

C.O.C. 57 KICKBOXING / MMA RULES

Uniform Code:

Kickboxing

Any **TSMA Approved** uniform shirt and uniform pants or TSMA Fight Team Competition shorts.

Belt: Not required

MMA Divisions

Any **TSMA Approved** uniform long-sleeve shirt and uniform long pants. TSMA Fight Team Competition shorts may be worn with TSMA leggings underneath. Must have **full** leg and arm coverage – no bare skin.

Belt: Not required

No shoes or jewelry allowed. Fingernails and toenails must be cut short. Hair must be neat and short or tied back with a soft tie. Personal cleanliness is mandatory. No lubricants, oils, or lotions of any kind may be applied to the body. Violation of the uniform code may result in disqualification.

Mandatory Protective Equipment:

Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced				
Head	Any Tigear Headgear			
Hands (Gloves)	Age	10 yrs & Under	11-14 yrs	15 yrs & Over
	Size	6 oz minimum	10 oz minimum	14 oz minimum
	<i>Optional:</i> Tigear Hand Wraps (no tape or gauze allowed) <i>*Advanced Only:</i> Ear Guards and or MMA Gloves may be worn for MMA divisions			
Mouth	Tigear Mouthguard			
Feet	Tigear Shin Insteps			
Chest	Tigear Chest Protector (All female competitors)			
Groin	Tigear Groin Cup (All male competitors)			

Weigh-In:

A mandatory weigh-in for each division will be conducted at the **weigh-in station closest** to your assigned competition ring. **Immediately** after arriving at the arena, you should find the weigh-in station nearest to your assigned ring and weigh in. The sooner you do this the **better the chance** that any changes can be made to your assigned division if necessary.

At weigh-in, competitors must have on their complete uniform as set forth in the rules. A competitor must not exceed the upper limit of the weight range of the division in which he or she is registered or they may be **disqualified**.

The Match:

All Beginner and Intermediate divisions are Kickboxing. All Advanced divisions are MMA with the exception of the Senior Advanced divisions.

Match times are as follows in the table below:

Match Time (Minutes)				
Age Group	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced	Extension Round
Juniors: 8 & under	1	1	2	1
Juniors: 9 - 17	2	2	3	1
Adults: 18 & up	2	2	3	1
Seniors: 40 & up	2	2	3	1

Legal Techniques:

1) All kicks, strikes, and knees directed to the body (excluding illegal techniques); 2) Kicks to the legs, including sweeps; 3) Takedowns; 4) Grabbing is limited to 5 seconds (non-MMA divisions only); 5) Hand strikes to the body of a downed opponent (MMA divisions only); 6) punches, knees and kicks to the body and legs if both competitors are down (MMA divisions only); 7) all legal near submissions and submissions (MMA divisions only).

Illegal Techniques:

1) Kicks to the head; 2) Any hand, elbow or arm strikes to the face, neck, or head; 3) Elbow strikes to the body; 4) Spinning back-fists or spinning elbows 5) Any kick to the opponent's face, neck or head; 6) Any strikes or kicks to the throat, back (spine), groin, or front of the knee; 7) Punching a downed opponent (non-MMA divisions only); 8) Kicking a downed opponent from the standing position; 9) Up kicking a standing opponent from the ground; 10) Biting, eye gouging, hair pulling, fish hooking; 11) Body slamming. If a competitor picks an opponent up off the ground, he/she must return the opponent safely to the ground; 12) Holding for more than 5 seconds (non-MMA divisions only).

Depending on the severity of the illegal technique, the head referee may give a warning, deduct a point, or disqualify the competitor.

Out of Bounds:

One competitor having both feet out of the circle constitutes out of bounds. Both competitors will then be returned to the center of the ring and will start again in a standing position, no matter what position they were in when they went out of bounds.

Criteria for Decision:

Decisions of the judges are final. They will be based on the following:

Counted for the competitor: 1) Legal techniques delivered with proper technique, speed, power, and timing to legal vulnerable areas; 2) All takedowns and sweeps if: A) it is cleanly executed; and B) the executing competitor stays on his/her feet. It will count more heavily in the competitor's favor if takedowns and sweeps are followed up immediately with a non-contact, focused finishing technique.

Counted against the competitor: 1) Illegal techniques; 2) Running out of bounds; 3) Pushing or shoving your opponent out of bounds with your hands or any part of your body.

Sportsmanship:

The decision of the judges is final. Any competitor acting in an unsportsmanlike or disrespectful manner will be automatically disqualified. **Any competitor or their representative acting in an unsportsmanlike or disrespectful manner, may be automatically disqualified from an event or the remainder of the competition that day, especially if safety is a concern.** Coaching the competitor is not allowed. Coaching will result in a deduction of points or disqualification of the competitor. **Stopping the match:** 1) If a competitor is unable to continue for any reason, the referee will stop and give him/her 5 seconds to recover. If the competitor cannot recover after 5 seconds, the match will be stopped; 2) The match can be stopped early by any competitor who chooses not to continue. In MMA divisions, if on the ground, a competitor must signify that they wish to stop by tapping twice on their opponent's body or by verbally tapping; 3) The match can be stopped at any time the head referee decides a competitor should not continue. Note: In the above-mentioned three cases, the win will be awarded to the remaining competitor, provided the fight was not stopped due to an illegal technique.

Automatic Disqualification:

1) Failure to make weight; 2) Disrespectful behavior; 3) Violation of protective equipment rules; 4) Use of illegal techniques, whether intentional or just reckless. In these cases, a competitor will be disqualified **from only** that particular event 5) Vomiting during match; and 6) Obvious disregard for the rules; 7) Sandbagging (knowingly attempting to compete or competing in an event of lower rank than the competitor's current rank). **Any competitor or their representative acting in an unsportsmanlike or disrespectful manner, may be automatically disqualified from an event or the remainder of the competition that day, especially if safety is a concern.**