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The PointMaster Sparring Program™ is a T&T Martial Arts, Ltd. Certified Traditional Taekwondo Sparring Program taught by Instructor Aaron Di Blasi that takes place completely inside the ring. In other words the PointMaster Sparring Program™ is both a class, and a tournament. While you will indeed be taught how to fight using Traditional Taekwondo techniques, you will be taught while fighting another competitor inside the ring, each time, every time.

PointMaster is a performance-based program. This means that each of your fights will be scored, these scores will be kept running, and the results will decide the finalists in the PointMaster Sparring Program Finals at the end of each year. As in the past, along with bragging rights, those that make it to the Finals and win can look forward to taking home a coveted "PointMaster Championship Fighter" T-Shirt.

Rules and Regulations

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1.) Age Requirements:

The PointMaster Sparring Program™ is open to T&T Students of all ages, however, no child under the age of 16 is permitted inside the dojang during a PointMaster Sparring Session unless they are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian that is 18 years of age or older. This will be enforced without exception. 16 and 17 year olds may have their parent or guardian speak to Instructor Aaron Di Blasi to attain written permission to attend a PointMaster Sparring Session without their parent or legal guardian present.

2.) Contact Requirements:

Among higher level Black Belts the PointMaster Sparring Program™ accommodates near and full contact sparring matches. That said, only select PointMaster competitors will ever experience this level of play. Please understand that Controlled Contact will be your goal for much of your time in the program. Advancing fighters may request contact modifications when paired to fight Instructor Aaron Di Blasi only. Only when two fighters have demonstrated Controlled Contact over a very long period of time will they be considered for any contact modification outside of these requirements.

Finally, please understand that loss of Controlled Contact, whether intentional or not, if repeated, will force me to remove you from the program for the safety of the other PointMaster competitors.

3.) Gear Requirements:

All PointMaster Fighters will bring with them to each PointMaster Sparring Session the following items, or they will not be permitted to fight in the session:

Required:

*Certified Sparring Head Protection

*Mouth Guard (Fitted)

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- *Shin and Instep Guards
- * Gloves

Optional:

Forearm Guards

Chest Protector

Mouth Guard (Must be at least 18 years old and 2nd Degree Black Belt or Higher)

4.) Instruction:

While all PointMaster fighters are encouraged to help each other whenever possible, I ask everyone, regardless of rank, to refrain from instruction of any kind while participating in the program, unless expressly asked to do so by myself (Instructor Aaron Di Blasi). Multiple instruction points alter a student's focus, especially during a fight, and can cause serious injuries. Any fighter breaking this rule will not be invited back into the program.

5.) Integrity:

Integrity before victory. Honor in defeat. All fighters, without exception, will show integrity, honor, and goodwill toward all other PointMaster fighters and guests, at all times. I (Instructor Aaron Di Blasi) reserve the right to remove any competitor, for any reason whatsoever, with or without notice, if I feel that your integrity is in any way out of balance with the values set forth by the program. Fighters lacking integrity will not be invited back into the program.

6.) Judge Regulations:

1. When available each PointMaster Sparring Program™ match will utilize four corner Judges in addition to center Referee Instructor Aaron Di Blasi.
2. Upon each call for score by the Referee, or another Judge, each Judge's Flag will be held in the Judge's left hand with the scoring color (white or red) pointing up, and the non-scoring color (red or white) pointing down.
3. The Judge's right wrist will then be placed atop his / her left wrist with the right hand indicating either:
 - A.) One finger (For front and side scores to the body above the belt and below the neck)
 - B.) Two fingers (for front, top, or side scores to the head)
 - C.) No fingers (a fist) indicating that the Judge did not see the point clearly. A fist is always accompanied by a horizontal flag in the left hand. This indicates to the Referee that the judge is unable to confirm a point from either competitor.

7.) Kihap:

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All PointMaster fighters are required to Kihap with each (non-feinting) strike. This will be enforced without exception.

8.) Sanitary Requirements:

Due to sanitary requirements gear sharing is not permitted. Please take note of this, or you may find yourself losing an entire night of points to judging.

Gear Requirements will be enforced without exception. Gear sharing does not meet Gear Requirements as it violates the Sanitary Requirements outlined above.

9.) No Fight Guarantee:

While it is my goal to get each PointMaster competitor at least two (2) fights per session, there are times, if attendance is high, when this may not be possible within the timeframe for the program. Please know that I will do my best on these occasions to make certain this situation does not affect your ability to earn points, possibly by getting you an extra fight in on the next session when attendance is lower.

10.) Prohibited:

The following actions are strictly prohibited. Failure to comply with prohibited actions will result in permanent competitor dismissal:

1. Lack of Integrity.
2. Drawing blood.
3. Hand contact to the face.
4. Hand or foot contact to the back of the head.
5. Hand or foot contact to the legs, back, spine, or neck.
6. Finishing any strike or technique after the Referee or any of the four corner Judges have called "Point".

11.) Pairings:

All PointMaster Fighter pairings (in other words, who gets to fight who) will be determined solely by Instructor Aaron Di Blasi. This is without exception. Any fighter demanding a fight will not be invited back into the program.

12.) Refereeing:

Refereeing will be performed only by Instructor Aaron Di Blasi or those specifically tasked to do so by Instructor Aaron Di Blasi.

13.) Scoreboard:

In the interest of integrity and fairness to all PointMaster competitors no one except Instructor Aaron Di Blasi is permitted to handle the PointMaster Sparring Program™ Scoreboard at any time unless specifically tasked to do so by Instructor Aaron Di Blasi.

14.) Scoring:

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2 Points for clean, controlled contact to the front, top, or sides of the head with the foot only.

1 Point for clean, controlled contact to the front or sides of the body, above the belt and below the neck, with the foot or hand*. (Each competitor's belt shall be worn on the hips no higher than the top of the pelvis.)

* Only a "Reverse Punch" may score to the front or sides of the body, above the belt and below the neck. A "Reverse Punch" shall be identified as a punch that is opposite the lead leg at the time of contact. By this definition, jabs to the body do not score.

Points are awarded by the center Referee only based on the feedback provided by each of the four corner Judges. Referee Override is in effect, hence the final call for any point rests solely with the Referee. The purpose of Referee Override is primarily as an instruction tool, but this rule does permit the Referee to override even a unanimous Judging decision.

All PointMaster competitors will cease and desist any strike and all movement immediately upon hearing the Referee or any of the four Judges call "Point".

15.) Spectators:

All spectators are welcome provided they adhere to all PointMaster Sparring Program (TM) Rules and Regulations and show the utmost respect to all PointMaster competitors at all times. I (Instructor Aaron Di Blasi) reserve the right to remove any spectator, for any reason whatsoever, with or without notice, if I feel that your integrity is in any way out of balance with the values set forth by the program. Spectators lacking integrity will not be invited back to the program.

16.) Style, Traditional Versus Olympic:

The PointMaster Sparring Program™ utilizes Traditional Style Taekwondo Sparring Matches. While Olympic Style variations will be explained where pertinent please note that they will not be the focus of this program.

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I, the undersigned, do hereby understand and agree to each of the rules and regulations outlined in this document. I understand that the PointMaster Sparring Program™ is a high risk activity and I acknowledge that injuries are common. Further, I, the undersigned, do hereby waive all claims against T&T Martial Arts, Ltd., and any and all persons affiliated with T&T Martial Arts, Ltd. and the "PointMaster Sparring Program™", for any injuries that I may sustain during my participation in said program. I also assume full responsibility for any of my actions during, and in connection with, said program.

^ Competitor First and Last Name (Please PRINT your First and Last Name CLEARLY)

^ Competitor Signature (Parent or Legal Guardian if under 18.)

^ Date