



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION –

- 1) **How do I qualify for the WTA Nationals?** *First, you must be a US competitor who is a member of one of the WTA sanctioned associations such as the AMA, CTF, Renaissance Karate, UFMA, USTL, UTA, USWTA and others that may qualify. The rules for qualification have been agreed upon by your association in conjunction with the WTA.*
- 2) **Can I compete in both the WTA Nationals and the Pioneer's Cup?** **YES!**
- 3) **Is there a limit on the number of events for which I can register?** **NO**, you will have to set your own limits. *We will allow you to register for as many events as you wish, however, there will be no refunds except under special circumstances.*
- 4) **Can BEGINNER competitors (white, yellow, orange belts) compete in Point or Continuous Sparring divisions?** **NO**, beginners may compete in forms and sparring set (non-contact) competitions.
- 5) **What is a Little Dragon?** *Little Dragons are competitors who are 6 & under and not yet ready to compete in regular forms, sparring sets or point sparring divisions. This is a special division where they will all get to participate and each competitor will receive a special award.*
- 6) **What level of contact can I expect?** *Contact will be relative to divisions. Less contact will be allowed in colored belt divisions. For point sparring, the contact level will be light, controlled contact. For continuous sparring, the contact level will be light to moderate, controlled contact.*
- 7) **What are the weight classes?** *Weight classes will be determined at the tournament, in staging, based primarily on the safety of the competitors.*
- 8) **How do I determine my age and rank division?** *You should enter your age and rank as of April 1st of the competition year to determine your proper division.*
- 9) **Can I elect to compete in a different division?** *If you are an adult, you may choose to compete in a younger age group but you must compete with your rank. If you are a junior, you may not elect to change divisions.*
- 10) **If I register now, can I get a refund if I decide not to compete?** *Generally, we will issue refunds upon request as follows:*
  - a. *30 days before the tournament, we will refund all fees paid (less a processing charge of \$25) for any reason.*
  - b. *7-29 days before the tournament, we will refund one-half of all fees paid for any reason.*
  - c. *Less than 7 days – NO REFUNDS!*

## TEAM COMPETITION

- 1) **How many teams may I compete on?** *As many as 4! A 3 person forms team, 3 person point sparring team, a 5 person forms team and a 5 person continuous sparring team.*
- 2) **Do I have to have the same people on my forms team as my sparring team?** *No, each team is completely separate. In fact, you may combine male and female on your forms teams if you wish.*
- 3) **Can I register now even if I don't know all of my team members?** *Yes, you can register the team and we can add team members later.*
- 4) **Do I have to compete in my age group only in Team competition?**
  - a. *YES, in sparring. For safety reasons, we can not allow you to change age groups.*
  - b. *NO, in forms you may compete in a higher age grouping as a junior or a senior adult may compete with the 18-34 year olds – you may include juniors on an adult forms team, for instance, but no Adults may compete in the Junior divisions.*