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Directive

The SMMAF Assessment Committee directive:

1. The Assessment Committee shall to the best of their ability handle all protests submitted to the SMMAF in regards to competitions carried out under the rules and regulations pertaining to the following: Amateur Mixed Martial Arts, Swedish professional Mixed Martial Arts and International professional Mixed Martial Arts.
2. The Assessment Committee shall follow the SMMAF rules and regulations pertaining to the handling of protest as stated in § 32.4:

§ 32.4 The results of a match shall only be changed if an obvious mistake has been uncovered, one that had an effect on the outcome of the match and was made by the referee, judges or another official.

3. If the Assessment Committee identifies a lack of information that is significant for them in order to make a ruling, or consider themselves in need of additional information, they shall initiate the collection of that information.
4. The members of the Assessment Committee all have one vote each. If a ruling comes down to even numbers the chairman casts the deciding vote.
5. In the event of a member being biased (through, for instance, involvement in the matchmaking of the competition or him/her having some kind of connection to the contestant in question), he/she is not allowed to cast a vote.
6. In the event of the chairman being biased (through, for instance, involvement in the competition as a judge/referee or him/her having some kind of connection to the contestant in question), he/she is not allowed to cast a vote. In such a case the vice chairman casts the deciding vote if a ruling comes down to even numbers.
7. The SMMAF board will continuously submit cases to the chairman of the Assessment Committee (or, when applicable due to bias, to the vice chairman). The chairman coordinates the Assessment Committee's work and presents the SMMAF board with a ruling within a time frame of two weeks.

Protest handling procedure

1. Each member of the Assessment Committee shall watch the competition pertaining to the protest alone and with the sound turned off.
2. Each member of the Assessment Committee shall use the chart provided below to judge the competition round for round, meticulously basing his/her judgment on the criteria stated in §10, §29 and §30 (see below).
3. Justify each ruling in the comments field of chart.
4. Take meticulous notes of errors made by the judges and referees, also in the chart.
5. The results are summarized by the chairman of the Assessment Committee (or, when applicable due to bias, the vice chairman) and is thereafter discussed.
6. The Assessment Committee produces a formal response to the protest as well as a ruling.

Chart for notes

Name of contestant:	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	TOTAL
Contestant 1				
Contestant 2				

Comments Round 1:
Comments Round 2:
Comments Round 3:
Summarized Comments:

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Rules pertaining to judging in the SMMAF set of rules and regulations

§ 10 Judge

10.1 Every match shall be judged and the score is to be kept by three SMMAF licensed judges with long experience of professional mixed martial arts.

10.2 The judges shall sit separated from the audience as well as each other.

10.3 The judges shall remain neutral during the course of the match other than when identifying a break of the rules. In such a case the judges shall notify the referee during the round break.

10.4 The judges shall keep score and award points to the contestants for each round independent of each other. They shall also independently fill out the scorecard for each round.

10.5 The winner of a round is awarded 10 points while his/her contestant is awarded 9 points for dominance, 8 points for substantial dominance and 7 points for total dominance. If the round is very even then both contestants are awarded 10 points.

10.6 At the end of a match the judges shall summarize the points for all rounds.

10.7 The judges shall hand over the scorecard with the results of the match clearly marked.

10.8 The judges are not allowed to leave their place until the match is over and the results have been relayed.

10.9 A person who functions as a manager, whether a written agreement exists or not, is not allowed to stand as neither referee nor judge in a match where he/she represents one of the contestants.

§ 29 Criteria for judging

29.1 The contestant awarded the win of the round is the one who controls and dominates the match and who is most efficient in the areas of: striking (blows and kicks), fighting in standing position, clinch (wrestling in standing position), throws/takedowns, position control, striking during ground fights and attempted submissions. The techniques should be well carried out, being solely aggressive is not rewarded.

29.2 Lying on top in a guard position (meaning ground fight with the opponent's legs around the upper body), shall only be considered a dominant position if the contestant attempts to finish the match (efficient striking or attempted submissions) or improve his/her position (such as passing the guard). A contestant who solely pins the opponent down without active attempts to win shall not be considered dominant.

29.3 If the contestants are equal in their offence the defensive techniques shall be considered: blocking strikes and kicks, defense against takedowns, turning a bottom position into a top position or a standing position.

29.4 If the contestants are evenly matched both offensively and defensively the contestant who was most active and attempted to win the most should be awarded the win.

§ 30 Draw

30.1 If the score at the end of the match is even the match is ruled a draw.

30.2 In the event of a title match the judges must rule a winner (i.e. state a winner on the scorecard).

Rules pertaining to refereeing in the SMMAF set of rules and regulations

§ 9 Referee

- 9.1 Every match shall be overseen by a licensed referee with long experience of mixed martial arts.
- 9.2 The referee shall be dressed in a shirt and dress pants and shall wear soft shoes so that no damage or discomfort is inflicted on the contestants.
- 9.3 The referee shall be physically fit in order to stay alert, close to the contestants and able to intervene when necessary so that the contestants' safety is kept on as high a level as possible.
- 9.4 The referee shall ensure that both contestants are wearing appropriate protection.
- 9.5 The referee shall ensure that all parties involved in the match abide by the rules.
- 9.6 The referee shall put the contestants' safety first and immediately stop a match if and when it is apparent that one part is so superior that the other stands the risk of being injured, if one of the contestants is in a questionable position of disadvantage, or if one of the contestants is not defending him/herself properly.
- 9.7 The referee has three commands during the match: "FIGHT" tells the contestants that the match has started; initially, after a time-out or after a round break. "STOP" tell the contestants to cease fighting and stay in the current position. "BREAK" tell the contestants to cease fighting, separate and assume a neutral position.
- 9.8 The referee shall stop the match if and when a contestant uses unauthorized techniques or breaks the rules.
- 9.9 The referee shall ensure that unauthorized techniques are not used to the advantage of one contestant.
- 9.10 The referee shall disqualify a contestant if he/she or his/her seconds deliberately, severely or repeatedly breaks the rules.
- 9.11 The referee shall stop the match if anything is thrown onto the fighting area. If a second or a contest physician throws in a towel or something equivalent the match is to be stopped.
- 9.12 At the event of an accident or foul the referee can issue a time-out in the match, allowing for one of the contestants to recuperate in up to five (5) minutes.
- 9.13 At the event of a foul that consists of a blow or kick to the groin area (so called low blow) the referee shall, upon request from the injured contestant, issue a time-out in up to five (5) minutes, allowing him/her to recuperate.
- 9.14 The referee shall stop the match at the sound of the signal that marks the end of a round.
- 9.15 The referee shall raise the arm of the winner when the results of the match have been made public by the speaker.