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I.T.F. UMPIRE RULES

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UMPIRE RULES

Article 1 : PURPOSE

The purpose of these rules is to ensure fairness and unified judging criteria of the Jury and Referees, to protect the Umpiring Authority and to point out the rights and duties of Jury and Referees.

Article 2 : APPLICATION

These are to be applied at every ITF Championships for degree holders.

Article 3 : THE UMPIRE COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Umpire Committee appoints and assembles the Jury and Referees for the ITF Championships.

The Umpire Committee consists of a minimum of three (3) members who are appointed by the Chairman of the I.T.F. Umpire Committee.

The Umpire Committee is responsible for the following:

- * To conduct Umpire Seminars based on the ITF Tournament and Umpire Rules and Manuals,
- * To keep a record of all ITF Jury Members and Referees,
- * To issue Umpire booklets and information bulletins whenever necessary,
- * To strictly observe the Umpire dress code,
- * To appoint "Ring Councils" and designates them to their respective rings,
- * To organize for substitution and rotation of Referees in order to allow all Umpires an opportunity to officiate,
- * To check and supervise Umpires during competition,
- * To make an assessment of the Tournament and Umpiring aspects of the championship, so as to explore ways and means to improve the ITF Tournament and Umpire Rules,
- * To give final judgments in cases of official protest,
- * To undertake disciplinary actions against violators of the Tournament Rules,
- * To cooperate with the other Committees,

Article 4 : JUDGEMENTS

Every Umpire must apply his or her judging criteria in conformity to the ITF Umpire and Tournaments Rules, and to his or her conscience.

Article 5 : UNEXPECTED EVENTS

All cases not stated in the ITF Tournament and Umpire Rules shall be addressed and dealt with by the Umpire Committee, to the best of its ability and conscience, to reach a fair and just solution.

Article 6 : RING COUNCIL

Each ring must be governed by a Ring Council.

The Ring Council for Pattern competition consists of:

One (1) Jury President
Two (2) Jury Members
Five (5) Referees
One (1) Recorder

The Ring Council for Sparring competition consists of:

One (1) Jury President
Two (2) Jury Members
One (1) Center Referee
Four (4) Corner Referees
One (1) Recorder
One (1) Timekeeper

The Ring Council for Power Breaking consists of:

One (1) Jury President
Two (2) Referees
One (1) Recorder

The Ring Council for Special Techniques consists of:

One (1) Jury President
Two (2) Referees
One (1) Recorder

The Ring Council for Self-defense Routine consists of:

One (1) Jury President

Two (2) Jury Members
Five (5) Referees
One (1) Recorder

Article 7 : PATTERN COMPETITION - RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE REFEREE

- a) The referee shall at all times be updated with all the ITF Tournament and Umpire Rules and Manuals.
- b) The referee shall be allowed, if required by the Jury President, to participate in the consultations.
- c) The referee shall not talk at any time during competition.
- d) The referee shall sit properly at 150 cm on either side from his or her colleagues.
- e) The referee shall observe with attention the competitors' performance and judges by the following parameters:

INDIVIDUAL PATTERN

- * *Technical content*
- * *Power*
- * *Balance*
- * *Breath control*
- * *Rhythm*
- * *Breath control*
- * *Rhythm*

TEAM PATTERN

- * *Presentation, team work and choreography*
- * *Technical content*
- * *Power*
- * *Balance*

- f) After each bout, the Referee shall add up all the points on his or her Pattern judging form that will be collected by the Recorder and handed over to the Jury President.
- g) In the event of a tie, the Jury President shall select by draw ***one (1) designated Pattern*** to be the ***"tie-breaker"***. This procedure will continue until a winner is decided.

Article 8 : RIGHT AND DUTIES OF THE JURY PRESIDENT

- a) The Jury President shall at all times be updated with all the ITF Tournament and Umpire Rules and Manuals,
- b) The Jury President is the only official authorized to disqualify a competitor in accordance with Art. 36 of the ITF Tournament Rules,
- c) The Jury President is the supervisor of the match and the Referees, he or she is allowed to give his or her opinion at any time,
- d) The Jury President is the supervisor of the Timekeeper and the Recorder, he or she is allowed to substitute them in case of absence or inefficiency,
- e) In Pattern competition :
 - * *The Jury President shall decide by draw the designated Pattern,*
 - * *The Jury President shall appoint one (1) Referee to give commands,*
 - * *In case of incorrect situations, the Jury President can call the Referee(s),*

- * *Upon receiving the Pattern Judging Forms, the Jury President shall check them and in accordance with the criteria indicated in Art. 27-29 of the ITF Tournament Rules, he or she shall stand up to indicate the winner,*
- * *In case of a draw, the Jury President must stand up and crosses his or her arms in front of his or her chest in the form of an “X” to indicate a draw. The Jury President shall then select (by drawing) one (1) designated Pattern to be the “tie-breaker”. This procedure will continue until a winner is decided.*

f) In Sparring competition :

- * *In case of incorrect situations, the Jury President shall call for “Time-stop” and has consultations with the Center Referee and the corner referees,*
- * *The Jury President shall take note of foul(s) and warning(s) given by the Center Referee,*
- * *After receiving the Sparring judging forms, the Jury President shall check all the points, foul(s) and warning(s). In accordance with the criteria indicated in Art. 32 of the ITF Tournament Rules, the Jury President shall stand up to indicate the winner,*
- * *In case of a draw, the Jury President shall stand up and cross his or her arms in front of his or her chest in the form of an “X” to indicate a draw,*

g) In Power and Special Techniques competitions :

- * *The Jury President shall appoint one (1) Referee to check the boards and the attempts, and one (1) Referee to give the commands and indicate the points scored,*
- * *In case of a tie, the Jury President will select (by drawing) one (1) item to be the “tie-breaker”, this procedure will continue until a winner is decided,*

h) In Self-defense Routine competition :

- * *The Jury President shall appoint one (1) referee to give commands,*
- * *After receiving the Self-defense Routine judging forms, the Jury President shall check them, and in accordance with the criteria indicated in Art. 50-51 of the ITF Tournament Rules, the Jury President shall stand up to indicate the winner,*
- * *In case of a draw, the Jury President shall stand up and cross his or her arms in front of his or her chest to indicate a draw. An extra 30 seconds will be given to each team to perform and the teams are free to choose whatever techniques and routines they wish. This procedure will continue until a winner is decided,*

i) The Jury President is allowed to replace the Referees in case of inefficiency, accident or dispute,

j) The Jury President shall fill out and sign the competition forms. At the completion of each competition, these forms shall be delivered to the Umpire Committee.

Article 9 : DUTIES OF THE JURY MEMBERS

The Jury Members shall assist the Jury President, during the Pattern, Sparring and Self-defense Routine competitions, to check on all the judging forms and the supervisions of the matches and refereeing.

Article 10 : SPARRING COMPETITION - RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF CENTER REFEREE

- a) The Center Referee shall at all times be updated with the ITF Tournament and Umpire Rules and Manuals,
- b) The Center Referee is allowed to participate in consultations with the Jury President and the Corner Referees, if required,
- c) The Center Referee shall check the ITF *dobok*, safety equipment, the groin guard and the shin guards of the competitors,
- d) The Center Referee shall direct the match, gives the commands and raises the hand of the winner,
- e) The Center Referee is the only Official authorized to award warning(s) and foul(s),
- f) The Center Referee shall receive the Sparring judging forms from the Corner Referees and delivers them to the Jury President,
- g) The Center Referee shall obtain the Jury President's opinion whenever required.

Article 11 : SPARRING COMPETITIONS – RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE CORNER REFEREE

- a) The Corner Referee shall at all times be updated with all the ITF Tournament and Umpire Rules and Manuals,
- b) The Corner Referee is allowed to participate in consultations with the Jury President and the Center Referee, if required,
- c) The Corner Referee shall sit properly and shall observe with attention the competitors' actions,
- d) The Corner Referee shall register on the Sparring judging form for point(s), warning(s) and foul(s) of the competitors,
- e) At the end of the match, the Corner Referee shall deduct if any, one (1) point from the total score for every three (3) warnings registered and one (1) point for every foul registered, for each competitor,
- f) The Corner Referee shall deliver the Sparring judging form, completely filled and signed, to the Center Referee,
- g) When the competitors are fighting for the "*first point*" the Corner Referee shall stand up with the blue and red flags in hands and observes the fight from his or her corner. At the Center Referee's command of "SUNG", the Corner Referee shall raise the red or blue flag to indicate that a valid score is made, and by whom. However, if the Corner Referee does not see any valid score, he or she keeps the flags down.

Article 12 : POWER AND SPECIAL TECHNIQUE COMPETITIONS - RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE REFEREE

- a) The Referee shall at all times be updated with the ITF Tournament and Umpire Rules and Manuals,
- b) The Referee is allowed to participate in the consultations with the Jury President, if required,
- c) The Referee shall check the boards and the heights of the targets.
- d) The Referee shall give the command to begin and check the correctness in the execution of each attempt as indicated in Art. 44 and Art. 47 of the ITF Tournament Rules,
- e) The Referee shall announce the number of points scored in each attempt in accordance with the procedure indicated in Art 44 and Art 47 of the ITF Tournament Rules.

Article 13 : SELF-DEFENSE ROUTINE COMPETITION – RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE REFEREE

- a) The Referee shall at all times be updated with the ITF Tournament and Umpire Rules and Manuals,
- b) The Referee is allowed to participate in consultations with the Jury President, if required,
- c) The Referee is not allowed to talk at any time during competition,
- d) The Referee shall sit at 150 cm either side from his or her colleagues,
- e) The Referee shall observe with attention the competitors' performance and judges by the following parameters:
 - * Presentation, team work and choreography
 - * Technical content
 - * Story content
 - * Power
 - * Balance
 - * Breath Control
 - * Rhythm
- f) After each match, the Referee shall add up all the points on his or her Self-defense Routine judging form that will be collected by the Recorder and handed over to the Jury President,

Article 14 : DRESS REGULATIONS

The Umpire's dress code consists of:

- * Navy blue blazer jacket,
- * White long sleeved shirt,
- * Navy blue trousers,
- * Navy blue tie (with no other colours or decorations),
- * White socks,
- * White sport shoes,
- * Pen.

Article 15 : PRESENTATION BEFORE THE COMPETITION

All Jury Members and Referees must present themselves at least one (1) hour before the beginning of each Tournament day.

Article 16 : BEHAVIOUR

All Officials must observe the following rules:

- a) They must behave with conscience and dignity,
- b) They must pay maximum attention during competition,
- c) They must be at all times well unbiased when giving a decision,
- d) They must take distance from the competitors,
- e) They must have a basic knowledge of First Aid-Assistance.

Article 17: UMPIRE CLASS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. The "Class A" Umpire

The criteria for the ITF "Class A" International Umpire are:

- a) At least 25 years old,
- b) Possesses a good sense of fairness and conscience,
- c) Holds an ITF 4th degree or over,
- d) Has successfully attended an official ITF International Umpire Course and holds the ITF "Class A" International Umpire certificate,
- e) Has a minimum of three (3) years experience in regular domestic umpiring and has good recommendations from his or her National Association,
- f) Participates regularly in authorized ITF Refreshers Courses for Referees and Jury Members,
- g) Officiates regularly at tournaments within the ITF jurisdiction.

2. *The “Class B” Umpire*

The criteria for the ITF “Class B” Umpire are:

- a) At least 18 years old,
- b) Possesses a good sense of fairness and conscience,
- c) Holds an ITF 2nd degree or over,
- d) Has successfully attended an official ITF Umpire Course and holds the ITF “Class B” Umpire Certificate,
- e) Participates regularly in authorized ITF Refreshers Courses for Referees and Jury Members,
- f) Officiates regularly at national and local tournaments within the ITF jurisdiction

Article 18 : COPIES OF THE RULES

A copy of the ITF Umpire Rules must be present at all tournaments and be accessible to all officials and competitors.