

# Baltimore's Gift of Tai Chi

## Tournament Competition Rules May 1st, 2010

Tournament Promoters: Sifu Tom Brocht and Sifu Shawn Smith

Tournament Directors: Sifu Abdulmuhsiy Abdurrahman, Sifu Tom Brocht, Sifu Shawn Smith

Tournament Assistant Director: Cheryl Williams

Arbitrator: Sifu Abdulmuhsiy Abdurrahman

### FORMS COMPETITION RULES

A. There will be only 1 competitor judged at a time.

B. **PERFORMANCE & TIME:** 1 minute minimum 2 minutes maximum; 10 second warning for closing.

C. **TIES:** There will be no ties. Ties to be broken by the following procedures:

a) 1<sup>st</sup>- by comparison of the highest score of each competitor involved and the higher score determines the winner.

b) 2<sup>nd</sup>-by comparison of the lowest score of each competitor involved and the higher score determines the winner.

c) 3<sup>rd</sup>-a show of hands from the judges (competitors will face the judges and a show of hands will be called by the head judge.)

D. **RESTARTS:** no penalty for restarts for all divisions except advanced. However, judges will consider the restart in their determination of the score for that competitor.

### PUSH HANDS COMPETITION RULES

A. Push Hands competition will be continuous for 2 minutes with a 30 second rest break after the first minute. Competitors will start with the right foot forward, engage for 1 minute, rest for 30 seconds. Then, engage for an additional 1 minute, starting with the left foot forward. At the conclusion of that time, the judges will raise a hand to the competitor that has demonstrated the best **PRINCIPLES** of Tai Chi Chuan.

B. **TIME** can be stopped for the following reasons:

a) injury, b) blatant fouls c) stalling d) issuing of warnings e) point confirmation

C. **FOULS:** At the beginning of the division, the judges will announce what actions are considered as fouls. The competitor will be disqualified on the 3<sup>rd</sup> foul. Warnings will be given at the discretion of the judges. Two warnings are issued prior to a foul being called; a blatant foul may be called without a warning. A blatant foul is determined at the discretion of the judges.

D. **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Judges, at their discretion, may do the following: 1) stop the competition for any safety issue.2) disqualify any competitor if it is determined that a competitor is intentionally trying to do harm to another.

E. **NO** eyeglasses to be worn in push hands competition unless safety protection is included. Also, no gloves or excessive jewelry are to be worn on the hands during push hands competition.

### OTHER NOTICES

Competition rules are subject to change without notice at the discretion of any tournament director for any reason. At the discretion of the judges, a competitor may be disqualified if their coach/sifu continues to coach from ring side after 1 warning. The no refund policy will remain in force for any disqualification that occurs. Proper uniform required.

### ARBITRATION

Arbitration Process: \$300.00 fee, in cash, to be submitted to Silk Dragon. See a tournament promoter to submit fee. Next, arbitrator will hear the complaint and make a decision. This decision of the arbitrator is final. The fee will be returned only if the person who submitted the request won the arbitration.