



Important Changes to Athlete Screening UPDATE FOR KICKBOXERS

Dear Members,

National Federations must remember to be accountable for the online records of athletes who are registered to compete.

Some of you will have already communicated with IMMAF record screeners, Jorden Curran or Mikhail Mazur, to discuss issues of professional records that have been detected.

As record websites are not regulated, mistakes are highly common with amateurs being listed as pro on websites such as MixedMartialArts.com, Sherdog and Tapology.

MixedMartialArts.com has previously been used as IMMAF's primary source for records, due to the standard enforced by the NSAC for previous IMMAF World Championships in the USA.

Despite the vast majority of flagged fighter records being the result of a website error, satisfactory details and confirmation are always required from the athlete's National Federation, in addition to Jorden's own findings, in order for the fighter to be cleared to compete.

For previous events Jorden has worked with national leaders for clarification on the details of any flagged records and to have records corrected on MixedMartialArts.com. This highlights the problem of National Federations not taking responsibility for public record keeping, which is a requirement of good governance that impacts on athlete safety. Poor public record keeping causes confusion for promoters and matchmakers, scheduled opponents, breeds animosity and mistrust among participating federations at IMMAF events and undermines the credibility of your federation and IMMAF in the media and sporting world.

FOR KICKBOXERS: For athletes who have previous experience in kickboxing, it is important to retain full bout details and contact with the bout promoter or sanctioning body. It is now becoming frequent for kickboxers to be referenced as professional despite this not being the case. If a Muay Thai bout is unpaid and does not include elbows, for example, then it is not full pro rules. Examples such as this have recently been flagged as pro due to unclear video footage or misleading promotion.

If you think your athlete's experience in kickboxing or any other combat sport could be interpreted as professional, please contact Jorden.curran@immaf.org

IMMAF will continue to screen all registered fighters, but it will now be essential for ALL Federations to screen their team members BEFORE the registration deadline.

IMMAF must be notified of any professional records before or on the day of the registration deadline, via the 'Additional Comment' box on the Team page of My Next Match (or via email to Jorden.curran@immaf.org). Please provide a link to the record with all details and evidence to confirm if it is correct or incorrect.



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Websites that must be checked include:

1. Mixedmartialarts.com
2. Sherdog.com

If any professional records are detected by IMMAF after the registration deadline without prior notification, the National Federation may incur a fine of for each athlete who is listed as professional, regardless of website error.

If you need help or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jordan at Jordan.curran@immaf.org