



WBC AMATEUR MUAY THAI NEW ZEALAND

What is WBC Amateur?

WBC MuayThai entered the Amateur sector in 2022 to offer a pathway of success and opportunity to aspiring amateur Muaythai athletes across the globe to win coveted WBC accolades, as not everyone involved in our beautiful sport wants to compete as a professional fighter.

The newly formed WBC Amateur MuayThai program offers tournament-like events, super-bouts and development events for juniors and adults in the sport of MuayThai throughout the more than eighty-four countries and territories the WBC MuayThai is active in – and beyond.

In 2024, WBC Amateur Muay Thai is introduced into New Zealand to contribute to the growth of the sport within the country and provide more opportunity for gyms and Muay thai athletes to get started in their competitive journey.

What do we want to achieve?

Muay Thai within New Zealand shows much promise, with multiple world champions, many promotions and our close proximity to Thailand. The growth over the past few years has showed that more people want to get involved, whether its to improve their lifestyle, compete at the highest level or just be a fan.

Within WBC Amateur we are working to contribute to the sport by facilitating events that develop new athletes throughout different phases of their journey. Whether its a seminar to learn new skills - a sparring day to practice with other athletes - an amateur fight under a safe ruleset for beginners, all the way through to competing at WBC regional, national and world tournaments.

In line with these events, our team will be providing education about Muay Thai so that everyone involved can expand their knowledge, learn about the journeys of New Zealands proud champions and connect within the community.

DEVELOPMENT DAYS

We will be hosting and supporting a range of sparring days across New Zealand, starting immediately. These are a great way for aspiring or existing fighters to hone their skills between fights, and bring the community together. If you are interested in hosting a development event alongside WBC Amateur, please contact us.

RANKINGS

Each amateur competitor that competes in WBC events, will receive points for their efforts. This will help us develop a rankings system and determine who is eligible for WBC Amateur Titles.

AMATEUR EVENTS

WBC sanctioned amateur events are already in happening in NZ and further developments are in place for other areas in Australia which we aim to form a strong bond with. These events will offer a clear pathway for fighters, including the eligibility to content for WBC Amateur Titles.

YOUTH & AM TITLES

U16/U18 and Amateur titles are available to top ranked fighters. These provide a final stepping stone for amateur athletes before making the transition to professional.

WBC GAMES

We will be holding a nation wide WBC games event each year. This event will be a tournament style event welcoming junior and amateur fighters of all levels. In the future we hope that this event along with WBC amateur events around the country will be our way of determining who is on the national team.

NATIONAL TEAM

Ahead of the Annual Amazing Muaythai Festival held, we select a Junior & Senior team to represent NZ. Funds raised from WBC Amateur activities will help support the athletes representing Aotearoa.



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Muay Thai Athlete Journey

Pro Championship

The ultimate green and gold glory.
WBC facilitates State, National,
International & World Championship bouts to
the best in each division at the time.

A Class: Professional

A-Class fighters are now entering the professional ranks.
Here they fight under professional Full Thai Rules ruleset of 3x3,
5x2 or 5x3. A-Class athletes are paid to fight and now have
the ability to be eligible to contest for WBC Professional Titles.

Amateur Title

Youth U16 / U18 and B-Class Amateur athletes become eligible for
a WBC Amateur title based on a criteria set by the board. This
includes minimum fights, B-Class experience, ranking position and
win rate percentage. Entering the WBC Amateur system via local
events is important in order to be eligible for titles.

B Class: 6-15* Bouts

B-Class fighters compete in a 3x2, 3x3 or 5x2 Full Thai Rules ruleset with gloves
and elbow pads. This is in preparation for an athlete to move into A-Class as a professional
fighter. These amateur bouts are held on WBC amateur or pro/am promotions. Rankings are
in place for B-Class athletes.

**Athletes may move to A-Class before 15 bouts.*

D/C Class: 0-5 Bouts

The first 5 bouts are fully padded held at development events or amateur promotions.
Here athletes enter the WBC Amateur Muay Thai NZ Athlete system and start
accumulating points.

*Where there are additional governing/ organisational regulations which supercede WBC class
systems. This guide is for informational purposes and may be updated at any time.*



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Junior Single Bout Ruleset



AGE	ROUNDS	HEAD CONTACT	ELBOWS	KNEES	PADS
U8 6-7 Years EXHIBITION	3 x 1.5 minutes	✗	✗	✓ BODY ONLY	10-12OZ, HEAD, SHIN, CHEST GUARD
U10 8-9 Years	3 x 1.5 minutes	✗	✗	✓ BODY ONLY	10-12OZ, HEAD, SHIN, CHEST GUARD
U12 10-11 Years	3 x 1.5 or 2 minutes	✗	✗	✓ BODY ONLY	10-12OZ, HEAD, SHIN, CHEST GUARD
U14 12-13 Years	3 x 1.5 or 2 minutes	✓	✓ BODY ONLY*	✓ BODY ONLY	12OZ, HEAD, SHIN, ELBOW*, CHEST GUARD
U16 14-15 Years	3 or 5 x 2 minutes	✓	✓ BODY ONLY*	✓ BODY ONLY	12OZ, HEAD, SHIN, ELBOW*, CHEST GUARD
U18 16-17 Years	3 or 5 x 2 minutes	✓	✓ BODY ONLY*	✓ BODY ONLY	12OZ, HEAD, SHIN, ELBOW

*Elbows are optional for U14-U18 single bouts

*Elbow pads must be worn for all junior athletes where elbows are allowed



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Adults Single Bout Ruleset

CLASS	RECOMMENDED EXPERIENCE	ROUNDS	ELBOWS	KNEES	PADS
D CLASS EXHIBITION/ SPARRING BOUT	NOVICE	3 x 1.5 or 2 minutes	✗	✓ BODY ONLY	16oz GLOVES SHIN PADS *HEAD GEAR OPTIONAL
C CLASS	0-5 BOUTS	3 x 2 minutes	✓ OPTIONAL	✓ TO BODY OR HEAD	12oz GLOVES SHIN, ELBOW* *HEAD GEAR OPTIONAL
B CLASS	6-15 BOUTS	3x2 5x2* 3x3*	✓	✓	12oz GLOVES ELBOW *SHIN PADS OPTIONAL
A CLASS (PRO)	15 BOUTS+	3x3 5x2 (female) 5x3	✓	✓	8-10oz LACE UP GLOVES

*ELBOW PADS ARE REQUIRED IN C-CLASS WHEN ELBOWS ARE ALLOWED

*FIGHTERS ARE RECOMMENDED TO EXPERIENCE 5X2 OR 3X3 B-CLASS WHEN GETTING READY TO TURN PRO

This graphic is a guide for informational purposes for New Zealand competitors and may be updated at anytime. Fighters and trainers must verify the exact bout ruleset with the WBC Amateur representatives and promoter at the time of matching. State or National government sports bodies rulesets will always supercede WBC Amateur rulesets where applicable.



Code of Conduct

As stakeholders of the WBC Amateur Muay Thai organization, we are committed to upholding the values and standards that promote the growth and development of Muay Thai in New Zealand. Our conduct serves as a reflection of our dedication to the sport, its participants, and the community we serve.

Therefore, we agree to:

- 1. Promote Fair Play and Sportsmanship:** Encourage fair competition and uphold the principles of sportsmanship both in and out of the ring.
- 2. Respect:** Treat all participants, officials, coaches, and fellow stakeholders with respect, dignity, and fairness, regardless of differences in opinion or background.
- 3. Integrity:** Act with honesty, transparency, and integrity in all our dealings within the organization and with the broader Muay Thai community.
- 4. Safety and Well-being:** Prioritize the safety, health, and well-being of all athletes, ensuring that their physical and emotional welfare is safeguarded at all times. Amateur athletes are encouraged to compete within 5% of their natural weight.
- 5. Compliance:** Adhere to the rules, regulations, and guidelines set forth by the WBC Amateur Muay Thai organization and relevant authorities, ensuring compliance with legal and ethical standards.
- 6. Professionalism:** Conduct ourselves in a professional manner during all interactions related to WBC Amateur Muay Thai, promoting a positive image of the sport and the organization.
- 7. Continuous Improvement:** Strive for continuous improvement in our roles and responsibilities, seeking to enhance the quality and impact of Muay Thai development initiatives in New Zealand.
- 8. Community Engagement:** Actively engage with and support the local and national Muay Thai community, fostering inclusive participation and promoting the values of the sport.
- 9. Conflict Resolution:** Resolve conflicts and disagreements through constructive dialogue and mediation, aiming for mutually beneficial solutions that uphold the interests of the organization and its stakeholders.
- 10. Accountability:** Take responsibility for our actions and decisions, acknowledging the impact they may have on others and the reputation of the WBC Amateur Muay Thai organization.

By adhering to this code of conduct, we pledge to contribute positively to the growth and success of Muay Thai in New Zealand, ensuring that it remains a respected and inclusive sport for all.



Amateur Titles Eligibility

- **Age:**
 - **Under 16 Amateur Title** - at the time of the bout, participants must be 14 or 15 years old.
 - **Under 18 Amateur Title** - at the time of the bout, participants must be 16 or 17 years old.
 - **Adult Amateur Title** - at the time of the bout, participants must be at least 18 years old.
- **Amateur Status:** Fighters must hold amateur status as per the regulations of the organization overseeing the title. If the fighter has ever fought professional rules, in any state within NZ, Australia or other country (excluding low level stadium bouts in Thailand), then the fighter is not eligible for an amateur title. Pro rules means 3 minute rounds paid or unpaid.
- **Amateur Ethics:** Participants must commit to maintaining amateur status and refrain from engaging in any professional Muay Thai competition during the period of eligibility.
- **Experience:** Demonstrated experience in amateur Muay Thai competition, including a minimum number of sanctioned bouts or matches.
 - Specific requirements may include:
 - Adults must have previous experience in B-Class
 - Minimum number of amateur fights
 - Minimum win percentage
 - Fighter coming off a win is preferred, however the previous bout and level of competitor and situation will be assessed by the board.
- **Training and Certification:** Participants must be under the supervision and training of a recognized Muay Thai gym or coach. Proof of training and certification may be required.
- **Medical Clearance:** Participants must provide current medical clearance from a licensed physician, indicating fitness to compete in amateur Muay Thai events.
- **Weight Class:** Participants must compete in a designated weight class appropriate for their age and weight, as per the rules and regulations of the sanctioning body.
- **Weight pre-approval check:** The organization may request a weigh in prior to approval of the title to ensure competitors are not more than 8% of their title weight class and juniors within 5% of their weight class 30 days prior to the bout. The organization does not condone cutting weight for amateur fighters.
- **Behavior and Sportsmanship:** Participants must exhibit good sportsmanship and conduct both inside and outside of the ring, adhering to the values of fair play and respect.
- **Registration and Fees:** Participants must register for the title contention according to the procedures outlined by the sanctioning body or organizing committee. Any required fees must be paid in full and on time.
- **Compliance:** Participants must comply with all rules, regulations, and directives set forth by the sanctioning body or organizing committee governing the amateur Muay Thai title.
- **Drug Testing:** Participants may be subject to drug testing as per the anti-doping policies of the sanctioning body or organizing committee.
- **Good Standing:** Participants must be in good standing with the sanctioning body or organizing committee, with no outstanding disciplinary actions or sanctions.
- **Documentation:** Participants must provide all necessary documentation, including identification, proof of age, and any other documentation required by the organization.



Fees

Supervisor Fee: \$300

Paid directly to the supervisor or NZ organization. If the event is in a surplus of 7 hours, an additional \$40 per hour will be payable for the additional hours or part there of.

Travel

When travel is required outside of a safe drivable distance to and from the event, 1 night accomodation may be required.

When travel is required by plane, the promoter must cover the costs of 1 x return plane ticket and 1-2 nights accomodation depending on weigh in, event timings and availability of suitable flights. WBC will always endeavour to make it as cost effective for the promoter as possible.

Supervisor Role

The supervisor will coordinate the officials schedule, weigh ins, rules meeting and be available ringside during the entirety of the event. The supervisor will supply a PDF of the scorecards to be printed by the promoter, or alternatively bring printed copies.

Titles

Sanctioning for titles and the cost of belt is paid directly to WBC HQ in Thailand. Fees are subject to change and will be provided at the time of approval. An invoice will be provided directly by WBC HQ.

Officials

It is advised that WBC officials are paid as per below however agreements between the promoter and officials can be arranged directly.

Judges & Refs: \$40 per hour (minimum of \$150)

Timekeeper: \$25 per hour

Minimum assignment of 3 Judges, 1 primary ref and either 1 secondary ref or a judge who can switch duties with the primary ref.

It is advisable to include referee's and judges in development on a voluntary basis, to allow a back up plan, or give the officials a toilet break if necessary. Please provide snacks, or a meal and water to the officials throughout the event.

Handwraps

Hand wraps can be signed by the ringside officials prior to the event start or in between bouts; or the promoter can assign an approved gloves marshall upon authorisation by the WBC supervisor.