

OHIO MARTIAL ARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Official Rules - General Rules

- All competitors must wear a clean regulation martial arts uniform. The OMC defines regulation uniform as sleeves that cover the elbows and pants that cover the knees.
- Spectators are not allowed on the competition floor at any time. Only competitors whose division is being run and working personnel are allowed on the competition floor.
- During the course of competition no one can talk to a judge or referee except to lodge an official protest. Violation of this rule may result in the awarding of a penalty point.
- Center referees should be currently certified OMC referees. The referee certification chairperson will provide a list of current OMC referees at each tournament.
- If there is a division provided for a competitor, the competitor must compete in that division. A competitor found competing in the wrong division will be disqualified. In order to receive points in any division with only one (1) competitor, that competitor must have registered before the deadline, be in uniform at the appropriate ring, and ready to compete when the division is called. If a competitor chooses not to compete because of lack of competition he/she will be entitled to a refund, but no award or points will be awarded.
- In the event a child's age is challenged the parent or guardian shall produce a birth certificate to establish the child's age.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification. A competitor may be disqualified if a parent, instructor, or fellow student exhibits unsportsmanlike conduct. A disqualified competitor will receive no points and no award. A person disqualified for this reason will not be allowed to continue into another round of competition. Competitors, parents, or coaches who display disrespectful behavior may result in a warning given by the center judge. Continued disrespectful behavior may result in a one tournament suspension given by an arbitrator or tournament promoter. Continued disrespectful behavior upon return from suspension may result in expulsion from the tournament circuit.
- All OMC sanctioned state tournaments at this time will receive full national OMC points as follows: 1st – 15 pts, 2nd – 10 pts, 3rd – 5 pts, 4th – 3 pts.
- If a competitor changes divisions throughout the year (due to rank advancement or age), the division that had the most points accumulated will receive the combined total at the end of the season.
- All OMC sanctioned tournaments will use square rings for competition. Rings will be no less than 16'x16' nor more than 22'x22'. Recommended ring size is 20'x20'. Elevated rings shall be no more than three (3) feet above the floor surface and must have no less than four (4) feet between the out of bounds line and the edge of the elevated floor surface. This rule does not apply to regulation size boxing rings. Two parallel lines will be placed in the center of the ring two (2) feet in length and nine (9) feet apart as starting points.

- In lodging a protest, a player, parent, or instructor must respectfully get the attention of the center referee and state the rule violation being protested. Protests are only allowed when a rule has been violated. A judgment call may not be protested. Center referees will respect all protests and may want to summon an arbitrator.
- The center referee is responsible for ensuring all score sheets are properly completed prior to awards being given out. The official will then be assigned to another ring by the tournament coordinator. When a volunteer scorekeeper is related to a competitor, they should be identified to the center referee.
- A competitor may request the removal of one official before the division begins.
- No tournament will begin without the presence of trained and certified medical personnel. Only certified medical personnel may administer first aid to an injured competitor. Medical personnel will remain at the event until its conclusion.
- When, in the opinion of the OMC promoters and director(s), it is necessary for the safety of competitors these rules may be amended temporarily.

