



NZMF Rankings and Belts Policy 2018

1. A points system, where there is no weight range as such, this will allow for fighters to compete easily over any weight range and make the upkeep easier, matches will be made of any fighter who is eligible to challenge once they reach the amount of points required. Also encouraging fighters to fight with elbows (padded or unpadded). This will allow for more opportunities for NZMF title shots rather than having to be top 5 ranked.
 - 3 points for a win
 - 1 point for a loss
 - 1 point for a draw
 - Bonus point for a KO/TKO
 - Bonus point if fight is FTR padded or unpadded
 - Title eligibility is 20 points
2. Two rankings systems – NZMF Amateur Adult and NZMF Youth (up until 18th birthday)
3. Rankings will be in order top to bottom, and include any records of fighters from other sanctions. The idea with this is to be inclusive and grow the sport and create opportunity, as well as create a legitimate fighter ranking system.
4. Novice and padded fights to be declared in rankings, but fights that are unscored will not accumulate points. Opponent's names may be asked for if there is reason for management to suspect incorrect information has been given. Promoters and Gyms and Fighters will be encouraged to pass on results in a timely manner, failure to do so may result in records not being added and fighters missing valuable points.
5. Point of contact for rankings info and titles will be the Rankings Coordinator and one other assistant. The Rankings Coordinator will run the rankings system, be available to give information quickly, and keep it updated via social media and the NZMF Platform. They would also follow up on shows, NZMF or other sanctions that are interested in having rankings for results. This can be requested by any sanctioning body that is happy to provide their own rankings. Once the applicant matches the requirements, the rankings coordinator and team will then put through to NZMF management group for approval.
6. Initially the rankings will be made of all previous records – fighters will, through gym/coach declare records and experience and this will be formulated to give total points. These points will be from fights fighter has had since 17 years of age for the adult's rankings.
7. Belts would be in the weight ranges specified in NZMF/IFMA regulations
8. Promoters and Gyms must be registered with NZMF to be eligible for title shots
9. Youth rankings – Once a fighter becomes 18 they will go onto the adult rankings, all fights from when the fighter turned 17 until they turned 18 will count on their adult ranking, and this is to recognise the hard work put in as a youth rather than starting from scratch.
10. Rankings will include fighter's current gym and location, date of birth, win, loss and draw record, weight range, Pro Am Tally, FTR points and KO/TKO points, if they are a past or current belt holder of NZMF or any other sanction, also include novice fight record, including unscored experience. And of course total points.

TITLE CONDITIONS

- An adult fighter going for a title must have had 4 full Thai rules fights padded or unpadded and the fight will adhere to the rules set out in the NZMF Rules and Regulations. Youth titles to adhere to the rules set out in the NZMF Rules and Regulations.
- If a fighter holds an island title, she/he will vacate this should they become NZ Champion

- The belt can be contested after 2 months of being won
- Once a fighter reaches 20 points they become eligible for a title challenge
- If belt is not defended within 9 months, it becomes vacant, but the last holder should still get the first offer to fight for it (in case there were no previous opportunities)
- If a title holder is challenged and they decline, the title fight will become available for the challenger and an opponent that has the highest amount of points, and also the most active if there are fighters with the same amount of points, once agreed by NZMF Management. Also the current title holder will not be allowed to challenge again for a minimum of 9 months, and will accept the title has become vacant.
- A challenger must of fought within 4 months previous to challenge being put forward
- A title holder can turn down a challenge on medical conditions with a legitimate medical certificate, or have a very good reason why they cannot fight, both options will go to NZMF management for final decision.
- Once a fighter has exceeded 3 Pro Am fights they will no longer be eligible for an NZMF Amateur Title

This is the rankings system for amateurs and youth only and inclusive of any sanctioning body. WMC Pro rankings will be done in line with the WMC International system, and these rankings will go to the NZ WMC Rankings Coordinator.