



The future of Open Scoring in Ring Sports

This is to give a short introduction to the future implementation of an open scoring system in various kickboxing disciplines.

- In today's Semicontact discipline we have an open scoring system visible through an electronic system. Also we have open scoring in the disciplines Musical Forms and Aero Kick.
- WAKO Board have discussed different versions of open scoring and investigated certain systems. In our Junior and Cadets European Championship in Faro, Portugal November 2007 we tried an open scoring system in the Light Contact with success.
- In our Rules upgrading process which have been carried out the last 2 years, this issue is handled separately and based on the experience from our Junior Championships. Our goal is to, within a 2 years time period, integrate a full open scoring with running points. This was decided in our Board meeting held 29 November 2007.
- To do this as correct as possible WAKO will seek guidance with the sports that practice such a system and develop together with suppliers of such system and with organizations with knowledge that can help us. An official plan for implementation will be detailed as:
 - Point system definition in the rules
 - Control and monitoring of the system
 - Responsibility and consequences for judges
 - Implementation in the countries
 - WAKO assistance
 - User system and cost-effectiveness
- An issue is to find a system possible to integrate for WAKO and their affiliated members and to find a system as cost-effective as possible.
- The open scoring system is meant to be used in rest of the kickboxing disciplines in Ring Sports (Fullcontact, Low-kick and K1-Rules) and in Lightcontact.

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