



Muaythai Rules & Regulations // AG2019

The Rules and Regulations presented hereafter are in accordance with the current rules and regulations of the International Federation of Muaythai Amateur (IFMA) approved by the Technical Committee and the Executive Board of IFMA.

Athlete Eligibility

The 2019 Arafura Games Muaythai Tournament are open to all athletes that satisfy the following eligibility criteria. Entries are accepted from any national federation affiliated to IFMA. In countries where there does not yet exist a member National Federation, IFMA reserves the right to accept entries on a basis of special invitation.

Athlete eligibility: All competitors must satisfy the following conditions to be considered an "eligible athlete":

- A contestant in the Senior Elite Male or Senior Female Division (IFMA World Championship) must be at least 17 years old, but not more than 40 years old.

* For any clarification on this rule, please see: <http://www.ifmamuythai.org/technical-reference/muaythai-rules/25-minimum-maximum-age-limit/>

Other requirements

- A contestant must not be ranked in the Top 10 in any professional Thai stadium.
- A contestant must be of the same nationality as the National Federation, which has entered them. Proof of identity will be established by production of a passport or an official document or its copy from the country for which the competitor has been entered, along with a Boxer Book upon registration/weigh in. If a competitor has more than one nationality, such competitor can only represent one country and thereafter may not represent any other country, until after a period of three (3) years has elapsed. If the two federations concerned desire, they can ask IFMA to reduce or even to suppress this delay in conformity with the IFMA Rules and Regulations.
- The IFMA Executive Board reserves the right to allow participants to represent the country of which they are a permanent residence instead of their passport nationality, given that the boxer has never represented the country of origin on their passport.

Participating Teams

- National teams of all IFMA Members (*with membership fees paid up to 2018) are invited to participate at the championships.
- Each country is allowed to send only one national team to participate in the championships.
- Each team is allowed to send only one contestant for each weight category of the Senior Male Elite A & Senior Female Elite A divisions
- Only Oceania teams may enter one additional athlete for each weight category of the Senior Male Continental Championship - Elite A & Senior Female Continental Championship - Elite A

Divisions of the Competition

***Note: If there are less than 3 entries in any division, the competition will not be held for that division.*

Senior Male Elite A (all countries may enter):
54kg | 57kg | 63.5kg | 67kg | 71kg | 75kg | 81kg | 91kg

Senior Female Elite A (all countries may enter):
54kg | 57kg | 60kg | 63.5kg

**Senior Male Continental Championship - Elite A (Oceania countries ONLY):
67kg | 75kg**

**Senior Female Continental Championship - Elite A (Oceania countries ONLY):
60kg**



Medical Check-up and Weigh-in

All contestants must have a Medical Check-up and Official Weigh-in on the opening day of the Championships outlined in the technical handbook. Each contestant must then have a Medical Check-up and Weigh-in in the morning of their competition for each bout.

Boxers Record Book (Membership Books) must be presented at every Medical Check-up. If the athlete does not already have one, it can be purchased from IFMA at the weigh-in for \$5USD. As per IFMA Rule 23, all contestants must have in their possession, the IFMA Medical Declaration form which can be found at: (<http://www.ifmamuythai.org/technical-reference/athletes-medical-declaration-form/>) signed by an authorised doctor of medicine, stating that prior to leaving his country he was in good physical condition and not suffering from any injury, infection or disability liable to affect his capacity to box in the country being visited. Such document must be accompanied with blood analysis results for HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C. These documents must be scanned and uploaded to the athlete's online registration form on the [IFMA/Rsportz portal](#). If they are not uploaded to the registration prior to arrival, the hard copy must be presented at the Medical Check.

These documents must also be attached with the boxer book produced at the medical examination before the general weigh-in. The medical declaration form & blood test cannot be older than 6 months and should be in the ENGLISH language. In the case that laboratory reports are in a language other than English, it is the responsibility of the National Federation to ensure that the documents are officially translated and certified and those translations submitted together with the documents.

Changing Weight Divisions

On the morning of the official weigh-in, if a contestant finds his/her weight above the previous declared weight, he/she is permitted to move up to a higher weight division.

Drawing of Names

The Draw will be carried out after the final Official Medical Check-up and Weigh-in. During this, the team manager or coach or a selected representative from each country must be present.

Appearance of Contestant

A contestant must wear the official IFMA AG2019 uniform shorts and sleeveless shirt in red or blue, according to his/her corner. The uniform must be purchased from IFMA at the Team Manager meeting for \$60SUD per set. The contestant must wear a Mongkon (sacred headband) during the WaiKru before the fight. An amulet may be worn around the upper arm or wrist but must be neatly covered. The contestant must wear the standard head-guard, gloves, shin guard and elbow guard as provided by the Organizing Committee. No others may be substituted. Contestants are required to wear their own groin-guard (male & female), breast protection (female only) & gum-shields. Toenails must be short. Beard must be clean shaven.

Hand Wraps

Contestants must use the wraps provided by the Organizing Committee which will be included in the uniform set.

Timing of Rounds

Bouts will be contested over 3 rounds of 3 minutes each for both male and female competitors. A full 1 minute of rest shall be given between the rounds.

****Stopping of the contest for warning, cautions, counting, putting clothing or equipment into order or for any other reason is not included in the period of round. No additional round may be given.**



Competition Conduct

All contestants must behave accordingly to the IFMA code of ethics (See <http://www.ifmamuaythai.org/technical-reference/ifma-code-of-ethics/>) -as a good sportsman and follow the rules and regulations as laid out. Contestants will be penalised for any violations.

Ringside Doctor

There shall always be a doctor ringside. One doctor will be appointed as Chairman.

Appealing Decisions

All appeals should be in accordance with the rules & regulations of the International Federation of Muaythai Amateur (IFMA) for international tournaments and competitions.

Awards and Prizes

In each weight category of the Elite Division A Class & Female, the winner of the Final bout will be the Champion and awarded with the Gold medal of the Arafura Games Muaythai Tournament. The other finalists will receive the Silver medal of the Arafura Games Muaythai Tournament and 2 Bronze medals of the Arafura Games Muaythai Tournament will be awarded to the 2 semi-finalists.

Gold medalists in the following weight category/divisions will be qualified to compete at the World Games 2021 in Birmingham Alabama:

Senior Male Elite A:
57kg | 63.5kg | 91kg

Senior Female Elite A:
57kg | 63.5kg

In each weight category of the Oceania Continental Championship Tournament, the winner of the Final bout will be the Champion and awarded with the Gold medal. The other finalists will receive the Silver medal and 2 Bronze medals of the will be awarded to the 2 semi-finalists.

All Gold medalists of the Oceania Continental Championship Tournament will be qualified to compete at the World Games 2021 in Birmingham Alabama.