

# NBL DEADLINES & PARAMETERS

## MAGAZINE - STORIES

**National Conference Tournaments** - Story writers must be approved by the NBL office two months in advance in order to insure acceptability for the magazine. They must adhere to the magazine photo-journalist criteria sheets. Stories must be postmarked within ten (10) days after the tournament or will be subject to rejection.

**Regional Conference Tournaments** - Stories must be postmarked within ten (10) days after the tournament or will be subject to rejection.

## SKITA

**Proposed Rule Changes Deadline** - Proposed rule changes can be submitted in writing by any interested party at any time. Proposed changes can be written on separate paper or directly onto sample pages of the rulebook. All proposed rule changes received by or before January 1 of any given year will be considered for any rule book that is scheduled to be printed for the following year's implementation (*or the first scheduled rulebook thereafter if none is to be printed for the following year*).

**New Rules Taking Effect** - Any updated SKITA Rulebook after March 1 of any given year will not have any new (*underlined*) material taking effect until the following NBL season (*beginning approximately January 1 or at the first NBL Conference tournament of the year*) unless the new rules had already been implemented previously (i.e., updated Rules at a Glance, website notification update, etc. The Super Grands World Games may be an exception however (see any update in SG brochure). The new rulebook will still apply however, for any material that is not new (*new material is underlined*).

## NBL PROMOTER AGREEMENTS AND SANCTIONING

**Proposed NBL Promoter Agreement Changes Deadline** - Proposed Promoter Agreement changes can be submitted in writing by any NBL Promoter at anytime. Proposed changes must be written on separate paper making reference to the section of the Agreement and with a numbered list of the reasons for each change. All proposed changes received prior to November 1 of any given year will be considered for the Promoter Agreement that will apply for the year after next. (*Example - Any material received prior to November 1, 2007 will be reviewed and considered for the Agreement for the 2009 season*).

**NBL Promoter Agreement Renewal** - An NBL promoter may ask for and shall receive a sample copy of the next years NBL Promoter's Agreement as soon as it is completed by the NBL offices on April 1. Resanctioning of a National Conference Promoter's tournament must be made within sixty (60) days of the Promoter's present tournament date. The Promoter resanction must include:

- a. Fully completed and signed NBL Promoter's Agreement to the NBL office
- b. Payment of sanction fee
- c. Month and day(s) of the resanctioned tournament.
- d. Certificate of Insurance naming the National Blackbelt League (NBL), Sport Karate International (SKIL), Sport Karate International Tournament Alliance (SKITA), SMASH Publications, Bonsai Budo Karate and Boice Lydell must be received before the tournament is officially sanctioned and before the tournament takes place.

### **Parameters for Deciding NBL Tournament Month and Day(s)**

a. No National Conference Tournament Promoter can resanction their tournament within a time frame of four (4) days difference of any another National Conference tournament Promoter's present date *(if the other Promoter's tournament is not resanctioned yet)* or within four (4) days of another National Promoter's resanctioned date. A promoter's updated tournament date will only be considered as definite when the Promoters Agreement, date and payment is received by the NBL offices. *(Any exception will be considered on a case by case basis.)*

b. National Conference tournaments will not be allowed to resanction their tournament within eighteen (18) days difference of the present date of another National Conference tournament that is in the same conference *(if the other tournament is not resanctioned yet)* or within eighteen (18) days of a National Tournament Promoter of the same conference's resanctioned date. *(Any exception will be considered on a case by case basis.)*

c. Regional Conference tournaments will not be allowed to resanction their tournament within eighteen (18) days difference of the present date of another Regional Conference tournament that is in the same conference *(if the other tournament is not resanctioned yet)* or within eighteen (18) days of a Regional Tournament Promoter of the same conference's resanctioned date. *(Any exception will be considered on a case by case basis.)*

**New NBL Promoters** - No newly proposed NBL regional promoter will be allowed to sanction within three (3) months prior to their projected tournament date and no new NBL national promoter will be allowed to sanction within six (6) months prior to their projected tournament date. *(Any exception will be considered on a case by case basis.)*

### **CONFERENCES**

**Conference Membership** - The membership of a tournament into a Conference(s) will be discussed prior to resanctioning *(or first time sanctioning)* and shall not change after the NBL offices are in receipt of the signed Promoter's Agreement and payment. *(Any exception will be considered on a case by case basis.)*

### **PROMOTER BROCHURES**

**Deadline** - Resanctioned NBL National Tournament Promoters should have their tournament brochure printed by and for the Super Grands preceding the season of their resanction.

### **SUPER GRANDS**

**Brochure Deadline** - The Super Grands brochure should be available by the start of the NBL season *(beginning approximately February 1 or at the first NBL Conference tournament of the year.)*