

3 Competitor Rule

A division **MUST** have no less than three (3) competitors for the division to qualify to be ran according to its division name. Any division with less than three (3) competitors will be combined with another division in accordance with the following procedures.

- 1) A competitor may only go up one age group.
- 2) Combining divisions with less than 3 competitors will be done in the following order:
 - 1st:** Combine current division by “**Sexes**”.
 - 2nd:** Combine current division with next higher “**Rank**”.
 - 3rd:** Combine current division with the division of next higher “**Age**”, same “**Rank**” and same “**Sex**”.
 - 4th:** Combine current division by “**Sexes**” of next “**Age**” group, same “**Rank**”.
 - 5th:** Combine current division by going up in “**Rank**” of next “**Age**” group.
- 3) A minor or any minor division (17 & Under) may never be joined with any adult division.
- 4) If a protest is made, the arbitrator must be called to be part of the decision making process.

If you enter a tournament and the tournament does not offer a division for your experience level or combines your division due to the three (3) competitor rule and places you in a division of higher experience, you have not violated the division rule and may continue to compete in your regular division.