

Explanation of Points and Awards:

1. **Membership in the Gold Cup League is FREE** = you do not need to pay for any membership, you will accumulate points at every GC Sectioned event you compete in, the following general rules apply.
2. **Regular tournaments** = SINGLE Value Points (7 - 5 - 3 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively 1 point is given for Pre-Registration. It is replaced with winning points if a place is taken.)
3. **Final Tournament** = DOUBLE Value Points (14 - 10 - 6 and 1 for pre-registration)
4. **Number of Tournaments Required to win a Gold Cup Competitor of The Year Award:** a competitor must have participated in a minimum of **4 GCC** sanctioned tournaments in the **same division (same age/same rank)** for the current year After the last tournament, points for those that only participated in 3 or less tournaments in the same division will be dropped.
5. **Discrepancies:** After posting the final points on the WEB SITE, any discrepancies or corrections must be submitted via e-mail or in writing within 10 business days.
6. **Age:** competitors may compete throughout the calendar year at the age he or she was on the DAY OF THE FIRST GOLD CUP tournament of the season.
7. **Rank:** a competitor may compete the entire year at the rank he or she competed in the FIRST GOLD CUP tournament of the season, BUT MUST WEAR THE APPROPRIATE BELT FOR THAT DIVISION. (Refer to belt system and colors adopted by the Gold Cup).
8. **Accumulation of points:** points stay in the division the competitor competes in. If a competitor moves up in rank and/or age division, **POINTS DO NOT MOVE. When there are more than 6 players in the division - SHORT and TALL Points:** Height is determined in the line-up area **at each tournament.** Competitors are placed in the appropriate height group **for that day.** At the end of the year, for the divisions that had splits for short and tall, **Two awards will be** given to each place, 1st 2nd and 3rd, based on the highest points gained.
9. **FIRST TIMERS:** In both Kata and Sparring divisions the Gold Cup allows the competitor to compete in First Time Divisions for up to a maximum of 3 tournaments. Then the competitor must move on to the regular divisions. Once a first timer competes in a regular division, he or she must compete in the regular division the rest of the season. (You may compete in a regular division in Kumite and as a first timer in Kata or vice versa).
10. **FIRST TIME AWARDS:** All first timers receive an award or trophy at the tournament when they compete. First timers **do not** accumulate points and do not receive an award at the end of the year.

END OF THE YEAR BANQUET AND AWARDS: These awards are not an obligation of the Gold Cup or the Gold Cup Promoters, these awards are to recognize you as the top competitors in the division. It is mandatory that all first place winners attend the banquet to claim their award(s).

General:

- All First Place Winners at the end of the year will receive a " Competitor of The Year " award. These awards will be personalized with the winner's name.
- If you do not attend the banquet your award or awards will be forfeited.
- At the discretion of the Gold Cup Promoters **only**, 2nd and 3rd place awards may be handed to a relative or head instructor.

GOLD CUP OVER-ALL Grand Champion Awards: (THIS IS THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARD IN THE BAY AREA, THERE ARE 20 OVER ALL GOLD CUPS)

1. Each tournament Grand Champion win counts as ONE WIN regardless of the number of points awarded at the tournament.
2. The competitor with the MOST Grand Champion wins in their Division is the ONLY WINNER of these Gold Cups. (To qualify, a minimum of two GRAND Champion wins is required).
3. Ties = competitors with the same number of wins of at **least 3 or more**; both competitors may receive the Gold Cup at the discretion of the promoters.