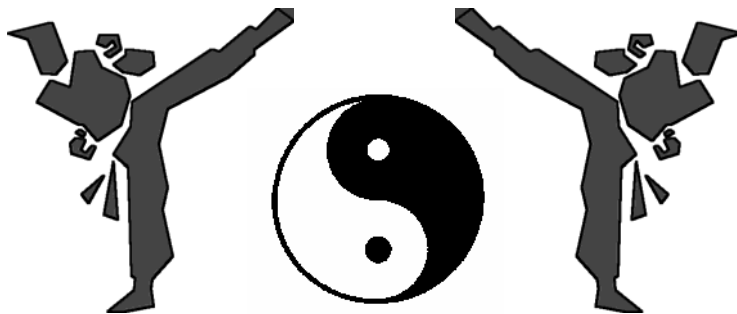


THE PENNSYLVANIA REFEREES ASSOCIATION



TOURNAMENT RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR:

The Pennsylvania Referees Association would like to invite any and all Tournament Directors to join this alliance in a conscience effort to provide safe and equal competitive rules and regulations.

Tournaments: The Battle of Harrisburg – The Breath of Nature – Kenny Miller’s Mifflintown Open – Capital City Classics – Capitol City Youth Championships – Susquehanna Valley Open.

Educating Parents / Students / Instructors

1. Instructors should educate parents and students on tournament rules. (That is the main purpose of Black Belts meetings prior to the start of tournaments)
2. Rules should be included in flyers and application forms.
3. Copies of rules will be on hand at sign-in tables
4. Center ring judges will announce all rules to the competitors in their ring, including time periods, before events begin.

Crowd Control

1. Warnings will be given to spectators behaving in an unsportsmanlike way.
2. If this conduct continues, a point will be awarded to the opponent of the competitor whose parent refuses to cooperate. If the parent still refuses to cooperate, the competitor will be disqualified and both parent and competitor will be asked to leave the tournament.
3. An arbitrator should be called in to control this situation.

FORMS:

(5 Judges)

1. High and Low scores will be thrown out.
2. In case of tie, add High Score back in.
3. If the tie can't be broken with the High Score added, then add Low Score back in.
4. If the High Score and the Low Score can't break the tie, the Judges will use a show of hands to determine winner.

FIGHTING EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

Foam Dipped Head Gear, Hands, Feet (**Fighting Gear must cover fingers and toes**)

Groin Protection

Mouth Piece

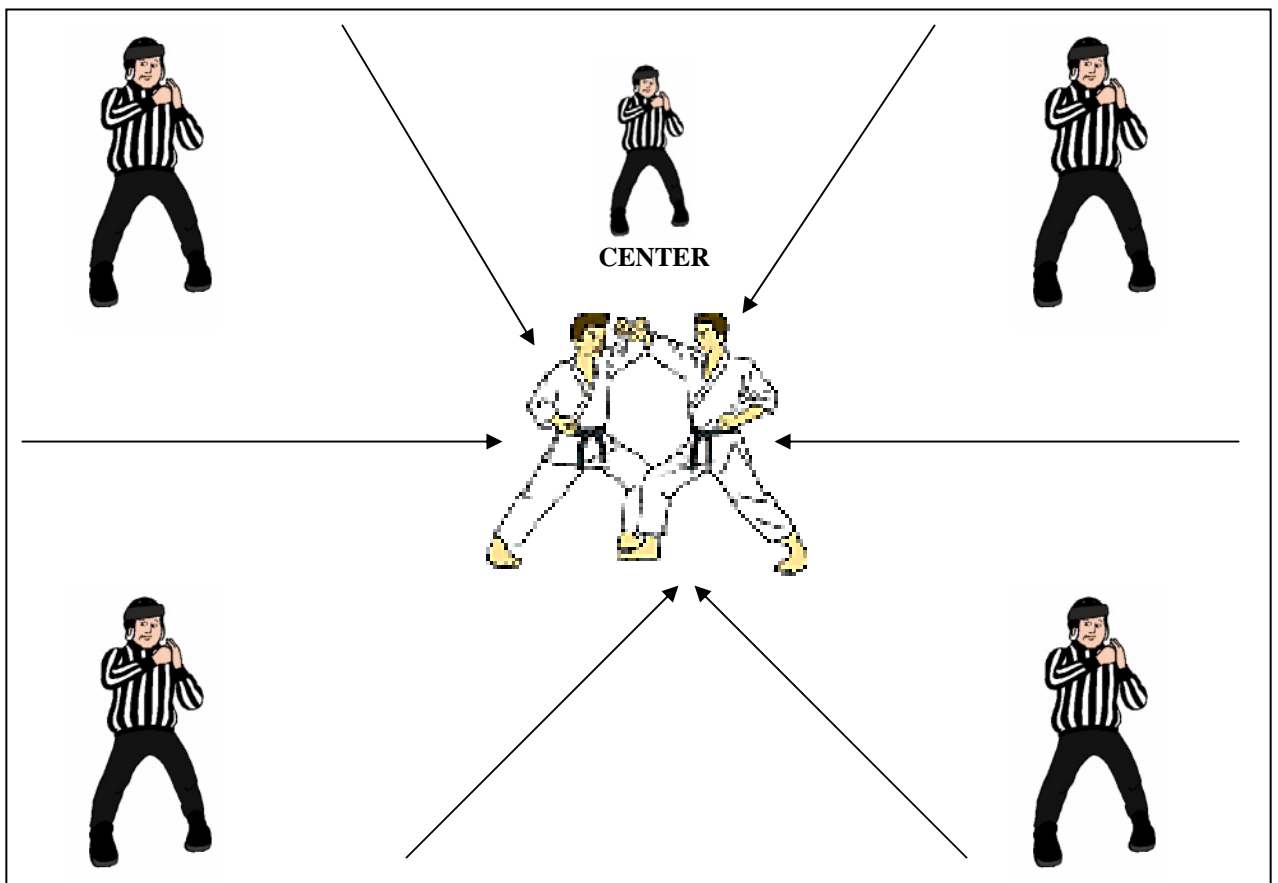
Appropriate Protection for Female Competitors

FIGHTING:

Contact Rules will be strictly enforced!!

1. **NO** contact to the front of the face.
2. **Positively NO** contact to the head in Under-Black Belt divisions!!
3. Contact is accepted to the areas of the head that are covered by head gear, with exception to the back of the head, (**ONLY**) in Adult Black Belt Divisions!!
4. **Light to medium** contact will be allowed to the body. (Disqualification may occur if this contact is deemed excessive.)
5. **NO contact** is allowed below the waist.
6. **NO sweeping** of the legs is allowed.
7. **Disqualification will occur if there is BLOOD or REDNESS as a result of a contact!!**

JUDGING POSITIONS FOR FIGHTING



MORE GUIDELINES FOR:
FAIR AND COMPETITIVE JUDGING FORMS

**** THE CENTER JUDGE MUST DIRECT FELLOW JUDGES TO
RANGE OF SCORING**

1. We must try to separate ourselves from favoring Students or Style of Martial Arts.
2. We should look for content and merit.
3. We should realize that there is not only one way to do Forms. Every teacher has their own method, style and direction of doing Forms.
4. We must lead by example and Judge the way we want to be Judged by.

FIGHTING

1. **Our focus must be on the fighting going on in our assigned rings.**
2. We need to instill **safety** and **fairness**
3. We need to rely on Tournament Arbitrators for assistance in case of any confusion or defining rules and regulations.
4. We need to realize that Rules, Regulations and Guidelines can only work if everyone strictly adheres to them.
5. Black Belt Meetings at the beginning of events are for the purpose of distributing important information of that event and is to be taken back to your students and Parents prior to competition.

All judges must be in Karate Uniform while judging

1. Center judges must refrain from critiquing other competitor's forms (this could tend to offend the competitor's instructors). We must judge all forms openly and not strictly with certain style standards
3. Any Black Belt who does not attend the Black Belt Meeting may not be positioned as a center Referee.