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YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

COMPETITION HANDBOOK

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World Youth Championships

Mubadala Arena
Abu Dhabi, UAE

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PRESIDENT'S FORWARD



It is my privilege to once again deliver a heartfelt welcome to all esteemed Members, Athletes, Coaches, and Distinguished Guests back to Abu Dhabi, for the 2024 IMMAF World Championships.

The IMMAF Youth World Championships stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication shown by all, towards the development of elite pathways for young athletes in the sport of MMA, and I am proud to thank and congratulate the UAE MMA Federation in its continued support for this platform, with leadership and enthusiasm that is second to none in demonstrating a passion and love for delivering a world level championships to our young future stars.

To all IMMAF member nations, thank you for your continued support and collaboration in fostering the growth and development of MMA on both a local and global scale. Your presence in Abu Dhabi reaffirms our collective commitment to promoting the values of respect, integrity, and inclusivity within our sport.

To the athletes, families, coaches, and officials, I commend you for your hard work and perseverance in once again preparing for this prestigious competition. I have no doubt your journey to this moment has been marked by countless hours of training, sacrifice, and dedication.

My thanks to you all for joining us in celebrating the incredible talent and potential of our youth athletes.

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.

On behalf of the IMMAF Board of Directors, I wish all participants the best of luck and a memorable experience

Yours in MMA,

Kerrith Brown

A handwritten signature of Kerrith Brown in purple ink. The signature is stylized and cursive, matching the printed name above it.

HOST FEDERATION WELCOME

I am delighted to welcome you to the 2024 IMMAF Youth World Championships in Abu Dhabi, the world capital of martial arts. Hosting the championship for the third consecutive year is a testament to our nation's unwavering commitment to the sport and its athletes.

On behalf of the MMA community around the world, I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, an ardent supporter of sports and athletes. We also extend our sincere appreciation to His Highness Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council, for his guidance and unwavering support in elevating the status of the MMA sport in the UAE.

Abu Dhabi has become a beacon of excellence in the MMA world, providing an exceptional platform for athletes to showcase their talents. The UAE Jiu-Jitsu and Mixed Martial Arts Federation is committed to providing an exceptional experience for athletes and fans alike, from their arrival in Abu Dhabi throughout the competition and until their departure. We are proud to work alongside our partners to ensure this championship not only highlights elite athletic performance but also offers an unforgettable experience of hospitality, cultural exchange, and sportsmanship.

We wish all participants great success and hope that this event serves as a platform to exchange experiences and cultures.



**Abdulmunem Alsayed Mohamed Alhashmi
Chairman Of The UAE Jiu-Jitsu and Mixed
Martial Arts Federation**

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Monday 5th August – Teams Registration

9:00am to 4:00pm - Registration @ Millennium al Rawdah Hotel
7:00pm - Rules Briefing & Tournament Draw

Tuesday 6th August – Youth C competition

6:30am to 7:30am - Weigh-ins and Pre-fight medicals
@
11:00am - Competition Starts

Wednesday 7th August Day 1 of Youth B competition

6:30am to 7:30am - Weigh-ins and Pre-fight medicals
@
11:00am - Competition Starts

Thursday 8th August – Day 2 of Youth B Competition

6:30am to 7:30am - Weigh-ins and Pre-fight medicals
@
11:00am - Competition Starts

Friday 9th August – Day 1 of Youth A competition

6:30am to 7:30am - Weigh-ins and Pre-fight medicals
@
11:00am - Competition starts

Saturday 10th August – Day 2 of Youth A Competition

6:30am to 7:30am - Weigh-ins and Pre-fight medicals
@
11:00am - Competition starts

Sunday 11th August

Teams Departure

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



COMPETITION PLACE

Venue Name

Mubadala Arena

Venue Address

Zayed Sports City

Off Al Khaleej Al Arabi Street











Al Rawdah, Abu Dhabi

goo.gl/maps/wzosRwrwWCyBDY7Z8

Venue website

www.mubadala-arena.ae

WEATHER IN ABU DHABI

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
						
40° 30°	40° 31°	41° 31°	41° 30°	41° 31°	42° 30°	42° 31°
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						
41° 30°	42° 30°	42° 30°	Hist. Avg. 41° 30°	Hist. Avg. 41° 30°	Hist. Avg. 41° 30°	Hist. Avg. 41° 30°



ELIGIBILITY

Please see the document for athlete eligibility available on the Smoothcomp event page – smoothcomp.com

ATHLETE SPONSOR GUIDELINES

Please see the document for athlete sponsor guidelines found here – smoothcomp.com

ATHLETE SCREENING

Please see smoothcomp.com for the Athlete screening process document.

MINIMUM TECHNICAL STANDARD

It is responsibility of the Head Coach and Team leader to ensure that all athletes meet the minimum technical standard as followed:

Band C - yellow
Band B - orange
Band A - green

National Federation is supposed to have it implemented and operational. We understand that a few new national federations were formed and joined IMMAF recently. Therefore we are always here to help them with smooth integration. More information can be found on www.immafa.org , or contact directly IMMAF Director of Sports Development Andrew Moshanov by email: andrew.moshanov@immafa.org

The IMMAF Youth World Championships is for all IMMAF Member Nations and will be open to Youth, Senior and Junior athletes.

All federations can enter 2 athletes per category.

Competitors must be of the same nationality as the national team which enters them. See below for details on criteria from representing a dual or alternative nationality.

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).

AGE BANDING CRITERIA

Youth C 12-13 years old.

Youth B 14-15 years old

Youth A 16-17 years old.

The athlete must be within the selected age band by the event registration day and must remain within the same age band until their tournament has been completed.



YOUTH WEIGHT CLASSES

Weigh-ins for all contestants shall be on the day of competition. Competitors must be within the weight limits for the division they are registered to.

Youth A 16–17s (U18)

FEMALE	MALE
Strawweight: -52.2 kg /115 lbs	Strawweight: -52.2 kg /115 lbs
Flyweight: -56.7 kg /125 lbs	Flyweight: -56.7 kg /125 lbs
Bantamweight: -61.2 kg /135 lbs	Bantamweight: -61.2 kg /135 lbs
Featherweight: -65.8 kg /145 lbs	Featherweight: -65.8 kg /145 lbs
Lightweight: -70.3 kg /155 lbs	Lightweight: -70.3 kg /155 lbs
	Welterweight: -77.1 kg /170 lbs
	Middleweight: -83.9 kg /185 lbs
	Light Heavyweight: -93.0 kg /205 lbs



YOUTH WEIGHT CLASSES

Youth B 14–15s (U16):

FEMALE & MALE

-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**

Note: Youth B & C categories, for the upper weight limits only, no athlete shall be allowed to compete with a weight difference greater than 5 kg.

For example: for the “-72kg” division, the lower limit is +67kg to a maximum limit of 72kg.

YOUTH WEIGHT CLASSES

Youth C 12–13s (U14):

FEMALE & MALE

-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**

Note: Minimum 3 Participants are required in each category.

ACCREDITATION & CONTROL OF NATIONALITY

At least one (1) team official and a maximum of two (2) must attend the registration on 6th August. Failure to do this will result in the team not being entered into the draw and will be removed 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, coaches and officials.

PRE-REGISTRATION ONLINE (SMOOTHCOMP)

All participants and delegates must be pre-registered for the event using the IMMAF Online Registration System. smoothcomp.com

Deadline for Pre-Registration is 9th July, including the completion of medicals, competition fees and all other required documents. Competition fees must be paid in bulk via a national federation's account

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 Medical Officer for verification before approval of registration on smoothcomp.com.

Note to Media:

Any team officials registering on [SMOOTHCOMP](https://smoothcomp.com) who would like media access and permissions, must email to press@immaf.org. Please note that registration on SMOOTHCOMP does not grant media permissions.

KEY DEADLINES

Team Registration for all nations, including participation payment and medical documentation. Registrations are not approved until payment of fees is completed (spaces are not reserved without payment).

Event registrations and payment - June 22

Medicals - July 1

For late registrations contact IMMAF member support.

Media accreditation applications to press@immaf.org

Medications TUE deadline - TUE applications are advised to be delivered to tue@ita.sport 21 days prior to the event registration day.

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

Youth competition will be in accordance with latest IMMAF Youth MMA Rules. See immaf.org for full rules breakdown.

Youth divisions will be held as round robin tournaments, guaranteeing all youth competitors have at least 2 bouts.

WEIGH-INS AND PRE-FIGHT MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Competition days:
Aug 6 to Aug 10.

Competitors shall weigh in only on the days they are to compete.

There will be no option for late annual medical examination or blood tests.

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

The official weigh in & pre-fight medical for each weight category is held each morning of competition as stated in the event program schedule. 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. Competitors with byes are not expected to 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. **Athletes must not strip down to underwear when using test scales in a public setting.**

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 alongside other competition documents on the smoothcomp.com

REFEREES & JUDGES

All referees, judges and officials shall be selected by IMMAF Regulatory Commission. More information on the procedure can be found on the smoothcomp.com

YOUTH DRAW

The draw for Youth will take place on 5 August 2024 following the completion of athlete check in. The competition draw will be automated on Smoothcomp.

Time of the draw is detailed in the event program schedule. Any schedule changes will be communicated.

There will be no seeding for Youth athletes. Athletes of the same nationality will be separated from meeting until the semi-finals of the tournament.

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.

CORNER (SECONDS) & TEAM LEADERS

Atmosphere and ethics around the cage is considered by IMMAF to be an important element of the sports environment, which we do not take lightly. Therefore, access to the cage side shall be granted exclusively to IMMAF Certified Coaches, holding valid licence.

In addition, we created alternative opportunity for all non-certified coaches to be able to follow their athletes to the cage side and support them during the contest. They can take online Cornerman Course, pass the test and apply for accreditation on the registration day. More information: andrew.moshanov@immafa.org

EQUIPMENT

Athletes are responsible for providing their own mouth guard and groin guard. Gloves, shin guards, rash guards and shorts will be provided by official IMMAF equipment partner, RDX.



ACCOMMODATION

Hotel information:

For hotel information and bookings please visit the link below:

<https://iv-travels.com/immaf/>

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

Please note: IMMAF advises athletes against extreme weight cutting and dehydration practices. Sauna access will only be available as an amenity of hotel facilities and is not provided or guaranteed by IMMAF.



PARTICIPATION FEE & REFUND POLICY

2024 IMMAF Youth World Championships Participation Fees:

200 USD per competitor

100 USD 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 **9th July 2024** will not be included in the draw unless late payment has been arranged with IMMAF Member Services. Payment has to be made by each member federation for its whole team. Payment will be by bank wire transfer.

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. Remittance / Bank confirmation of the payment should be sent to accounts@immaf.org. Payment by card is available, please ask accounts for details.

Payments can be made following an invoice request to:

Accounts@IMMAF.org

Invoice payable to Bank Name: Banca Dello Stato Del Cantone

Ticino Account Name: International Mixed Martial Arts

Federation Euro € Account Name: International Mixed Martial

Arts Federation Account Number: 20941612.2002 IBAN

CH6500764209416122002 SWIFT: BSCTCH22 Clearing Bancarion

N. 00764 Numero CCP 65-433-5

PARTICIPATION FEE & REFUND POLICY

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.

Refund Policy can be viewed on the 2024 IMMAF World Championships event page [HERE](#).



YOUTH MEDICAL CLEARANCE

Youth 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 only required for Senior and Junior tournaments.

The cut-off date for submission of all correctly completed AND correctly submitted medical forms is 9th July 2024.

In order to be medically cleared to compete in the 2024 IMMAF European Championships each athlete must provide:

a) a completed Annual Medical Examination form, dated from within one year of the final day of competition.

b) teams can download examination forms to complete for each athlete's medical and bloodwork, available via the 2024 IMMAF Youth Championships Championships event page. Forms must be completed and emailed in PDF format to the IMMAF Medical Officer: medical.events@immaf.org. Failure to send documents to the identified address may result in failed delivery and subsequent removal from the competition.

*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.

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 40USD 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: LATE MEDICAL SUBMISSION FEES

The cut-off date for submission of all CORRECTLY COMPLETED and CORRECTLY SUBMITTED medical forms is 9 July 2024 (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 10USD Late admin fee will be payable direct to the Medical Officer by or for any athlete whose correct & complete documentation has not been received by the identified cut-off date.

- a 20USD Late admin fee will be payable direct to the Medical Officer by or for any athlete whose correct & complete documentation has not been received one week after the cut-off date. Late fees will continue to double with each week that the correct documentation has not been provided.

- 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 the Medical Officer and the IMMAF Medical Committee.

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 contact: medical.events@immaf.org.

SAFEGUARDING

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.

IMMAF's safeguarding policy can be downloaded here: [IMMAF | Safeguarding IMMAF Whistleblowing Policy](#).

As of 2024, all coaches and team leaders attending IMMAF Youth Championships will be required to submit an official police criminal record check or national equivalent, to be approved for event credentials. Full instructions have been delivered to all national federations via email and can be accessed with documents on the Smoothcomp event page under: SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Contact sophie.mueller@immaf.org for questions and to submit documents.

Additionally, all coaches and team leaders must complete and submit the Declaration of Honour form in person at event registration. Individuals will not receive their event accreditation if a Declaration of Honour has not been submitted.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-doping controls will be conducted by the International Testing Agency (ITA) in accordance with the IMMAF Anti-Doping Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code for athletes.

All participants (athletes, coaches and officials) should ensure they comply with the Anti-Doping Rules. The IMMAF Anti-Doping Rules adopt the WADA Prohibited List of Substances and Methods WADA Prohibited List 2024 - wada-ama.org

Athletes should check all medications to ensure any substances used are permitted.

For a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), applications are advised to be delivered to tue@ita.sport 21 days prior to the event registration day, if approval for the medically justified use of a Prohibited Substance or Method is required. In an emergency/after this date, submit a TUE application 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 to tue@ita.sport.

Full directions for the ITA's TUE process can be found at the 2024 European Championships event page on [Smoothcomp](https://smoothcomp.com)

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.

MEDIA

Journalists can apply for media accreditation by sending their requests directly to the organizer at 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 RDX competition wear and also their national team t-shirt.

Official television interviews 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 AFFF 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. RDX Sports 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

UAE provides visa on arrival for most of the countries.

Please make sure you check your country visa requirements for travel to UAE for your nation following the link below: www.emirates.com

Please note the rules could have changed since the last time your Team traveled to the UAE.

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

The Host Federation will help any country with obtaining a visa for athletes and officials.

For nationals who need a VISA to enter the UAE please request the visa forms from hr@uaejjf.com.

Please send the Organiser as soon as possible (latest July 1st) a list of participants with full names, passport numbers, date of birth and positions, add Passport copy, players below 18 Years old need a Parent Consent letter.

All completed documents forms send to hr@uaejjf.com before 1st of July

Please note that only people registered in Smoothcomp.com will be given visa support.

After 1st of July you must take care of the VISA yourself and/or additional costs will apply.



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