

JUDGE & REFEREE GUIDELINES

When the ring is ready to begin, the scorekeeper will loudly call the name of the competitors that are up and announce the names of the next two competitors (on deck).

Entering the Ring

Competitors will stand side by side outside the ring. The Center Referee will *whistle*, indicating for them to bow to the Referee. The Referee will extend his or her arms with palms facing out, then snap the hands toward his or her face indicating that the competitors should then enter the ring. The Referee will indicate for them to stop at the center of the ring by extending both arms with palms out.

Beginning the Match

The Center Referee extends his or her arms with hands held at shoulder height. The hands should be held tight and strong with the palms facing outward towards the competitors. *Blowing the whistle*, the Referee simultaneously snaps the palms to face inward, indicating to the competitors to face each other. The Referee again *blows the whistle* while simultaneously dropping the hands inward, palms facing the ground at chest height, indicating to the competitors to bow to each other. Referee then says "choon bee" to the competitors to prepare for the beginning of the match. At this time, the Referee raises the red colored tag in the right hand to indicate the person on the right and places the colored tag around the back of the competitor's belt and announces "red". The Referee then steps between the competitors with the left leg forward in front stance. The Referee extends both arms outward, palms out, pushing competitors to their position and *whistles* for "fighting stance". The Referee extends his right arm (hand in kwan soo position) toward the timekeeper and *whistles*. The Referee then raises the right hand straight into the air and *whistles* indicating for the match to begin (2-minutes countdown begins and does not stop even for point verification. Time will not stop unless indicated by the Center Referee, which will usually occur only in the event of an injury). The Referee will slide backwards into a fighting stance.

Awarding Points:

To call points, Judges will *stop the match by whistling*. The Referee will *whistle for the match to stop*. Competitors will be directed to the center of the ring facing each other. The Referee will step to the back of the ring and will call for *point verification by blowing the whistle* while holding both hands over the head with palms facing up.

Judges will simultaneously raise their flag (s) indicating how the point/warning should be given.

Red flag for red point

Blue flag for blue point

Flags crossed low toward the floor – no point

Flags cross in front of the judge's face – no see

The Referee will point directly at each Judge as he or she is calling the point and verbally state what the Judge has called. Once a majority determination is made, if one exists, the Center Referee will point to the scorekeeper and announce the decision.

The match will continue until a competitor reaches 3 points or the timekeeper announces loudly "TIME" indicating the match is over. The competitor who has the most points after 2 minutes is the winner.

Announcing the Winner:

When TIME is announced or a competitor reaches 3 points, the Referee will *blow the whistle to indicate the match is over*. The competitors return to attention at the center of the ring. Referee snaps the palms to face inward, indicating to the competitors to face each other. The Referee *blows the whistle* while simultaneously dropping the hands inward, palms facing the ground at chest height, indicating to the competitors to bow to each other. The Referee will snap both hands toward his or her face and *blow the whistle again indicating for all to bow to the center table*. Stepping between the competitors, the Referee will grasp each opponent's arm and raise the arm of the competitor who won the match and *whistle*. Stepping back, the Referee will then pull the opponents together to embrace each other in congratulations. Competitors will then back out of the ring.

Sudden Death:

In the event of a tie, a sudden death match will be held. The Referee will *whistle indicating for the match to stop*. Competitors will be directed to the center of the ring facing each other and will kneel down. The Referee will step to the back of the ring and *blow the whistle while holding both hands in a 2-hand block position over his or her head*. This indicates a tie. Match continues until a point is awarded.