

CHANGES FOR 2018

- Teens Experts are allowed to Jump Guard. *Note: Most Expert teenagers are already green / blue belts and have been training for a few years.*
- Teens Standing Guillotines are allowed – *This rule was changed last year but was not specified in the rules book; we have gone ahead and added it under the appropriate section.*
- The NAGA Event Coordinator may overturn any decision based on an error that has affected the results of a match. Awards will be redistributed based on the overturned decision. *This rule was added based on Referees committing mistakes that later had to be overturned i.e. allowing a purple belt to win by knee bar, allowing a heel hook in the Novice division, or a clear error on scoring where the referee issues points to the wrong competitor.*
- Articulated shoulder pressure as a legal form of submission for kids and teens – “Crossfacing” with your shoulder - *This means that if a kid or teen uses their shoulder pressure to submit their opponent then the referee would declare them the winner of that bout.*
- Articulated the forearm choke as a legal form of submission for kids and teens – must only use either wrist or forearm to apply the choke – *This move was already legal in our rules but was not listed on the section of legal and illegal moves. Forearm choke must have no elbow contact with the opponent’s neck or throat.*
- Estima lock (if done properly) is considered a Toe Hold and is therefore **only** allowed in the Brown or Black belt divisions in the Gi: it is allowed for all Adult experience levels in the No Gi Divisions. *The Estima lock is a form of toe hold; we have added it on the rules to avoid any confusion.*
- Articulated the difference from Mount & Back Mount as scoring positions in the Gi Divisions: competitors can achieve points when switching between Mount (opponent on his back) and Back Mount (opponent on his stomach). *This rule is the same as the IBJJF.*
- No Gi – In the event of a tied score, the Referee will choose a winner based on the competitors with the least number of warnings or penalties. If score and penalties are tied then the referee will make their decision based on initiation and aggression. *Clarification of previous rule.*