

# **2011 NASKA SEEDING RULES**

**First Three Tournaments:** The 2010 ratings will be used to determine the seeds in the first three world tournaments or the year. The new 2011 NASKA Ratings will start with the Fourth world tournament of the year.

**2011 Ratings:** See Rating, Seeding and “Best of Scores” Chart for Schedule of ratings and Scores allowed.

## **New for 2011: Seeding**

**First Three Tournaments Seeding Rules:** In the first three tournaments only (until the 2011 ratings come out), if there are not four seeds in the division you are seeding, additional seeds can be taken (to reach 4 seeds) from competitors who are moving up into another age divisions. These competitors are seeded below the competitors in the current division. An exception to this rule is if a competitor moves up into an older division in the last tournament of the year in an attempt to secure a seed over competitors that were ahead of them in points in the younger division but chose to stay in their legal age division all year. The ones moving up into the older division would be rated over the ones who changed age divisions in the last tournament of the year.

**Form and Weapons:** Top Seeds (Max 4) will be shuffled and then randomly selected to see what order they will go in after the non-seeded competitors. Example: The number one seed does not automatically go last unless he/she is selected last in the random selection process. It is required that the center official supervise the random selection process of the seeds

**Fighting:** The Top Seeds (Max 4) will be seeded in the first round of competition with all competitors. The Seeds (Max 4) will be seeded away from each other in the brackets with the number one and four seeds in the top bracket and the number 2 and 3 seed in the bottom bracket. If Byes are needed, the Seeds will receive the byes in order of their seeded position. No longer are fighting seeds automatically seeded into the quarter finals unless there are eight or less competitors in the division or if by receiving a bye they move into the quarter or semi final brackets. Seeds can refuse byes but still must be bracketed away from other seeds.

**Seeding Fairness Rule:** If there are question about seeding that arise that cannot be answered by the rules above, the Chief Tournament Arbitrator will make the final decision who and how a competitor will be seeded.

**Under Black Belts:** Will not be seeded