



Clarification Summary

- NASKA has decided to keep the 10-point spread in both individual and team point sparring. See 2026 NASKA rulebook for complete rules.

Penalty point clarification:

- **Non-penalty points:** A point will be awarded to his or her opponent for avoiding fighting, Examples would be going out of bounds (see out of bounds rule), running and not engaging the opponent, falling down to avoid contact, etc. This type of violation is not considered unsafe or unsportsmanlike and will not accumulate towards disqualification.
- **Penalty points:** these points are given for safety infractions and/or unsportsmanlike conduct. These points accumulate and on the 3rd infraction will result in disqualification. Examples of safety infractions would be illegal or blind techniques, hitting after the center official calls stop, retaliation strike after stop, hitting a downed competitor, etc. Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct penalties would be a coach standing up or leaving the chair during the match, use of

profanity, continuing to protest after a decision has been made, etc. Other causes of penalty points are late to the match, improper or missing required equipment, etc. See the 2026 NASKA rule book for complete rules.

- NASKA has also decided that all World sanctioned tournaments will be rated the same for 2026 and will give the same points. The best 10 of 12 is still in effect for all World tournaments.