



WAKO Fair Play Award Policy

Yearly Fair Play Award;

This is a prize awarded yearly in order to focus on fair play, ethics, best practice and to raise awareness about the understanding of fair play, to act preventive and to ensure positive development for all, within the sport of Kickboxing. The Award shall encourage the promotion of Fair Play principles in Kickboxing sports, and are given in recognition of services rendered over an undefined period excluding the year in which the WAKO Integrity and Fair Play Committee makes and presents the Awards.

CIFP Patronage;

These Awards are granted under the auspices of the International Fair Play Committee (CIFP), an IOC-recognized organization.



The Awards;

The Awards will be given annually during during a World Championship or during an announced event/assembly that is duly announced and for the achievement for past year and until June the same year. The categories are:

A. The WAKO Fair Play Plaque:

A national Kickboxing organization, a Kickboxing organisation or an educational institution, for its contribution to the spreading of the values and principles of Fair Play and Tolerance and/or for supporting appropriate initiatives aimed at the preservation of ethical values in sport.

B. Individual WAKO Fair Play Plaque:

For her/his personal contribution and/or services rendered to the implementation of sporting values, or to an individual for an outstanding gesture or action made during a sporting event, or education of youth or athletes in the spirit of Fair Play and Tolerance.

A maximum of one WAKO Fair Play Plaque shall be awarded in each of categories A and B.

Procedure;

WAKO announce to all national federations the yearly deadlines for nominating candidates.

Nomination of both Awards will come from the Members (National Federations) as a result of initiatives taken from the nominees (nationally, internationally and the as a result of the initiatives, projects) or from WAKO Integrity and Fair Play Committee nominate separately candidates informing such candidates.

WAKO Integrity and Fair Play Committee evaluate all applications and make top 3 on both award categories. These top 3 will be announced publically and WAKO reveal the winner in the yearly World Championship or during an announced event/assembly. The Committee will inform the WAKO board of Directors of the recommendations and the final decisions made.



Together with CIFP WAKO have created a Plaque model and WAKO invite CIFP President to take part of the yearly ceremony.

Criteria;

A nomination must define the project or the reason for the nomination outlining the 5 aspects defined in WAKO Fair Play Guidelines with different focus on these principles.

1. Performance and achievement
2. Complying with rules and always set highest standard
3. Equal opportunities
4. Respect
5. Health

See below for description of these principles.

Important additional evaluation;

6. The categories must defend a level of care and share the best of themselves or itself within sportsmanship and/or focusing on equality, ethics and high integrity.
7. The categories should be defined as best practice protecting outstanding behavior and/or education of youth or athletes in the spirit of Fair Play and Tolerance.

Note!

The WAKO Integrity and Fair Play Committee may, at its own discretion and with reservation, decide not to award a project if no suitable candidates have applied.

The 5 aspects for evaluation as described above;

Automatic fair play shall lead to ethic behavior and manner and that all involved take decision well rooted in respect and understanding. WAKO defines these five aspects to draw a complete picture of fair play in Kickboxing;

- 1. Performance and achievement**
- 2. Creating rules and complying with them**
- 3. Equal opportunities**
- 4. Respect**
- 5. Health**



Performance

In sporting competition fair play means doing your best and continually improving on your personal performance within the rules of the sport and taking your own abilities and competencies into account. This applies to both improving individual performance and comparing your performance with that of the opponent, the team performance or in terms of personal achievement. Within the meaning of fair play, performance is to be understood as commitment and effort. Violent conduct is, however, incompatible with the understanding of performance within Kickboxing. Fair play also means to avoiding exerting excessive pressure on others to do well (along the lines of “being able to perform without being forced to do so”).

Creating rules and complying with them

Fair play means complying with the structured rules of Kickboxing, behaving in accordance with them and acting within the spirit of those rules. The rules make the sport possible in the first place. In a particular Kickboxing under the governance of WAKO are the same worldwide and enable various cultures and nations to compete against one another Kickboxing. Fair play forms the basis of this agreement. In the interests of the sport this agreement can be changed if it helps to improve the game and within the rules, by laws and statutes. In this respect, the rules are inherently dynamic and not rigidly unalterable. Within the spirit of fair play related risks are also to be considered and it must be ensured that reasons outside the sport are not the exclusive driving force behind rule changes.

However, fair play also means ensuring when the rules are created and interpreted so that they enable the best possible performance, convey respect, take care of health and guarantee equal opportunities for all.

Equal opportunities

Fair play means observing and promoting the fundamental principles and the idea of equal opportunities in sport and Kickboxing. The principle of equal opportunities implies that the conditions before and during the sporting contest must be equal for all participants (as far as possible). In order to come as close as possible to this equality, fair play is indispensable. Beyond competitive sport fair play means giving everyone who would like to participate in the sport the opportunity to do so.

Respect

Fair play means respecting those involved in the sport and the sport itself, with tolerance of other views and opinions playing an important part. Only with respect for the dignity of others, and its own dignity, can sport develop its many and varied facets. By those playing sports showing respect for one another wide-ranging emotions lying dormant are brought to life, turning sporting events into a unique positive and expressive experience – whether on a personal scale or in a major international spectacle.

Health

Fair play means guaranteeing the health of fellow players as well as one's own health in Kickboxing and also generating overall a healthy well-being. Kickboxing helps to improve or preserve good health if it is practiced in accordance with the principles of fair play and within the rules. In this sense, fair play calls for careful monitoring of one's own abilities and resilience so as to avoid overstretching oneself or not stretching oneself sufficiently. Moreover, the health of an opponent as well as fellow team-mates must be recognized as inviolable.

