

# WORLD KUK SOOL ASSOCIATION

## OFFICIAL

### COMPETITION KNIFE THROWING RULES

Effective October 2, 1999

#### GENERAL RULES

- ❖ No individual may represent the World Kuk Sool Association concerning knife throwing in communication, transactions or other business, or represent him/herself as an official spokesperson for the WKSA concerning knife throwing without written authorization from the WKSA.
- ❖ All WKSA knife-throwing competitions must adhere strictly to all safety rules set forth by the WKSA. (See Safety section below.)
- ❖ All competitors and judges must meet the following minimum requirements:
  - ❖ be a minimum of 18 years old
  - ❖ be rank of 1<sup>st</sup> degree Black Belt or higher in the WKSA
  - ❖ be a member of the WKSA in good standing
- ❖ All competitors, male and female, regardless of rank, will compete together.
  - ❖ proper etiquette among ranks must be displayed at all times
  - ❖ any competitor exhibiting bad etiquette, unsafe or unsportsmanlike conduct will be disqualified from the competition and escorted away from the competition area
- ❖ The Line Judge will control the competition at all times.
  - ❖ two Target Judges will verify points
  - ❖ the Line Judge has final decision over any disagreements or protests
- ❖ Practice sessions will be held at the discretion of the Tournament Director or his/her representative. Practice sessions are a courtesy, not a necessity, and if granted, may be subject to time constraints.

#### UNIFORM

- ❖ All competitors must wear:
  - ❖ WKSA General's Uniform
  - ❖ shoes (preferably leather) that cover the entire foot. No sandals etc.
- ❖ Gloves or other apparatus may not be used

## QUALIFICATIONS

- ❖ All applicants must pre-qualify before the day of competition. The WKSA shall have the authority to appoint regional-qualifying directors to conduct said prequalifications.
  - ❖ may have three chances to qualify
  - ❖ must stick 20 out of 25 throws in a target
  - ❖ must enter at least two other regular competition divisions
    - ❖ (Exceptions – those senior ranks that have no other divisions in which to compete.)

## SAFETY

- ❖ The competition area must be completely roped off except for the entry area which will be behind the rear throwing line.
  - ❖ the designated seating area for spectators must be:
    - ❖ 20 feet behind the roped off competition area
  - ❖ the preparation (on deck) area for the next competitor should be:
    - ❖ 10 feet behind the rear throwing line
- ❖ The judges are to stand several feet safely behind the competitor currently throwing knives
- ❖ An adequately stocked First-Aid Kit must be on-site and available and a qualified first aid attendant on site.
- ❖ Absolutely no alcohol and no drugs are to be consumed or administered before or during the competition. Disqualification is the penalty.
- ❖ Absolutely no foul language. Disqualification is the penalty.
- ❖ No one will be permitted to compete without first signing a release of liability
- ❖ Anyone not complying with the safety rules will be asked to leave the area

## JUDGES

- ❖ All judges must meet the requirements set forth in the General Rules section above
- ❖ There will be 1 Score Keeper and 3 Judges
  - ❖ 1 Line Judge
  - ❖ 2 Target Judges
    - ❖ the Line Judge:
      - ❖ controls the competition and encourages each competitor to strictly follow all the rules
      - ❖ ensures the safety of the competitor as well as the spectators
      - ❖ holds all the knives to be used in the competition, relinquishing only one knife at a time as each target is chosen
      - ❖ inspects each knife for damage due to a previous throw. Any damaged knife will not be reused
      - ❖ makes any final decisions concerning proper scoring
      - ❖ double checks all scores
    - ❖ the Target Judges:
      - ❖ score each throw as they retrieve the knives
      - ❖ both judges must agree on each score of each throw and then remove the knife
      - ❖ if the Target Judges cannot agree, the Line Judge makes the final decision.
      - ❖ return all knives to the Line Judge after each scoring

## SCORING

- ❖ No competitor or spectator will be allowed to interfere with the judges or score keeper during the contest
- ❖ Competitors must remain behind the front throwing line at all times. Only judges may approach the target for scoring and knife retrieval
- ❖ Scoring will be indexed
  - ❖ each competitor's score is recorded for each round
  - ❖ all recorded scores are totaled to determine the overall winner
- ❖ All scores will be rechecked by the Line Judge.
- ❖ In the event of a tie, each competitor will receive one throw. The highest score will win after each tied competitor throws a knife.

**Scoring Con't**

- ❖ If a knife falls out or is knocked out of the target before the judges retrieve it, that knife will not be scored
  - ❖ a bull's eye is 5 points
  - ❖ second ring is 3 points
  - ❖ third ring is 2 points
  - ❖ fourth (outside ring) is worth 1 point
  - ❖ any stick on the backboard outside the target area is worth ½ (0.5) point
- ❖ A knife's point must be embedded in the target for a score
- ❖ The knife is straightened to a 90 degree angle with the face of the target, and scored from there.
- ❖ If the knife blade touches the border of a higher ring, the higher score is awarded
- ❖ Any questions concerning proper scoring will be decided by the Line Judge

**TARGETS**

- ❖ There are five targets on one large backboard
  - ❖ the targets are placed at five different heights
    - ❖ the lowest is at 3 feet (to the center of the bull's eye)
    - ❖ the highest at 5 feet 9 inches
  - ❖ the Bull's eye is 3 inches in diameter
  - ❖ the second ring is 7 inches in diameter
  - ❖ the third ring is 12 inches in diameter
  - ❖ the target is 20 inches in diameter
- ❖ Should be made of some type of soft wood (to encourage sticks)
  - ❖ other types may be used

**KNIVES**

- ❖ The official knife for throwing will be specified and announced at least 1 month before each competition
- ❖ All competitors must use the same brand and style of knife
- ❖ Under normal circumstances, the WKSA will provide all knives for the actual throwing competition

## **DISTANCE**

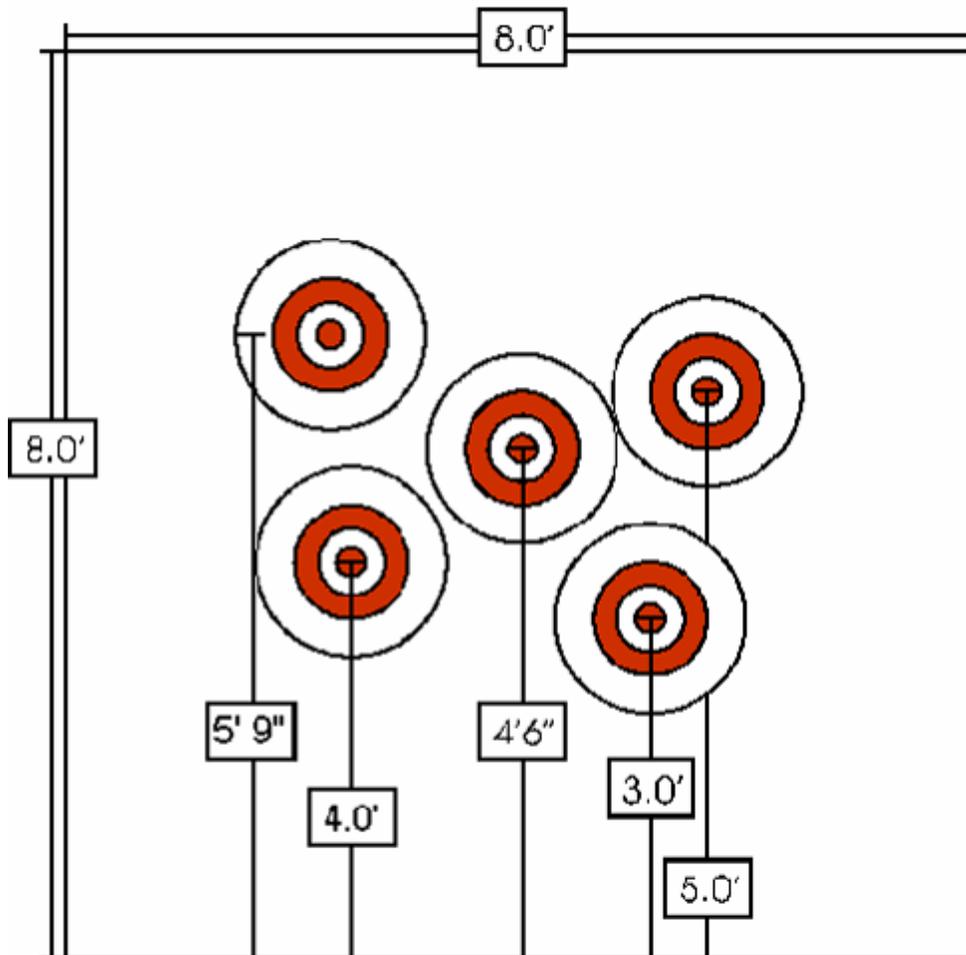
- ❖ Front throw line is 12 feet from the front of the target
- ❖ Back throw line is 20 feet from the front of the target
- ❖ Competitor must remain in the Throwing Zone (the 8 feet between the front and back throw line) at all times during the throwing
- ❖ Competitor may not step on or over the front or back throw line, or that throw will not be scored

## **STYLE**

- ❖ The standard WKSA Knife Throwing Competition will be a blade throw competitor must hold knife by the blade and not by the handle when throwing
- ❖ Any number of rotations will be deemed acceptable for scoring, as long as the knife sticks in by its point
- ❖ Competition will consist of 3 rounds with each competitor throwing a total of 15 knives
- ❖ A round consists of each competitor throwing five knives, one knife for each of the five targets
- ❖ Must specify the intended target prior to each throw (targets will be numbered 1 to 5) If a knife sticks in another target not specified as the intended target, the throw will be scored as if the knife hit the backboard (0.5pt.).
- ❖ Each competitor must complete the first round before moving on to the second round, and so with the second to the third and final round
- ❖ Tiebreakers, if necessary, will follow the third and final round (see Scoring section above)

- Note: These rules are subject to change without notice.

## Basic Design of Knife Throwing Target Front View



*Back Board Size 8'x.8'*  
*Each Target 20" in Diameter*  
*Bull's eye is 3" in Diameter*  
*2nd Ring is 7" in Diameter*  
*3rd Ring is 12" in Diameter*

<i>Bull's Eye</i>	<i>= 5 Points</i>
<i>2nd Ring</i>	<i>= 3 Points</i>
<i>3rd Ring</i>	<i>= 2 Points</i>
<i>4th Ring</i>	<i>= 1 Point</i>
<i>Back Board</i>	<i>= 1/2 Point.</i>