



# INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUAYTHAI ASSOCIATIONS

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IFMA Member National Federation

Dear President,

It is with pleasure to announce the 2022 IFMA Senior World Championships to be held from 26 May until 4 June 2022 in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

This is an official invitation for your Elite and Under 23 national team to participate at the annual pinnacle IFMA event for senior athletes which includes cultural exchange, sport and social meetings, and of course the main event, our prestigious senior world championship. This year's World Championships will include the Senior age divisions in all weight categories of the Under 23 and Elite divisions. All divisions are as stipulated in the [IFMA Rules & Regulations](#).

The 2022 IFMA Senior World Championships are allocated as the first in the qualification event series towards the 2023 World Combat Games, and medallists will receive points towards qualification rankings.

The UAE Muay Thai & Kickboxing Federation are looking forward to welcoming the world IFMA family to Abu Dhabi.

Sincerely,

Charissa Tynan  
IFMA Director General

H.E. Abdulla Saeed Amer Al Neyadi  
UAEMKF Chairman



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## Registration // Participation Fees // Dates



All WC 2020 participants are obliged to stay at the official event hotels in order to receive accreditation. All participants must be registered to the event via the registration platform ([ifmalive.com](http://ifmalive.com)) and must have a valid IFMA membership on the platform (\$20USD/year).

### Accommodation Event Rates:

For all registrations completed and paid by 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2022 enjoy Early Bird Rates:

Early bird Twin room per pax: 95 USD

Early bird Single Room: 105 USD

Payments made after May 1<sup>st</sup> and for all CASH payments on arrival, standard rates will apply:

Standard Twin room per pax: 105 USD

Standard Single Room: 115 USD

\*\* Rates include:

- All Transfer to/from airport and hotel on 26 May, 27 May, 5 June.
- 3 meals per day

### Tournament Uniform

Each athlete must purchase a uniform set. The uniform fee is \$95 USD

Uniform Set will include:

- 2 Tournament singlets (Red & Blue)
- 1 pair of Muaythai Shorts
- 1 pair of Hand wraps
- 1 pair of Tournament Branded personal use Competition Gloves

### Deadlines:

Team Number & Uniform Estimate

15<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022

Early Bird Rates Advanced Payment & Registration

1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2022

Registration Closes

10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022 \*No additional registrations permitted after this date.

### Refund/Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made fifteen (15) or more days prior to the date of arrival will incur a 10% charge.

Cancellations made less than two (2) days prior to the arrival date will incur a 100% charge.

### Method of Submission:

Entry by Numbers, Team Registration & Uniform Orders (Open from 15 MAR 2022) [ifmalive.com](http://ifmalive.com)

### Visa Entry Requirement

All participants will need to check whether they are required to obtain a visa to enter UAE. To check if you are eligible for visa on arrival, please check the UAE Information & Services Website:

<https://u.ae/en/information-and-services/visa-and-emirates-id/do-you-need-an-entry-permit-or-a-visa-to-enter-the-uae>

If you are not on the visa exempt list, you will need to apply for the visa. The LOC Visa Team will assist all delegations directly for all visa applications.

### Covid-19 Entry Protocols

Please check the latest requirements for travelling to Abu Dhabi Here:

<https://www.etihad.com/content/eag/etihadairways/etihadcom/global/en/travel-updates/abu-dhabi-travel-information.html?#transit>

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## Rules & Regulations // WC2022

The Rules and Regulations presented hereafter are in accordance with the current [Rules and Regulations](#) of the International Federation of Muaythai Amateur (IFMA) approved by the Technical Committee and the Executive Board of IFMA.

### Participating Teams

- National teams of all IFMA Members (\*with membership fees paid up to 2022) are invited to participate at the championships.
- Each country is allowed to send only one national team to participate in the championships.
- Each team is allowed to send only one contestant for each weight category of each division (male, female).
- For every 6 athletes entered, each team MUST enter at least 1 Team Technical Official (R&J)

### Divisions of the Competition

As per the IFMA [Rules and Regulations](#)

\*\*Note: If there are less than 3 entries in any division, the competition will not be held for that division. Please observe the registration deadlines in order to ascertain whether there will be sufficient number of athletes in a division to proceed with a competition in that category.

### Changing Weight Divisions

The deadline to change division in which an athlete has been registered is **12 noon on 27<sup>th</sup> May** at the registration desk.

### Drawing of Names

The Draw will be carried out at the Team Manager Meeting. During this, the team manager or coach or a selected representative from each country must be present.

### Competition Conduct

All contestants must behave accordingly to the IFMA code of ethics (See - <http://www.ifmamuythai.org/technicalreference/ifma-code-of-ethics/>) - as a good sportsman and follow the rules and regulations as laid out. Contestants will be penalised for any violations.

### Appealing Decisions

All appeals should be in accordance with the rules & regulations of the International Federation of Muaythai Associations (IFMA) for international tournaments and competitions.

### Awards and Prizes

In each weight category of the Elite Division Male/Female, the winner of the Final bout will be the Champion and awarded with the Gold medal of the IFMA World Championship. The other finalists will receive the Silver medal of the IFMA World Championship and 2 Bronze medals of the IFMA World Championship will be awarded to the 2 semi-finalists.

In each weight category of the Under 23 division, the winner of the Final bout will be awarded the Gold medal of the IFMA International Tournament. The other finalists will receive the Silver medal of the IFMA International Tournament and 2 Bronze medals of the IFMA International Tournament will be awarded to the 2 semi-finalists.

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## Doping Control

Athletes and technical officials participating in the IFMA World Championships are bound to and must comply with the IFMA Anti-Doping Rules. These rules, which are compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code and its international Standards, can be downloaded from the IFMA website at: <http://www.ifmamuaythai.org/anti-doping/11768-2/>

The UAE National Anti-Doping Committee will conduct in-competition tests as Testing Authority during the event. UAE-NADO, will collect the samples and these will then be analysed by the WADA-accredited lab in the UAE. Collection and analysis will be carried out in accordance with the International Standard for Testing, the International Standard for Laboratories and the 2022 Prohibited List.

During the event period, from 28 May to 4 June in Abu Dhabi, athletes can be tested at any time or place, urine or blood, with no advance notice. The event testing plan includes finishing placement tests, random tests, pre-competition tests and target tests.

It is each athlete's personal duty to ensure that no prohibited substance enters his or her body. Athletes are responsible for any prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers found to be present in their samples (see Article 2.1.1 of the Code and IFMA Anti-Doping Rules).

ATHLETES MUST EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION REGARDING NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL USE.

## TUEs

The World Anti-Doping Code permits athletes to apply for TUEs, i.e. the permission to use, for therapeutic purposes, substance or methods in the Prohibited List in force where use would otherwise be prohibited.

IFMA recognises TUEs that have been granted by National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs).

After an athlete submits a duly completed TUE application with the required supporting medical documentation to IFMA, it can take up to 30 days to receive the decision of the IFMA TUE Committee, and a TUE certificate if the application is approved.

For more information regarding TUE application please visit the IFMA website: <http://www.ifmamuaythai.org/anti-doping/tue/>

The TUE application form can be found here: [http://www.ifmamuaythai.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/TUE\\_Application\\_Form.pdf](http://www.ifmamuaythai.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/TUE_Application_Form.pdf)

## Results Management

In the case of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation, IFMA is responsible for the initial results management process and taking the decision of imposing any sanction relating to the 2022 Senior World Championships, such as disqualification. IFMA will also manage the imposition of sanctions over and above those relating to the 2022 Senior World Championships, such as period of ineligibility.

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## Anti-Doping Education Programme:

We would further like to inform you that as part of the IFMA Anti-Doping education plan for our members, it is MANDATORY for all Athletes, Coaches and Athlete Support Personnel wishing to attend the 2022 IFMA World Championships to have completed the relevant WADA ADEL Courses.

You will be required to upload the Certificate of Completion on the registration of that participant on the registration platform.

All Senior Athletes competing in the World Championship must have completed the "International-Level Athletes Education Program" prior to participation, upon creation of their own account on the WADA's ADEL platform:

[https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/public/learning\\_plan/view/1/international-level-athleteseducationprogram-english](https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/public/learning_plan/view/1/international-level-athleteseducationprogram-english)

All accredited NF Coaches & NF Head Coaches participating in the World Championships must have completed the "High Performance Coaches' Education Program" on the ADEL platform prior to taking part in the Championship:

[https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/public/learning\\_plan/view/7/high-performance-coacheseducationprogram-english](https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/public/learning_plan/view/7/high-performance-coacheseducationprogram-english)

All accredited Team Doctors must have completed the "Medical Professional's Education Program" on the ADEL platform prior to serve in the Championship:

[https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/public/learning\\_plan/view/13/medical-professionaleducationprogram-english](https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/public/learning_plan/view/13/medical-professionaleducationprogram-english)

We encourage all federations to ensure that all their athletes, coaches and medical personnel use the time now to register and complete the courses. The certification is valid for 2 years.

## ATTENTION:

**Failure to comply will result in sanctions, which might include exclusion from participation to the Championship, withdrawal of results and fines to Federations.**



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### Tentative Event Schedule:

<b>THU 26 May</b>	
08.00 - 22.00	Arrivals/Registration
15.00 - 18.00	R&J Course Day 1
19.00 - 22.00	Dinner
<b>FRI 27 May</b>	
08.00 - 12.00	Late Arrivals/Registration
10.00 - 17.00	R&J Course Day 2
12.00 - 15.00	Lunch
14.00 - 16.00	Team Manager Meeting & Official Draw
17.30	Opening Ceremony
20.00 - 22.00	Dinner
<b>SAT 28 May</b>	
07.00-09.00	Weigh-In & Medical Check
09.00-11.00	R&J Course Day 3
11.00 - 14.00	Lunch
12.00 - 13.00	R&J Briefing
14.00	Preliminary bouts
19.00 - 22.00	Dinner
<b>SUN 29 May</b>	
07.00-09.00	Weigh-In & Medical Check
09.00 - 12.00	Coaching Course Day 1
11.00 - 14.00	Lunch
12.00 - 13.00	R&J Briefing
14.00	Preliminary bouts
18.00 - 21.00	Dinner
<b>MON 30 May</b>	
07.00-09.00	Weigh-In & Medical Check
09.00 - 12.00	Coaching Course Day 2
11.00 - 14.00	Lunch
12.00 - 13.00	R&J Briefing
14.00	Preliminary bouts
18.00 - 21.00	Dinner
<b>TUE 31 May</b>	
07.00-09.00	Weigh-In & Medical Check
09.00 - 12.00	Coaching Course Day 3
11.00 - 14.00	Lunch
12.00 - 13.00	R&J Briefing
14.00	Preliminary bouts
18.00 - 21.00	Dinner
<b>WED 1 JUN</b>	
07.00-09.00	Weigh-In & Medical Check
08.30-11.30	IFMA Executive Board Meeting
11.00 - 14.00	Lunch
12.00 - 13.00	R&J Briefing
14.00	Preliminary bouts
18.00 - 21.00	Dinner
<b>THU 2 JUN</b>	
07.00-09.00	Weigh-In & Medical Check
11.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00	Quarter Final bout
18.00 - 21.00	Dinner

<b>FRI 3 JUN</b>	
07.00-09.00	Weigh-In & Medical Check
08.30-11.30	IFMA Annual General Meeting
11.00 - 14.00	Lunch
13.30	R&J Briefing
14.00	Semi-Final Bouts
18.00 - 21.00	Dinner
<b>SAT 4 JUN</b>	
07.00-09.00	Weigh-In & Medical Check
10:00 - 12:00	Athletes Conference & Workshop
11.00 - 14.00	Lunch
13.30	R&J Briefing
14.00	Final bouts & Medal Ceremonies
21.00	Awards Gala // After Championship Party
<b>SUN 5 JUN</b>	
Departures	



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