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## WMAGC ANNOUNCES NEW GRAPPLE/STRIKE EVENT

### RULES COMMITTEE LOOKS TO PROVIDE A SAFE PLATFORM FOR COMBINING COMBAT SPORTS

**August 25, 2010 Geneva, Switzerland** - The World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) is pleased to announce that the 2010 World Martial Arts Games in Las Vegas next month will showcase their new Grapple/Strike event. The finished product is the result of many months of dedicated planning and by both the Great Britain National Martial Arts Games Committee and the WMAGC Rules Committee. The announcement is made in conjunction with the release of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition of the World Martial Arts Games Rules and Regulations Version 3.1.

"Whether you are a Striker or a Grappler there is an aspect of Grapple/ Strike which includes your area of expertise", says Ross Iannoccaro, President of the NMAG GB, "Grapple/Strike encompasses a whole range of competitive martial arts skills in a safe, sporting and unbiased way"

"This is truly a big step for WMAGC in our continued desire to produce exciting sporting events that provide maximum protection to athletes at the same time", says Ken Marchtaler, President of WMAGC, "Developing an event that gives equal opportunity to Strikers and Grapplers, where strikers were not allowed to penetrate body, was not an easy task. We were extremely thankful to the hard work of Ross Iannoccaro and Heath Gait of the UK. No matter what the challenge, these gentlemen were able to come up with a solution. We look forward to seeing this exciting sport in action at the 2010 World Martial Arts Games!"

The World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) is a non-profit society formed in August 2005. It is the supreme authority of the World Martial Arts Games Movement. Its role is to promote top-level sport in conjunction with Sport for All. The WMAGC ensures the regular celebration of the World Martial Arts Games and strongly encourages appropriate sports ethics and the protection of athletes. The WMAGC is an Active International Member of TAFISA, an IOC recognized Multi-Sport Organisation.

Further information about the World Martial Arts Games Committee and the 2010 World Martial Arts Games can be found by visiting the WMAGC website at [www.worldmartialartsgames.com](http://www.worldmartialartsgames.com) .

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