

General Rules

Rules Responsibilities – In order to present a fair competition for all athletes, we have established rules and criteria that govern The Fall Classic Tournament. The Fall Classic will present these rules to the competitors via the website and at the competitors meeting following the opening ceremonies. Competitors and instructors are responsible for reviewing the rules and regulations for the tournament. If there is still a question, it is the responsibility of the competitor and coach to get clarification before the start of a division.

Competitor Categories

- Beginner: 0-2 year experience
- Intermediate: 2-4 years experience
- Advanced: 4 years and up experience
- Masters: Must be a minimum of 50 years old, have students, and have trained a minimum of 25 years plus in the style you are competing in

Competitors must register and compete in a division appropriate to their experience and skill level. Competitors must compete at the same skill level in all categories. For example, if a competitor competes in advanced empty hand forms then they must compete in advanced sparring. If competitors in two-person forms are of different skill levels, the team will compete at the highest experience level of the two competitors.

It is also important that the competitor and his/her instructor register in the proper competition category and division. There is always some gray area in various styles of martial arts. Example: If a competitor has 10 years' experience in one style and switches to another style, that competitor overall is not a beginner to the martial arts. The competitor needs to compete in the appropriate category based on overall martial arts experience.

Fall Classic judges will reserve the right to move a competitor which appears to not be registered for the appropriate competition categories or division. If the competitor chooses to compete in a division or category of their choosing, they will be judged based on the standards of that category or division. The Fall Classic wants all competitors to be judged fairly and accordingly.

Event Schedule– The order, time, and ring location of events are subject to change at any moment during the day of the event. The Fall Classic reserves the right that events can be divided or combined based on competitor participation. It is imperative that all competitors and instructors listen to announcements and be aware of when, where, and what events will be run. The Fall Classic Each event will be announced by the prep area. All competitors must check in the prep area before the event starts. Competitors will be led to their designated ring prior to when the event starts. At that time, when instructed, you must give the head judge and/or scorekeeper your name and competition category (beginner, intermediate, advanced.) Walk-in competitors will not be allowed to enter a ring event once the competition for that event has

started. If the competitor is competing in concurrent events, they must report to the ring and inform the head judge or scorekeeper of the situation. Then report to the concurrent ring and do the same. The competitor will report to the first division they are called to participate in. Though, that competitor must ensure that they report to their concurrent event once their first division is completed. The Fall Classic is not responsible for competitors missing their event. The Fall Classic will not refund a competitor for missing his/her event.

Etiquette: Each competitor must be suitably attired with proper uniform and equipment for competition. Please wear your school's uniform. Competitors should wear something that is conducive to performing your style of martial art. Street clothes are unacceptable uniforms for competition. Please be neat and practice good hygiene. No vulgar words, political, religious, sexually inappropriate sayings or pictures will be allowed on your uniform.

The competitors must salute when entering and exiting the ring. The competitor must salute the judges; state their name, style of martial art, name of the form being presented, and then request permission to begin. Once the scorekeeper has confirmed the competitor's name on the competition list, he will be instructed by the head judge to begin.

Medals or trophies will be presented to the top 3 competitors with the highest scores. In the event of a tie, competitors may be asked to perform again. The competitors will be scored again by the judges.

Once the division is complete, all event competitors are expected to be present during the award presentation at the end of each ring event. If there is a conflict with another event the competitor must inform the ring's head judge. A competitor with a ring conflict can have a representative stand in their place to receive their medal.

All competitors, instructors, school members, volunteers, Fall Classic officials, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the high level of discipline and respect associated with the martial arts. No disrespect towards any Fall Classic officials, volunteers, spectators, or fellow competitors of the tournament will be tolerated. Any person who acts in a disrespectful manner toward any official will be expelled from the Fall Classic Tournament and may be banned from any future events. If there are any questions or concerns from the competitor or their instructor, it must be formally presented in written form to the Arbitrator within three days of the end of the event. Issues can be addressed with the Arbitrator at the event and possibly resolved. Otherwise, formal complaints or concerns must be filed as stated in the Arbitration section.

Arbitration and Disputes: Any instructor or competitor disputing the results of a match and wishing to have arbitration of a match for any reason must notify the Tournament Director within 15 minutes of the end of the division. They must then provide a written request & \$300 arbitration fee to the Tournament Arbitrator within 30 minutes of the end of the match to have resolution that same day. If the arbitration is settled in favor of the arbitrating parties, a full

refund of the arbitration fee will be given. If the arbitrating parties are not settled in their favor, no refund for the arbitration fee will be given.