

ABOC 2022 Weapons Cutting Competition

General Guidelines

Since the competitors will be using fully functional sharpened weapons, the safety of the competitors and observers is paramount.

1. Competitors must be at least 18 years of age.
2. All weapons are subject to inspection by tournament officials without exception.
3. Every weapon used must be found to be in good working condition including.
 - a. Have a smooth, well-sharpened edge along the entire length of the blade.
 - b. The pins holding the weapon to the handle must be of bamboo or wood. No plastic or other materials are acceptable.
 - c. The sword will have a full tang.
 - d. The connection between all parts of the sword must be solid. Swords with loose handles, guards, or other parts will not be permitted to be used in competition.

Scoring

Scoring of cuts will use the following criteria.

1. The ideal angle of the cut is 45 degrees is ten points as measured by tournament officials. One-half point will be deducted from the total score for five degrees off the 45-degree standard.
2. One point will be deducted for cuts showing a curved result on the material.
3. Three cut preliminary cuts (down/down/up) – equals total score of all cuts (30 points max).
4. Black Belt Competitors only: Five cut final (target 1 – down/down/up, 540° total turns though the 5 cuts, target 2—down/up) – total score equals score of all cuts combined (50 point maximum)
5. Partial cuts through the material will result in a 3-point deduction.
6. Cutting while moving from one position to another will gain a higher score (one-point increase per change in stance) than those from a fixed stance.
7. Spirit displayed by the competitor by loud kiai and so on will be considered when scoring.