



WTKA Sport Sword Rules & Guidelines.

Equipment

All participants must wear a Head Guard & Face Cage

Groin Guards are mandatory for male competitors

Additional protective clothing, (gloves & chest guards) is optional.

Action Flex Swords MUST be used. 34" for children & 40" for Adults.

Rounds

All junior students to compete over 1min rounds & seniors over 1.30minute rounds, please note that this can be split at the discretion of the organiser for finals or for smaller categories.

Juniors 2 x 45second rounds

Adults 2 x 1minute rounds

Scoring Areas

Contact must be controlled for junior competitors, no loading shots up!

1 point – Controlled Head Strikes, Arm Strikes (above wrist to shoulder) back of upper body

2 points – Legs front and back (above ankle to hip) and Chest

3 points – Stomach (above belt & below chest)

Both hands must remain on the sword for a point to be scored.

Illegal Areas

Groin, Hands, Feet and Throat

Points cannot be scored if a competitor has a knee on the floor or has a foot outside the matted area. Aerial strikes will score only if the competitor lands within the matted area on both feet.

General Comments.

The general idea is that it follows the format of Points sparring. 2-3 Refs with a majority score.

Each match starts with the competitors touching swords in the middle of the ring / matted area, on the command of the lead ref the match starts, on the command of the lead ref the match is stopped for either a point to be given, instructions on area or a warning. Every time a stop is called then the competitors must restart from the centre touching swords.

If a draw is called then extra 30 seconds

After this it is sudden death rules! First clean score wins.

- All coaches and instructors must take full responsibility for the safety of their own competitors when at the European Open Championship.
- All rules must be obeyed at all times. Completion of a registration card for all participants is essential for entry into European Open Championship.
- WTKA/WKA accept no responsibility for any injury to competitors, spectators or any belongings or property personal or otherwise of any nature or cause whatsoever.
- The organisers have the right to refuse entry to anyone, or to disqualify any person, at any time, without question.

The organisers hold the final decision