



**IMMAF**

## **IMMAF WORLD & CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **AMATEUR MMA - RULES OF APPEAL**

#### **1. ANNOUNCING THE RESULTS**

After the IMMAF Representative has completed verifying the bout results, the IMMAF Representative will give the ring announcer the official results on "Announcer's Final Result Sheet". The announcer will then, inform the audience of the decision. The referee will indicate the winner as the announcer gives the winner's name.

In the event of a knockout, a technical knockout, disqualification or forfeit, the announcer and referee will officially designate the winner and give the time at which the bout was stopped. In the event of a technical draw, the announcer will give the time at which the bout was stopped and will detail for the audience the nature of the decision.

#### **2. CHANGE OF DECISION**

A decision rendered at the termination of any bout is final and cannot be changed unless the IMMAF Representative at the event, or subsequently the IMMAF Director of Regulatory Affairs, determines that any one of the following occurred:

There was collusion affecting the results of any bout.

There was a clear violation of the rules or regulation governing IMMAF bouts which affected the result of any bout.

If the IMMAF Representative or Director of Regulatory Affairs determines that any of the above occurred with regard to any bout, then the decision rendered shall be changed as the IMMAF Representative directs.

#### **3. PROTESTS**

All protests over the decision of a match shall be verbally registered by the protesting fighter and/or his/her national coach to the perspective IMMAF Representative in the cage in which the bout took place and **within 15 minutes of the bout's conclusion**. The IMMAF Representative will note the nature of the protest in his Representative's report and notify the Chairman of the Protest Board immediately. All protests must be reviewed and accompanied by all pertinent evidence (videotape and judge's ballots), **no later than 2 hours at the conclusion of the bout**. No protest will be considered unless accompanied by the appropriate fee:

Non-title bouts - state, provincial or regional office - \$100.00 U.S.



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The Protest Board members are the sole arbitrators of all contested bouts. All decisions rendered during the arbitration process are considered final. The Protest Board will be comprised 4 members; the Sanctioning body President or designated representative, the 2 IMMAF tournament Representatives, and 1 event official from the pool of tournament officials that is a neutral to the bout in question.

The Sanctioning body President or designated representative will chair the Protest Board but will not vote on the decision. The 2 IMMAF Event Representatives and the third official will vote. All arbitrated decisions must be a 2/3 majority. The Sanctioning body President or designated representative will announce the Protest Boards decision. If a member of the protest panel is a member of the National Federation or affiliate to the bout being contested the panel member will recuse themselves from the Protest Board to avoid any semblance of partiality and bias. A new member will be selected from the pool of tournaments officials.

The standard for review is “clear” evidence which would justify a change of decision, or “clear” circumstances which in the best interest of the sport, would justify a change in decision. Clear evidence is defined as a misinterpretation of the rules and/or undeniable evidence of poor judgments (as it pertains section 2) on behalf of a ringside official. The judgment of the ringside physician is considered final and non-contestable.

Any questions on the rules of the IMMAF should be directed to the IMMAF Event Representatives and IMMAF Director of Regulatory Affairs.