

**2202.1000 FOULS.**

- A. The following are fouls and will result in penalties if committed:
- (1) butting with the head;
  - (2) eye gouging of any kind;
  - (3) biting or spitting at an opponent;
  - (4) hair pulling;
  - (5) fish hooking;
  - (6) groin attacks of any kind;
  - (7) intentionally placing a finger in any opponent's orifice;
  - (8) downward pointing of elbow strikes;
  - (9) small joint manipulation;
  - (10) strikes to the spine or back of the head;
  - (11) heel kicks to the kidney;
  - (12) throat strikes of any kind;
  - (13) clawing, pinching, twisting the flesh, or grabbing the clavicle;
  - (14) kicking the head of a grounded fighter;
  - (15) kneeing the head of a grounded fighter;
  - (16) stomping of a grounded fighter;
  - (17) the use of abusive language in fighting area;
  - (18) any unsportsmanlike conduct that causes an injury to opponent;
  - (19) attacking an opponent on or during the break;
  - (20) attacking an opponent who is under the referee's care at the time;
  - (21) timidity (avoiding contact, or consistent dropping of mouthpiece, or faking an injury);
  - (22) interference from a combatant's second;
  - (23) throwing an opponent out of the fighting area;
  - (24) flagrant disregard of the referee's instructions; and
  - (25) spiking an opponent to the canvas on his or her head or neck.
- B. Disqualification occurs after any combination of three of the fouls listed in item A or after a referee determines that a foul was intentional and flagrant.

C. Fouls will result in a point being deducted by the official scorekeeper from the offending combatant's score.

D. Only a referee can assess a foul. If the referee does not call the foul, judges shall not make that assessment on their own and cannot factor such into their scoring calculations.

E. A fouled combatant has up to five minutes to recuperate.

F. If a foul is committed, the referee shall:

- (1) call time;
- (2) check the fouled combatant's condition and safety; and
- (3) assess the foul to the offending combatant, deduct points, and notify each corner's second, the judges, and the official scorekeeper.

G. If a bottom combatant commits a foul, unless the top combatant is injured, the fight shall continue, so as not to jeopardize the top combatant's superior positioning at the time.

- (1) The referee shall verbally notify the bottom combatant of the foul.
- (2) When the round is over, the referee shall assess the foul and notify both corners' seconds, the judges, and the official scorekeeper.
- (3) The referee may terminate a contest if a foul results in an unnecessary injury caused by an intentional act. If a contest is terminated based upon a foul committed under this subitem, the combatant who committed the foul shall lose by disqualification.

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