

## **Guidelines for Officials Decisions, Protest Procedures and Competition Proceedings**

### **Article V. Officials' Decisions**

Official decisions made during and at the end of the contest are not negotiable. Any intent to protest must be made by the coach (not contestant) immediately following the match (refer to page 40, Article XVIII.A.) to insure that tournament officials preserve all necessary records. Subsequently, the dispute shall be decided by the Tournament Arbitrator(s) in consultation with the Technical Advisor. The Arbitrator may also call upon, the Referee and/or Judges, in order to settle the dispute.

### **Article VI. Competition Proceedings**

**VI.A.** All officials, coaches and contestants participating in a sanctioned tournament are required to observe the decorum code of the AAU and the rules of the tournament.

**VI.B.** All contestants, coaches, and officials are required to be registered with the AAU during the year of the competition.

**VI.C.** If the Referee requests a time-out during a match, the time shall not be included in the calculation of the total match time.

**VI.D.** When summoned, competitors are required to confirm their corners first and then to make the necessary preparations for the match.

**VI.E.** Any contestant who wishes to leave the ring area during his/her division must request permission from the Referee.

**VI.F.** During a match, coaches are required to remain seated and are not allowed to move about the perimeter of the ring. The coach may **never** enter the ring with the exception of filing a protest. When doing so, he is allowed to take one step only into the ring and announce to the Referee, "I wish to protest this match".

**VI.G.** Coaches **MUST** be in their proper chairs **PRIOR** to the beginning of a match and are required to remain seated. Coaches may **NOT** come into a chair once the match has begun unless approved by the Referee. Once the match has begun, the request to sit in the coaches chair can only take place between rounds. Coaches may **NOT** switch out during a match. A coach is **NOT** mandatory for competition. However, if an athlete does not have a coach, no protests will be allowed.

### **Notes:**