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REGULATIONS FOR THE NOMINATION OF THE ATHLETES OF THE YEAR IN GRAPPLING, PANKRATION & COMBAT GRAPPLING

I. OBJECT

FILA acknowledges and rewards senior athletes for their outstanding performance in grappling, pankration, and combat grappling through the awarding of the title « Athlete of the Year ».

II. WORLD RANKING

The annual world ranking is established throughout the calendar year for the following disciplines:

- No-Gi Grappling Men
- No-Gi Grappling Women
- Gi Grappling Men
- Gi Grappling Women
- Pankration Men
- Pankration Women
- Combat Grappling Men
- Combat Grappling Women

The world ranking is calculated on the basis of the points obtained by the athletes at the World Championships, Continental Championships, World Combat Games, and four designated international tournaments named « FILA Grand Prix » according to the following point system:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	3 rd	5 th	5 th	7 th	8 th
World Championships	20	18	16	16	14	14	12	11
Continental Championships	17	16	15	15	13	13	11	10
World Combat Games (nordic system)	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
FILA Grand Prix	5	4	3	3	1	1	-	-

If the Nordic system applies to a weight category (only one bronze medal), the point system will grant minus 1 point from the number allocated to the gold medal down to the 8th place.

The athletes' score is permanently updated on the FILA website in order to show the current status of the world ranking for the different styles.

In case of a tie between two athletes, the type of victories earned during the various events is considered, following the order of importance set forth in the International Regulations for each discipline.

III. ABSOLUTE CATEGORY

The absolute category being considered optional and being limited to 3 competitors per country, it is therefore excluded from the world ranking calculations.



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IV. SELECTION OF THE FILA GRAND PRIX

Every National Federation or every National Committee recognised when a National Federation does not manage the disciplines is entitled to apply for a FILA Grand Prix in order to make an international tournament part of the world ranking. At the end of each calendar year, the World Grappling & Pankration Committee selects the four FILA Grand Prix of the following year by considering the below-mentioned criteria:

- Organization of the 4 styles together (No-Gi & Gi Grappling, Pankration, Combat Grappling)
- Compliance with the FILA regulations and competition procedures
- Payment of 20 CHF per participant to FILA to feed the "Athlete of the Year Fund"
- Number of countries having participated in the previous editions
- Fair distribution among the geographic zones to ensure a homogeneous development of the sports

The FILA Grand Prix are open to all competitors representing a National Federation or Committee duly affiliated to FILA, even if they are not part of the National Team competing in the Continental and World Championships.

V. ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FUND

The organisers of the competitions whose results count for the world ranking are bound to remit 20 CHF per participant to FILA in order to feed the « Athlete of the Year Fund ». At the end of each calendar year, the total amount of the fund will be equally split among the 8 Athletes of the Year representing each discipline.

The amount distributed to the athletes will vary according to the number of participants in the FILA events and will be a good indicator of the progress made by the non-Olympic styles governed by FILA.

VI. AWARDING OF THE TITLE & VALIDITY

The 8 Athletes of the Year are officially nominated at the end of each calendar year and are convened to the award ceremony that takes place during the FILA event that is deemed most convenient considering the nominations.

The athletes are awarded a diploma and a special trophy mentioning their name, country, style and the year concerned. They also receive their equal share of the annual fund in Swiss Francs.

Each annual world ranking remains accessible for consultation on the FILA website.

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