



IMAF Code of Conduct

1. No Negative Coaching will be allowed at anytime
2. No person may step into a ring unless their student or child is injured or invited by The Chief Referee.
3. No acts of Vulgarity, Profanity, Violence or Extreme Outward displays of anger will be tolerated.
4. IMAF Coaches must also agree to serve as an advocate for Athletes with no coach from their own school in the event an arbitration is required on the athletes behalf

Violations may be treated with disqualification from the division in which the person is competing in and Disqualification from the current and any future IMAF Event and or a request to leave the event.

Our primary goal is to provide a Safe, Fair and Motivating Environment in which a competitor can test their skills. It is through our example of Excellence that we can achieve our goal.

Coaches: Arbitration Procedure/The Coaches Responsibility

The Coaches primary responsibility in IMAF, like the other officials, is a very important role. That role is to provide balance and assure a fair and accurate competition. This includes judging and officiating. The Coach is an advocate for the competitors (or parent) especially in the arbitration process. We have now expanded that role to include the following.

IMAF coaches are empowered to arbitrate for any registered competitor (not just their own students). Other responsibilities of coaches include helping competitors to grow, improve & care for competitor's needs while on the floor.

IMAF Coaches must follow the following procedure for arbitrating a specific rule violation. Keep in mind that Objective calls such as, points not being called, or to low a score on forms will not be considered for arbitration unless a specific rule infraction has occurred. Arbitration must take place prior to the finish of the division in question. *Specific Disciplines within the IMAF may have their own rules governing coaches and arbitration.*

Coach Requirement

Teams will be allowed 1 coach for every 5 Participants, maximum 4 on the floor at anytime. Coaches must wear the approved Shirt, Credential or 1 Day Credential.

Who may request arbitration

IMAF Coaches that are wearing the current Coaches shirt and credential or IMAF Officials may request arbitration.

Arbitration Procedure

The IMAF Coach or IMAF Official must request a “**Time Out for Arbitration**” by raising the yellow flag or their hand. The Center Referee is required to stop the ring. The Center Referee must exit the ring & approach the coach. The Coach will then state the rule infraction, not opinion. The Center Referee can either render a decision or Confer w/the corner judges with or without the coach present.

If this is not satisfactory, the coach can request the arbitrator IMAF Coordinator for the event to make the final decision & advise the Center Referee to start the ring. Once the decision has been rendered, all arbitration will stop. If the coach continues to argue, penalties will be assessed against their participant, including points to their opponent and or disqualification from the match.

At no time may The IMAF Coach Enter the ring unless requested by the Center Referee or Regional Coordinator to do so. If a coach enters the ring at any other time, they will be asked to leave (1) time. If they do not leave, their participant will be disqualified and they will forfeit their credential.

Coaches Penalties

Only rule infractions can arbitrated. If a a coach is deemed to be arbitrating opinion, their participant will be penalized, with points against them or disqualification.

Athletes with No coach

If an athlete has no Coach, the parent may approach any IMAF Coach or Official to arbitrate on their athlete's behalf. Spectators may not enter the competition area at anytime.

Agreement to Adhere to International Martial Arts Festival, (IMAF) Code of Conduct

I have fully read and understand this release & waiver and I agree to above conditions of this waiver & the regulations & code of conduct that govern The IMAF Events

Signature

Date

This waiver must be signed in order for the above named participant to be allowed to Coach

IMAF Waiver And Permission Form**Adults and Minor****Please Print****check one: ()Athlete ()Coach ()Volunteer****Participant Information**

First name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Gender (M/F) ____ Emergency Phone Number _____

Event InformationEvent Date(s): November 4-6, 2011 Team Name: _____Event: International Martial Arts Festival Event Manager: KICK USA Inc.Activity(ies): Martial Arts and any other activities conducted at or in conjunction with the Event

In consideration of my and/or my child or ward's participation in the Sport Type(s) and Event referenced above and any related activities (collectively, the "Event"), wherever the Event may occur, I agree to assume all risks incidental to such participation (which risks may include, among other things, muscle injuries and broken bones). On my own and/or my child or ward's behalf, and on behalf of my and/or my child or ward's heirs, executors, administrators and next of kin, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, and forever discharge the Released Parties (as defined below) of and from all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature arising out of or in any way connected with my or my child or ward's participation in the Event and/or any such activities, and further agree to indemnify and hold each of the Released Parties harmless from and against any and all such liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses including, but not limited to, all attorneys' fees and disbursements up through and including any appeal. I understand that this release and indemnity includes any claims based on the negligence, action or inaction of any of the Released Parties and covers bodily injury (including death), property damage, and loss by theft or otherwise, whether suffered by me or my child or ward either before, during or after such participation. I declare that I and (if participating) my child or ward are physically fit and have the skill level required to participate in the Event and/or any such activities. I further authorize medical treatment for me and/or my child or ward, at my cost, if the need arises. For the purposes hereof, the "Released Parties" are KICK USA Inc., International Sports Grappling Association, Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin, and their respective parent, subsidiary, affiliated or related companies; the Event Manager referenced above, , all Event sponsors or charities, and each of their respective parent, subsidiary, affiliated or related companies; and the officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, successors, assigns and volunteers of each of the foregoing entities.

I further grant the Released Parties the right to photograph and/or videotape me and/or my child or ward and further to display, use and/or otherwise exploit my and/or my child's or ward's name, face, likeness, voice, and appearance forever and throughout the world, in all media, whether now known or hereafter devised, throughout the universe in perpetuity (including, without limitation, in online webcasts, television, motion pictures, films, newspapers, and magazines) and in all forms including, without limitation, digitized images, whether for advertising, publicity, or promotional purposes, including, without limitation, publication of Event results and standings, without compensation, reservation or limitation. I further authorize distribution by the Released Parties of my contact information, including my e-mail address, to third parties for promotional purposes, or for any other purpose whatsoever, without compensation, reservation or limitation. The Released Parties are, however, under no obligation to exercise any rights granted herein.

This Waiver and Permission Form shall be governed by the codified and common laws of the State of Florida without regard to conflicts of laws principles. Any legal proceeding of any nature brought by either party against the other to enforce any right or obligation under this Agreement, or arising out of any matter pertaining to this Agreement, shall be submitted for trial, without jury, before the Superior Court in and for Orange County, Florida; or, if the Superior Court does not have jurisdiction, then before the United States District Court for the Central District of Florida; or if neither of such courts shall have jurisdiction, then before any other court sitting in Orange County, Florida, having subject matter jurisdiction. The parties consent and submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of any such court and agree to accept service of process outside the State of California in any matter to be submitted to any such court pursuant hereto, and **EXPRESSLY WAIVE ALL RIGHTS TO TRIAL BY JURY REGARDING SUCH MATTER**. I certify I am 18 years of age or older and, if I am executing this Waiver and Permission Form on behalf of my child or ward, the information set forth above pertaining to my child or ward is true and complete.

Date

Signature of Participant (if over 18) or
Parent (if Participant is under 18) or
Court Appointed GuardianPrint Name of Participant (if over 18)
or parent, (if participant is under 18)
or court appointed guardian