



YUDH 2008 Tournament Rules & Acceptance Form

Entry

- To enter you must be trained in the Gatka art and be following the basic tenants of the Sikh faith i.e. Keshadhari (progressing towards taking Khalsa baptism) if not already an Amritdhari Sikh.
- You must be representing a Gatka Akhara and be learning from a Gatka Ustad (Gatka Trainer)
- You will not be allowed to take part in the tournament if you are consuming any form of intoxicating substances such as cannabis, alcohol.
- You must submit your request for entry into the tournament by the 8th March 08..
- You are only permitted to enter one competition event. You cannot enter multiple events.

Judging

- Referee's decisions are final.
- All decisions are at the referee's discretion.

Disqualification

- Arguing with the referee or officials will result in immediate disqualification.
- Hits to any part of the head will result in immediate disqualification.
- Any poking will result in immediate disqualification.
- Any hits that are seen to be made with intent to harm the opponent will result in immediate disqualification.
- Hits to the groin area will result in immediate disqualification.
- Use of foul language will result in immediate disqualification.
- Use of hand/arm or foot strikes will result in immediate disqualification.
- Using the butt end of the stick will result in immediate disqualification.
- Continuing the fight outside of the fight circle will result in immediate disqualification.
- Any other condition/behaviour the referee deems inappropriate will result in immediate disqualification.
- Any fighter that breaks tournament rules could be given a permanent ban from entering future tournaments.

Scoring – Combat Competitions

- Each person must attempt to hit opponent three times in order to win the round. The hits must be clear hits to the body, arms, legs or the feet of the opponent. Hits to the hands will not be counted.
- Any 'skims' or light taps will not be counted as clear hits.
- Any 'Sanje Vaar' (hits that both fighters strike at the same time) will not be counted.
- There will be a specified time limit (1-2 minutes) per round; if three clear hits have not been made within the allocated time, the player with the most number of hits will win the round. If there is a tie in the number of hits the round will be stopped as usual, the competitors will be requested then to 'fight' until any one competitor makes one clear hit on the opponent (sudden death).
- Being hit after having dropped your stick will result in you losing the round.
- The organizers reserve the right to negotiate a time (number of minutes) per round if the tournament is taking more than the scheduled timing.
- Extra Points may be awarded for participants who show Gatka skill when making a Vaar and points taken away for those who show unfairplay (blatantly hitting too hard).
- Team combat scoring is based on the above and the team with the most wins get through to the next round.

Scoring – Freestyle Competitions

- Freestyle participants will be graded on the following from a scale of 1 to 5.
 - Appearance – (Khalsa Roop, dastar, bana, shastars)
 - Expression – (Visual and Vocal)
 - Posture - (Physical stance & movement)
 - Speed – (Balance of speed & skill)
 - Skill – (Clear show of skill)
 - Super Move – (Outstanding unusual moves)

Protective wear

- Competitors are asked to wear whatever protective wear they feel necessary, although shields are not allowed.
- It is advisable that competitors wear some kind of hand and eye protection.
- Any wear which officials deem inappropriate or which may harm your opponent must be removed on request.

Equipment

- The fights will be conducted with Gatka sticks only.
- The equipment will be supplied to Gatka fighters before each round.
- Sticks will be supplied from a random collection of equipment. Use of personal sticks will not be permitted.
- Freestyle participants will be given a choice from the following weapons, (Lathi, Soti, Tulwar, Khanda, Morathi, Mace, Chakri, Daang and Kirpan) to perform with. Use of personal weapons will not be allowed for personal and public safety.

Disclaimer

- The blame for any injury or death of a participant is not the responsibility of the organisers of this competition. All such responsibility lies with the participants themselves or their parents and guardians. Participants are encouraged to take out personal insurance cover in case any unforeseen injuries occur.
- Participants are encouraged to bring along their first aid person to the tournament in the event of an injury.
- The organisers will not be held responsible if a participant injures or fatally injures anyone in the crowd.
- The organisers of this tournament do not accept any responsibility for participant's personal belongings.
- The organisers of this tournament will not accept responsibility of participants being subject to foul or offensive language.
- Participants are advised that this competition, in the celebration of Hola Mohalla, is based solely on a friendly basis to encourage Gatka fighters to learn more about their Gatka techniques. Any aggressive behaviour should not be brought into the tournament, and will certainly not be tolerated.
- The organisers reserve the right to film, record and photograph all participants taking part in this tournament. The media taken may be used for promotional purposes by the organisers.
- It is the responsibility of the participant or their Parent/Guardian to ensure that the participant is medically fit for the tournament.
- It is the responsibility of the participant or their Parent/Guardian to check the safety of the equipment provided for use in the tournament i.e. tournament sticks or metal weapons.

(Please fill and sign if you agree to the above)

Full Name:..... Tel:..... DOB:...../...../..... Sex:M/F

Post Code: Signature:..... Date:...../...../.....

(Parent/Guardian details - if Participant under 18 years of age) or (Emergency contact details for over 18's)

Full Name:..... Tel: Signature:.....

(Ustad) Akhara:..... Signature:.....

