



Hungarian Grappling Federation Rule Book

Season 2019-2020

A. General rules

1. This Rule Book shall be applied to the competitions organized and arranged by the Hungarian Grappling Federation (Training Competition, League Rounds, Team Championships, Students Olympics, Hungarian National Finals) and shall be applicable by and to each competitor, helper and spectator.
2. Grappling is a non-olympic style (with Gi Grappling and NoGi Grappling events) of the United World Wrestling (UWW), which is an IOC recognized organisation. The operation of the grappling style is coordinated by the World Grappling Committée (WGC). Hungarian Grappling Federation is the only recognized national body governing grappling in Hungary.
3. The Competitions are organised and arranged by the Global Grappling Association, thanks to the agreement between the Hungarian Grappling Federation and the Global Grappling Association. In Gi Grappling and Nogi Grappling events we organise the UWW Qualifications, the Hungarian National Finals, the Students Olympics and the Team Championships by the UWW rules. In Combat Grappling event we organise the Hungarian National Finals by the Global Grappling rules.
4. There are three different set of rules: Global Grappling, UWW Grappling and JJIF Newaza. Usually they are the Beginners, Advanced and the Expert rules.
5. The Global Grappling is Hungarian-developed, it's events have evolved from the **traditional Ju Jitsu trainings** and examination fight methods: ground fight, bare-handed and gloved fight. The UWW Grappling and the JJIF Newaza rules are adaptations of the Internatinal Organisation's official rules.
6. Our events are strictly based on the **traditional values** as respect and admire to the opponent, the **fair-play** is an essential foundation thereby. The tournament etiquette expects the low-key, helpful and **positive behaviour** from the competitors and also from the spectators in the fighting arena, in the auditorium and also on the podium. Rivalism cannot overwrite the fundamental values!
7. The rules shall aid the **injury-free** fights. With this primary goal in sight, the least possible restriction is introduced. The rules enable a maximum strength and intensity fight, while minimize the risk of injury.
8. The rules supports the **high action, spectacular fights**. The competitor who resists, continuously escapes, not willing to fight is punished by the rules.
9. The first called competitor represented by the red color, symbolize by the color of the rashguard or belt. The second called competitor must have wear a different color.
10. The competitions are **restricted** (invitation only). We reserve the right to reject entries.

11. The competitions are organized in **age classes** (6-80 years). Our competition shall reach to the widest possible age classes, area and variety.
12. Fight takes place on the **fighting places**, with the goal of reaching **victory** while under the supervision of the referee and in accordance with the rules and regulates. Competitors are classified into different **categories** and the competitors in the same category shall fight with each other in a grappling **match**. The first eight competitors shall be determined, from which the first four competitors are to be awarded. During the fight the competitors and the referee are only allowed to be on the fighting area. One helper of the competitor is allowed to advise competitors but only sitting on the chair, and have to wear the yellow COACH T-shirt.
13. One of our essential purpose is to **provide opponent(s)** from different clubs in the competitors category, therefore we are trying to avoid the same-club categories. In favour of our purpose we operate a **pre-entry system** which contains: a pre-website entry, advanced currency transfer, recategorization and completion, automatical merging, controlled draw, cancellation.

15. **Fighting places:**

- a. Fighting place: cage, ring, tatami or wrestling mat.
- b. The most important part of it is the **fighting area**. Fight takes place on it.
- c. The fighting area is surrounded with a separating lattice (cage), separating ropes (ring) or with at least 1 meter wide **safety area** (tatami and wrestling mat).
- d. In the latter case (tatami and wrestling mat) the **fighting area has two parts**:
 - i. the one meter wide outer part of the fighting area has different color (usually red) that is called **warning area**.
 - ii. The **central area** is the inner part, the main area within the warning area.
- e. **Tatami**: The fighting area is a rectangle (as far as possible square) between 5 x 5 and 10 x 10 meters. The safety area one or two meter wide.
- f. **Wrestling mat** (tatami covered with sheet): The fighting area is a 7-9 diameter circle. The fighting place is a square between 9 x 9 and 12 x 12 meters.
- g. **Cage, ring**: the fighting area is the cage, ring itself. In case of cage, the competitor is unable to leave the fighting area. If the fight is in the ring, it is essential to avoid falling out of the ring!
- h. Every fighting area (cage or ring too) has to be equipped with mats that protect the competitors in case of big arc throws also!
- i. The mats that consists the fighting area need to be safely taped to the ground to prevent them from moving around.
- j. Grabbing the tatami, the lattice of the cage or the ropes of the ring is prohibited.
- k. **Fact of getting out of the fighting area**: When one competitor rolls out of the safety area or both of the competitors gets fully out of the fighting area.
- l. There is a cordon around the fighting places, only members of the staff, the referees, competitors and coaches are allowed to enter.

16. **Hygiene:**

- a. Long hair must be tied up! Nails must be cut short!
- b. Any wounds must be bandaged and covered! Bloody clothing must be replaced!

- c. You can't fight half-naked, the armpit must be covered!
- d. Use of slippers is mandatory! Our helpers ask you to wash your feet, if you come barefoot to the tatami. Naturally, tatami needs to be barefoot.
- e. Not allowed to use any slippery substances (even medication cream), which can affect the opponent.

17. Prizes:

- a. In the categories the first four gets diploma and the first three get medals.
- b. In the Open class the first four gets cup and diploma (2 third places)
- c. On the Hungarian National Finals the first place gets the championship belt, the second and 2 third places get cups.
- d. Awarding in case of Team Championship differs (*see section K.*)
- e. In Training competition there are no medals, but every competitor is awarded with a diploma.

18. Referees, staff:

- a. The Championship is announced by the **championship director**, the referees are directed by the **chief referee**.
- b. The fight is conducted by the referee. A red ribbon shall be attached to his left wrist. (*His left hand symbolizes the first called red competitor, his right hand symbolizes the second called competitor.*)
- c. In Combat Grappling and Gloved Fighting events there are additional scorer who is pointing the stand-up (hit and kick) skills:
 - i. In the Beginner and Advanced Sections there is one scorer. She/he gives the hit and kick points after certain periods of time.
 - ii. In Gloved Expert categories there are 3 scorers, who give points at the end of the rounds in 10-9 point system.
- d. At the table of the area sits the **display operator** and the **keeper of the minutes**.
- e. The **table referee**, who supervises the work of the staff, the referee and the scorer.
- f. Besides them: an **area coordinator** at the other side of the fighting area, who is responsible for the competitors proper clothing, distinction marks and She/He makes sure that the competitors arrive on time.
- g. Roles may be joined.
- h. Our staff get t-shirts and buffet supplies.
- i. A **medical practitioner** shall be assigned to every competition! Also to the Training Competititon! The doctor supervises all of matches.

19. Competitors helpers, spectators

- a. Only the competitor and one of his helpers can go to the fighting place, within the cordon. The helper must wear a yellow COACH T-shirt and sit in the chair to instruct his competitor to keep others from being disturbed.
- b. General admission is free of charge except for the Hungarian National Finals. The spectators are encouraged to supressed and positive support. Spectators can go only to the cordon, but not in.

B. Clothing, protective gear

1. Clothing:

- a. No jewelry, body piercing, hair-slide may be used.
- b. **Gi clothing:** clean ju jitsu training suit (coat, belt, pants). Under the coat rashguard may be worn. The space between your wrist and the sleeve can be maximum 5 cm while both arms are straight forward. The same for the pants; 5 cm is the maximum space allowed between your ankle and the bottom of your pants. The red competitor shall wear red belt. The trousers or sleeves may not be rolled up.
- c. **NoGi clothing:** clean, not ragged short or long sleeve rashguard and grappling short or long compression pants. Armpits must be covered, tank top, wrestling dress and uncovered upper body are not appropriate. The competitor can't compete half naked either. The first called competitor shall wear a red rashguard, while the second called competitor shall wear a non-red rashguard.
- d. No Gi facilitation only in case of Gloved Fighting event: box, thai-box shorts with rashguard is still mandatory.
- e. Our assistants are checking the clothing before enter, inappropriate clothing must be changed.
- f. If the clothing are torn or covered by blood, or any similar event happens the fight has to stopped until the problem is solved.
- g. The competitor has to enter the tatami barefoot, socks and shoes are not allowed.

2. Usage of clothing:

- a. NoGi clothing must not be grabbed or used during the fight.
- b. Gi clothing can be used;
 - i. To grab, grab in, grab around, hold the opponent.
 - ii. The competitors own clothing and the opponents clothing can be used.
 - iii. Clothing can be used only, if the jacket, the pants and the tied belt are worn by the competitor. Untied belt cannot be used.

3. Protective gear:

- a. Shoes cannot be used (not even wrestling) neither socks.
- b. Protective gears with metal inserts are forbidden!
- c. Mouthguard, earmuffs, joint protector, lower body protector can be used during all events.
- d. Bandage is forbidden, except used under the gloves.
- e. During Combat Grappling, Gloved Fighting, Gloved Expert events mouthguard, buttocks protector, foot and shin protector (even in one piece) must be used, in women fights chest protector also!
- f. During Combat Grappling event in Juvenile1,2 age classes using seiken guard **hand protector** is required.
- g. During Gloved Fighting event in Juvenile1,2 age classes and in Gloved Expert all age classes the **head protector** is required.
- h. During Gloved Fighting and Gloved Expert events, until 46 kg 8 ounce gloves, until 60 kgs 10 ounce, until 90 kgs 12 ounce, above 14 ounce gloves must be used.
- i. Only thick, unharmed gloves are allowed, strings are to be sticked.

C. Categories

1. Categories shall be based upon **event, section, age class, sex and weight group**. E.g. *Gi Grappling Beginner Adult Men 80 kg* Category. Simplifications can be made as long as it remains understandable (e.g. *NoGi Expert Men 92 kg*)
2. **Events:**
 - a. **Gi Grappling**
 - i. Organized for all age classes,
 - ii. Gi clothing required.
 - b. **NoGi Grappling** (*in UWW terminology: Grappling*)
 - i. Organized for all age classes,
 - ii. NoGi clothing required,
 - iii. Occasionally we organized in Cage, this is the **Cage Grappling** event.
 - c. **Combat Grappling**
 - i. Organized from Junior to Veteran3 age classes,
 - ii. Gi clothing and Protective gear is required.
 - d. **Gloved Fighting**
 - i. Organized from Junior to Veteran3 age classes,
 - ii. Gi clothing or NoGi clothing required, Protective gear and gloves are required.
3. **Sections:**
 - a. **A (Advanced) section:**
 - i. General section, where anyone may enter, available in every age classes, if it is not marked in the name of the category then it is related to this category.
 - ii. Called "A League" during the League events.
 - iii. The competitor may be awarded with Ranking Points.
 - iv. The official National Championship, Students Olympics and Team Championship are organised and based on the Advanced rules.
 - b. **B (Beginner) section:**
 - i. Called "B League" during the League events.
 - ii. No ranking points may be awarded in B League.
 - iii. The rules are lighter, so there is less allowed technique than in the A League.
 - iv. Advanced-Beginner classification is independent in each event. It is possible that one competitor is advanced in NoGi Grappling and beginner in Gloved Fighting.
 - v. Not everyone is allowed to compete in B League (*see Section 4.*).
 - c. **E (Expert) Section:**
 - i. In case of League Rounds it is called "League E".
 - ii. E League is a transition to other rule-system. Rules of Glove Expert category helps to change to K1 fights, Gi and NoGi Expert rules are JJIF Newaza rules.
 - iii. No restrictions, everyone can enter.
 - iv. No ranking points may be awarded in E League.
 - d. **Sections currently in use:**
 - i. In Gi and NoGi Grappling events: form Juvenile1 to Senior age classes Beginner-Advanced sections, in Junior and Senior age classes Expert section.

- ii. In Combat Grappling and Gloved Fighting events: from Cadet to Senior age classes Beginner-Advanced sections, in Junior and Senior age classes Gloved Expert section.

4. Requirements of competing in League B (Beginners):

- a. **The competitor could not enter in the B League** in Gi and NoGi Grappling events, who falls under any of the following conditions: He or she:
 - i. has blue belt or higher degree in Brazilian or Traditional Ju Jitsu,
 - ii. has master degree in any catching Martial Art,
- b. **The competitor could not enter in the B League in Combat Grappling and Gloved Fighting**, who has a master degree in a kicking-punching martial art.
- c. Any B league competitor **must transfer** to A League (and shall not be eligible for the B League in the next Championship) who falls under any of the following 4 conditions: He or she:
 - i. has won 12 matches in the B League,
 - ii. two referees in two separate matches suggests his transfer,
 - iii. should compete in third season at League B,
 - iv. reaches the degree of the a. or b. condition.

5. Sex:

- a. All categories are divided by sex.
- b. Rules are not divided by sex, thus there are no differences between men's and women's rules (except where this Rule book specifically regulates so).
- c. Women may enter Men categories, Men may not enter Women categories.

6. Applied rules:

- a. **Global Grappling:** Hungarian-developed, rules based on traditional ju jitsu.
- b. **UWW Grappling:** the official international grappling rules by UWW.
- c. **JJIF Newaza:** the official international ju-jitsu ground fighting rules by JJIF.

7. Age classes:

By defining age classes the **year of birth** is relevant. Age classes are determined by the deduction of the year of birth from the year of the given season's spring (second) year. Within the same season the age classes are not modified.

(The Team Championship has different age classes. See: Chapter K.)

Age classes:

- a. 6, 7 years: Tiny age class,
- b. 8, 9 years: Child1 age class,
- c. 10, 11 years: Child2 age class,
- d. 12, 13 years: Juvenile1 age class,
- e. 14, 15 years: Juvenile2 age class,
- f. 16-17 years: Cadet age class,
- g. 18-19 years: Junior age class,
- h. 20-34 years: Senior age class,
- i. 35-39 years: Veteran1 age class,
- j. 40-44 years: Veteran2 age class,
- k. 45-49 years: Veteran3 age class,
- l. 50-54 years: Veteran4 age class,
- m. 55-59 years: Veteran5 age class,
- n. 60-64 years: Veteran6 age class,
- o. 65-69 years: Veteran7 age class,
- p. 70-74 years: Veteran8 age class,
- q. 75-79 years: Veteran9 age class.

10. Protected Age classes:

- a. The system of Global Grappling pays extra attention on child age classes. It manifests itself during the competition and the awarding ceremony as well.
- b. The **Tiny, Child1, Child2** age classes considered as ‘protected age classes’
- c. In the League rounds we are organizing a playful sports match (not competition).
- d. In the ‘protected age classes’ every competitor steps on the podium (or next to it) and gets diploma. *(After the fourth they get ‘fought with honor’ comment.)*
- e. In the protected age classes both competitors hand gets raised at the end of the fight *(the loser with the referee’s explanation ‘fought with honor’)*.
- f. During these three age classes matches we are pleased to ask the spectators and the team-mates for low keyed rooting with positive emotions.
- g. The young age classes, the importance of new supplies are indicated by the two smaller Grappling Kids banners standing on the sides of the big Grappling molino.
- h. **In Combat events the Juvenile1,2 age classes are protected.** This is manifested in protective gear, semi-contact techniques and limited technical repertoire. We ask the spectators and the team-mates for low keyed rooting with positive emotions.

11. Weight groups on League rounds:

Weight groups for girls and women (kg):

- a. Tiny age class: 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 34, 34+,
- b. Child1 age class: 21, 24, 27, 30, 34, 38, 42, 42+,
- c. Child2 age class: 24, 27, 30, 34, 38, 42, 46, 50, 50+,
- d. Juvenile1 age class: 27, 30, 34, 38, 42, 46, 50, 55, 60, 66, 72, 72+,
- e. Juvenile2 age class: 30, 32, 34, 37, 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 57+,
- f. Cadet age class: 38, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52, 56, 60, 65, 65+,
- g. Junior age class: 49, 53, 58, 64, 71, 71+,
- h. Senior, Veteran age classes: 53, 58, 64, 71, 71+.

Weight groups for boy and men (kg):

- a. Tiny age class: 21, 24, 27, 30, 34, 38, 42, 46, 46+,
- b. Child1 age class: 24, 27, 30, 34, 38, 42, 46, 50, 50+,
- c. Child2 age class: 27, 30, 34, 38, 42, 46, 50, 55, 60, 60+,
- d. Juvenile1 age class: 27, 30, 34, 38, 42, 46, 50, 55, 60, 66, 72, 72+,
- e. Juvenile2 age class: 32, 35, 38, 42, 47, 53, 59, 66, 73, 73+,
- f. Cadet age class: 42, 46, 50, 54, 58, 63, 69, 76, 85, 85+,
- g. Junior age class: 58, 62, 66, 71, 77, 85, 92, 92+,
- h. Senior, Veteran age classes: 62, 66, 71, 77, 85, 92, 100, 100+.

Cage Grappling Senior men: 80, 95 kg.

Gi Expert and NoGi Expert:

- a. Women (Junior and Senior): 49, 55, 62, 70, 70+ kg.
- b. Men (Junior and Senior): 56, 62, 69, 77, 85, 94, 94+ kg.

12. Open Category:

- a. Open category shall be organized in League Rounds A (Advanced) section.
- b. There are three categories: **Men up to 80 kg, Man from 80 kg, Women.**

- c. We organize only one Open event in every League Rounds with Advanced rules.
- d. In the Open class any competitor can enter between Junior - Veteran3 age classes.
- e. One competitor can enter only in one Open category.
- f. The first place gets a special award, the first four place gets cup and diploma.

13. Applying the UWW grappling rules:

We apply the official UWW rules translated by the HGF with this differences:

- a. We use the display system that is integrated in the HGF's system.
- b. Occasionally, fights take place on tatami mats instead of wrestling mats.
- c. The size of the wrestling mats is smaller than the international UWW standard.
- d. The referees don't use whistles
- e. We are not strict about the clothing restrictions, that means, the competitors don't need blue rashguards and red or blue Gi. Although we expect from the competitor who is called first to wear a red rashguard (Nogi) or a red belt (Gi, we give it). The competitor who is called second shall wear a non-red rashguard and a non-red Gi.
- f. In case of two competitors we organise two or three matches.
- g. We organise the bronze matches. Only in Open categories and on the Hungarian Championship Finals can be 2 third places.
- h. We use the Federations' weigh-in system and there is weight compensation.
- i. We use the Federation's category making, drawing and category merging system.
- j. There is no challenge until the video recording and replaying is not solved.

14. Applying the JJIF Newaza rules:

We apply the official JJIF Newaza rules translated by the Hungarian Sport Ju-Jitsu Federation with the following differences:

- a. We use the display software that is integrated in the HGF's system.
- b. We are not strict about the clothing restrictions, although we expect from the competitor who is called first to wear a red rashguard or a red belt (we give it). The competitor who is called second shall wear a non-red rashguard and a non-red Gi.
- c. We use the repechage system that is integrated in the HGF's system. Those competitors get in the repechage whose opponents get in the finals.
- d. We organise the bronze matches. Only in Open categories and on the Hungarian Championship Finals can be 2 third places
- e. We use the Federations' weigh-in system and there is weight compensation.
- f. We use the Federations' category making, drawing and category merging system.

15. Applying the rulesets:

In the topics below see the UWW Grappling, JJIF Newaza and Global Grappling rules:

- a. The match: number of rounds, duration, overtime and beneficiary, stoppage of the match, starting and restarting positions, determining the result etc.
- b. Allowed and prohibited techniques, restrictions by age classes.
- c. Rules of the scoring system.
- d. Warnings and restrictions, Penalties.
- e. Actions of the referees' and their signals.
- f. All other topic, that have not been discussed yet.

D. Rules of Entry and Participation

1. Entry regulation:

- a. Entry to the competition is done by club. The entry is made by the Team leader during the entry period.
- b. Those competitors can enter in a category, whose sex, age and weight matches with the category requirements.
- c. **Sex of the entry:** Boys must enter boys' competition, girls may enter both.
- d. Everyone competes in her respective **age class**. However Veterans may enter lower Veteran and Senior age class, any lower categories than Senior may enter the direct next age class.
- e. **Weight conditions** of entry: Any competitor may enter only that category of which's upper bound shall not exceeded by his/her **reference weight**.
- f. The competitor participates in that category, in which was entered or merged into. She/he may have a new category by the opponent selection or substitution.
- g. Having valid **sport insurance policy** and **sport medical certificate** is necessary condition for participation. This shall not be supervised, but the Team leader must certify this in his written statement.
- h. For any incorrect entry the Team leader shall take full responsibility.

2. Entry restriction:

- a. **Combat** Grappling and Gloved Fighting may be entered only between Juvenile1 - Veteran3 age class competitors.
- b. To **Open Category** may be entered only between Junior - Veteran3 age class, one competitor can enter only one category, in the -80 category only those can compete whose reference weight does not exceed the 80 kilogram.
- c. Within an event a competitor may enter maximum two categories. She/he **cannot enter either a beginner or advanced category** in one event.

3. Pre-Entry web system:

- a. Only Pre-Entry is possible, no one can modify the categories on-the-spot.
- b. The Team leader can register competitors and submit entries on our webpage (www.globalgrappling.hu), in which third menu (Versenyrendszer / Competition-system) then first point (Regisztráció és nevezés / Registry and entry).
- c. Only registered clubs' Team leader can make the entries. The Team leader can enter only registered competitors.
- d. Only those competitors' entries can be submitted, who has every registration data filled out in the entry system and the competitors has a valid medical certificate and medical insurance on the day of the competition.
- e. Entry fee must be transferred in advance to the given Bank account.
- f. If on-the-spot the competitor's reference weight exceeds category's upper bound, cannot compete in that category.

4. Definitions:

- a. **One-club-category:** All competitors in this category are from one club. The one person category is also one-club-category.

- b. A category is **at-most-one-level-stronger** than another category, if
 - i. it is in the same age class and up to one higher weight group,
 - ii. or one (veterans one or two) age class higher and fit to the original weight group.
- c. Examples: The Juvenile2 53 kg, the Cadet 46 kg and the Cadet 50 kg categories are at-most-one-level-stronger than the Juvenile2 47 kg category. The Veteran2 84 kg, Veteran1 77 kg and Senior 77 kg categories are at-most-one-level stronger than the Veteran2 77 kg category.

5. **Entry fee:**

- a. The entry fee depends on how many entries the competitor submits and in which age class the entry is.
- b. Entry fee for Juvenile2 age class and under is 4,000 HUF, and for other age classes is 6,000 HUF.
- c. The competitor's first entry must paid this entry fee, and others half of this fee.
- d. The selected opponent will not be required to pay any entry fee for that entry. There are no entry fee for the substitution too.
- e. The entry fee must also be prepaid to the Global Grappling Association's account.
- f. The entry fee will not be refunded.
- g. If the advance fee is more than the final, the difference will only be counted in a subsequent competition, if
 - i. the Team Leader cancelled on the correction day, or
 - ii. the entry has been deleted as one person category.
- h. The organizers of the competition do not guarantee that all entered competitors will come to the competition. The entry fee is non-refundable and will not be counted if the competitor or his opponent does not come. These cases are considered to be the competitor's own risk.

6. **Entry-period:**

- a. Two weeks before the competition the entry-period opens.
- b. The entry deadline is the 3rd day before the competition, until this time the entry is allowed to be modified, cancelled (if the competition is on Saturday then the entry **Deadline Day** is Wednesday).
- c. The day after the Deadline Day is the **Correction Day**.
- d. The day before the competition is the **Preparation Day**.

7. **Correction Day:**

- a. The day after the entry deadline is the **Correction Day**.
- b. This day new competitor cannot be entered and new category cannot be created.
- c. This is the day of **reclassification**. In doing so, the Team Leader may reclassify the entry from the one club category to another.
- d. This is the day of **cancellation**. During this, the Team Leader may cancel the entry in the one club categories.
- e. On this day, the Team Leader can submit an **additional entry**. During the additional entry, only the already named competitor will enter into the already created category. The purpose of this additional entry is to increase the number of competitors in the existing categories.

8. Preparation Day:

- a. The day before the competition is the Preparation Day.
- b. We will try to find an opponent for the competitor who is in the one person category. First we try by **merging** and then by **selecting an opponent**.
- c. The remaining **one person categories will be deleted**.
- d. Then the **controlled draw** will take place.
- e. We make the batch schedule for each fighting area.
- f. This is followed by **publication on globalgrappling.hu**:
 - i. We publish the list of categories with the draws, indicating the deleted categories, mergings and selected opponents,
 - ii. We publish the daily batch schedule by fighting areas and the order of the matches.
- g. Neither entries nor the schedule can be modified after publication. The next day the competition will be organized accordingly.

9. Automatic merging:

- a. The automatic merging is being organised within sexes and events and section (beginner-advanced), to reduce the number of one-club-categories.
- b. Automatic merging will be made, if one or both categories is one-club-category and every competitor met the requirements of following point.
- c. A competitor may only be merged with an opponent who could have right to enter to this category, or entered to at-most-one-level-stronger category.

10. Opponent selection:

- a. The opponent selection happens after the automatic merging.
- b. During the opponent selection we try to designate an opponent in the one person category.
- c. Within the event and section (beginner-advanced) we designate an opponent, that competitor, who has indicated in the entry form that he will assume this role.
- d. An opponent will be designated only to that competitor, who could have right to enter to her/his category, or entered to at-most-one-level-stronger category.
- e. The selected opponent does not have to pay any entry fee for that entry.
- f. The selected opponent will receive rank scores and qualification, and her/his result will take in account when determining the most successful team and competitor awards.

11. At the competition the **controlled draw is guided**, which means that:

- a. A computer program draws at random.
- b. Those draws are cancelled where competitors from the same team would compete in the first round.
- c. When the cancelled draws' number reaches the limit-number, then the program will make the starting pairs from the next draw.

12. Participation in the competition:

- a. That competitor can participate in the competition:
 - i. who have been entered according to the rules of entry, and

- ii. registered in the required time interval (see Chapter J), and
 - iii. the Team Leader declared that she/he had the valid sport insurance policy and sport medical certificate.
- b. The competitor will compete in the categories published in the previous day, supplemented by the category of any **substitutes** he has assumed.
 - c. If, on the spot, the competitor's reference weight exceeds the upper limit of her/his category, the competitor's name will be shown in (round) brackets. She/he can only fight if your opponent is willing to fight.

13. **Substitution:**

- a. If a competitor has not come, but there is another competitor in the competition that has the same weight and could compete on his behalf, she/he can substitute her/him.
- b. The intention to substitute shall be communicated to the Chief Referee and the Director of Competition.
- c. After verification and approval, the substitute competitor will continue to compete on behalf of the original competitor. This means that the display shows the name of the original competitor in [square] brackets.
- d. The pre-printed minutes shall indicate the substitution.
- e. She/he receive the medal and the diploma in her/his own name. She/he will also be included in the final report of the competition.
- f. There is no entry fee for the substitution, it has already been paid by the original competitor and will not be refunded.
- g. Neither the original nor the substitute competitor can receive rank scores and qualification. This result cannot be taken into account when determining the most successful team and competitor awards.

14. At the competition the competitors and Team Leaders will **accept the followings:**

- a. Submitting an entry also means the acceptance of the entry rules.
- b. Each competitor shall take part in the Championship **at her/his own risk and responsibility.**
- c. The proper clothing and protective gear of the competitors shall be provided by the competitors themselves.
- d. Organizers shall not take responsibility for any valuable items of the competitors.
- e. Organizers retain the right to modification.
- f. Any competitors, who shall enter two categories of the same event, shall accept that she may not receive proper rest period between two matches. The same applies to the competitors entering both Combat Grappling and Gloved Fighting.

E. Protestation

1. **The decisions of the referees are final.** Although after the match or the decision the competitor or his/her helper feels the result inadequate, protestation can be made at the chief referee. The chief referee himself can't modify the result, but can make additional decisions or decide to rematch the fight.
2. **Protestation:**
 - a. Only the competitor's helper (*in yellow COACH T-shirt*) allowed to protest.
 - b. Only the result of the match or the stopping of the match by the referee could be protested. The referee's scoring, penalty decision cannot be protested against.
 - c. The protestation against the stopping the match has to be made right after the mentioned situation, if the match continues, there is no way to protest.
 - d. The result of the match will be finalized after 3 minutes in the competition center, this is the time limit for protestation. After finalizing the result, it can't be protested.
 - e. In case of valid protestation the finalization procedure must be stopped in the center, chief referee must be asked to decide about the result.
 - f. In case of protestation against the result, chief referee could decide to rematch the fight, or not to rematch it and the result is correct. If he decides to rematch it, it could be immediately and the same referee must lead the new fight.
 - g. In case of protestation against stopping, the chief referee could modify the referee's decision, only if the competitor could not continue the fight, because of the protested event. Concluding this situation is the exclusive right of the chief referee.
 - h. In case of protestation against stopping, the chief referee could decide that the stopping of the match by referee was unnecessary, if this decision is concluded, the party whom proposed the protestation, the chief referee shall give 0-4 points, and the match continues in stand.
 - i. The chief referee decides not only the success of the protestation, but decides about if it was right or not. If he decides that it was not right, then the proposing party shall pay the protestation fee (equal to the amount of the first senior entry fee).
3. All of our referees, assistants are trying to give their best knowledge and work. They are all independent from any other interests, their goal is to ensure that the proper result be determined on the fighting place. **Their competency is unquestionable**, anyone who enters or participates in an event (let it be team leader, assistant, competitor or spectator) must accept it. Those persons, who threaten or insult in words or in deed the members of our team, shall be banned from our events.

F. Penalty Rules

1. Gradation must be followed and the competitor must be advised of the grades:
 - a. **warning**, no score for the opponent
 - b. next time: warning again, **penalty** in this case the opponent will get 1 score,
 - c. Further occasions: warning, penalty (*1 or 2 scores for the opponents*), or **disqualification**.
2. **Warning** can be given in a way that the referee will not stop the fight. The referee gives verbal warning to the competitor and tries to figure out if she/he can understand it. The referee can give a warning also with stopping the fight. Referee informs why is the competitor being warned, then shows how much points is given to the opponent. In a reasonable situation can be warned immediately.
3. In case of **penalty** also does not necessarily have to stop the match. The referee will tell why she/he gave a penalty. The referee will show the given scores to the opponent. In justified cases, a penalty may be given without prior warning.
4. In case of **disqualification** the fight must be stopped immediately and stand in the middle starting position. The referee will tell the reason of the disqualification, and declare the opponent as the winner. In flagrant cases disqualification can be given without prior penalty or warning. The disqualification is the responsibility of the Referee.
5. **Reasons:** A competitor can be warned, penalized or disqualified for frivolous, alibi, intermittent fights, for passive behavior, for escaping, for not obeying the rules, or for unsuitable behavior on the fighting area. The latter prohibition also applies to the competitor's helper and fans. The competitor can be warned, penalized and even disqualified for their inappropriate behavior!
6. **Action-compulsion:** The continuously fending, escaping competitor who is not willing to fight first get warned than gets penalty. For fending or escaping it is not necessary for the opponent to 'run away' it also can be the sitting opponent while the opponents continuously attacks.
7. Individual **exclusion** and **prohibition:** In case that there are consequences of inappropriate behavior beyond this match, exclusion or prohibition will be applied.
 - a. **Exclusion:** It is possible to exclude a competitor from the category or the entire competition. In this case, she/he cannot fight any more in her/his category or the entire competition and lose all matches accordingly. We can exclude her/his helper from the competition, in which case she/he will not be able to sit next to the competitor. And in serious cases we can exclude the competitor also when her/his helper behaving inappropriately. Exclusion is the competence of the Chief Referee. The excluded competitor or the competitor of the excluded helper may not receive any rank scores, special prizes or qualifications in the competition. She/he can keep her/his diploma and medal earned previously.

- b. **Prohibition:** If there are consequences of inappropriate behavior beyond the competition, this is called Prohibition. In this case, the competitor and/or the helper will be excluded not only from this competition, but also for the following competitions. The prohibition will be initiated jointly by the Chief Referee and the Director of Competition, and later must be approved by the Ethics Committee. It can be used if the exclusion did not produce proper result.
8. **Club exclusion and prohibition:** In the extreme case when individual exclusion or prohibition is not produce proper result behavior of the competitor and/or her/his helper, exclusion or prohibition of the club may occur.
- a. **Club exclusion:** A club can only be excluded from the entire competition. Compliance with graduality, exhaustion of any previous opportunity, is only possible with the consent of both the Chief Referee and the Championship Director. In this case, none of the club's competitors can fight on the rest of the competition and accordingly lose all their matches. No competitor in the club can receive any rank score, special prize or qualification. Diplomas and medals obtained in previously completed categories may be retained.
- b. **Club prohibition:** the club can also be prohibited for some time from the following tournaments. The prohibition will be initiated jointly by the Chief Referee and the Championship Director and must be approved later by the Ethics Committee. It can be used if the exclusion of the club did not produce the proper result.

G. Types of the Competitions

1. Training Competition:

- a. It is going to be held in training circumstances, the aim is to practice a lot.
- b. The competitors are divided into 2-7 member groups, competitions are in the groups. In this case everyone fights with everyone within the group.
- c. Registration fee must be paid, (no entry, no entry fee, no medals), but everybody will get a diploma.
- d. It is an official competition, with official referees, rules and fighting time.

2. League Rounds:

- a. It is an official individual competition with fighting places, medical care, medals, weight groups, entry procedure etc. The rule book is fully concerned for this.
- b. **G4 Grappling League:** From autumn period till the summer period competitions are hold in more places of the country. This is a tournament.
- c. In the one year period **the rules are the same**, the age classes, the weight groups, the entry fee etc. are the same as well.
- d. In some seasons, we organise league rounds abroad (such as we did in the sixth and seventh season, when we organised one of our competition in Slovakia).
- e. The League Rounds are also qualifications for the Hungarian National Final in Gi Grappling, NoGi Grappling and Combat Grappling events.
- f. One of the League Rounds is also nominated a qualification for the European Championship and World Championship.

3. Team Championship: We organize Team Championships in three events: Gi Grappling, NoGi Grappling, Gloved Fighting. There are Child, Juvenile, Junior, Senior and Veteran in both Men and Women Team Championship. Other rules must be obeyed here (*see section "O"*).

4. Student Olympics: In co-operation with the Hungarian School Sports Federation (MDSZ), one of the League Rounds is also a Grappling Student Olympics in the Gi Grappling and NoGi Grappling events for Child1, Child2, Juvenile1, Juvenile2, Cadet and Junior age classes.

5. Hungarian National Finals: we organise the Championship Finals based on the qualifications of the Senior category. The first competitor get the Federation's Championship belt, the second and third competitors get cups.

H. Rules of qualification

1. Only those competitors can be qualified, who have valid license on the day of the qualification round and the competitor obliges that she/he will take part on the Hungarian National Finals / European Championship / World Championship, stay in the weight group and have a valid license.
2. **Hungarian National Finals** in Gi, NoGi Grappling and Combat Grappling events:
 - a. We will arrange the National Final among Senior Men and Woman in Advanced Section (League A) on last Saturday of September.
 - b. We will arrange finals in any category, where the number of qualified competitors reaches four persons.
 - c. The League Rounds are qualifying tournaments for the National Final. In the League A (Advanced) you can qualify as follows:
 - i. New quota will be awarded to a competitor, who reaches the top eight and has not yet qualified for this category in this event,
 - ii. Two competitor gets a new quota in each League Round.
 - iii. If the two qualifications do not fill all the qualifications available so far, a third qualification can be awarded.
3. **Qualification for the European Championship and World Championship:**
 - a. One of our (usually organised in the beginning of the calendar year) League rounds is also a qualification for the EC and WC. These qualifications are organised only in Gi and Nogi categories.
 - b. European Championship is organized only for Senior age class, therefore qualifications can be obtained only in this age class.
 - c. World Championship is organized only from Juvenile1 to Veteran5 age classes, therefore qualifications can be obtained only in these age classes.
 - d. In Cadet, Junior and Senior age classes, only those competitors can be part of the Hungarian National Team, who obtained qualifications.
 - e. In the other age classes, we ask the qualified competitors first, in the order of their qualification, after that - if there are remaining spots in the National Team - other competitors can be part of the National Team.
 - f. In the case that the entry deadline for the championship is before the qualifying competition for this year, we will compile the National Team based on the qualification list for the previous year. In Senior age class, this is supplemented by the Hungarian National Finals 1.-3. places, so they are at the bottom of the list.
 - g. If there is a category, that we could not upload and a member of the National Team would compete there, then you can enter that category as well. For example she/he qualified in Gi and entered only there, she/he can start in NoGi also, if there are not enough competitors.

I. Rank list in the League season

1. Rank scores:

- a. During the G4 Grappling League rank scores could be received. Only in the A (advanced) League can be rank scores achieved.
- b. Those competitors, who won in the category two matches, will get rank scores: first place: 7 scores, second place: 4 scores, third place: 2 scores, fourth place: 1 score, fifth-eighth place: 0,5 score will be given to the competitor.
- c. Only those competitions will count, where real fight was done. If the opponent did not take part (*did not come, or was over the weight limit, could not stand out*) the match will not be counted.
- d. Those competitors also will get rank scores, who won in the category only one match, but get better place than an other competitor who get rank scores.

2. Rank list is the enumeration of the competitors in the received scores' order (the highest first). It is published on the **globalgrappling.hu** website:

- a. The individual rank list is published.
- b. The team rank list is published
- c. The A League Senior Men weight groups lists are published.

J. Weighing

1. In the case of **Training competition**, there is no weighing.
2. In the case of **League rounds, National Final** and **Team Championship** weighing is done on-the-spot on the day of the competition:
 - a. Weighing is the registry for the competition. All of the competitors must have!
 - b. There is a pre-weighing possibility from 8 o'clock.
 - c. Weighing and registration closing time: Gi Grappling: 9.45, Open, Gloved Expert: 12:00, NoGi Grappling 13.00, Combat Grappling, Gloved Fighting: 14.00. The closing time can be different, if it is, it will be published in the announcement
 - d. On the day of the competition from 8.00 am to 9.45 am and from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm the weighing is available, from 9.45-11.00 am is it paused
 - e. **Weight compensation**: If the competitor competes in higher (Veteran smaller) age class, the compensation is 3 kg. (*Example: Child1 boys can get 3 kg compensation among Child2 boys.*) It concerns only for the actual entry.
 - f. The **reference weight** is counted from the measured weight with the omission of the decimals and with compensation. (*Measured 78,95 kg means 78 kg reference weight, in the case of weight compensation measured 78,95 kg means 75 kg reference weight.*)
 - g. Between the beginning and closing of the registration final measuring must be done once. The measured weight will be written in the weighing report.
 - h. On the screens, those competitors' name who missed the weighing will appear between "[-]" marks, whom exceeded the superior limit will appear between "(-)" marks. Those competitors' name, who made the weigh in, but suffered an injury during the competition and cant compete, will appear between < > marks.

K. League Round Organizing Rules

1. The order of events on the competition day: 1. Gi Grappling, 2. Open, 3. NoGi Grappling, 4. Combat Grappling and Gloved Fighting. If there is Cage Grappling event than it will be scheduled during the free time of the cage. If there is Gloved Expert section, than it will be scheduled during the free time of the ring. We try to schedule the Gi Expert and Nogi Expert categories (if there are any) to Gi and Nogi time, so the competitors will not have to change multiple times.
2. The categories are called on the tatami in a bound, and the categories are interleaved, it has to be considered, that one competitor must have minimum three matches time breaks between two matches.
3. The first three places receive medal, the first fourth places receive diploma. The first eight places will stated. The announcement of the results are continuous, we are trying to arrange after the end of the categories as soon as possible.
4. **The supervision of the competitors:** at the entry we check the age class and the sex, at the registration the weight. The not suitable competitor will be disqualified.
5. **The distinction of the competitors:** first we call for the red competitor; he\she has to be in the red rashguard or tie up the red belt or red ribbon.
6. **Display:**
 - a. Every fighting area has a computer and two **displays**.
 - b. During the competition the Federation's display program is used.
 - c. On one display the name of the red and the white competitor will be shown, the actual category, and the remaining time, the mark of the fighting place, and the following competitors' name.
 - d. On the other display the names of the following matches' competitors will be shown, with the following categories and the information of the following categories.
7. **Open:**
 - a. The Open category is scheduled between the Gi and the NoGi Grappling events.
 - b. The event type (Gi or NoGi) is specified in the announcement.
8. **The arrangement of a category:**
 - a. In the **case of two** competitors there will be two or three match. If they both win one of the first two matches, then will only be the third match.
 - b. In the **case of three, four or five** competitors everyone fights everyone (round Robin 3, 6 or 10 matches). Criteria for determining positions:
 - i. Number of winning matches
 - ii. Number of matches won by submission in the first round
 - iii. If it is equal to two competitors, the result against each other
 - iv. Points scored by the competitor

- v. Points scored by the opponents
- c. **From six** competitors there are two sections, the winners of the sections will be the participants of the final. The winner of the final takes the first place; the loser of it takes the second place. The defeated competitors (by them) will compete again. The winners of the repechage will get into the bronze match, winner of it takes the third place, loser of it takes the fourth place.
- d. From 6 to 8 competitors we held qualifying rounds to the best 4. At 8 people everybody takes part in the qualifying rounds, in the case of less than 8 people there is/ are power-winner(s) who will immediately begin between the best four. After the qualifying rounds between the best four there are two matches, the winners get into the final. The defeated competitors (by them) – one or two people / person – have the chance to get into the bronze match. In the case of one person he/she will be the participant of the bronze match, if there are two people they compete each other and the winner will take part in the bronze match.
- e. Over 8 people there is one more extra round (qualifying to the 8), but the logic is the same as previous.
- f. In Open class over 8, in Gi Grappling over 8, and in NoGi (Cage) Grappling over 16 people there must be two groups (brackets) with the same logic.
- g. In Combat Grappling and in Gloved Fighting we don't support groups with more than 8 people, if it is necessary we divide it into smaller groups.
- h. The final and the bronze match will be hold without breaks continuously after the qualifying round.

L. Team Championship

1. **Event, sex: in Gi Grappling and NoGi Grappling** events we hold Team Championships in Advanced League in every season, for Men and Women.

2. **Age classes, Positions and round times:**

	Age class (year)	Positions	Round times
Boys, Men:			
a. Child:	8-11	35,40,45,50,60 kg	3 min + 1,5 min
b. Juvenile:	12-15	45,50,55,65,75 kg	4 min + 1 min
c. Junior:	16-19	60,65,70,80,90 kg	5 min + 1 min
d. Senior:	20-34	70,75,85,95,105 kg	5 min + 1 min
e. Veteran:	>=35	80,90,110 kg	4 min + 1 min
Girls, Women:			
a. Child:	8-11	30,40,50 kg	3 min + 1,5 min
b. Juvenile:	12-15	40,50,60 kg	4 min + 1 min
c. Junior:	16-19	55,60,70 kg	5 min + 1 min
d. Senior:	20-34	55,65,75 kg	5 min + 1 min
e. Veteran:	>=35	60,70,80 kg	4 min + 1 min

3. **Teams:**

- On the 5 positions Team Championship 4-8 member teams can start.
- On the 3 positions Team Championship 2-5 member teams can start.
- The team members must meet all the age class conditions.
- One competitor in one event can only take part in one team.
- A competitor can compete in more weight groups if she/he does not go over the weight limit.

4. **Weighing:** Weighing is done before the Championship. Can be done without the Gi. No weight compensation.

5. **Registration and entry:**

- Registration must be done one week before the competition on the website.
- From this we will know how many teams will compete in an age class.
- A team championship will be arranged if at least two teams registered.
- The registry closes three days before the championship. Competitor names must be submitted by this date.

6. **Arrangement:** Up to three teams group competitions, From four to eleven teams two groups, From twelve teams four groups arrangement.

7. The arrangement of **two groups:**

- Round robin in the two qualifying groups (A, B).
- The two winners of the groups get into the **final**.
- In the final first there are two semifinal in cross: Winner of A will compete with the 2nd of the B, winner of the B with the 2nd of the A group.

d. The losers will compete for the third place, and the winners for the first place.

8. The arrangement of **four groups**:

- a. Round robin in the four qualifying groups (A, B, C, D).
- b. The two winners of the groups get into the semi.
- c. In the semi first there are four match (I., II., III., IV.) in cross:
 - i. Winner of the A group will compete with the 2nd place team of the B group.
 - ii. Winner of the B group will compete with the 2nd place team of the A group.
 - iii. Winner of the C group will compete with the 2nd place team of the D group.
 - iv. Winner of the D group will compete with the 2nd place team of the C group.
- d. The first four will get into the final.
- e. In the final there are two semifinal at first:
 - i. I. – III., and
 - ii. II. – IV . will compete each other.
- f. The losers will compete for the third place and the winners for the first place.

9. **Team match:**

- a. A team match according to the positions consists of 3 or 5 individual matches.
- b. The winner of the team match is that team which has the more individual winners.
(*It is obviously defined as the number of matches are always odd.*)

10. **The ranking inside the qualifying group:**

- a. The rank in the group is determined by the number of the team winnings.
- b. In case of equal team winnings the number of the individual winnings will count.
- c. If this is equal too then (*and only then*) the sum of the **calculated scores** will count
- d. The calculated team scores:
 - 5:0 – the opponent does not take part or was over the weight limit.
 - 5:0 – Give up or dump in the first round.
 - 3:0 – Scored wining in the first round.
 - 2:0 – Wining in the overtime.
 - 1:0 – Victory as beneficiary.
 - 0:0 – both of them do not take part, or were over the weight limit.

If the winner gets at least 2 points, the loser gets 1 point instead of 0 point, if the loser scored at least 1 point in the fight.

11. **Rewards:**

- a. Every Team Championship has a **Challenge cup**, which will go to the first placed team and can keep it till there will be another similar Team Championship.
- b. First three teams are awarded with **Team Cups**.
- c. First four teams are awarded with **Team Diplomas**.
- d. Members of the first four teams are awarded with individual diplomas.
- e. Members of the first three teams are awarded with medals.