

COACHES BRIEF

9TH BLUEWAVE POOMSAE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

Sunday 6th September 2026

1. GENERAL CONDUCT



KEY POINTS

- ✓ Coaches and athletes are expected to behave professionally and respectfully throughout the event.
- ✓ There will be zero tolerance of abusive language, aggressive behaviour, or questioning the integrity of referee officials.
- ✓ **Remember:** respect everyone — athletes, coaches, referees, officials and volunteers.
- ✓ Coaches have the right to raise concerns or protest a result or procedure; however, this must be done within the competition rules and through the correct procedure.

2. COMPETITION AREA



KEY POINTS

- ✓ **Keep the area immediately behind the referees clear at all times.**
- ✓ Athletes and coaches should only access the competition area through the designated access areas.
- ✓ Do not enter or cross through referee areas.
- ✓ Athletes should remain in the warm-up area until their category is ready to compete.
- ✓ Only athletes and coaches involved in the current divisions will be permitted courtside.
- ✓ Please ensure athletes are ready and available when required to help keep the competition running to schedule.

3. COACHING



KEY POINTS

- ✓ It is not compulsory for an athlete to have a coach, although having a coach is highly recommended.
- ✓ Only coaches who have passed the coach audit are permitted to coach at the competition.
- ✓ No recording of performances while coaching.
- ✓ Coaches should concentrate on their athlete and avoid interfering with the operation of the court.

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4. COACHES DRESS



KEY POINTS

- ✓ Long trousers — no shorts.
- ✓ Feet must be covered.
- ✓ If also competing: no belt visible, feet covered and tracksuit top worn while coaching.

5. ATHLETES UNIFORMS



KEY POINTS

- ✓ GBR and regional/country doboks may be worn.
- ✓ The belt and dobok must match the athlete's relevant age/category.
- ✓ For example, Cadet/Poom athletes should wear the appropriate red/black Poom belt and Poom dobok collar.

6. METHOD OF COMPETITION



DAN DIVISIONS

- ✓ 9 athletes or fewer — straight final.

KUP DIVISIONS

- ✓ Maximum of 2 rounds — Semi-Final and Final.
- ✓ 10 athletes or fewer — straight final.

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7. COMPULSORY POOMSAE



KEY POINTS

- ✓ Coaches and athletes are responsible for checking the correct compulsory Poomsae for their division and round.

DAN & K1

- ✓ Poomsae will be drawn.

K2 & K3

- ✓ The same Poomsae cannot be repeated within the same round.
- ✓ A Poomsae may be performed again in a later round where applicable.



Wrong Poomsae: -0.6 deduction.

8. RESTARTS PROCEDURE



KEY POINTS

DAN & K1

- ✓ One restart permitted.
- ✓ -0.6 deduction for the restart.

K2 & K3

- ✓ Where a restart is required, a -0.6 deduction applies for each restart. (No limit on restarts)

9. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES



KEY POINTS

Dan & Kup Categories

- ✓ A substitute may be permitted in a pair or team on the day due to sickness, provided the replacement athlete is:
 - ✓ The same grade.
 - ✓ In the same age category.
 - ✓ Not already competing in another pair or team.
- ✓ All athletes must compete in their actual grade category, including pairs and teams.
- ✓ Any replacements must be certified for eligibility with the OC straight after the coaches meeting.

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10. REFEREE & SCORING MATTERS



KEY POINTS

- ✓ Coaches should not approach individual judges or referee officials directly regarding a score or decision.
- ✓ Any matter relating to referee officials, scoring, referee decisions, competition rules or procedures should be referred to:
Glen Culbert – Chief Referee
- ✓ If you wish to discuss or clarify anything relating to refereeing, scoring or competition rules, I am available to speak with you.

11. OFFICIAL PROTESTS



KEY POINTS

- ✓ Any official protest must be received within **10 minutes** of the division finishing, preferably before the results are announced.
- ✓ The protest fee is **£75**, which will be returned if the protest is successful.
- ✓ All protests must be made through the correct official procedure.

12. SOCIAL MEDIA



KEY POINTS

- ✓ Please refrain from making complaints on social media regarding referees, referee decisions or competition results.
- ✓ If you have a concern, please raise it through the appropriate channels at the event so that it can be discussed and addressed properly.

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13. EVENT MANAGEMENT



KEY POINTS

- ✓ For issues relating to the general organisation or management of the event, please speak with:

Master Lynne Firth – Event Management

Event Management



Master Lynne Firth

Referees / Scoring / Rules



Glen Culbert, Chief Referee

14. KEEPING THE COMPETITION RUNNING



KEY POINTS

- ✓ Please have athletes ready in good time and listen carefully for calls to the holding and competition areas.
- ✓ Coaches and athletes are asked to cooperate with event staff and referee officials to help keep the competition running smoothly and on schedule.
- ✓ Any changes to the running schedule will be announced via the PA system and the WhatsApp channel.
- ✓ Above all, please remember that everyone involved is here to support a successful competition.
- ✓ Respect the athletes, coaches, referees, officials and volunteers.
- ✓ The same standards of professionalism, respect and conduct apply equally to referees and event officials. We all have a responsibility to treat each other with respect and help create a positive and professional competition environment.

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15. SCREEN CHECK



KEY POINTS

- ✓ Before entering the mat, athletes and coaches should check the monitor screen to confirm that the correct athlete is displayed.
- ✓ Please ensure the athlete's details are correct before starting the performance.

16. AWARDS CEREMONY



KEY POINTS

- ✓ Medals will be awarded as follows:
 - Gold
 - Silver
 - 3rd – Bronze
 - 4th – Bronze
- ✓ Medals will be presented on the mat after each category.



Overall Team Awards

Overall Team Awards will be announced and presented at the end of the tournament.

17. CLOSING



KEY POINTS

- ✓ Thank you for your time, cooperation and support.
- ✓ Best of luck to all athletes competing at the 9th Bluewave Poomsae Championships!