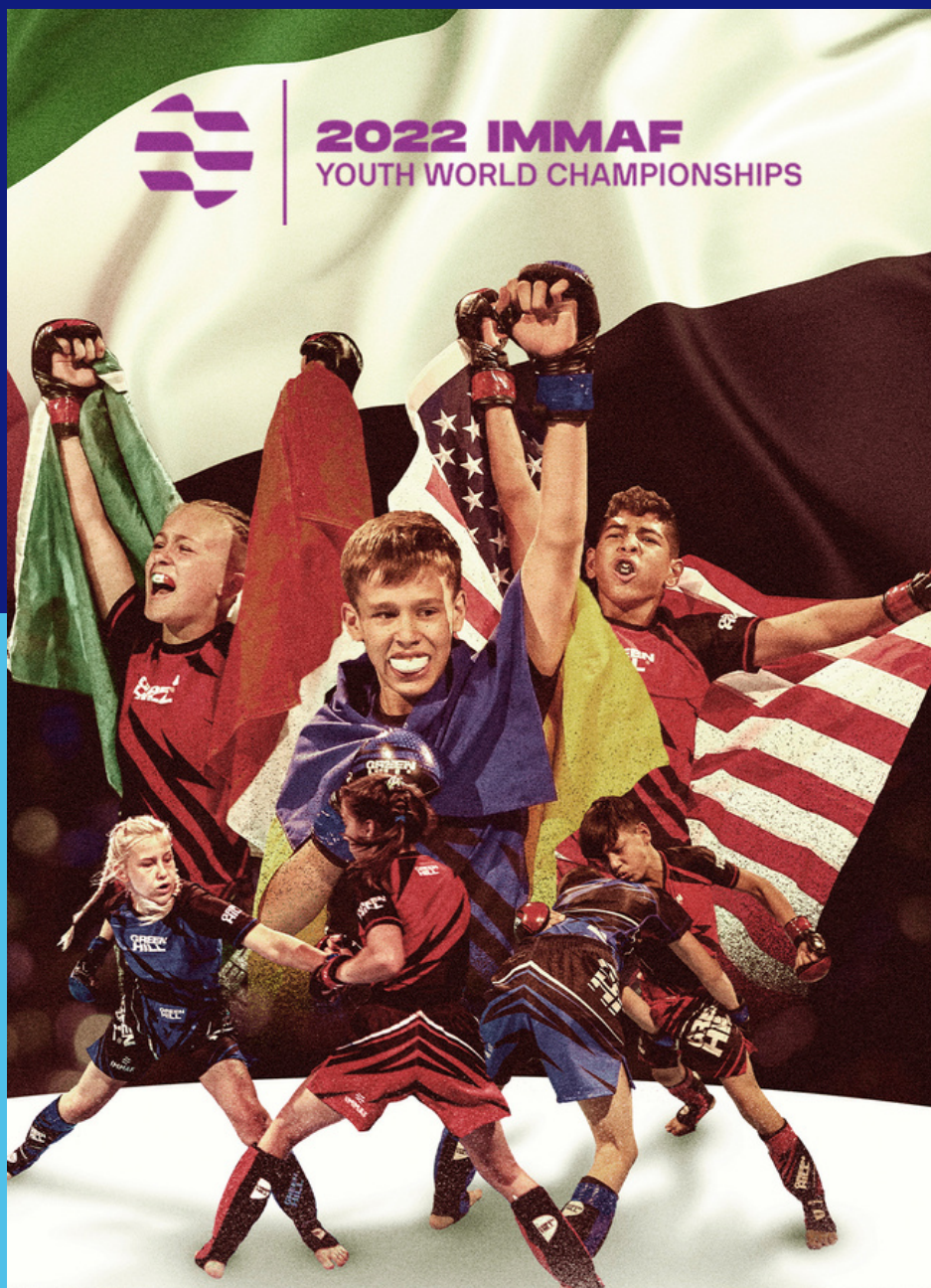




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# PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD



Dear Members,

You are invited to participate in the 2022 IMMAF Youth MMA World Championships in Abu Dhabi from 16th to 20th August, comprising four days of competition from 17th to 20th with the tournament draw taking place on 16th August.

The UAE already hosted a stellar 2021 Senior & junior World Championships in January, and no less is to be expected of the youth event, which will be live streamed on [immaf.tv](https://immaf.tv)

We can expect this year's Youth World Championships to put a new stake in the ground in terms of numbers, national participation and technical standard:

Youth MMA is one of our biggest growth areas and a significant number of national federations have held their own inaugural youth national championships this year. 331 athletes from 23 nations competed in last year's Youth Worlds in Bulgaria despite continued lockdowns and restricted travel. With lockdowns lifted now, we can expect larger participation from a broader spread of nations.

More countries have been implementing IMMAF's progression scheme at the youth level and a raised level of technical competency is demanded to participate in this year's competition. Observe that this year's minimum technical level required of 14 to 17-year-olds will be "Orange" grade and for 12-13-year-olds, it will remain "Yellow" grade.

I urge you not to miss out on what promises to be an unforgettable event and to join the IMMAF family in progressing international youth MMA, as part of our global task of building the sport from the base up, as we continue to move along the pathway towards Olympic inclusion.

Lastly, I would like to wholeheartedly thank His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE; 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 belief and commitment to the development of youth MMA as sport and for facilitating the 2022 IMMAF Youth World Championships.

**Yours in MMA,**

**Kerrith Brown OLY**  
**IMMAF President**





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# PROGRAM

## **Monday 15th August – Arrivals**

All delegates arrive and check in at the hotel.

## **Tuesday 16th August – Tournament Check-In, Accreditation & Medicals**

Tournament Check-In & Pre-Competition Medicals - 9.00am to 4.00 pm @ Novotel Al-Bustan.

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

## **Wednesday 17th August - Day 1 of competition (Youth C)**

Weigh ins - 9:00am to 10:00am (at the venue)

Competition starts at 11:00am

## **Thursday 18th August - Day 2 of competition (Youth B)**

Weigh ins - 9:00am to 10:00am (at the venue)

Competition starts at 11:00am

## **Friday 19th August – Day 3 of competition (Youth A)**

Weigh ins - 9:00am to 10:00am (at the venue)

Competition starts at 11:00am

*Female – 3 divisions : Atomweight, Strawweight & Flyweight.*

*Male – 4 divisions : Strawweight, Flyweight, Bantamweight & Featherweight*

## **Saturday 20th August - Day 4 of competition (Youth A)**

Weigh ins - 9:00am to 10:00am (at the venue)

Competition starts at 11:00am

*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.



## Venue Name –

UAE Jiu-Jitsu Arena

## Venue address -

Zayed Sports City  
Off Al Khaleej Al Arabi Street  
Al Rawdah  
Abu Dhabi

<https://goo.gl/maps/zKwWKDPS6pz6RN2R8>











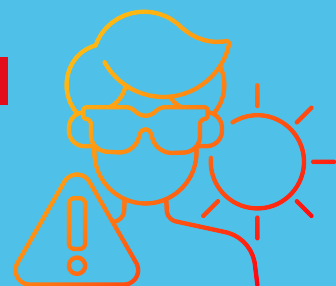
## Venue website –

<http://www.mubadala-arena.ae>

# WEATHER IN ABU DHABI

AUGUST 14 - AUGUST 25

SUN 8/14		41° /30°	Plenty of sunshine	0%
MON 8/15		41° /29°	Sunny and less humid	0%
TUE 8/16		41° /29°	Low humidity with sunshine	0%
WED 8/17		40° /30°	Plenty of sunshine	0%
THU 8/18		40° /30°	Plenty of sunshine	2%
FRI 8/19		41° /30°	Sunshine and very warm	6%
SAT 8/20		40° /29°	Mostly sunny	1%
SUN 8/21		40° /31°	Mostly sunny	1%



**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 –

[https://www.mynextmatch.com/tournament/196/details/national\\_team/feed](https://www.mynextmatch.com/tournament/196/details/national_team/feed)

## 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:

<https://immaf.org/2022/04/26/minimum-technical-standard-for-age-bands-14-15-and-16-17-changed-to-orange-belt-for-2022-immaf-youth-world-championships/>

## ATHLETE SPONSOR GUIDELINES

Please see the document for athlete sponsor guidelines found here –

[https://www.mynextmatch.com/tournament/196/details/national\\_team/feed](https://www.mynextmatch.com/tournament/196/details/national_team/feed)

## ATHLETE SCREENING

Please see

[https://www.mynextmatch.com/tournament/196/details/national\\_team/feed](https://www.mynextmatch.com/tournament/196/details/national_team/feed)  
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.

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.

2. A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent any one of them. However, after having represented one country in IMMAF competitions, he/she may not represent another country unless he / she meets the conditions set forth in paragraph 3 below which applies to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality.

3. A competitor, who has represented one country in IMMAF Championship events and who has changed his / her nationality or acquired a new nationality, may represent his/her new country in IMMAF Championship events provided that at least twelve (12) months have passed since the competitor last represented his / her former country. This period may be reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the National Federation from which the competitor is moving.

4. Passport validity minimum timeframe required 2 year cooling off period.

Every delegate of the 2022 IMMAF Youth MMA World Championship will have to become an Affiliate Member of their National Federation on My Next Match. Email: [gosha.malik@immaf.org](mailto:gosha.malik@immaf.org) for information on how to register as a member of your national federation.



## 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.

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## 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, where no athlete shall be allowed to compete with a weight difference greater than 5 kg.**



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

<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
<b>Atomweight - 105lbs (&lt;47.6kg)</b>	<b>Strawweight - 115lbs (&lt;52.2kgs)</b>
<b>Strawweight -115lbs (&lt;52.1kgs)</b>	<b>Flyweight -125lbs (&lt;56.7kgs)</b>
<b>Flyweight -125lbs (&lt;56.7kgs)</b>	<b>Bantamweight -135lbs (&lt;61.2kgs)</b>
<b>Bantamweight -135lbs (&lt;61.2kgs)</b>	<b>Featherweight -145lbs (&lt;65.8kgs)</b>
<b>Featherweight -145lbs (&lt;65.8kgs)</b>	<b>Lightweight -155lbs (&lt;70.3kgs)</b>
<b>Lightweight -155lbs (&lt;70.3kgs)</b>	<b>Welterweight -170lbs (&lt;77.1kgs)</b>
	<b>Middleweight -185lbs (&lt;83.9kgs)</b>
	<b>Light Heavyweight -205lbs (&lt;93.0kgs)</b>
	<b>Heavyweight -265lbs (&lt;120.2kgs)</b>

**In female category A, for the upper weight limit only, no athlete shall be allowed to compete with a weight difference greater than 5 kg.**



# 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

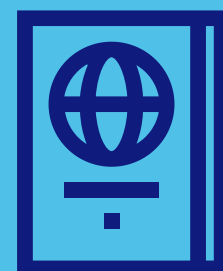
**Both Youth B & C categories, for the upper weight limits only, no athlete shall be allowed to compete with a weight difference greater than 5 kg.**





## **ACCREDITATION & CONTROL OF NATIONALITY**

At least one (1) team official and a maximum of two (2) must attend the registration on Tuesday 16th August 2022 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.

<https://www.mynextmatch.com/tournament/196/details>

Note to Media:

Any team officials registering on MyNextMatch who would like media access and permissions, must complete the Media Form which can be downloaded at <https://www.mynextmatch.com/tournament/196/details> for accreditation and email to [isobel.carnwath@immaf.org](mailto:isobel.carnwath@immaf.org) by Friday 29th July 2022. Please note that registration on MyNextMatch does not grant media permissions.

Deadline for Pre-Registration is Monday 25th July 2022.

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 [safemma@immaf.org](mailto:safemma@immaf.org)



## KEY DEADLINES

Team Registration including participation fee payment – Monday 25th July 2022

Media accreditation applications to [isobel.carnwath@immaf.org](mailto:isobel.carnwath@immaf.org) - Friday 29th July 2022

Pre-Registration of Injury Replacements – Wednesday 3rd August 2022

Medical Clearance – Wednesday 3rd August 2022

## 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 MNM 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 <https://immaf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/IMMAF-YOUTH-Rules-Document-as-of-Jan2021.pdf>

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 17th August, Thursday 18th August, Friday 19th August and Saturday 20th August 2022. 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.

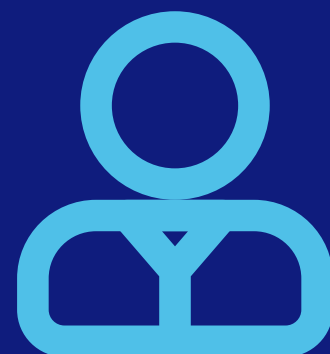
Outside of the official weigh in times test scales available on the same morning and a set of scales will be made accessible throughout the competition.

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 – [https://www.mynextmatch.com/tournament/196/details/national\\_team/feed](https://www.mynextmatch.com/tournament/196/details/national_team/feed)

## **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 <https://www.mynextmatch.com/tournament/196/details/>



## **DRAW**

The draw will take place on Tuesday 16th August 2022 at Novotel Al-Bustan, 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**

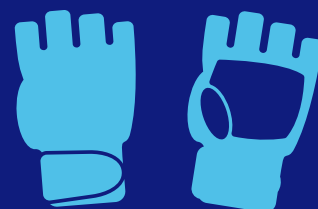
All team delegates must fully adhere to the dress code outlined for the draw and for the duration of the competition.

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 GreenHill for all competitors.



Competitors are responsible for providing their own mouth and groin guard.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

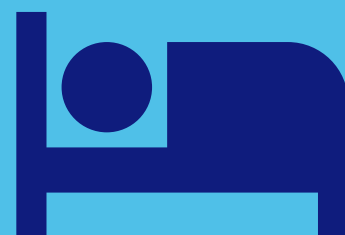
### **Novotel Al-Bustan Abu Dhabi**

<https://g.page/novotel-abu-dhabi-al-bustan>

Shk. Rashid Bin Saeed St - St - Rabdan

Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

+971 2 501 6444



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 2022 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 pre-registration deadline.

Any athlete that has not paid their participation fee by 25th July 2022 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 - [https://www.mynextmatch.com/tournament/196/details/national\\_team/feed](https://www.mynextmatch.com/tournament/196/details/national_team/feed)

For clarification.

- . a) Registration via online tournament system; My Next Match. (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.

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 2022 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 be downloaded here - [https://www.mynextmatch.com/tournament/196/details/national\\_team/feed](https://www.mynextmatch.com/tournament/196/details/national_team/feed)



## 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, 3rd August 2022 (2359hrs UTC)**

In order to be medically cleared to compete in the 2022 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 21st August 2021

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: [safemma@immaf.org](mailto:safemma@immaf.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 2 below)

The most current versions of forms and further information can be found here: <https://safemma.org/youth-under-18/>



## 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: ADMINISTRATION FEES FOR LATE SUBMISSIONS**

The cut-off date for submission of all CORRECTLY COMPLETED and CORRECTLY SUBMITTED medical forms is Wednesday, 3rd August 2022 (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 £20 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 3rd August 2022 (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 one week after the cut-off date, so by Wednesday 10th August 2022 (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 start of competition, so by Sunday 14th August 2022 (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 SAFE MMA and the IMMAF Medical Commission.

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 email us at: [immaf@safemma.org](mailto:immaf@safemma.org).



## 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.

## MEDIA

Journalists can apply for media accreditation by sending their requests directly to the organizer at [isobel.carnwath@immaf.org](mailto:isobel.carnwath@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 IMMAF official 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.

## 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:

<https://www.emirates.com/ae/english/before-you-fly/visa-passport-information/uae-visa-information/>

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:

Name: Mohammed al Hosani'

Email: [mjalhosani@uaemmaf.com](mailto:mjalhosani@uaemmaf.com)

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY

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

The event will be free for spectators.

To gain access to the specified public places, individuals will need to present the [Al Hosn](#) app to show their 'Green' status.

Entry points will be manned by security, who will also enforce "The Green Pass System" ([ALHOSN](#)).





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