

AETA OPEN ENGLISH 2026: RING COUNCIL SUMMARY SHEET

Patterns

- **White Belts & Yellow Tags:** Competitors may perform an **optional pattern**.
- **Yellow Belts to Black Belts:** Execution is strictly **designated only**. Competitors perform the same pattern side-by-side using clickers to deduct points, based on the lowest grade in that round.
- **Merged Divisions Rule:** If Kups or Degrees are merged, the designated pattern **must be chosen from the lowest Kup/Degree** present in that mixed division.
- **Only 1 Pattern in a Straight Final – In a Black Belt Straight Final 2 Patterns from the Degree**

Sparring Round Durations by Age Group

*All categories are split by Male and Female. Most categories consist of **1 single round**.*

- **Child Colour Belts:** 1 round of 60 seconds
- **Cadet Colour Belts & Black Belts:** 1 round of 60 seconds
- **Pre-Junior Colour Belts:** 1 round of 90 seconds
- **Pre-Junior Black Belts (Leagues):** 1 round of 120 seconds
- **Junior Colour Belts & Black Belts:** 1 round of 120 seconds
- **Adult Colour Belts & Black Belts:** 1 round of 120 seconds
- **Senior All Grades (Colour & Black Belts):** 1 round of 90 seconds
- **Only in the case of a straight final will there be:** 2 rounds of the above (30 secs rest for 60 or 90 second rounds or 60 secs rest for 120 second rounds)

Sparring Extra Rounds & Tie-Breaks

- **No Extra Time:** In the event of a sparring draw, there is **no extra round**.
- **Golden Point:** Draws must proceed **immediately to "Golden Point"** to determine the winner.
- **League Match Rules (Sunday Pre-Jnr/Jnr/Adult Black Belts):**
 - **No draws allowed** in league matches.
 - Ring officials **must count and record individual umpire votes** from the round. Vote counts are used to calculate overall group winners and break table ties.

League Progression (Sunday Pre-Jnr, Jnr, & Adult Black Belts)

- If a division has **more than one league**, the **top 2 competitors** from each league advance to the knockout stage (1 round of 120 seconds).
- The knockout brackets must mix the leagues (**Winner of League A vs. Runner-Up of League B**).

Medal Allocation

- **Saturday (Child/Cadet/Pre-Jnr Colour Belts): 2 Bronze medals** are awarded via a **Bronze medal re-qualification draw**. Competitors who lose a round enter a secondary bracket. Medals **must be awarded regardless of whether a competitor has won any bouts**. Medals are given out even in categories of 4 or less (though they won't count toward overall club points).
- **Sunday (Black Belts): Medals will be awarded to all positions (1st, 2nd, 3rd)**. Because there is strictly **only 1 Bronze medal** available, the ring council **must run a 3rd/4th place playoff match** between the two semi-final losers to determine the sole Bronze recipient. All medals must be given out i.e. straight final, the loser will still receive a Silver medal.