

WAKO is the member of International Fair Play Committee, CIPF, which is established in order to raise awareness and understand what is defined as FAIR PLAY. WAKO Europe is determined to act preventively and to ensure positive development for all, within the sport of Kickboxing, and for that purpose, Board of directors have adopted the document

WAKO EUROPE FAIR PLAY POLICY

Fair play is a complex concept that comprises and embodies a number of fundamental values that are not only integral to sport but relevant in everyday life.

Fair competition, respect, friendship, team spirit, equality, sport without doping, respect for written and unwritten rules such as integrity, solidarity, tolerance, care, excellence and joy, are the building blocks of fair play that can be experienced and learnt both on and off the field.

Fair Play should be implemented in all fields of the sport Organization;

- athletes
- referees and judges
- coaches
- officials and leaders
- the entourage

Fair play shall lead to ethic behavior and manner and that all involved take decision well rooted in respect of the rules. WAKO defines these five aspects to draw a complete picture of fair play in Kickboxing:

1. Performance and achievement
2. Creating rules and complying with them
3. Equal opportunities
4. Respect
5. Health

Performance

In sport competition fair play means doing your best and continually improving on your personal performance within the rules of the sport and taking your own abilities and competencies into account. This applies to both individual performance and sport performance. Within the meaning of fair play, performance is to be understood as commitment and effort.

Compliance with the Rules

Fair play means complying with the structured rules of Kickboxing, behaving in accordance with them and acting within the spirit of those rules.

Equal opportunities

Fair play means observing and promoting the fundamental principles and the idea of equal opportunities in sport and Kickboxing. The principle of equal opportunities implies that the conditions before and during the sporting contest must be equal for all participants.

Respect

Fair play means respecting those involved in the sport and the sport itself, with tolerance of other views and opinions playing an important part. Only with respect for the dignity of others, and its own dignity, can sport develop its many and varied facets.

Health

Fair play means guaranteeing the health of fellow players as well as one's own health in Kickboxing and also generating overall a healthy well-being.

These five aspects play a significant role in all performance levels and age groups in Kickboxing, ranging from competitive Kickboxing at both elite and popular levels, to Kickboxing for fun, leisure and health.

WAKO Fair Play Award

Highlighting the work within Fair Play, WAKO Europe have established a **yearly WAKO Europe Fair Play Award** to be granted to the person or a team at the Seniors and Juniors Continental Championships.

This is a prize awarded yearly in order to focus on fair play, ethics, best practice and to raise awareness about the understanding of fair play, to act preventive and to ensure positive development for all, within the sport of Kickboxing.

A special Ad Hoc Fair Play Committee shall be established for each championships, and is consisted of:

- WAKO Europe President (or his appointed representative),
- Tatami and Ring WAKO Europe Referee Committee Chairman (present at the championships) or chief referees
- Representative of the WAKO Europe Coach Committee present at the Championships
- Representative of the WAKO Europe Athlete committee present at the championships

They evaluate the possibilities of the laureate and decide. The decision should be made between the time when the last competition day has been finished, and when awarding ceremony is still going on. The special Fair Play award will be handed among the Awards „The best of...“.

The Ad Hoc Committee Fair Play Committee may, at its own discretion, decide NOT TO AWARD if they decide there were no suitable candidates showed. With this right, they protect the spirit and promotion of Fair Play.

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