

## Weapons & Forms Scoring

Beginners 9	*Be consistent with your scoring & use hundredths
Intermediate 9	*2 competitors or Tie Breaker – Computer breaks tie if true tie than Referees will show flags
Advanced 9	*There will be no deduction for the weapon touching the floor, only striking
Black Belt 9	

**All competitors will perform, track performance. Mandatory scoring: .91-.99. Cannot repeat your top 4 numbers, if you do you must adjust your scores. A score lower than .2 of the middle score, will be adjusted by Computer**

### Deductions by center referee

**1.0** major loss/control of the weapon, hitting the floor, Loss of balance that results in a fall or touching of hand to the floor  
restart, dropped weapon, creative movement in traditional division, use of foam weapons or incorrect weapon, no release of a weapon in Open Creative or Extreme no inversion in Extreme, Exceeding the 3 minute time limit, stepping outside the ring in Traditional Weapons or Forms

## Criteria for Judging:

### Traditional Weapons - Please resolve weapons challenges prior to the start of a division – Must stay in the ring

- No gymnastics, acrobatics, splits or other freestyle type movements.
- Beginner- (1) Kick in any direction w/o touching their foot to the floor, Inter. up to 2 kicks, Adv/Black Belt up to 3 kicks
- Techniques may not involve any more than a 360-degree turn.
- Other than transitioning, both hands on weapon(s) at all times.
- Traditional natural wood color and construction
- Judging based on use manipulation & control of the weapon(s) then look at Balance, Stances, Focus, Technical, Presentation, & Difficulty

### Traditional Forms – Must stay in the ring

- No gymnastics, acrobatics, splits or other freestyle type movements.
- Beginner- (1) Kick in any direction w/o touching their foot to the floor, Inter. up to 2 kicks, Adv/Black Belt up to 3 kicks
- Techniques may not involve any more than a 360-degree turn.
- Judging based on Balance, Stances, Focus, Technical, Presentation, & Difficulty.

### Extreme Weapons

- All movements & gymnastics are allowed.
- Must have at least one release of weapon & one inversion.
- Music may or may not be used.
- Weapon(s) must be in the athlete's hand or hands at all times. Weapon(s) may not be used to strike the floor at anytime.
- Judging based on use manipulation, control of the weapon(s), creativity then look at Balance, Stances, Focus, Technical, Presentation, & Difficulty.

### Extreme Forms

- All gymnastic, acrobatic, splits or other freestyle type movement allowed.
- Must have at least one inversion
- Music may or may not be used.
- Judging based on Creativity, Balance, Stances, Focus, Technical, Presentation, & Difficulty.

### Creative Weapons

- Creative manipulation of the weapon is allowed, including but not limited to release of the weapon.
- Must have at least one release
- Techniques may not involve any more than a 360-degree turn.
- No music allowed.
- Judging based on the use, manipulation, control of the Weapon(s) then look at Balance, Stances, Focus, Technical, Presentation, & Difficulty.

### Creative Forms

- Judging based on Balance, Stances, Focus, Technical, Presentation, & Difficulty.
- Techniques may not involve any more than a 360-degree turn

### Point Sparring or Open Rank Point Sparring:

- Chest Protectors are mandatory
- Touch Contact to Face Shield is a point
- There will be a 10 second time out for coaches in all age divisions.
- Contact warning is issued for all infractions except Boundary. All Warnings accumulate together
- All kicks and punches to body are 1 Pt, Head Kicks 2 pts, Jumping Spinning Head Kick 3 pts, 10 point spread ends match

**In all Sparring divisions, bowing out in the first round without fighting at all, is a disqualification from the division**

### Continuous Sparring: 1 round only– 1:30

- Chest Protectors are MANDATORY.
- Light Contact to HEAD or FACE SHIELD allowed. (1. Warning. 2. Lost the match)
- There will be a 10 second time out for coaches in all age divisions.
- Winner will be determined by a show of flags at the end of time

**In all Sparring divisions bowing out in the first round without fighting at all, is a disqualification from the division, A step back must be taken after executing 4 techniques. If no step back is taken see penalty chart>**

### Scoring Criteria:

- 1 – Ring control.
- 2 – A good balance of punching and kicking. Equal amounts.
- 3 – A good, clean quality technique.
- 4 – If all 3 areas above are even then we will look at who connected more, which is the quantity of the techniques.

### Rule Modifications 2023

- 1 Athletes must be ready to fight when called into the ring for their match. If any required equipment is missing, i.e., mouthpiece, cup, hand pads, etc., that causes the match to be delayed, this will result in 1 point awarded to the opposing athlete.
- 2 Avoidance Rule. This covers a few situations including but not limited to falling excessively or purposefully, running out of bounds on your own or to avoid a point. This will result in 1 point awarded to the opposing athlete.
- 3 Coaches must have their shirt on before sitting down to coach. If they do not, 1 point will be awarded to the opposing athlete.
- 4 1 coach on the side of the ring, sitting in the chair. If there is more than one coach, 1 point will be awarded to the opposing fighter. This includes athletes or team members from the same school.
- 5 Coaches may not speak to officials during the match. Any negative talk about officials, verbal disagreement with calls, calling of points from the coach's chair, results in 1 point awarded to the opposing fighter.
- 6 A Coach can request arbitration by raising their flag. The center referee will then invite you in to discuss or come to you. If the arbitration is not resolved, the event arbitrator will be called. If the coach loses the arbitration, 1 point will be awarded to the opposing fighter.

### Point sparring Warnings

1<sup>st</sup>: point to Other Fighter  
2<sup>nd</sup> point to other fighter  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lost the match  
Penalties may elevate to DQ at anytime

### Continuous sparring Warnings

1<sup>st</sup> time – Verbal Warning  
2<sup>nd</sup> Disqualification  
Penalties may elevate to DQ at anytime