



## RESTRUCTURING CATEGORIES – FAIR MATCHING POLICY

In the event that a category receives only one entry, the organisers reserve the right to merge categories where it is safe, fair, and practicable to do so. All mergers will follow these strict guidelines:

- **Weight Difference** – The maximum permitted weight difference is **5kg**. For example, a -35kg competitor may not have been matched in their original category, of -35kg but if a -40kg category entrant also has no opponent and both athletes meet the criteria (e.g. one weighs 35kg and the other 38kg), they can be matched. This ensures the bout remains both safe and fair.
- **Junior Age Difference** – For junior divisions, the maximum permitted age gap is **2 years**. For example, if both the 11–13yrs and 14–15yrs categories each have only one entrant, and those entrants are aged 12 and 14, they may be matched. However, an 11-year-old will not be matched against a 14-year-old.
- **Age/Weight Restructure Example:**  
An 11-year-old enters the 11–12yrs -40kg division and weighs 38kg.  
A 10-year-old enters the -35kg division and weighs 35kg.  
Neither has an opponent in their original divisions.  
When we restructure, they are placed in a **10–11yrs -38kg division**.  
This match is considered safe and fair because it follows WKO's strict age and weight tolerance limits.

Restructuring will only occur when both competitors can be matched within the age/weight tolerances deemed safe and fair, and the match is deemed appropriate by the organisers and officials. Safety and fairness will always be the top priority.

If the organisers didn't step in to review and adjust (restructure) the divisions, a lot of fighters wouldn't get a bout at all. Others might try to enter divisions on their own that aren't as safe or fair — for example, fighting someone with a much bigger weight difference or larger age gap — just so they can compete.

In other words, the restructuring work ensures **more athletes get matched** and that those matches are **kept within safe, fair limits**, instead of leaving athletes with no fight or pushing them into risky mismatches.

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## REFUND POLICY

- **Full Refunds** – Any competitor who cannot be matched, through no fault of their own, or medical reasons with proof will receive a full refund of their entry fee(s).
- **Refunds After Fair Match** – If you are matched within the terms of our fairness criteria and choose to withdraw for any reason, you will receive a refund **minus 10%** to cover non-recoverable costs such as card processing fees incurred during registration.