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**SPORT RULES
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USED TERMINOLOGY

Knife – a sports equipment used by athletes during the performance of disciplines.

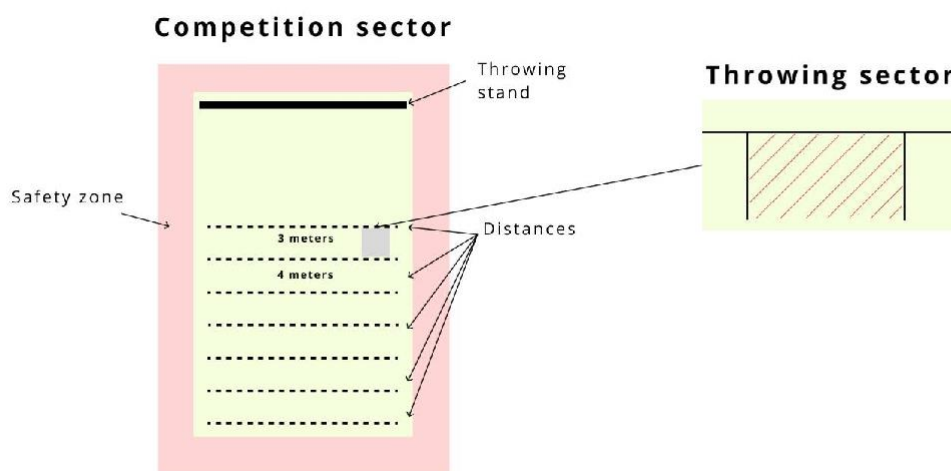
Throwing stand – a specially prepared wooden equipment designed for knife throwing.

Competition sector/area – a specially equipped area where throwing stands are located, distances are measured, throwing sectors are marked, and a designated safety zone is established.

Throwing sector – a designated area for the athlete during the throwing event.

Safety zone – a fenced-off area around the throwing area that excludes the presence of unauthorized individuals and objects.

Distance – a measured and marked distance between the throwing sector and the throwing stand.



Crossing the line – the violation by the athlete of the designated distance during the performance of the discipline.

Discipline – knife throwing in scoring series from specific distances. Types of disciplines:

- Distance of 3 meters
- Distance of 4 meters
- Distance of 5 meters
- Distance of 6 meters
- Distance of 7 meters
- Distance of 8 meters
- Distance of 9 meters
- Long-Distance Throwing
- Speed Throwing
- RITM
- MSD distance of 3 meters (S)
- MSD distance of 3 meters (L)
- MSD distance of 3 meters (U)
- MSD distance of 4 meters (S)
- MSD distance of 4 meters (L)
- MSD distance of 4 meters (U)
- MSD distance of 5 meters (S)

- MSD distance of 5 meters (L)
- MSD distance of 5 meters (U)
- Distance of 3.5 meters
- Distance of 4.5 meters
- Distance of 5.5 meters

Throw scoring series – throwing a certain number of knives with points awarded based on the number of punctures.

Puncture – the hole in the target made by the knife upon hitting the throwing stand, corresponding to a specific number of points in the target.

Target – an artificial goal with a central zone and several alternating concentric zones of black and white of varying value.

Shift – a group of athletes formed to perform a discipline. The number of athletes in one shift corresponds to the number of throwing stands located in the competition sector.

Age group – a range of birth years into which athletes are divided for the purpose of competition events.

Rethrow – throwing the knife again in a scoring series.

Competition stages – the period of tallying the results shown by athletes to determine the group of athletes participating in the next period or to determine the winner.

Types of stages:

1. Preliminary stages:
 - Qualifying stage (all registered athletes);
 - Quarterfinal stage (not more than 32 athletes);
 - Semifinal stage (not more than 16 athletes).
2. Final stage (not more than 8 athletes).

SECTION I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. These Rules (hereinafter referred to as "the Rules") are developed by the International Sports Knife Throwing Association (ISKTA) (hereinafter referred to as "the Association").
2. The Rules are mandatory for all organizations that are members of the Association and conduct official sports competitions in the sport of "sports knife throwing" (hereinafter referred to as "the competitions").
3. Official personnel (team representatives, coaches, athletes, and referees) participating in the competitions are required to act in accordance with these Rules.
4. Any official personnel who fail to comply with the requirements of these Rules or show disrespect towards the referee board or the organizing committee of the competitions may be disqualified and/or removed from the competitions.

Article 1. Nature of the Competitions

1. Individual rankings are determined by calculating the personal results of participants, considering only their individual performances.
2. Winners and medalists in the individual rankings in each discipline are determined by the highest number of accumulated points. In case of a tie, the winner is

determined based on the last (penultimate, and so on) scoring series.

3. If all participants in the individual rankings have the same number of accumulated points in all scoring series, their ranking is determined through additional series until a winner is determined. The points obtained in the additional series are not indicated in the protocol and are not added to the main scoring series. The notation "/1" is used to denote the participant with the highest number of points in the additional series, "/2" for the second participant, and so on.
4. Team rankings are determined by calculating and summing up the individual results during the preliminary stages in each discipline of all members of a national team. In case the competition consists of a single final stage, the results shown by the athletes in the final stage are summed up.
5. All registered teams participate in the team rankings, regardless of the number of athletes. The maximum number of athletes allowed to participate in the team rankings is limited by the maximum quota of registered athletes for national teams in sports competitions.
6. In case of an equal number of accumulated points among teams, priority is given to the team that has scored a higher sum of points in a more prioritized discipline.

Discipline Priorities:

1. Long-Distance Throwing, men.
2. Long-Distance Throwing, women.
3. Distance of 9 meters, men / men junior.
4. Distance of 7 meters, women / women junior.
5. Distance of 7 meters, men / men junior / boys.
6. Distance of 5 meters, women / women junior / girls.
7. Distance of 5 meters, men / men junior / boys.
8. Distance of 3 meters, women/ women junior / boys / girls.
9. Speed Throwing, women / women junior.
10. Speed Throwing, men / men junior.
11. RITM, men / men junior.
12. RITM, women / women junior.
13. Distance of 4.5 meters, men / men junior / boys.
14. Distance of 3.5 meters, women / women junior / girls.

Article 2. Conducting the Competitions

1. The warm-up of athletes is controlled by a specifically appointed referee.
2. During the warm-up, athletes are required to adhere to all safety rules established by these Rules and Regulations.
3. The order of performing disciplines must be specified in the Regulations of the competitions and can only be changed by the decision of the organizing committee and the chief referee of the competitions.
4. If necessary, athletes are allowed to take a technical pause of no more than 1 minute in each discipline at each stage of the competition. Additional time may be granted at the discretion of the chief referee.

A technical pause may be granted for the following reasons:

- Damaged clothing of the athlete (the athlete must replace the damaged clothing).
 - Damaged knife (the athlete must repair or replace the damaged knife).
 - Wear of the target (the athlete must replace the used target with a new one).
 - Damaged stand (the organizing committee must repair the damaged stand, and the time allocated for the technical pause may be extended).
 - Provision of medical assistance to the athlete (the competition doctor must provide medical assistance to the athlete and, if necessary, call an ambulance).
5. The athlete may be withdrawn from the discipline or the competition entirely based on the decision of the doctor or the organizing committee.
 6. To request a technical pause, the athlete must approach one of the referees in the competition sector, raising their hand without a knife.
 7. An athlete who has taken a pause continues the performance of the scoring series with the knife from which they interrupted their performance.
 8. After completing the scoring series following a technical pause, the remaining participants of the shift must be positioned on the throwing line in their respective sectors.
 9. If an athlete, after using a technical pause, is unable to continue their performance in the discipline, the results of the completed scoring series are counted for them, and zero points are recorded for the remaining scoring series.
 10. If an athlete arrives late to the competition area for warm-up, no additional time is granted. If the athlete does not appear in the competition area before the start of the first trial series (in the absence of trial series, before the start of the first scoring series), they are disqualified from the discipline. The protocol should indicate "disqualification" (DSQ) in the "Points" column.
 11. When performing a discipline on the established distance, the athlete is not allowed to position themselves more than 2 meters from the starting line.
 12. When performing a discipline on the established distance, the athlete is not allowed to violate the lateral boundaries of their throwing sector. The athlete can leave their sector for throwing only to follow the referee's command or to perform actions within the framework of a technical pause.
 13. If an athlete or team that has won a prize fails to appear at the awards ceremony, the result of the performance is cancelled and the place is awarded to the athlete or team that has shown the next result.
 14. In exceptional cases, based on a written application from a representative of the national team, the referee board, together with the Organizing Committee, may decide to issue awards to an athlete who is absent from the awards ceremony.

SECTION II. COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS

Article 3. Disciplines and Age Groups of Participants

1. Age group is a range of birth years into which athletes are divided for the purpose of the competitive process.
2. Official sports competitions are held in groups according to gender and age in various disciplines (Table 1).

Table 1

Disciplines and Age Groups:

Discipline	Age Group
Distance of 3 meters	Girls (8-9 years old)
Distance of 3 meters	Boys (8-9 years old)
Distance of 3 meters	Girls (10-11 years old)
Distance of 3 meters	Boys (10-11 years old)
Distance of 3 meters Distance of 4 meters	Girls (12-13 years old)
Distance of 3 meters Distance of 4 meters	Boys (12-13 years old)
Distance of 3 meters Distance of 4 meters Distance of 5 meters	Girls (14-15 years old)
Distance of 3 meters Distance of 4 meters Distance of 5 meters	Boys (14-15 years old)
Distance of 3 meters Distance of 4 meters Distance of 5 meters Distance of 3.5 meters	Girls (16-17 years old)
Distance of 5 meters Distance of 6 meters Distance of 7 meters Distance of 3.5 meters	Boys (16-17 years old)
Distance of 3 meters Distance of 4 meters Distance of 5 meters Distance of 6 meters Distance of 7 meters Long-Distance Throwing Speed Throwing RITM MSD – Distance of 3 meters (S) MSD – Distance of 3 meters (L) MSD – Distance of 3 meters (U) MSD – Distance of 4 meters (S) MSD – Distance of 4 meters (L) MSD – Distance of 4 meters (U) MSD – Distance of 5 meters (S) MSD – Distance of 5 meters (L) MSD – Distance of 5 meters (U)	Junior Women (18-25 years old)

Distance of 3.5 meters	
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Distance of 5 meters Distance of 6 meters Distance of 7 meters Distance of 8 meters Distance of 9 meters	Men

Long-Distance Throwing Speed Throwing RITM MSD – Distance of 3 meters (S) MSD – Distance of 3 meters (L) MSD – Distance of 3 meters (U) MSD – Distance of 4 meters (S) MSD – Distance of 4 meters (L) MSD – Distance of 4 meters (U) MSD – Distance of 5 meters (S) MSD – Distance of 5 meters (L) MSD – Distance of 5 meters (U) Distance of 4.5 meters Distance of 5.5 meters	
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3. To participate in sports competitions among boys and girls (8-9 years old, 10-11 years old) the athlete must reach the established minimum age before the start of the sports competition, and the athlete must reach the established maximum age in the calendar year of the sports competition.
4. To participate in sports competitions among boys and girls (12-13 years old, 14-15 years old) the athlete must reach the prescribed age in the calendar year of the sports competition.
5. To participate in sports competitions among boys and girls (16-17 years old) the athlete must reach the established minimum age in the calendar year of the sports competition, and the athlete must reach the established maximum age before the start of the sports competition.
6. To participate in sports competitions in the “junior men (18-25 years old)” and “junior women (18-25 years old)” age groups, an athlete must reach the age of 18 before the start of sports competitions, and the athlete must reach the maximum age in the calendar year of sports competitions.
7. To participate in sports competitions in the “men” and “women” age groups, an athlete must reach the age of 26 in the calendar year of the sports competition.
8. By decision of the organizing committee, athletes of the “junior men (18-25 years old)” and “junior women (18-25 years old)” age groups are allowed to participate in competitions in the “men” and “women” age groups, if no competitions are held in this age group.
9. In order to participate in sports competitions in sports disciplines with the abbreviation “MSD” in the name, the athlete must confirm his disability (damage to the musculoskeletal system) with a document valid at the time of the competition with a medical report (medical and social expertise).
10. Persons with the following eligible types of physical impairment take part in competitions among athletes with MSD:
 - Impaired Muscle Power;
 - Impaired Passive Range of Movement;
 - Limb Deficiency;

- Leg Length Difference.
11. Athletes with MSD are divided into the following sports classes:
 - S (Sitting). Athletes of the sports class “S” have poor balance and/or stability of the trunk due to damage to the lower extremities and/or trunk and compete in a sitting position.
 - L (Impairment of the lower extremities). Athletes of the “L” sports class have good balance and stability of the trunk, have an impairment in one of the lower extremities or an impairment of the lumbosacral spine and compete in a standing position.
 - U (Impairment of the upper extremities). Athletes of the sports class “U” have good balance and stability of the trunk, have upper limb damage or damage to the cervical spine and compete in a standing position.
 12. When conducting competitions for athletes with MSD, the Rules of the sport “sports knife throwing” should be followed.

Article 4. Participants' eligibility for competitions

1. Athletes who have appropriate training, knowledge, and comply with the requirements of these Rules and Regulations of the competitions are eligible to participate. They must also have obtained permission from a doctor.
2. The sports clothing for athletes consists of a t-shirt that does not cover the wrist, with the emblem of the International Sports Knife Throwing Association on the chest and the inscription “Sports Knife Throwing” on the back, along with the country name and the athlete's surname (or surname and first name). Athletes should wear sports pants or shorts and appropriate sports footwear. Athletes are allowed to wear a baseball cap with the logo of the International Sports Knife Throwing Association as headgear. The Organizing Committee may specify alternative clothing.
3. Simultaneous competitions for multiple age groups on the same distance, followed by separate scoring, are allowed.
4. Participants are prohibited from carrying objects that may cause injury. The hand used by the athlete for throwing must be completely free from any clothing, decorative elements, watches, etc. The wrist should not be fixed.
5. The conditions for participants' eligibility for the competitions and the list of required documents are additionally defined in the Competition Regulations.
6. The following documents are among the mandatory requirements for the athlete's eligibility for the competitions:
 - Passport of a foreign citizen.
 - Medical insurance policy.
 - Application for participation, signed by the head of the national sports federation that is a member of or affiliated with the International Sports Knife Throwing Association.
7. Participants are allowed to use knives approved by the Association.
- 7.1. Girls (8-9 years), boys (8-9 years), girls (10-11 years), boys (10-11 years), girls (12-13 years), boys (12-13 years), girls (14-15 years), boys (14-15 years), girls (16-17 years), and boys (16-17 years) are eligible to participate in

competitions with “SMN” throwing knives that meet the dimensions presented in Figure 1:

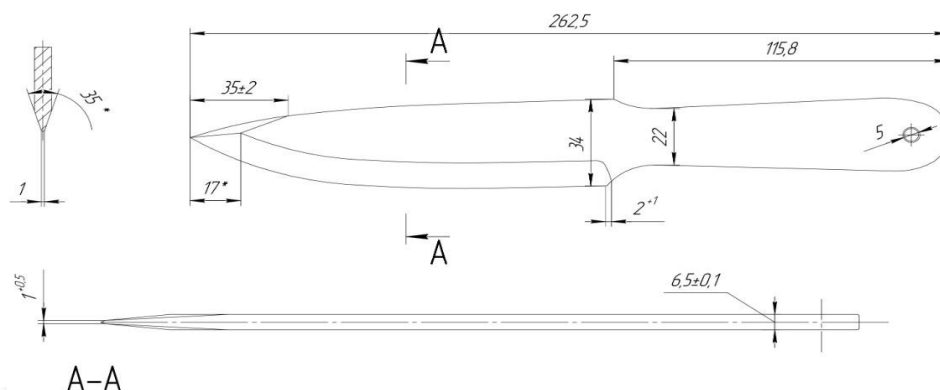


Figure 1. Throwing knives “SMN”

7.2. Junior men (18-25 years), junior women (18-25 years), men, and women are eligible to participate in competitions with “SMN+” throwing knives that meet the dimensions presented in Figure 2:

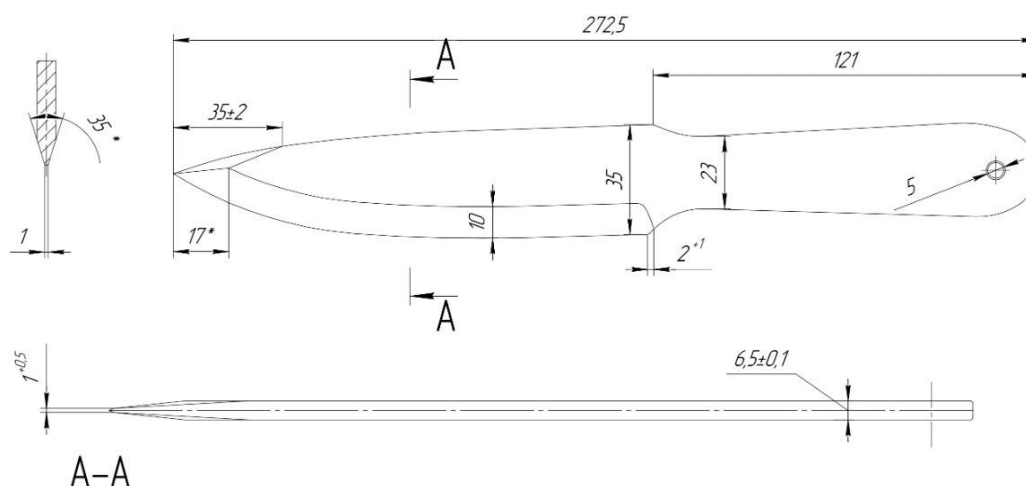


Figure 2. Throwing knives “SMN+”

8. Knives used by athletes are presented to the admission commission before the start of the competition for verification and receive a mark (stamp).
9. Replacement of damaged knives during the competition, including during the discipline, is allowed only with knives that have passed the admission commission.
10. If a participant has fewer than three functional knives during the performance of the discipline, they have the right to rectify the knife's malfunction during the technical pause, replace the knives with those that have passed the admission commission, or use knives provided by the referee board.
11. The start of a valid series with fewer than three knives is not allowed, except in cases where the knives were damaged during the discipline and the participant was unable to rectify the knife's malfunction or if the organizing committee failed to provide spare knives. In this case, the participant can continue the competition with the remaining functional knives, and all missing knives are counted as misses, resulting in 0 points.

12. If a participant uses at least one knife that has not passed the admission commission during the competition, they will be disqualified from the competition, and their achieved results will be nullified.
13. Team applications for athletes' participation in the competition are prepared according to the Association's established form and submitted within the deadlines set by the Regulations of the competition.
14. The application is signed by the head of the national sports federation and certified with the federation's stamp, if available.
15. The admission commission, appointed by the organizing committee, is responsible for participants' admission and the competition draw.
16. The admission commission consists of no fewer than three referees.
17. The admission commission has the authority to decide on the non-admission of an athlete to the competition in case of violations of these Rules and/or the Regulations of the competition.
18. The Association is not responsible for injuries or accidents that occur during the competition in case of non-compliance with the requirements of these Rules and/or the Regulations of the competition.
19. All cases where athletes have been disqualified from the competition are reviewed by the Control and Disciplinary Committee (CDC).

Article 5. Warnings and Disqualification

1. The following violations may result in penalties:
 - 1.1. Crossing or stepping over the sector boundaries for throwing.
 - 1.2. Lifting the knife from the floor before the referee announces the results of the athlete's valid series.
 - 1.3. Throwing a knife without the referee's command.
 - 1.4. Disputes or conversations with referees and other participants of the competition.
 - 1.5. Failure to comply with the referee's command within the throwing sector.
 - 1.6. Repeated unreasonable request for a rethrow.
 - 1.7. Violation of the knife throwing technique.
 - 1.8. Violation of safety regulations.
 - 1.9. Interfering with other athletes or referees, unsporting behavior.
2. Each violation of the rules within the throwing sector during the competition results in a warning for the athlete
3. For a repeated or intentional violation of the rules, the athlete receives a caution, which is recorded in the athlete's scorecard. In case of receiving a second caution, the athlete is automatically disqualified from the discipline, and the achieved results are cancelled. The final protocol will include the notation "DSQ".
4. In case of a gross violation of the Rules, the athlete is disqualified from the competition, all results shown by him during the given competition are cancelled. In case of a gross violation of the rules, a disciplinary penalty is also imposed on the athlete, the amount and term of the penalty is determined by the Control and Disciplinary Committee (CDC), which is created after the end of the competition

and holds a meeting no later than 30 days from the date of the end of the competition. The CDC must include at least 3 sports referees from the competitions held at which the athlete was disqualified, and 2 representatives of ISKTA. The CDC makes a decision and formalizes it in a protocol, which is communicated to the head of the national sports federation. In the event of a decision on a monetary penalty (fine), the fine is imposed on the national sports federation. Athletes of national sports federations with outstanding fines are not allowed to participate in competitions.

5. Disqualification for serious violations can be imposed for the following actions:
 - 5.1. Any violation of the rules that has caused or could have caused injury to any of the competition participants.
 - 5.2. Repeated failure to comply with the instructions of the referee board or representatives of the Association.
 - 5.3. Unsportsmanlike behavior.
 - 5.4. Obstruction of the competition.
6. Warnings and disqualifications are issued by the senior referee in the competition sector.
7. Violations are announced to the athlete at any time of the competition, except for the time of the scoring series.
8. The disqualification is imposed by the Chief Referee of the competition
9. In case of disqualification, the entry fee is not refunded.

Article 6. Competition Draw and Allocation of Athletes to Stands

1. The order of athletes' performances in the qualifying stage (or the final stage if the competition is held in a single final stage) is determined by a competition draw for each discipline separately.
2. During the draw, athletes are distributed among stands and shifts.
3. The draw is carried out electronically using a random method.
4. The draw is conducted once. The results of the draw are not revised.
5. In case of selection of athletes from the preliminary stage to the quarterfinal, semifinal or final stages, the athletes are arranged in the stands as follows: first, the athletes are divided into shifts, according to the number of stands in the competition sector, if there is more than one shift, then the shifts are formed from weak to strong, according to the results shown by the athletes. In each shift, the athlete who showed the best result stands on the central stand, then the athletes are arranged in turn from right to left.

The number of stands	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Distribution of athletes based on results	3	1	2	4				
	5	3	1	2	4			
	5	3	1	2	4	6		
	7	5	3	1	2	4	6	
	7	5	3	1	2	4	6	8

6. If an athlete refuses to compete in the next stage for any objective reason, having previously notified the organizing committee or the referee board, the vacant place may be taken by the next athlete from the previous stage who did not enter this stage.

Article 7. Duties and Rights of Athletes

1. The athlete is obliged to:
 - 1.1. Arrive at the competition venue in a timely manner.
 - 1.2. Pass the admission process.
 - 1.3. Know and strictly adhere to the current Rules of Sports Knife Throwing, Regulations of the competition.
 - 1.4. Strictly observe the safety measures established during the competition and warm-up.
 - 1.5. Have all the necessary documents required by the Rules and Regulations of the competition, and timely submit them through the representative to the admission commission.
 - 1.6. Unconditionally follow all instructions and directions of the referees related to the conduct of the competition and ensuring safety.
 - 1.7. Show respect towards the opponents.
 - 1.8. Follow the established schedule of the competition.
 - 1.9. Be polite and tactful in interactions with opponents, referees, and spectators.
 - 1.10. Use only knives that have passed the admission process.
 - 1.11. Compete in the prescribed uniform of the designated model.
 - 1.12. Remove any objects that may cause injury before entering the competition area.
 - 1.13. Warm up only in the designated areas assigned by the referee board and under the supervision of a referee.
 - 1.14. Throw knives and approach the stands only upon the command of the referee.
 - 1.15. Not leave the throwing sector during the execution of scoring series without the permission of the referee.
 - 1.16. Immediately stop throwing knives and inform the referee if any foreign objects, people, or animals appear in the competition area.
 - 1.17. Take full responsibility for any consequences resulting from the violation of the requirements of these Rules and/or the Regulations of the competition, including violations of established safety measures.
2. The participant has the right to:
 - 2.1. Receive medical assistance.
 - 2.2. Receive timely information about the progress of the competition, the lineup of athletes in the shifts, changes in the competition program, etc.
 - 2.3. Contact the referees during the breaks between stages through the team representative, or in person if there is no representative.
 - 2.4. Submit written protests if, in his opinion, the Rules and/or the Regulations of the competition have been violated by the referees or participants, through the team

representative, or in person if there is no representative. In the case of a personal appeal, be a participant in the consideration of the protest submitted by him.

2.5. Withdraw from the competition at any stage of the competition.

Article 8. Duties and Rights of Team Representative

1. The official team representative acts as an intermediary between the referee board and the participants of their team. The official team representative leads the team and is responsible for the behavior and discipline of its participants, as well as ensuring their compliance with these Rules and/or the Regulations of the competition. The official team representative must be included in the team's registration. The authority of the team representative begins from the moment the team departs for the competition and ends upon their return from the competition.
2. The official team representative is obliged to:
 - 2.1. Know and comply with these Rules, the Regulations, and the competition program.
 - 2.2. Ensure the timely arrival of his team's athletes at the competition venue.
 - 2.3. Timely submit all necessary documents, including the participants' documents, required by these Rules and the Regulations of the competition, to the admission commission.
 - 2.4. Attend joint meetings of the referee board and team representatives.
 - 2.5. Inform the members of their team about the decisions of the referee board.
 - 2.6. Be in close proximity to the competition area during the performance of their athletes, observing safety rules and techniques.
 - 2.7. Maintain a courteous and ethical relationship with the referees, athletes, and other participants of the competition, resolving all disputes in the established manner.
3. The official team representative has the right to:
 - 3.1. Request changes to the team's registration in accordance with the Regulations of the competition, no later than the completion of the admission commission's work.
 - 3.2. Be present at the admission commission during the inspection of compliance of knives with the established requirements and during the marking process.
 - 3.3. Have information on all matters related to the conduct and results of the competition and convey it to the members of his team.
 - 3.4. Express observations and participate in the discussion of issues at joint meetings of the referee board and team representatives.
 - 3.5. Submit substantiated claims (protests) in accordance with these Rules, with mandatory reference to the rule points that have been violated.
 - 3.6. Participate in the consideration of the submitted claim (protest).
4. The team representative is prohibited from:
 - 4.1. Interfering with the work of the referees and the organizing committee.
 - 4.2. Giving advice or instructions to athletes during their practice, scoring, and additional series.

4.3. Giving orders and instructions to the members of their team that contradict these Rules, the Regulations of the competition, and the requirements for observing safety techniques.

SECTION III. DISCIPLINES.

Article 9. General Procedure for Performing Disciplines

1. Throwing is done with “SMN” and “SMN+” knives.
2. Throwing is performed from a stance facing the targets, with one leg forward and the other leg behind. Athletes are not allowed to take a running start (stride) during the throw.
3. Competitions may consist of multiple stages: preliminary stage (qualifying, quarterfinal, semifinal) and the final stage.
4. All registered athletes participate in the qualifying stage.
5. The quarterfinal stage includes the top 32 athletes from the qualifying stage.
6. The semifinal stage includes the top 16 athletes from the quarterfinal or qualifying stages.
7. The final stage includes the top 8 athletes from the semifinal or qualifying stages. Upon the decision of the competition's organizing committee, the final stage may be conducted as a single stage, in which case all registered athletes participate in the final stage.
8. The order of age group competitions (number of stages in each) may vary according to the decision of the organizing committee.
9. The number of athletes participating in the quarterfinal, semifinal, and final stages may vary according to the decision of the organizing committee.
10. When the time allotted for a series elapses, the stopwatch is stopped, and the command “STOP, TIME” is immediately given.
11. A knife that was released by the athlete's hand during the “STOP, TIME” command is counted if it hits the target.
12. All knives remaining with the athlete after the “STOP, TIME” command are considered misses.
13. If a knife, released by the athlete's hand after the “STOP, TIME” command, knocks out previous knives from the target, those previous knives are counted as misses, and no additional throws are given in this case.
14. The referee board designates the discipline and category of athletes, calls for the change of athletes in the competition area, specifies the stand number, the surname, first name, and the country the athlete represents.
15. The number of called athletes in the competition area must correspond to the number of stands in the competition area.
16. Athletes enter the competition area and position themselves in their respective sectors facing the target stands with knives in hand.
17. Upon the command of the senior referee in the competition sector, “SET UP TARGETS”, athletes attach the targets to the throwing stands at a convenient height (within the frame of the stand) and then return to their throwing sectors.

Athlete representatives or coaches are allowed to assist in attaching the targets to the stands. If an athlete does not have a representative or coach, the athlete has the right to seek assistance from the referee board. Once the targets are attached, the assistant must promptly leave the competition area.

18. Prior to giving the command, the senior referee in the competition sector must ensure that there are no unauthorized individuals, animals, devices, or objects in the competition sector that could hinder or interfere with the execution of the discipline.
19. The senior referee in the competition sector gives the command, **“ARE THE ATHLETES READY?”** After this command, each athlete must confirm their readiness to perform the discipline by raising their hand above their head, with the hand free from the knife.
20. Before each series, the senior referee in the competition sector gives the command, **“1, 2...” “PRACTICE, or SCORING, or ADDITIONAL” SERIES, BEGIN!”** After this command, athletes start performing the series, and the timekeeper referee starts the timing for the allotted time for the series.
21. During warm-up, the warm-up referee gives the commands **“BEGIN”**, after which athletes start making throws, and **“TO THE TARGETS”**, after which athletes collect the used knives.
22. If the senior referee in the competition sector gives the command **“STOP”** during the execution of throws, the timing is paused. The paused series can only be resumed after the command **“BEGIN”**. When continuing the series, the remaining time is allocated to complete the series, regardless of how many knives each athlete has left.
23. After completing a series of throws, each athlete takes two steps backward to confirm the end of the throws. An athlete has the right to finish a series with unused knives. To do this, the athlete must place the unused knives on the floor in front of him, then take two steps back.
24. The senior referee in the competition sector, after ensuring that all athletes have finished performing the series, gives the command **“TO THE TARGETS”**. The entire shift of athletes approaches their stands and waits for the value of the holes to be determined (points are not counted during trial series). Athletes are not allowed to touch the knives and targets, change their position or remove the knives until the total result of their series of throws is announced.
25. The senior referee in the competition sector, starting from the first stand, loudly and clearly announces the value of each hole and the total result of the series for each athlete at each stand. The hole values are announced starting from the higher values. In the case of a miss, zero is announced.
26. Athletes verify the accuracy of hole value determination.
27. After the announcement of the total result by the senior referee in the competition sector, athletes retrieve their knives from the stands, thereby confirming the announced results.
28. In the event of disputes, two additional referees are called to the stands by the senior referee in the competition sector to collectively examine and make a decision on the disputed situation.

29. After the determination and announcement of the results of the series, the athlete returns to his throwing sector and prepares for the next series.
30. An athlete is allowed to start a practice, scoring, or additional series while holding one knife in the throwing hand. The remaining knives must be held in the other hand.
31. In the event of a disputed situation, the athlete ceases the execution of the scoring series, raises his hand, and awaits the decision of the senior referee in the competition sector. The execution of series by the other participants is not interrupted in this case.

Article 10. Procedure for conducting competitions in the disciplines of “Distance of 3 meters”, “Distance of 4 meters”, “Distance of 5 meters”, “Distance of 6 meters”, “Distance of 7 meters”, “Distance of 8 meters”, “Distance of 9 meters”

1. Throwing a knife is done by moving the hand over the shoulder.
2. During flight, the knife must make at least one full rotation (spin).
3. Throwing from distances of 3, 5, 7, and 9 meters is done by gripping the knife handle.
4. Throwing from distances of 4, 6, and 8 meters is done by gripping the knife blade.
5. Throwing is carried out at 1 (one) target “T1”.
6. Throwing is conducted with three (3) knives in each series.
7. Each series is allocated 30 seconds for execution by the athletes.
8. The competition consists of 10 scoring series, with 3 throws in each series.
9. Upon the decision of the organizing committee, the preliminary stage (qualifying, quarter-final, and semi-final stages) may be conducted with 5 scoring series.
10. Prior to the execution of scoring series, athletes are given the opportunity to perform two trial series of three throws each. The results of the trial series are not counted or included in the scoring.

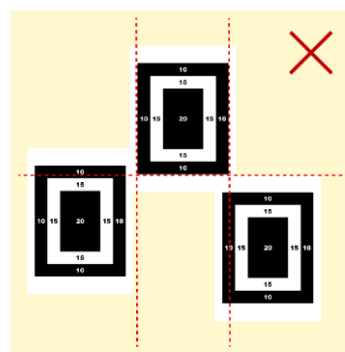
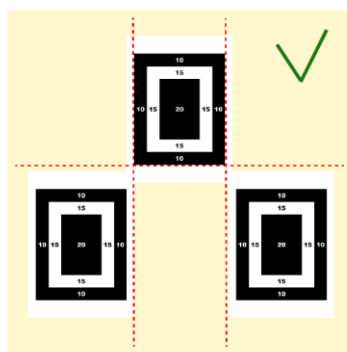
Article 11. Procedure for conducting competitions in the discipline “Long-Distance Throwing”

1. The discipline is conducted in one final stage.
2. Throwing a knife is carried out by moving the hand over the shoulder by gripping the handle or the blade.
3. During the flight, the knife must make at least one full rotation (spin).
4. Each shift of athletes begins throwing from the initial distance: women from 9 meters, men from 11 meters.
5. Throwing is performed at 1 (one) target “T1”.
6. Throwing is performed with 5 (five) knives in each series.
7. Athletes are given 60 seconds to complete each series.
8. At the end of the time allotted for the series, the stopwatch stops and the command “STOP, TIME” is given.
9. Rethrows are not provided.
10. After each series, the distance is increased by 2 meters.

11. The athlete's supporting leg should not be located more than 2 meters from the distance line.
12. Within each section, athletes throw knives at the same time. After that, the athletes who have made a successful throw move on to the next stage (the next throwing zone).
13. The zones are indicated only for determining the distance, and not for evaluating the throw (for example, it is allowed to throw from a distance of 10.99 m, although the thrower is located in two zones).
14. If the target has been hit, the athlete has the right to move to the next zone. Or he can throw the remaining knives within the given zone to increase the number of points.
15. The exercise ends if none of the five throws turned out to be effective.
16. The athlete who overcame the longest distance wins, regardless of how many points he scored in total.
17. If several athletes have completed their performance at the same distance, the place taken is determined by the highest number of points they scored at the final distance.
18. If the athletes have completed their performance at the same distance and scored the same number of points, then all the points scored by the athletes at all distances are calculated.
19. If the athletes contesting the prizes scored the same number of points in all the scoring series, they will be given additional series at the last successfully completed distance. If, during one additional series, the athletes failed to score points at this distance, they will return to the previous distance. Thus, additional series are continuing until the final allocation of places among the athletes. Additional episodes are not counted.
20. If athletes are provided with a warm-up in the competitive sector, it is held at a distance of 9 meters for women and 11 meters for men.

Article 12. Procedure for conducting competitions in the discipline “Speed Throwing”

1. Throwing is performed from a distance of 3 meters with a grip on the knife handle.
2. During the flight, the knife must make at least one full rotation (spin).
3. Throwing is carried out at 3 (three) targets “T2”.
4. The targets on the stand should be arranged in a checkerboard pattern, and the scoring areas of the targets should not overlap with each other (as shown in the picture).



5. Throwing is carried out with 9 (nine) knives in each series, with 3 (three) knives thrown at each target.
6. Athletes are given 15 seconds to complete each series.
7. The competition consists of 3 scoring series, with 9 throws in each series.
8. Prior to the scoring series, athletes are allowed to perform one practice series, and the results of this series are not counted towards the score. If a visible timer is not installed in the competition sector, which is accessible to each athlete, the time intervals of 5, 10 seconds and “STOP, TIME” are announced by the timekeeper referee during the practice series.
9. Scoring in the scoring series is done only for the three highest-value perforations in each target.
10. Knife rethrows are not provided.
11. Throwing stands must be positioned at a distance of at least 1.5 meters from each other. If the distance between the stands is less than 1.5 meters, athletes are positioned alternately, with one stand between them.

Article 13. Procedure for conducting competitions in the discipline “RITM”

1. Exercise for the category of athletes: boys, girls (16-17 years old); junior men, junior women (18-25 years old), women and men.
2. Throwing is carried out at 1 (one) target “T1”.
3. Competitions are held in 2 stages. At the first stage (preliminary competitions), all athletes who are allowed to compete, who perform exercises at distances of 3 meters, 3 series of 1 (one) knife, in the appropriate age groups, participate. At the second stage (finals), the 8 best participants from the first stage are allowed to compete for prizes, perform 3 series of 1 (one) knife each.
4. The knife is thrown from the spot by grabbing the handle of the knife. Throwing technique – multi-rotation (multi-spin) or no-rotation (no-spin). The type of throw is upper or lower. The position of the knife in the sheath is strictly with the blade in the sheath, the handle facing out. In order to avoid injury and cuts to the hand, it is forbidden to insert the knife into the sheath with the handle inside.
5. The chief referee designates the distance and category of athletes, calls a shift of athletes, according to the draw, in the throwing sector, calling the stand number (numbering of stands from left to right), the last name of the athlete.

6. The number of athletes called up must correspond to the number of stands in the throwing sector.
7. Before performing the scoring series, athletes are given the right to perform one trial series with one knife, while the results are not counted and are not counted.
8. The time to complete each scoring series after the “blue” indicator signal is triggered is no more than 3 seconds.

Article 14. The procedure for conducting competitions in a sports discipline with the abbreviation “MSD” in its name

1. Athletes are given 60 seconds to complete each series.
2. Throwing is carried out at 1 (one) target “T1”.
3. At the command **“TO THE TARGETS”**, athletes with MSD or authorized persons (for example: a volunteer, a team representative, a coach) approach the stands and wait for the results to be announced. After the results are announced, the athlete or authorized person takes the knives and returns to their throwing area. Authorized persons are prohibited from providing any auxiliary actions to athletes regarding the execution of throws.
4. Athletes with MSD enter the competition sector and are positioned in a certain throwing sector facing the stands with knives in their hands. For athletes of class “U” and “L”, it is allowed to use a sheath for three knives on the belt.
5. Athletes with MSD of class “S” are allowed to cross the distance line towards the target, but the axis of the hip joint must not cross the distance line.
6. For athletes of class “S”, throwing is carried out from a sitting position, facing the stand. It is allowed to rotate the wheelchair at an angle so that the athlete is positioned with the working shoulder to the stand.
7. For athletes of class “L”, throwing is carried out from any standing position without stepping over the line of the distance.
8. For athletes of class “U”, throwing is carried out from any standing position without stepping over the distance line.
9. At the command of the chief referee in the competition sector, **“HANG UP THE TARGETS”**, authorized persons attach targets to the throwing stand at a height convenient for the athlete performing (within the throwing stand) and then return to the throwing sector.
10. During the athletes' warm-up, the referee responsible for the warm-up gives the commands **“BEGIN”**, after which the athletes begin to make throws, and **“TO THE TARGETS”**, after which authorized persons take knives from the stands.
11. After completing a series of throws, the authorized person of the athlete of class “S” raises his hand, athletes of class “U” and “L” must move one meter away from the distance, thereby confirming the fact that the throws have ended.
12. After the **“TO THE TARGETS”** command, authorized persons approach the athletes' stands and wait for the dignity of the puncture to be determined. Authorized persons and referees have no right to touch knives and targets, change their position and remove knives, lift them from the floor, until the announcement of the total result of a series of throws and the absence of objection from the athlete.

13. An athlete with MSD is allowed, based on his personal desire and capabilities, to comply with all the rules in the competitive sector independently or to use the services of an authorized person partially.
14. After determining and announcing the results of a series of throws, the authorized person returns to the throwing area and hands the knives to the athlete for the next series.
15. An athlete with MSD has the right to start a trial, scoring or additional series holding one knife in his throwing hand, the remaining knives must be held in the other hand or in a sheath on his belt.
16. The athlete is given 20 seconds to rethrow one knife.
17. After the command **“STAND NO. __, RETHROW THE KNIFE(S)”**, the authorized person approaches the stand of the athlete to whom the rethrow is assigned, takes the knife(s) for rethrow and returns to the throwing sector, handing the knife(s) to the athlete.

Article 15. Procedure for conducting competitions in the disciplines of “Distance of 3.5 meters”, “Distance of 4.5 meters”, “Distance of 5.5 meters”

1. Throwing from distances of 3.5 meters, 4.5 meters and 5.5 meters is carried out by gripping the knife by the handle over the shoulder, while the knife in flight must turn no more than half a rotation (spin).
2. Knives thrown by an athlete using other techniques are fixed by the referees and are not counted.
3. Throwing is carried out on 1 (one) target “T1”.
4. Throwing is carried out with 3 (three) knives in each series.
5. Athletes are given 30 seconds to complete each series.
6. The stages of the competition are held in 10 scoring series of 3 throws each.
7. According to the decision of the organizing committee of the competition, the preliminary stage (qualifying, quarterfinal and semifinal stages) can be held in 5 or 10 scoring series.
8. Before performing the scoring series, athletes are given the right to perform two trial series of three knife, while the results are not counted.

Article 16. Definition and Procedure of “Rethrow”

1. “Rethrow” is throwing the knife again in a scoring series.
2. The athlete is given 10 seconds to make a throw with one knife.
3. If a knife hits another knife in the target, causing it not to stick in the target or to stick outside the target, the athlete is entitled to a rethrow for that knife.
4. If a knife knocks out one or two previous knives from the scoring area of the target but remains stuck in the target, only the knives that were knocked out of the scoring area are retried.
5. If a knife knocks out one or two previous knives from the scoring area of the target and falls or sticks outside the target stand, all knives are retried.
6. If a knife that did not hit the target knocks out a knife that is stuck in the target,

the knife that was knocked out of the target is retried.

7. Touching a knife that is outside the scoring area of the target is not a basis for a rethrow.
8. If a knife hits another knife in the target and sticks in the target with its handle, the athlete is entitled to a rethrow for that knife. If other knives were knocked out as well, they are also retried.
9. A knife that hits the target with its handle and remains stuck in the target is not subject to a rethrow.
10. If a knife sticks outside the scoring area of the target and clearly covers two or more target zones, becoming an obstacle for subsequent knives to hit the target, the athlete has the right to ask the referee to remove that knife from the stand. The decision is at the discretion of the senior referee in the competition sector.
11. If a knife hits another knife that is outside the scoring area of the target but clearly covers two or more target zones, the athlete is entitled to a rethrow for that knife. The senior referee in the competition sector has the right to remove the knife from the target if it is confirmed that it is indeed outside the scoring area. In this case, the referee pulls out the knife and places it on the floor under the stand.
12. If a knife knocks out another athlete's knife from the target or becomes an obstacle for another athlete's knife to hit the target (e.g., knives colliding in mid-air, ricochet from the stand to a neighboring stand), the right to a rethrow is given to the athlete whose knife was knocked out of the target or did not stick for this reason.
13. If a knife hits another knife but the knife does not immediately fall out of the target, a rethrow is only given if the knife falls out of the target before the command **“TO THE TARGETS”**.
14. If the knife released from the athlete's hand after the command **“STOP, TIME”** knocks the previous knives out of the target, then they are counted as misses, no throws are given in this case.
15. After the completion of the scoring series, the senior referee in the competition sector makes a decision regarding the rethrow of a knife or knives.
16. If the senior referee in the competition sector makes a positive decision regarding the rethrow of a knife, the number of knives that the athlete can rethrow is announced.
17. After the command **“STAND NO.__, RETHROW __ KNIFE(S)”**, the athlete approaches their stand, retrieves the knife(s) for the rethrow, and returns to their throwing sector.
18. The senior referee in the competition sector gives the command **“BEGIN”**, and the athlete proceeds to rethrow the knife(s).
19. If a negative decision is made regarding the rethrow, the athlete is given additional time to complete the scoring series, with 10 seconds allocated for each remaining knife.

Article 17. Protests

1. A protest (statement) is submitted in cases where a participant or team representative believes that a referee's decision or his action (or inaction)

- contradicts the current Rules and/or the Regulations of the competition.
2. Procedure for submitting a protest:
 - 2.1. The protest, along with the materials containing photo or video evidence of the disputed situation, is submitted in writing by the team representative to the chief referee of the competition no later than 30 minutes after the occurrence of the disputed situation mentioned in the protest, or after the completion of the valid series by changing the competitors.
 - 2.2. If the situation can be captured by a photograph or video recording, the team representative is allowed to take photos or videos of the target with the knives inserted into it, for further submission of these materials as evidence in the protest. In this case, the team representative must notify the senior referee in the competition sector of their intention and request a technical pause.
 - 2.3. Notifications of violations during the competition (violations of the Regulations of the competition, drawing of participants, dissemination of misleading information to participants by official individuals, etc.) are submitted immediately upon their occurrence for prompt decision-making by the chief referee of the competition, followed by the submission of a formal protest.
 - 2.4. The protest must state the reason for its submission, with a mandatory reference to the relevant section of the current Rules or Regulations of the competition that has been violated.
 - 2.5. A monetary deposit is required when submitting the protest, in an amount equal to three times the registration fee.
 3. Consideration of the protest:
 - 3.1. The protest is considered by the chief referee with the involvement of referees and individuals involved in the violation mentioned in the protest, in the presence of representatives of the interested parties, but without their right to vote.
 - 3.2. The chief referee is obliged to review all materials attached to the protest.
 - 3.3. The chief referee of the competition makes the final decision and communicates it to the interested parties.
 4. In the event of a protest being upheld, the monetary deposit submitted as collateral is returned to the initiator of the protest.
 5. In the event of a protest being dismissed, the monetary deposit submitted as collateral is allocated to the Association and handled in accordance with the established procedure.
 6. All decisions regarding protests are recorded in the report of the main referee board.

SECTION IV. REFEREE BOARD

Article 18. Composition of the Referee Board

1. The composition of the referee board is approved by the Association no later than 30 calendar days before the start of the competition.
2. The referee board for the competition includes:
 - Chief Referee;
 - Deputy Chief Referee;

- Chief Secretary;
 - Deputy Secretary;
 - Senior Referee in the competition sector;
 - Referee in the competition sector;
 - Timekeeper Referee;
 - Referee-Secretary (Secretary).
3. The number of referees in the competition sector is determined by the organizers of the competition and the chief referee of the competition, based on the number of targets, but not less than one referee in the competition sector per four targets.
 4. Members of the referee board must arrive at the venue of the competition in a timely manner to fully carry out all activities within their functional responsibilities. The specific arrival times are determined by the Regulations of the competition.
 5. Upon the decision of the competition organizers, certain judicial responsibilities may be combined (in full).
 6. The referee board ensures the organization and conduct of the competition in accordance with these Rules and the Regulations of the competition, monitors compliance with them by the participants, objectively assesses the results of the athletes, and determines the final competition results.
 7. Members of the referee board cannot simultaneously act as referees and participate in the competition, provide advice to participants during the competition, or provide any assistance to them, except for assistance in attaching the target.
 8. The referee board must strictly adhere to these Rules and the Regulations of the competition in their decisions.
 9. Decisions of the referee board may be overturned by the Control and Disciplinary Commission (CDC) only in cases where there is irrefutable evidence of a violation of the Rules and/or the Regulations of the competition by the referee board.
 10. All referees are required to have a referee's uniform, a sports referee license, and knowledge of these Rules and the Regulations of the competition.
 11. The referee's uniform consists of black trousers and a white short-sleeved shirt, with the "ISKTA" emblem on the chest and the words "SPORTS KNIFE THROWING" and "REFEREE" in English on the back, and black shoes without heels.

Article 19. Chief Referee

1. The chief referee directs the referee board and is responsible to the Association for conducting the competition in accordance with these Rules and the Regulations of the competition.
2. In the absence of the chief referee at the competition venue, his duties are performed by the deputy chief referee.
3. Compliance with the chief referee's instructions is mandatory for athletes, referees, team representatives, and coaches.
4. The chief referee of the competition is obliged to:
 - 4.1. Verify the readiness of the competition venue, equipment, inventory, and their compliance with the requirements of these Rules.

- 4.2. Draw up an acceptance report of the competition venue and ensure the availability of the necessary documentation and protocol forms.
- 4.3. Conduct the competition draw of participants.
- 4.4. Allocate referees in the competition sector.
- 4.5. Conduct briefing and check the readiness of the entire referee board.
- 4.6. Hold meetings of the referee board with team representatives before the start of the competition (to announce the program and the working order of the judicial panel) and daily after their completion (to discuss the progress of the competition and the daily results), as well as in cases where it is necessary during the competition.
- 4.7. Approve the schedule of the competition.
- 4.8. Monitor the work of the members of the referee board.
- 4.9. Take all necessary measures to prevent and, if necessary, correct errors made by the referees.
- 4.10. Organize warm-up exercises for athletes before the start of the scoring series in each discipline.
- 4.11. Before the start of each day's competition, inform the participants of the established safety rules and strictly ensure their compliance.
- 4.12. Control the order of athletes' performances in strict accordance with the competition protocol.
- 4.13. Approve the results of the stages and assign referee teams to all stages.
- 4.14. Evaluate the performance of each member of the referee board (UNSATISFACTORY, SATISFACTORY, GOOD, EXCELLENT).
- 4.15. Make decisions on appeals submitted by team representatives.
- 4.16. Submit a report to the Association no later than 3 calendar days after the completion of the competition.
5. The chief referee has the right to:
 - 5.1. Postpone the competition if, at the start, the venue, equipment, or inventory do not comply with these Rules.
 - 5.2. Interrupt the execution of throwing series, take a break, and even terminate the competition if adverse conditions hinder their proper conduct.
 - 5.3. To make changes to the program and schedule of the competition, to change the order of meetings, if absolutely necessary.
 - 5.4. Change the duties of referees during the competition.
 - 5.5. Disqualify referees who make serious mistakes or fail to fulfill their assigned duties, but only not during the athletes' performance of scoring series.
 - 5.6. Stop the competition if any participant grossly violates the safety rules. Disqualify athletes from the competition.
 - 5.7. Stop the competition if unforeseen circumstances arise in the competition sector.
 - 5.8. Issue a warning, caution, or disqualify team representatives from performing their duties if they engage in rudeness, engage in disputes with the referees, or submit unfounded claims.
 - 5.9. Delay the announcement of the number of points and the cumulative result of a series of any athlete if their opinion differs from the opinion of the senior referee

in the competition sector, for further discussion and final decision-making.

5.10. Make the final decision when determining the merit of disputed punctures.

5.11. Amend announced intermediate or final competition results if they are due to calculation errors.

5.12. To interact with representatives of the mass media, to determine safe places of work for them.

5.13. The chief referee of the competition has the right to replace any member of the referee board, fully performing their rights and duties, including on the mandate commission.

Article 20. Deputy Chief Referee

1. The deputy chief referee supervises the preparation of the venue for the competition. The senior referee in the competition sector and referees in the competition sector carry out preparatory work under his supervision.
2. Ensures the readiness of the areas and sectors for the competition. Prepares markings of distances and sectors for throwing.
3. Supervises the use of warning systems, the activities of photographers and correspondents at the competition venue.
4. In the absence of the chief referee, replaces him, with full implementation of the rights and duties of the chief referee.

Article 21. Chief Secretary

1. The chief secretary of the competition ensures the preparation and documentation of the entire competition.
2. The chief secretary of the competition is obliged to:
 - 2.1. Prior to the competition, receive from the chief referee of the competition the necessary forms for conducting the competition and compiling reports, the calculated number of targets, distinctive signs for officials, participants, referees, and media representatives, and ensure their distribution.
 - 2.2. Accept applications for participation in the competition from team representatives or participants.
 - 2.3. Prepare the schedule of the competition.
 - 2.4. Formalize the orders and decisions of the chief referee.
 - 2.5. Monitor the achievement of records in disciplines included in the competition program, provide the information to the senior referee in the competition sector, and display it in areas accessible to spectators and participants.
 - 2.6. Personally double-check the scoring cards of participants' results after the completion of each scoring series and record the totals in the current competition protocol.
 - 2.7. After the completion of each discipline, determine the rankings of the athletes and prepare the protocol in the prescribed manner for approval by the chief referee of the competition.
 - 2.8. Display the competition protocols and provide information to participants,

team representatives, and the press only with the permission of the chief referee of the competition.

2.9. Prepare materials for the meetings of the main referee board, including when athletes or teams achieve record performances, and keep minutes of the meetings.

2.10. Prepare all necessary materials for the award ceremony.

2.11. Provide the chief referee of the competition with data for the final report.

Article 22. Deputy Chief Secretary

1. The Deputy Chief Secretary issues badges to officials (team representatives, coaches, athletes, referees, and a representative of the media).
2. Prepares all necessary documentation: participants' scoring cards, protocols, certificates, as well as medals and prizes for awarding.
3. Ensures the collection of current information on the results of ongoing competitions.
4. In the absence of the Chief Secretary, he replaces him, with the full exercise of the rights and duties of the Chief Secretary.

Article 23. Senior Referee in the Competition Sector

1. The senior referee in the competition sector provides overall guidance in the competition sector during the execution of the discipline.
2. The senior referee in the competition sector is obliged to:
 - 2.1. Verify the technical condition and compliance of the throwing stands with the requirements specified in these Rules.
 - 2.2. Verify the compliance of the targets with the established parameters.
 - 2.3. Conduct warm-up exercises for athletes as directed by the chief referee.
 - 2.4. Verify the order of athletes' performances in strict accordance with the competition protocol.
 - 2.5. Check the presence of marks (hallmarks) on the knives of athletes before the start of the scoring series and during the execution of the scoring series for each shift.
 - 2.6. Give the commands and signals prescribed by these Rules.
 - 2.7. Provide athletes with technical breaks during the execution of the discipline and monitor the regulations for their use.
 - 2.8. Control the actions of participants after the command to indicate the expiration of the established time for each series or throw.
 - 2.9. Stop the competition if any of the participants grossly violate the safety rules or if people, animals, devices, or objects appear in the competition sector that hinder or interfere with the execution of throws.
 - 2.10. Ensure that athletes do not violate the boundaries of their throwing sector during the execution of the scoring series.
 - 2.11. Monitor order and discipline in the competition sector.
 - 2.12. Make decisions together with the referee in the competition sector regarding athletes' requests for knife (knives) reshuffling if it complies with the requirements

specified in these Rules.

2.13. Announce the warnings imposed on athletes for violations of the applicable Rules and Regulations of the competition.

2.14. Invite representatives of the competition referee board to determine the merit of “controversial” punctures and report the result for documentation.

2.15. Ensure that athletes do not touch the knives or targets before the announcement of the results of the scoring series.

Article 24. Referee in the Competition Sector

1. The referee in the competition sector monitors the execution of the discipline by athletes and counts the results of the scoring series and final results on the assigned stands.
2. The referee in the competition sector is obliged to:
 - 2.1. Record the results of athletes in each scoring series.
 - 2.2. Control the actions of participants after the command indicating the expiration of the established time for each series or throw.
 - 2.3. Inform the senior referee in the competition sector about athletes who have thrown the knife after the command indicating the expiration of the established time.
 - 2.4. Record the results of the scoring series.
 - 2.5. Organize the replacement of targets after the completion of the scoring series for each shift or as needed.
 - 2.6. Hand over the scoring cards, certified with their signature and the signature of the athletes, to the chief secretary after the completion of the discipline.

Article 25. Timekeeper Referee

1. The timekeeper referee monitors the time allocated by these rules for the execution of a specific discipline.
2. The timekeeper referee is obliged to:
 - 2.1. Record the time taken by athletes to perform the scoring series and the time they spend on a technical pause.
 - 2.2. Upon the command “**START**” from the senior referee in the competition sector, start the stopwatch. At the end of the time allotted for the series, stop the stopwatch and immediately give the command “**STOP, TIME**”.
 - 2.3. Suspend the time count if the senior referee in the competition sector or the chief referee of the competition gives the command “**STOP**”, and resume the time count after the command “**START**”.
 - 2.4. Inform the participants about the remaining time if the execution of throws in a series was interrupted by the command “**STOP**”. In this case, the timekeeper referee must announce the remaining time with the command “**___ SECONDS LEFT**” and start the stopwatch again after the next command “**START**”.
 - 2.5. Show the timing devices to participants upon their request if they have any doubts about the timely delivery of the command.

Article 26. Referee-Secretary (Secretary)

1. The Referee-Secretary (Secretary) works under the supervision of the Deputy Chief Secretary.
2. The Referee-Secretary (Secretary) is obliged to:
 - 2.1. Stay at the competition venue throughout the entire time of the competition, and leave only with the permission of the Chief Secretary.
 - 2.2. Prepare the starting protocols, prepare, process and execute the protocols of the preliminary and official results of the competitions, as well as ensure their correct completion.
 - 2.3. Before the start of the competition, record in the protocol information about the competition, the date and time of the start of the competition, information about the participants (last name, first name, patronymic name, date of birth, region) participating in the competition.
 - 2.4. Ensure that the results are entered into a single computer system (if necessary).

SECTION V. PREPARATION AND PROVISION OF COMPETITIONS, VENUE EQUIPMENT

Article 27. Responsibilities of the Organizing Committee

1. Develop the Regulations and timely communicate them to the participating teams (athletes).
2. Select and prepare the competition venue.
3. Provide the nominations of referees and officials for the competitions to be approved by the Association for their appointment.
4. Prepare all necessary equipment and materials for the work of the referee board.
5. Organize media relations, including accreditation of media representatives for coverage of the competitions.
6. Prepare translations of documentation into English and the language of the country where the international competitions are held.
7. Provide the referee board with sets of throwing knives.
8. Participate in all matters related to the preparation and conduct of the competitions, including opening and closing ceremonies.
9. Make changes to the program and schedule of the competitions, alter the order of disciplines if it becomes absolutely necessary.

Article 28. Requirements for Competition Venues

1. Sports knife throwing competitions can be held both outdoors and in enclosed (partially enclosed) venues, on specially equipped areas, provided the safety of athletes, referees, and spectators is ensured.
2. The competition venue is determined by the organizing committee and the chief referee of the competition, taking into account weather and other conditions.

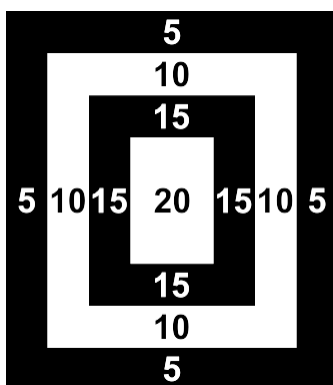
3. When competitions are held in enclosed venues, the throwing sector must be illuminated by reflected or diffused lighting fixtures.
4. When holding competitions indoors, the air temperature should be from +10 to +30 degrees Celsius.
5. When holding competitions outdoors, the air temperature should be from +5 to +35 degrees Celsius.
6. When competitions are held outdoors, throwing stands are positioned to minimize the entry of sunlight into the athlete's eyes.
7. Outdoor competitions are conducted only during daylight hours until darkness falls and in the absence of strong winds.
8. In the event of precipitation of any intensity, outdoor competitions are held only with the decision of the referee board and the consent of the team representatives.
9. The number of throwing stands is determined by the organizing committee and the chief referee of the competition, but not less than four stands. The working area of the stand should be free of branches, chips, cracks, or any objects that may interfere with knife throwing.
10. A protective shield made of wood, plywood, particleboard, or other material preventing knife damage and preventing knives from exiting the competition sector must be installed directly behind the throwing stands. The protective shield serves as a knife catcher.
11. The protective shield behind each stand should be at least 3 meters in height and at least 1.5 meters in width.
12. The competition sector includes throwing stands, protective shields, throwing sectors for each stand, and safety zones. The width of the throwing sector for each stand should be at least 1 meter.
13. A safety zone, which should be at least 3 meters wide, is defined and marked within the competition sector.
14. The safety zone should be marked with barrier tape or barriers on all sides, preventing access or entry into the competition sector.
15. Only referees and athletes performing the disciplines are allowed in the competition sector.
16. When conducting outdoor competitions, a safety zone of at least 5 meters (excluding the presence of people and animals) should be established or fenced off behind the protective shield.
17. In enclosed venues, it is permissible to position the protective shield and throwing stands in close proximity to the wall.
18. The throwing stands are positioned in such a way that their plane is perpendicular to the throwing sectors.
19. Each stand is marked with a numerical index, which is placed above or to the left of the stand. The numbering of stands is done from left to right.
20. Distances must be carefully measured and verified before the start of each day of competition.
21. Distances should be marked with paint (red, white, yellow) if the competition is held outdoors, or with tape (red, white, yellow) if it is held indoors.
22. Measurements are taken from the edge of the targets, with an error margin of no

more than 10 mm.

23. The floor in front of the throwing stands is covered with any shock- absorbing material that reduces knife bounce, but it must extend at least 3 meters from the edge of the protective shield.
24. The surface in the competition sector must be flat (without slopes).
25. The waiting area for athletes is determined by the referee board in a convenient location outside the competition sector and is equipped with an adequate number of chairs or benches.
26. Sports knife throwing competitions for category with MSD must be held at sports facilities or competition venues specially prepared for the official sports competition and providing access for athletes of all classes.

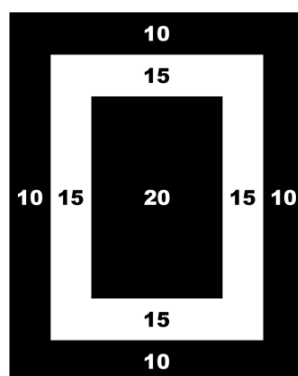
Article 29. Throwing Stands and Targets

1. The center of the throwing stand should be positioned at a height of 1.5 meters from the ground. The size of the working surface of the stand should be no less than 0.6 meters by 0.6 meters and no more than 0.9 meters by 0.9 meters.
2. The working surface of the stand is formed by tightly arranged annual rings of wood, cut to the throwing line, with a thickness of at least 10 cm by 10 cm and a length of at least 15 cm.
3. The wood for the stands is selected from dense and resilient tree species, and the surface of the wood should be periodically moistened with water to soften the wood and extend the lifespan of the throwing stands.
4. Knife throwing is done at rectangular targets of a specified shape, with a central zone and alternating concentric zones of black and white colors.
5. Dimensions of the “T1” target: width - 320 mm, height - 360 mm. The width of the white central zone is 80 mm, the height is 120 mm. The width of each subsequent zone is 40 mm. Each target zone is marked with a digital index. The central zone is estimated at 20 points, then from the center to the edge - 15, 10 and 5 points.



6. Dimensions of the “T2” target: width - 180 mm, height - 220 mm. The width of the central black zone is 80 mm, the height is 120 mm. The width of each subsequent zone is 25 mm. Each target zone is marked with a digital index. The central zone is estimated at 20 points, then from the center to the edge - 15, 10

points.



7. The lines separating the zones of the target from each other must be straight and distinct.
8. Targets are made from dense paper, cardboard, or any other suitable material with a density of at least 200 g/m².
9. The targets are attached to the stands using decorative nails.
10. Conducting competitions with targets that have different dimensions, shapes, or blurred zone boundaries is prohibited.

Article 30. Medical and Anti-Doping Support for Competitions

1. The organization of medical and anti-doping support for sports knife throwing events shall be carried out in accordance with the legislation of the country where the competitions take place.
2. All matters related to the fight against doping should be regulated by the Anti-Doping Rules of the International Association and procedures based on the fundamental principles of the World Anti-Doping Code developed by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
3. The use of any prohibited substances that may affect an athlete's performance, without permission for their therapeutic use, whether knowingly or otherwise, is strictly prohibited. If such use has occurred, the athlete will be disqualified from participating in the competition, and this may lead to subsequent disqualification.

Article 31. Unlawful Influence on the Results of Sports Knife Throwing Competitions and Sanctions Applied to Competition Participants and Other Officials for Unlawful Influence on the Results of Such Competitions

1. Participants in competitions, referees, coaches, and team officials are prohibited from conspiring with other participants in official sports competitions for sports knife throwing, as well as exerting unlawful influence on the results of the competitions.
2. Participants in competitions, referees, coaches, team officials, sports agents, organizers, and other participants in competitions are prohibited from participating in gambling activities in bookmakers and totalizators by placing bets on the

competitions.

3. Disqualification of an athlete from a competition does not entitle the participant to a refund of the entry fee.