



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUAYTHAI ASSOCIATIONS

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IFMA Member National Federations

Via email

Dear President,

On behalf of the International Federation of Muaythai Associations (IFMA), we are pleased to formally invite all IFMA Member National Federations to participate in the 1st Muaythai School World Championships, to be held in Malaysia in June 2026.

This landmark event represents the first official Muaythai School World Championships conducted under the patronage of the International School Sport Federation (ISF) and marks a major step forward in the global development of Muaythai within the school sport ecosystem.

The School World Championships will feature the IFMA U18, U16, U14, U12, U10 & U8 with competition conducted strictly in accordance with [IFMA Rules and Regulations](#).

About ISF and the IFMA-ISF Partnership

The International School Sport Federation (ISF) is the global governing body for school sport, recognised for organising world-class international school competitions and for promoting sport as a powerful educational and developmental tool for young people worldwide. ISF works closely with Ministries of Education, National School Sport Federations, and International Federations to deliver safe, values-based, and educationally aligned sport for students.

IFMA has recently initiated an important strategic partnership with ISF through a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This partnership establishes an official pathway for Muaythai within the ISF framework and provides structured international opportunities for school-aged athletes through recognised, well-governed competitions. Malaysia has been selected to proudly host this inaugural edition of the Muaythai School World Championships under this new collaboration.

The Muaythai School World Championships will be held in tandem with the official IFMA Senior championship event taking place in Malaysia, with the school competition integrated during the opening phase of the programme, allowing young athletes to experience a true world-class multisport and international championship environment.

We look forward to welcoming your young athletes to Malaysia for this historic first edition of the Muaythai School World Championships, delivered in partnership with ISF and aligned with IFMA's global standards for youth development, education, and safe sport.

Sincerely,

Charissa Tynan
IFMA DIRECTOR GENERAL

Dato Muhd. Shahnaz Azmi
PERSATUAN MUAYTHAI MALAYSIA
PRESIDENT

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Official Event Dates & Deadlines:

- 20th FEB Registration Opens on ifmalive.com
- 16th APR End of Early Bird Rates Registration & Payment
- 16th APR [Entry by Number](#) & Last date for Uniform Size Orders – *any changes/additions after this will be first come, first serve.*
- 1st MAY Last day to register and provide all required documentation for teams that need visa support from LOC
- 15th MAY Registration Closes
- 6th JUN Last day to change weight divisions without Penalty
- 13th JUN Change of weight divisions no longer accepted
- 16th JUN Arrivals/Accreditation
- 17th JUN Team Manager Meeting
- 18th JUN Opening Ceremony & First bouts
- 20th JUN Final and Medals Ceremony
- 21st JUN Athletes Education Conference & Academy Activities Programme
- 22nd JUN Departure

Tentative Event Schedule

- 16 June 2026
 - 08:00 – 22:00 Arrivals & Registration
 - 19:00 – 21:00 Dinner
- 17 June 2026
 - 08:00 – 22:00 Arrivals & Registration
 - 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
 - 16:30 – 17:30 Wai Kru Coaches Technical Meeting
 - 18:30 – 21:00 General Referee ITO/NTO Meeting
 - 19:00 – 21:00 Dinner
 - 21:00 Team Manager Meeting / Media Briefing
- 18 June 2026
 - 07:00 – 09:00 Weigh-In & Medical Check
 - 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
 - 15:00 Opening Ceremony
 - 16:00 – 19:30 School Quarterfinals
 - 19:00 – 21:00 Dinner
- 19 June 2026
 - 07:00 – 09:00 Weigh-In & Medical Check
 - 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
 - 14:00 – 20:00 School Semifinals
 - 19:00 – 21:00 Dinner
- 20 June 2026
 - 07:00 – 09:00 Weigh-In & Medical Check
 - 12:00 – 14:00 Lunch
 - 14:00 – 20:00 School Finals
 - 19:00 – 21:00 Dinner
- 21 June 2026
 - 07:00 – 09:00 Weigh-In & Medical Check
 - 10:00 – 12:00 School Athletes Education Conference
 - 19:00 – 21:00 Dinner



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Refund/Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made fifteen (15) or more days prior to the date of arrival will incur a 10% charge. Cancellations made less than two (2) days prior to the arrival date will incur a 100% charge.

Method of Submission:

Team Registration & Uniform Orders (Open from 20 FEB 2026) ifmalive.com

Medical Paperwork Requirements:

All athletes must present their [Athlete's Consent form](#), [Medical Declaration Form](#) as well as a valid blood test for Hep B, Hep C, and HIV made not later than 6 months on the accreditation day (16 DEC 2026). *Blood tests are required only for athletes aged 16 and above.

Visa Entry Requirements for Malaysia

All teams travelling to the 2026 IFMA School World Championships Invitational in Malaysia are responsible for ensuring they meet Malaysia's visa entry requirements.

Please check visa requirements here:

<https://www.imi.gov.my/portal2017/index.php/en/visa/apply-for-visa.html>

Participation Fees & Rates:

Uniform & Equipment:

All athletes must purchase the tournament uniform kit consisting of 2 tank tops (blue/red) and 1 pair of Muaythai shorts. Teams that complete registration by 16th April will enjoy the early bird price of \$ 60 USD per set. After this date, the price will be adjusted to \$ 70 USD per set. LOC shall provide one pair of hand wraps to each participating athlete.

Accreditation:

All participants must be registered to the event via the registration platform (ifmalive.com).

To receive accreditation for the Muaythai World School Championships 2026, each participant has the option to book their stay at the Official Event Hotel with a minimum of 5 nights (Between 17th to 26th June 2026) OR to manage their own stays and pay a registration fee of \$125 USD per person (which includes the Accreditation & athlete's e-boxer book).

Those that opt to register and stay at the official event hotel may do so at the below rates, plus an accreditation fee of \$20USD per person.

Official Event Accommodation:

Early Booking Rate *only for bookings paid in advance by 16th April 2026

Twin/Triple Room Rate: 120 USD per person
Single Room Rate: 145 USD per night

Standard Booking Rate *for all bookings paid after 16th April 2026 and on-site

Twin/Triple Room Rate: 145 USD per person
Single Room Rate: 160 USD per night

**Rates include:

- All Transfers to/from KLIA and hotel on 16th, 17th, and 22nd June 2026
- 3 meals per day

LOC Contact: For more information and event package, please contact: wearemuaythaimas@gmail.com or whatsapp +60126555652

Registration via IFMALive: Participants may register directly at the following link:

<https://www.ifmalive.com/competitions/5670/seasons/7942>

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Rules & Regulations // School World Championship Invitational 2026

The Rules and Regulations presented hereafter are in accordance with the current Rules and Regulations of the International Federation of Muaythai Amateur (IFMA) approved by the Technical Committee and the Executive Board of IFMA.

Divisions of the Competition

Combat Divisions (Rule2) & Regulations as per Rule 4 of the IFMA Rules & Regulations.

U18 (2009-2010)

Format: 3 × 2 min rounds, 1 min rest

Male: -45kg to 91+kg

Female: -42kg to 75+kg

U16 (2011-2012)

Format: 3 × 2 min rounds, 1 min rest

Male: -38kg to 81+kg

Female: -36kg to 71+kg

U14 (2013-2014)

Format: 3 × 1.5 min rounds, 1 min rest

Male: -32kg to 71+kg

Female: -32kg to 63.5+kg

U12 (2015-2016)

Format: 3 × 1 min rounds, 1 min rest

Male: -30kg to 67+kg

Female: -30kg to 60+kg

U10 (2017-2018)

Format: 3 × 1 min rounds, 1 min rest (*Semi-contact bouts conducted on Tatami*)

Male/Female: -20kg | -25kg | -30kg | -35kg | -40kg | -45kg

U8 (2019-2020)

Format: 3 × 1 min rounds, 1 min rest (*Semi-contact bouts conducted on Tatami*)

Male/Female: -15kg | -20kg | -25kg | -30kg | -35kg | -40kg

Regulations for Semi-Contact on Tatami

Scoring emphasis for this format:

- Technical execution
- Control
- Safety awareness
- No knockout or power striking is allowed

Target Areas & Contact Restrictions:

- Target areas shall follow IFMA rules for the U12 years category, with strict modifications for safety as per IFMA Rule 27.3 (Restricted Strikes by Division).
- Head contact is strictly prohibited for all athletes under 12 years old.
- Only legal body and controlled limb targets are permitted.
- Any excessive force, dangerous techniques, or unsportsmanlike conduct will result in warnings, point deductions, or disqualification.

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Cultural Divisions & Regulations

- Cultural Disciplines of Wai Kru and Mai Muay shall follow the IFMA Rules & Regulations Rules 30-35.
- Age divisions as per the IFMA Rules and Regulations (Rule 31).
- Wai Kru Discipline divisions: Individual Male, Individual Female (Rule 30)
- Mai Muay Discipline divisions: Duo Male, Duo Female (Rule 33).

**Note: If there are less than 3 entries in any division, the competition will not be held for that division. Please observe the registration deadlines to ascertain whether there will be a sufficient number of athletes in a division to proceed with a competition in that category.

Athlete Eligibility

- Athletes must be full-time students in the country they represent
- Schools must provide general education and/or vocational education including general education components
- Only athletes listed on the official team list at accreditation may compete. The list must be submitted via the ISF member association in each country.
- Athletes must be members of IFMA through a recognised National Muaythai Federation

Not eligible:

- Students attending vocational schools only (without general education)
- Students enrolled in sports-only schools without general education

Changing Weight Divisions

The FINAL deadline for moving a registered athlete to another weight division is 13th of June.

Any team wishing to change the division of an athlete after already completing registration may do so by contacting the Technical Delegate (medical@muaythai.sport) or IFMA Competition Manager (mohamad.amr@muaythai.sport).

All requests for changing weight divisions after the **6th of JUNE** are subject to a penalty of \$ 100 USD.

Drawing of Names

The Division Rosters shall be communicated to all Team Managers at the latest by the evening of the Official Arrival Day, and any discrepancies or errors must be informed to the Technical Delegate. The Draw will be published at the Team Manager Meeting. During this, the team manager or coach or a selected representative from each country must be present.

Competition Conduct

All contestants must behave accordingly to the IFMA code of ethics and code of conduct (See - https://muaythai.sport/codes_policies/) - as a good sportsperson and follow the rules and regulations as laid out. Contestants will be penalised for any violations.

Appealing Decisions

All appeals should be in accordance with the rules & regulations of the International Federation of Muaythai Associations (IFMA) for international tournaments and competitions.

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Awards and Prizes

In each weight category of the Male/Female combat discipline, the winner of the Final bout will be the Champion and awarded with the Gold medal of the IFMA Youth World Championship. The other finalists will receive the Silver medal of the IFMA Youth World Championship, and 2 Bronze medals of the IFMA Youth World Championship will be awarded to the 2 semi-finalists.

In each division of the Wai Kru and Mai Muay disciplines, winners of the final competition will be awarded a Gold medal of the IFMA Youth World Championship. The other finalists will receive the Silver medal of the IFMA Youth World Championship, and 2 Bronze medals of the IFMA Youth World Championship will be awarded to the 2 semi-finalists.

Doping Control

Athletes and technical officials participating in the IFMA Senior World Championships are bound to and must comply with the IFMA Anti-Doping Rules. These rules, which are compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code and its international Standards, can be downloaded from the IFMA website at <https://muaythai.sport/what-is-doping/>

The **Anti-Doping Agency of Malaysia (ADAMAS)** conducts in-competition tests as Testing Authority during the event. ADAMAS will collect the samples, and these will then be analysed by the WADA-accredited lab. Collection and analysis will be carried out in accordance with the International Standard for Testing, the International Standard for Laboratories, and the 2026 Prohibited List.

During the event period, from 18th-20th June in Kuala Lumpur, athletes can be tested at any time or place, urine or blood, with no advance notice. The event testing plan includes finishing placement tests, random tests, pre-competition tests, and target tests.

Under the strict liability principle, an anti-doping rule violation occurs whenever a Prohibited Substance is found in an Athlete's bodily Specimen. The violation occurs whether or not the Athlete intentionally or unintentionally used a Prohibited Substance or was negligent or otherwise at fault. (see Article 2.1.1 of the Code and IFMA Anti-Doping Rules).

ATHLETES MUST EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION REGARDING NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL USE.

TUEs

The World Anti-Doping Code permits athletes to apply for TUEs, i.e. the permission to use, for therapeutic purposes, substance or methods in the Prohibited List in force where use would otherwise be prohibited. IFMA recognises TUEs that have been granted by National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs), and those needing to submit a TUE are encouraged to contact the relevant NADO to apply for it, which IFMA will then recognise automatically.

After an athlete submits a duly completed TUE application with the required supporting medical documentation to the NADO, it can take up to 30 days to receive the decision of the TUE Committee and a TUE certificate if the application is approved.

The deadline to submit a TUE application for this event is the **19th of May 2026**.

For more information regarding the TUE application, please visit the IFMA website:

<https://muaythai.sport/tues/>

The TUE application form can be found there.

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Results Management

In the case of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation, IFMA is responsible for the initial results management process and taking the decision of imposing any sanction relating to the 2026 School World Championships, such as disqualification. IFMA has delegated the results management for all In Competition Testing to the International Testing Authority (ITA) to manage the imposition of sanctions over and above those relating to the 2026 School World Championships, such as period of ineligibility.

Clean Sport Education Programme:

We would further like to inform you that as part of the IFMA Anti-Doping education plan for our members, it is MANDATORY for all Athletes, Coaches, and Athlete Support Personnel wishing to attend the 2026 IFMA School World Championships to have completed the relevant Anti-Doping E-Learning (ADEL) Courses provided by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)

All Athletes competing in the World Championship **from 11-15 years of age**, must have completed the "ADEL for Youth Athletes" prior to participation, upon creation of their own account on the WADA's ADEL platform:

<https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/courses/1254/adel-for-youth-athletes>

All Athletes competing in the World Championship **from 16 years of age and up**, must have completed the "International-Level Athletes Education Program" prior to participation, upon creation of their own account on the WADA's ADEL platform:

https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/public/learning_plan/view/1/international-level-athleteseducationprogram_english

All registered Coaches & Head Coaches participating in the World Championships must have completed the "High Performance Coaches' Education Program" on the ADEL platform prior to taking part in the Championship:

https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/public/learning_plan/view/7/high-performance-coacheseducationprogram_english

All registered Team Doctors must have completed the "Medical Professional's Education Program" on the ADEL platform prior to serve in the Championship:

https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/public/learning_plan/view/13/medical-professionaleducationprogram_english

We encourage all federations to ensure that all their athletes, coaches and medical personnel use the time now to register and complete the courses before your team administrator must start registration of the delegation on the ifmalive.com platform. They will be able to upload the Certificate of Completion of the abovementioned participant types on the form. The certification is valid for 2 years.



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