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## Top Ten Rules

*The IMAS Top Ten is a competition that anyone can win! Compete in tournaments throughout the year and earn points for each medal you earn. The Top Ten of each division is determined by who has the most points. Celebrate by attending the Top Ten Banquet and earning special awards with the rest of the IMAS family.*

### 1. Guidelines

- The IMAS competition season begins with the IMAS Worlds event each summer and concludes with IMAS Spring Nationals.
- Throughout the season, competitors earn points by placing in First, Second, or Third at IMAS sanctioned competitions.
- After the final event at Spring Nationals, the official IMAS Top Ten List is announced.
- Top Ten competitors are formally recognized and awarded at the Top Ten Banquet, held during the IMAS Fall Nationals.
- A competitor's age and rank for the season are based on the last IMAS event they attend within the calendar year.
- If a competitor changes divisions during the year (due to age or belt promotion), their points move with them to the new division.

### 2. Points

- Points are awarded in the following competitions: Traditional Forms, Flag Sparring, Sparring Combinations, Point Sparring, Padded Stick Sparring, and Weapons Forms.
  - IMAS National Competitions:
    - First Place - 5 points
    - Second Place - 4 points
    - Third Place - 3 points
  - IMAS Local/Regional Competitions:
    - First Place - 3 points
    - Second Place - 2 points
    - Third Place - 1 points
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### 3. **Classifications and Divisions**

- Competition Divisions:
    - Traditional Forms
    - Flag Sparring
    - Point Sparring
    - Sparring Combinations
    - Weapons Forms
    - Padded Stick Sparring
  
  - Rank Divisions:
    - Beginner Division: White - Orange Belt
    - Intermediate Division: Green - Blue Belt
    - Advanced Division: Brown - First Degree Black Belt
    - Second Degree Black Belt Division
    - Third Degree Black Belt Division
    - Fourth Degree Black Belt and Higher Division
  
  - Age and Gender Divisions:
    - Lower Juniors: 6-8 years old
    - Upper Juniors: 9-11 years old
    - Female Teens: 12-16 years old
    - Male Teens: 12-16 years old
    - Women: 17-31 years old
    - Men: 17-31 years old
    - VIP Women: 32 and up
    - VIP Men: 32 and up
  
  - Weapons Forms are not separated by gender. Divisions are as follows:
    - Lower Juniors: 6-8 years old
    - Upper Juniors: 9-11 years old
    - Teens: 12-16 years old
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- Adult: 17-31 years old
- VIP: 32 and up
- Instead of rank divisions, Weapons Forms and Padded Stick Sparring competitions are divided by the following classifications: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Expert.
- Note: points are not given for Dragon divisions, Demonstration Teams, Tag Team Sparring or Board Break Challenge.