



**2023 IMMAF**  
YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

# COMPETITION HANDBOOK

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# NEW FOREWORD FROM PRESIDENT



I am elated to once again invite you to the most significant youth opportunity of the MMA landscape, the IMMAF Youth MMA World Championships 2023, as we return to Abu Dhabi this August.

The UAE MMA Federation has plays a valued role within the global family of IMMAF member nations. The UAE has twice hosted the IMMAF platform, to date welcoming the 2021 Senior & junior World Championships, streamed live on [immaf.tv](http://immaf.tv), plus last year's recording setting 2022 IMMAF Youth World Championships. I have no doubt that this year's Youth World Championships will further the pioneering momentum of IMMAF's international youth competition platform, our most significant growth area, which I'm proud to see has engaged worldwide nations and governments to an inspiring degree.

IMMAF is pleased to see the continuation of member nations implementing IMMAF's progression scheme to support youth progression and technical development in the sport of MMA. This year's minimum technical level required of 14 to 17-year-olds will remain "Orange" grade and for 12-13-year-olds, it will remain "Yellow" grade.

The IMMAF Youth World Championships ranks among the most unique, unforgettable and motivating events on the MMA calendar. I look forward to welcoming all within the IMMAF family who support in furthering the pinnacle of youth competition in MMA and demonstrate our organisation's major potential for Olympic inclusion.

IMMAF wholeheartedly thanks His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE; His Highness Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi; His Highness Sheikh Nahyan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Sports Council; His Excellency Abdulmunam Al Hashmi, President of the UAE Jiu-Jitsu and Mixed Martial Arts Federation; His Excellency Aref Al Awani, General Secretary of the Abu Dhabi Sports Council; and His Excellency Mohamed Dalmouj Al Dhaheri, Chairman of the UAE MMA Committee, for their continued collective vision towards sharing in the development of youth MMA and IMMAF Youth MMA World Championships.

**Kerrith Brown**

# EVENT ORGANIZER

## ORGANIZER

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## Monday 31st July – Arrivals

All delegates arrive and check in at the hotel.

## Tuesday 1st August – Tournament Check-in, Accreditation

Tournament Check-In & Accreditation - 9.00am to 4.00 pm @ Millennium Al Rawdah Hotel.

\*Time of the draw will be communicated 1 week prior to the event start date.

## Wednesday 2nd August – Day 1 of competition (Youth C)

Weigh ins & Medicals - 7:00am to 8:00am (at the venue)  
Competition starts at 10:00am

## Thursday 3rd August – Day 2 of competition (Youth B)

Weigh ins & Medicals - 7:00am to 8:00am (at the venue)  
Competition starts at 10:00am

## Friday 4th August – Day 3 of competition (Youth A)

Weigh ins & Medicals - 7:00am to 8:00am (at the venue)  
Competition starts at 10:00am

*Female – 3 divisions: Atomweight, Strawweight & Flyweight.  
Male – 4 divisions: Strawweight, Flyweight, Bantamweight & Featherweight*

## Saturday 5th August – Day 4 of competition (Youth A)

Weigh ins & Medicals - 7:00am to 8:00am (at the venue)  
Competition starts at 10:00am

*Female – 3 divisions: Bantamweight, Featherweight, Lightweight & Welterweight.  
Male – 4 divisions Lightweight, Welterweight, Middleweight, Light Heavyweight & Heavyweight.*

*Attention: The schedule may be modified according to the total number of entries and circumstances of competition.*



## COMPETITION PLACE

### Venue Name

MUBADALA ARENA

### Venue website

[www.mubadala-arena.ae](http://www.mubadala-arena.ae)

### Venue Address

Zayed Sports City  
Off Al Khaleej Al Arabi Street  
Al Rawdah, Abu Dhabi  
[goo.gl/maps/wzosRwrwWCyBDY7Z8](https://goo.gl/maps/wzosRwrwWCyBDY7Z8)





# WEATHER IN ABU DHABI

August 2023						DAILY →
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Hist. Avg. 41° 30°	Hist. Avg. 41° 30°	Hist. Avg. 41° 30°	Hist. Avg. 41° 30°	Hist. Avg. 41° 30°	Hist. Avg. 41° 30°	Hist. Avg. 41° 30°
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## Heatstroke is predictable and preventable.

Take these steps to prevent heatstroke during hot weather:

- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight clothing.
- Protect against sunburn
- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Take it easy during the hottest parts of the day.
- Get acclimated.
- Be cautious if you're at increased risk.

# ELIGIBILITY

Please see the document for athlete eligibility found here:  
[smoothcomp.com](https://smoothcomp.com)

## MINIMUM TECHNICAL STANDARD

All participants require to have MINIMUM TECHNICAL STANDARD grade according to IMMAF Progression scheme before the tournament draw commences. For clarification, this grade must be recorded in the official IMMAF App and will be crossed checked at the point of registration. If a competitor doesn't have the required minimum technical standard grade, they will not be entered into the tournament draw and be removed from competition. Please contact IMMAF's Development Director Andrew Moshonov via [andrew.moshonov@immaf.org](mailto:andrew.moshonov@immaf.org) for any questions around obtaining technical grades. Minimum technical standard for participants.

Age band C - YELLOW  
Age band B - ORANGE  
Age band A - ORANGE

More explanation if need be:  
[immaf.org](https://immaf.org)

## ATHLETE SPONSOR GUIDELINES

Please see the document for athlete sponsor guidelines found here:  
[smoothcomp.com](https://smoothcomp.com)

## ATHLETE SCREENING

Please see [smoothcomp.com](https://smoothcomp.com) for the Athlete screening process document.

*If any professional records are detected by IMMAF after the registration deadline without prior notification, the National Federation will incur a fine of £100 for each athlete who is listed as professional, regardless of website error.*



This IMMAF Youth MMA World Championships is for all IMMAF Member Federations. There is a limit of 32 participants for each weight category and each federation can enter a maximum of 2 entries per weight category, (subject to first come first served basis). The competitors must be of the same nationality as the National Federation, which enters them.

### IMMAF Nationality & Change of Nationality Rules

1. It is mandatory that competitors participating in IMMAF Championship events are nationals of the country whose team they are representing. For the avoidance of doubt, nationals are classed according to the passport(s) they hold. The IMMAF CEO retains the right to make a case-by-case decision in circumstances regarding citizenship upon reviewing relevant documents.

#### Change of National Representation – Application Criteria:

2. A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may only represent one of them. After having represented one country in IMMAF competitions, he/she may not represent another country unless he/she meets the conditions set forth below which applies to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality. An athlete is able to switch nationality only once. Before switching to represent a new national team, the competitor must wait for the current year of IMMAF events to be completed. The Athlete, via their selected national federation, will be required to present a written application outlining their request to change national representation, accompanied by supporting documents towards any of the following:

1. The athlete was born on the territory they wish to represent.
2. The athlete's biological Mother or Father was born on the selected territory.
3. The athlete's grandmother or grandfather was born on the selected territory.
4. The athlete has lived on the territory for at least five years and possesses a passport or satisfactory documentation of citizenship.

3. A competitor who wishes to represent a new nationality in order to compete in IMMAF Championships, without meeting any criteria of Article 2, may represent a new team provided that at least twelve (12) months have passed since the competitor last represented his/her former country and has possessed a valid passport for at least 2 years. The requirement for 2 years of passport validity also applies to competitors wishing to change nationality ahead of their IMMAF debut. National federations wishing to acquire an athlete who does not meet the criteria of Article 2 must inform IMMAF when the athlete first receives a new passport, ahead of the 2 years validity period.

4. Any competitor who changes nationality ahead of representing a country at IMMAF championships is responsible for presenting a written application outlining reasons for switch of nationality under IMMAF, submitted through their new federation and accompanied by supporting documents for approval upon request of IMMAF.

#### Anti-doping; WADA ADAMS System Registration:

5. Athletes who have been registered with WADA while competing in another sport may not represent a separate nationality under IMMAF. The athlete must either withdraw from one sport or ensure that nationalities match in all sports that adhere to the WADA code. Cases of nationality clashes within WADA registration will result in the athlete being suspended from IMMAF competition until the matter is resolved.

6. It is the responsibility of national federations to ensure that application of IMMAF approval is completed ahead of any event registration deadline and that all requested documents are provided. Failure to notify IMMAF of a change of nationality or failure to provide supporting documents upon request may result in but is not limited to: disqualification of the athlete from IMMAF competition, deduction of ranking points, a team ban from the division, or a fine, following review by the IMMAF Disciplinary Committee.

Inquiries or applications should be directed to IMMAF Member Development Consultant, Jorden Curran ([jorden.curran@immaf.org](mailto:jorden.curran@immaf.org)).





# AGE BANDING CRITERIA

Youth category C 12 – 13 years old

The athlete must not be under the age of 12 years or aged 14 years before the 1st day of competition and must be within this age band until the competition has been completed.

<14

Youth category B 14 – 15 years old

The athlete must not be under the age of 14 years or aged 16 years before 1st day of competition and must be within this age band until the competition has been completed.

<16

Youth category A 16-17 years old

The athlete must not be under the age of 16 years or aged 18 years before 1st day of competition and must be within this age band until the competition has been completed.

<18

# WEIGHT CLASSES

Weigh-ins for youth contestants shall be on the day of competition. Competitors must be over and under the weight category they are entering apart from the upper weight limits only.

Youth category A 16-17 years old [as per current unified IMMAF rules]

## FEMALE

Atomweight - 105lbs (<47.6kg)

Strawweight - 115lbs (<52.1kgs)

Flyweight - 125lbs (<56.7kgs)

Bantamweight - 135lbs (<61.2kgs)

Featherweight - 145lbs (<65.8kgs)

Lightweight - 155lbs (<70.3kgs)

Welterweight - 170lbs (<77.1kgs)

## MALE

Strawweight - 115lbs (<52.2kgs)

Flyweight - 125lbs (<56.7kgs)

Bantamweight - 135lbs (<61.2kgs)

Featherweight - 145lbs (<65.8kgs)

Lightweight - 155lbs (<70.3kgs)

Welterweight - 170lbs (<77.1kgs)

Middleweight - 185lbs (<83.9kgs)

Light Heavyweight - 205lbs (<93.0kgs)

Heavyweight - 265lbs (<120.2kgs)



# WEIGHT CLASSES

## Youth category B 14 – 15 years old Male & Female [under]

<40 kg/ 88.2 lbs

<44 kg/ 97 lbs

<48 kg/ 105.8 lbs

<52 kg/ 114.6 lbs

<57 kg/ 125.7 lbs

<62 kg/ 136.7 lbs

<67 kg/ 147.7 lbs

<72kg/ 158.7 lbs

+72 kg/ 158.7 lbs – TO A MAXIMUM OF 77.1 kg/ 170 lbs

## Youth category C 12 – 13 years old Male & Female [under]

<31kg/ 68.3 lbs

<34kg/ 75 lbs

<37kg/ 81.6 lbs

<40kg/ 88.2 lbs

<44kg/ 97 lbs

<48kg/ 105.8 lbs

<52kg/ 114.6 lbs

<57kg/ 125.7 lbs

+57kg/ 125.7 lbs – TO A MAXIMUM OF 62kg/ 136.7 lbs

# ACCREDITATION & CONTROL OF NATIONALITY

At least one (1) team official and a maximum of two (2) must attend the registration on Tuesday 1st August 2023 from 09:00 to 16:00 in order to confirm the delegation.

Failure to do this will result in a nation not being entered into the draw and will be disqualified from the competition.

Passports or photocopies of passports from all competitors must be available on request (National ID Card showing nationality and date of birth or a copy is also accepted).

An IMMAF accreditation card with a photograph will be issued to competitors and officials.

# IMMAF PRE-REGISTRATION ONLINE

All participants and delegates must be pre-registered for the event using the IMMAF Online Registration System. [smoothcomp.com](https://smoothcomp.com)

Deadline for Pre-Registration is Saturday 1st July 2023.

After the deadline only athletes replacing a competitor who is medically diagnosed as unfit to compete can be entered into the competition. An official letter from the injured athletes GP or registered team Doctor will need to be submitted to IMMAF's independent Medical Partner for verification at [immaf@safemma.org](mailto:immaf@safemma.org)

### *Note to Media:*

*Any team officials registering on SMOOTHCOMP who would like media access and permissions, must email to [press@immaf.org](mailto:press@immaf.org) by Tuesday 4th July 2023. Please note that registration on SMOOTHCOMP does not grant media permissions.*





# KEY DEADLINES

Team Registration including participation fee payment – Saturday 1st July 2023  
Media accreditation applications to [press@immaf.org](mailto:press@immaf.org) - Tuesday 18th July 2023  
Pre-Registration of Injury Replacements – Saturday 1st July 2023  
Medical Clearance – Wednesday 12th July 2023

# TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN

Each team enters a check-in location strictly according to the previously allocated time slot accompanied by at least one team leader.

Athletes' appropriate documents (athlete waiver, media release form) have to be uploaded onto SMOOTHCOMP beforehand.

Every athlete's passport/ID is controlled and thereafter an accreditation is issued.

Coaches and team staff receive their accreditations at the check-in too.

# COMPETITION MODE

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the latest IMMAF Youth rules, see link [immaf.org](http://immaf.org)

The system of competition will be decided based on the number of participants in each weight category.

# WEIGH-INS & PRE-FIGHT MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Competition days: Wednesday 2nd August, Thursday 3rd August, Friday 4th August and Saturday 5th August 2023. Weigh-ins for youth contestants shall be on the day of competition.

All athletes must weigh in on the official competition scale in shorts and t-shirt/rash guard, most preferably the official IMMAF apparel. Youth contestants are not permitted to strip above or below the waist to underwear or bare torso. To facilitate this all contestants at all official weigh ins shall be granted an additional 1lb [454gr] allowance over and above their designated weight category.

There will be no option for late annual medical examination.

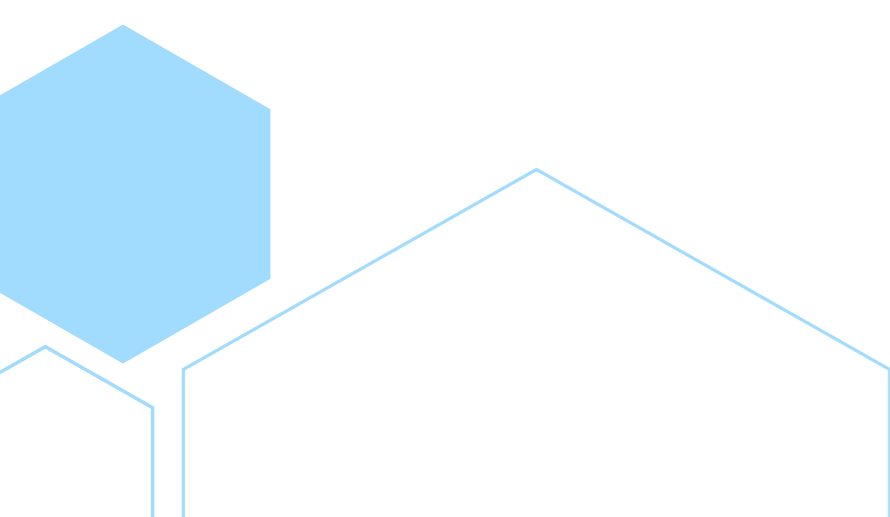
Following this the official weigh-in for each weight category is held each morning of competition (See 2 program). Athletes must present their IMMAF accreditation card and his/her passport (National ID Cards showing nationality and date of birth are also accepted).

Only athletes that are set to compete on that day must attend that competition day weigh in. Any athlete who does not show up within the designated weigh in times or fails to make weight will be excluded from competition.

Athletes will only have one chance at making weight on the official scales. A set of test scales will be available for one hour before the official weigh in. This is to facilitate athletes who wish to check their pre-fight weight before stepping onto the official weigh in scales.

Outside of the official weigh in times test scales available on the same morning and a set of scales will be made accessible throughout the competition.

Athletes must present their accreditation card and passport or National ID Card showing nationality and date of birth. Weigh in allowance policy can be found here: [smoothcomp.com](http://smoothcomp.com)



## REFEREES & JUDGES

Each federation may put forward recommended competition officials through the IMMAF NTO (National technical Officials) application process.

The organizing federation (UAEMMAF) may enter officials as required for the realization of the tournament if a sufficient number cannot be sourced.

The requirement for officiating can be found in the "Officials Selection Procedure Form" at [smoothcomp.com](https://smoothcomp.com)

## DRAW

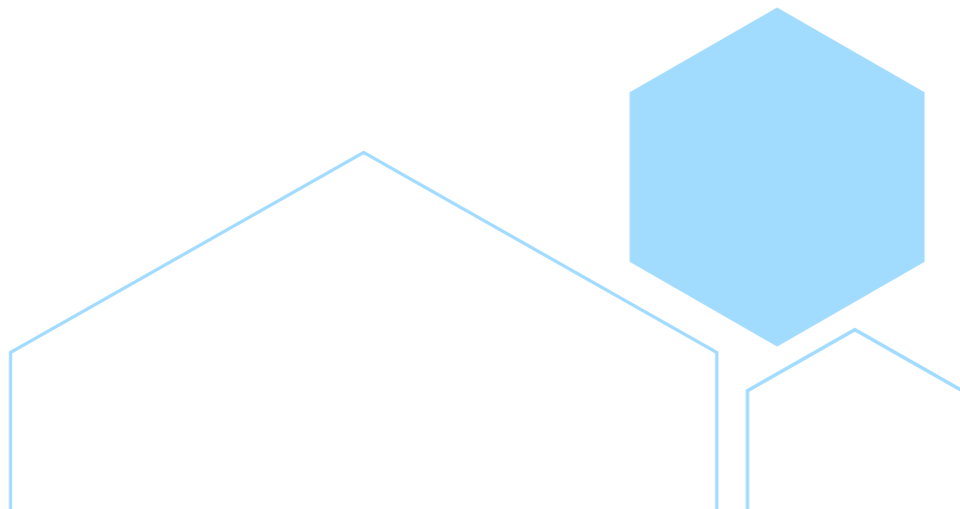
The draw will take place on Tuesday 1st August 2023 at Millennium Al Rawdah Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Time of the draw will be communicated one week before arrival into Abu Dhabi. The system of competition will be decided based on the number of participants in each weight category.

There will be no seeding of athletes, however athletes of the same nationality will be separated at the pool stage of the competition.

A bronze medal will be awarded to both losing semi-finalists, even if the bronze medalist hasn't won a bout to reach the semi-finals, (for clarification, a bye is classed as a win).

If there are only two (2) competitors in a bracket, then this will be a gold and silver medal match with the loser receiving a medal.



## CORNERS (SECONDS), TEAM LEADERS & TEAM DELEGATES

All team delegates must fully adhere to the dress code outlined for the draw and for the duration of the competition.

Dress Code for Draw: suit, with jacket and tie or national team tracksuit

Competition Days: National team tracksuit/uniform, NO caps, NO shorts OR flip flops.

## EQUIPMENT

Rashguards, shorts, gloves, and shin guards will be provided by the brand Green Hill for all competitors. Competitors are responsible for providing their own mouth and groin guard.

## ACCOMMODATION

Millennium Al Rawdah Hotel  
1778 Sheikh Rashid Bin Saeed St - Al Rawdah - W68 -  
Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates  
+971 2 617 0000

To see the booking costs and book hotel and transportation for the teams please use the link below: <https://forms.gle/9t32kjkR3AchqkLS9>

*\*accommodation and airport transfers are not included in the fee and are at the expense of the national federations.*





# PARTICIPATION FEE & REFUND POLICY

The cost of the competition at the 2023 Youth World Championships is 200 USD per competitor and 100USD per team leader, team affiliates or team coaches. Accreditation will not be issued where entry fees have not been paid by the preregistration deadline. Any athlete that has not paid their participation fee by **1st July 2023** will not be included in the draw. If payment has not been received and the team registered in my next match, Teams will forfeit their priority privileges. Payment has to be made by each member federation for its whole team. Payment will be by bank wire transfer. Instructions can be downloaded here: [smoothcomp.com](https://smoothcomp.com)

- a) Registration via online tournament system; SMOOTHCOMP. (No participation fee payment will be asked for during this part of the registration).
- b) Participation Fees to be bank transferred.
- c) When parts A + B have been done, reconciled and confirmed by IMMAF, only then will your team be officially approved and entered into the tournament.

To make a payment, please request an invoice from [accounts@immaf.org](mailto:accounts@immaf.org). Remittance / Bank confirmation of the payment should be sent to [accounts@immaf.org](mailto:accounts@immaf.org). Payment by card is available, please ask accounts for details.

**Bank Name:** Banca Dello Stato Del Cantone Ticino  
**Bank Address:** VIALE HENRI GUISAN V, BELLINZONA  
**\$ US Dollar**  
**Account Name:** International Mixed Martial Arts Federation  
**Account Number:** 20941612.2003  
**IBAN:** CH3800764209416122003  
**SWIFT:** BSCTCH22  
**Clearing Bancarion N.:** 00764  
**Numero CCP:** 65-433-5

Only registered participants who have paid the participation fee will get access to official IMMAF transportation, credentialed areas at the official hotel and the competition venue. This is for security and practical reasons. If there are persons traveling with the federation who are not needed in the arena, who don't have a key role in the team and who won't need assistance from the IMMAF, then they are welcome to attend the 2023 Youth World Championships and not pay the participation fee. They can then purchase tickets (if available) for the competition at the competition venue respectively and book their own accommodation.

Refund policy for registered teams can be downloaded here: [smoothcomp.com](https://smoothcomp.com)

## MEDICAL CLEARANCE

Competitors need to ensure that their annual medical examination is in good standing as per IMMAF's competition medical requirements.

Please Note: The current policy of the IMMAF medical commission is that blood work is NOT needed for Youth (U18's) tournaments

The cut-off date for submission of all correctly completed AND correctly submitted medical forms is Wednesday, 12th July 2023 (2359hrs UTC)

In order to be medically cleared to compete in the 2023 IMMAF Youth World Championships each athlete must provide:

- a) a completed Annual Medical Examination form, dated from within one year of the final day of competition - so on or after **6th August 2022**
- b) all documentation must be sent as an email attachment in PDF form (ideally one complete PDF per athlete) through the team Medical Safety Lead (\*see Note 1 below) to: [immaf@safemma.org](mailto:immaf@safemma.org)

\*Please Note: we strongly recommend submitting all forms at least one week in advance of the deadline so that any mistakes or omissions can be addressed BEFORE the cut-off date, thus avoiding any Late admin fees (\*see Note 3 below)

The most current versions of forms and further information can be found here: [safemma.org](https://safemma.org)



# MEDICAL CLEARANCE

## NOTE 1: MEDICAL SAFETY LEAD

Each team must nominate a Medical Safety Lead. Your MSL acts as the single point of contact through whom we expect to receive all medical documentation, and with whom we share important updates.

The role is purely administrative - no prior medical knowledge or experience is required. Please let us know if you require details of your MSL, or wish to nominate someone new to the role.

## NOTE 2: INTEGRITY

If we suspect a document is forged, we will investigate.

If a document is proven to be a forgery, we will charge the athlete or their team a fee for our investigation. The fee will be £40 per hour, with a minimum of 3 hours.

Please do NOT submit forged documents! It endangers athletes and costs more in the long run.

## NOTE 3: ADMINISTRATION FEES FOR LATE SUBMISSIONS

The cut-off date for submission of all CORRECTLY COMPLETED and CORRECTLY SUBMITTED medical forms is **Wednesday, 12th July 2023 (2359hrs UTC)**

Please ensure forms are submitted at least one week in advance of this so that any mistakes or omissions can be addressed before the cut-off date. Forms must be received through the nominated MSL, ideally as one complete PDF per athlete.

- a £10 Late admin fee will be payable direct to SAFE MMA by or for any athlete whose correct & complete documentation has not been received by the cut-off date of **Wednesday, 12th July 2023 (2359hrs UTC)**

- a £20 Late admin fee will be payable direct to SAFE MMA by or for any athlete whose correct & complete documentation has not been received one week after the cut-off date, so by **Wednesday, 19th July 2023 (2359hrs UTC)**

- a £40 Late admin fee will be payable direct to SAFE MMA by or for any athlete whose correct & complete documentation has not been received more than 2 weeks after the cut-off date, so by **Wednesday, 26th July 2023 (2359hrs UTC)**

- an £80 Late admin fee will be payable direct to SAFE MMA by or for any athlete whose correct & complete documentation has not been received more than 2 days before the tournament start, so by **Sunday, 30th July 2023 (2359hrs UTC)**

## MEDICAL CLEARANCE IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Other than in exceptional cases (such as with late injury replacements) the Late admin fees detailed above WILL be strictly enforced WITHOUT exception.

- If a Late admin fee is due, NO documentation will be reviewed, or even considered as having been received, until that fee has been paid.

- If a Late admin fee is due and not received before a further deadline has been passed, the higher fee will be payable in order for that athlete's documentation to be reviewed.

- The review of any documentation received after the cut-off date is subject to the availability of resources, and at the discretion of SafeMMA and the IMMAF Medical Committee.

For the record, late admin fees are NOT intended to raise revenue. They have solely been introduced to focus attention on the importance of complying with deadlines so that we can continue doing the work we do effectively with the resources we have - the alternatives being raising fees for everyone or removing athletes from the tournament. We would be delighted if not a single late admin fee was ever incurred! Please work with us to achieve this and get your athletes' documentation arranged in good time. If you have any comments, issues or questions regarding this, or any medical matter, please





# SAFE GUARDING

Anti-doping controls will be conducted in accordance with the IMMAF Anti-Doping Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code for Youth A athletes.

IMMAF will be responsible for planning and implementing the necessary procedures. All participants (athletes, coaches and officials) should ensure they comply with the Anti-Doping Rules - [immaf.org](https://immaf.org)

The IMMAF Anti-Doping Rules adopt the WADA Prohibited List of Substances and Methods WADA Prohibited List 2023 - [www.wada-ama.org](https://www.wada-ama.org)

Athletes should check all medications to ensure any substances used are permitted. <https://immaf.org/integrity/anti-doping/education/#consequences>  
If approval for the medically justified use of a Prohibited Substance or Method is required, apply to IMMAF for a Therapeutic Use Exemption by the 12th July 2023. In an emergency/after this date, submit a TUE form as soon as treatment is required.

If a TUE has already been approved at national level, submit the TUE Certificate for approval as soon as possible [tue@immaf.org](mailto:tue@immaf.org) TUE application details are available on IMMAF's website - [immaf.org](https://immaf.org)

NOTE: IMMAF operates a zero tolerance on the use of needles for any purpose without medical justification.

## PLEASE DECLARE ALL YOUR MEDICATION

Declaring your medications at Medical Clearance, Registration, Pre & Post Medical Checks and at Doping Control is in your own interest for health and safety reasons. Failure to make a full declaration and update as necessary may delay appropriate medical treatment. It may be considered adversely in an Anti-Doping investigation. Declare, in your own interests, team officials please remind your athletes.

# ANTI-DOPING

IMMAF takes a zero-tolerance approach to any abuse of athletes, officials, staff and spectators. Everyone should feel safe, supported and respected at IMMAF events.

The further information can be found here: [immaf.org](https://immaf.org)

# MEDIA

Journalists can apply for media accreditation by sending their requests directly to the organizer at [press@immaf.org](mailto:press@immaf.org). When journalists are traveling as part of a National Federation Team please indicate this, so they may be treated as part of your party.

## ATHLETE MEDIA OBLIGATIONS

### a) Television

It is a mandatory obligation for all athletes to complete television interviews and photograph sessions for IMMAF's production team, if requested. Team Leaders or the athlete themselves will be notified in advance if an athlete's attendance is required.

For official interviews and photographs (which are used for TV graphics), athletes will need their Greenhill competition wear and also their national team t-shirt.

Official television interview will be in English, so please arrange for a person to translate for your athlete if needed.

### b) IMMAF Media Team

Every day after a match, some competitors will be escorted for a short interview with the IMMAF Media Team following their post-fight medical examination. The interview will be for use on IMMAF media and social media channels.

On days where Anti-doping testing takes place, such interviews will be conducted following the post-fight medical and before the Anti-doping testing.

An official representative from IMMAF will be responsible for notifying competitors of IMMAF interview requests and escorting competitors from the competition area to their post-fight medical and onto their media interview. Competitors may wear their own sponsor apparel for the media interviews.





# INSURANCE OF COMPETITORS

The competitor competes under the full responsibility of their National Federations Insurance. Each national federation is responsible for insuring its competitors against “injury and third party risk (public liability)” during the period of the event.

The International Mixed Martial Arts Federation and the UAE Jiu-Jitsu and Mixed Martial Arts Federation decline all responsibility. It is the responsibility of the National Federation to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any COVID-19-related costs. The organiser of the event and the IMMAF accept no liability for any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to COVID-19 or medical costs for any COVID-19 related illness that may affect a National Federation delegation member during the event.



# MEDALS CEREMONY

During the Finals, competition medalists will participate in a podium medals ceremony.

The Dress Code for competitors during the medal’s ceremony is as follows:

1. Green Hill competition rash guard and shorts or National Team uniform
2. The only flags or banners that may be carried are National Flags. No religious or political symbols are allowed.

Casual or street wear will not be permitted on the podium. Athletes will also be required to be in the designated seating for medalists at least five minutes before their medal presentation.





# VISA

Being one of the world's most popular travel destinations, UAE provides visa on arrival for most of the countries.

Make sure to check the process for your nation following the link below:  
[www.emirates.com](http://www.emirates.com)

Please note, it is the responsibility of the National Federation to follow and comply with all the entry rules and requirements.

If you need a letter of invitation from the host country, please contact:  
[info@uaemmaf.com](mailto:info@uaemmaf.com)

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY

**ENTRY TO VENUE:  
NO TICKETS NECESSARY FOR ENTRY.**

The event will be free for spectators.



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