

Calculation of Solo Aggregate Points – Submitted by Suzan Karayel

Existing Text

None.

Proposed Text (Contest Rules)

- 1.14. **Yearly Champions:** At the end of the competition year, solo results from WUSPBA-sanctioned contests are aggregated to determine the WUSPBA Champions in each solo competition class. In any given class, the competitor with the most “aggregate points” for the year is the WUSPBA Champion. Aggregate points are determined as follows:

Each solo competitor that finishes in the top six (6) places for an event will earn one (1) aggregate point for placing and an additional one (1) aggregate point for each competitor they best.

For example, in an event with ten competitors, the first place competitor earns 10 aggregate points, second place earns 9 points, etc., until sixth place which earns 5 points.

The following restrictions apply:

Only solo competitors who have registered with WUSPBA for the current year are eligible to earn aggregate points, and only for the class(es) in which they are registered.

Aggregate points will be awarded only at contests that have been sanctioned by WUSPBA and adhere to the WUSPBA Contest Rules.

No aggregate points will be awarded at invitation-only solo contests.

Aggregate points will be awarded only for WUSPBA-approved events, as provided in these Contest Rules. No points will be awarded for local option events.

If an event is separated into two or more leets, aggregate points will be awarded for each leet. No points will be awarded for playoffs.

The number of competitors shall be the actual number of judged competitors. Competitors that enter an event but scratch or do not show are not counted in the total number of competitors.

Competitors that are disqualified and competitors that break down and do not finish the competition are counted for the purpose of determining the total number of competitors in the event. However, such competitors will not be awarded a place and will not earn any aggregate points, even if they would otherwise be in the top six (i.e., if there are six or fewer competitors in the event).

Explanation & Rationale

Clarify how solo aggregate points are calculated by adding it to the Contest Rules.

Version B – includes proposed change to exclude results from invitational contests

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Additionally, restrict the award of aggregate points to non-invitational contests. That is, contests that are open to entry by any WUSPBA solo competitor.

Currently, aggregate points are awarded equally to and open and invitational contests alike. This means that, whereas any and all WUSPBA competitors have a fair opportunity to win the points that will be awarded at contests open to everyone, the sponsor of an invitational contest effectively pre-determines who will earn the aggregate points at their event. Although very few WUSPBA-sanctioned contests are in fact invitational, no individual contest sponsor should have the ability to skew the overall WUSPBA standings in this way. The yearly WUSPBA Championship should not factor in results from a contest that the majority of WUSPBA competitors are not allowed to enter.