:

1. A Coach is defined as anyone who is trying to help one competitor in anyway. A coach could be but is not limited to a friend, parent, teammate, or an official coach.
2. Never, at any time, can a coach enter the ring without the referee's permission.



3. No abusive, violent, unsportsmanlike, or overzealous coaching.
4. Coaches cannot ask for a time out unless they are protesting a rules violation (only the competitor may ask for a time out). A flag or other tool will be provided, at the coach's chair, to throw into the ring to call for a judgement or protest. However, if the center official has ruled a judge's call was late and therefore not considered, arbitration cannot be requested.
5. Coaches can never, at any time, interfere with the proper running of the ring or the decisions of the judges. The center official can issue a penalty point to a competitor for each time his/her coach is interfering with a match or disrupting fair play between contestants. A referee can ask for a disqualification of a contest but requires a majority vote of all judges.
6. If a coach's chair is provided, the coach must stay in the chair during the match. A coach's player can be penalized during a match if they leave the chair without permission of the head judge. The head judge determines the severity of the penalty base on the coach's conduct.

### **INJURED COMPETITOR**

1. The medic has the final determination is a competitor may NOT continue, with NO exceptions.
2. If a competitor is injured not due to a penalty, they are allowed 4 minutes to determine if they can continue, the time starts immediately. The time may be extended two additional minutes once the medic reaches the competitor. It is the center official's responsibility to communicate with the medic and determine if additional time will be allowed. The center official must then inform the scorekeeper who is keeping up with the time of the delay. A medic can always request an extension time to properly determine if the competitor can continue. The maximum time that can be allocated to determine if a competitor can continue is 8 minutes. If the medic requests an extended length of time due to an injury and is officially allowed, it is recommended, if possible, to move to the next match while the injured competitor is recuperating. The timekeeper must record the score and time remaining to properly restart the match.
3. If it is determined the injured competitor cannot continue, due to a penalty as determined by center referee and judges the uninjured competitor is disqualified.
4. If the competitor cannot continue due to a penalty, the injured competitor will receive 7 points as a result of the disqualification. The competitor who committed the violation will get 0 points.
5. If a competitor cannot continue because of an injury where there is no penalty call, the uninjured competitor will receive a 7-point spread.

### **EXCESSIVE INJURIES**

On a third request for an injury timeout, the competitor will NOT be allowed to continue. The Referee and Judges will follow normal protocol to see if the injury was the results of an illegal technique. Section 4.22 Timeout's A request to stop the time can only be requested by the competitor in the ring. A coach may NOT request the timeout and can be penalized if he or she: – Leave the coach's chair – Enter the ring; or – Uses profanity The center official, as their discretion, may allow the time out or elect to disregard the request. A flag or other tool will be provided, at the coach's chair, to throw into the ring to call for a judgement or protest. However, if the center official has ruled a judge's call was late and therefore not considered, arbitration cannot be requested.

### **WEAPONS/FORMS RULES**

- Once the 1st competitor of a division has bowed into the ring, NO late competitors will be
- allowed to enter the division. (NO EXCEPTION)
- With five (5) or more competitors the judges will view the 1st three competitors, and then
- call the competitors back up for their scoring.



- All under belts competitors will have (1) opportunity to begin after a mistake with no deduction points.
- Black Belts competitors will NOT be allowed to begin again after a mistake.
- Shape weapons are not permitted to hit the tournament floor.
- All bladed weapons must be inspected by the center judge.
- In the event of a (2) way tie, the judges will determine the winner by a show of hands.
- In a (3) way tie competitors must redo the form again. If still tied, then the competitors must redo the form.

### **WEAPONS/FORMS RULES**

1. Beginner division will be scored between 5 and 7
2. Intermediate between 6 and 8
3. Advanced between 9 and 10

### **SPARRING POINT RULES**

1. Under Belts (2) minutes - (5) points
2. Black Belts (2) minutes - (7) points
3. If tied after (2) minutes, No Clock the first point wins.

### **WEAPONS / FORMS PENALTY**

A weapon(s) or any portion of a weapon should not exceed the boundary of the ring, including an imaginary line that goes vertically from the boundary floor line upward. Further, a competitor (weapons and forms competitors) should not exceed the imaginary line. Should the judges see a weapon / competitor exceed the imaginary barrier, the competitor score can be downgrade or the competitor can be disqualified with a majority of the judges agreeing on the disqualification. The intent of this rule is the safety of competitors, spectators, and the judges; also, known as group. It is not intended to be applied unilaterally; rather in situations where the exceeding of the imaginary boundary could provide a risk to any of the group. For example, the weapon / competitor exceeds the boundary: – The weapon / competitor goes between or over the groups body or head; or – The weapons / competitor hits anyone, in the group, who is outside of the ring. Penalty – Striking / hitting anyone within the group – disqualification – All other penalties – .05 deduction by each judge.

### **STARTING A FORM OVER**

If an Under-belt competitor starts his/her form over because of a memory lapse or any other reason due to his/her own negligence, he/she may perform the form again.

- a) The officials will score as though there was not a mistake, but the center referee will instruct the judges to subtract .05 points from the competitor's final score.
- b) The three-minute time limit will start over.
- c) A competitor can only start over one time for scoring.
- d) If a competitor has to start over, not due to his/her negligence, he/she will not be penalized on the start over.

### **TINY TIGERS (NON-COMPETITIVE DIVISION)**

The highlight event is our non-competitive tiny tiger division. One of the assistant instructors will accompany students into the ring and they will have the chance to do their form competition. All students will receive a perfect score of 10 and get an awesome medal for competing in the forms



division. This is an event that all students should participate in. It is phenomenal opportunity to do wonders for your child's self-esteem and confidence.

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