CTFI Light Contact Color Belt Rules For Competition



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Age Group	Belt Rank	Contact Rules	Infractions
17 and under	White to Red/Black Stripe	No touch to face. Can touch helmet (front and sides).	- Touch to face = Foul - Touch to face without retraction & head displacement = Foul - Heavy contact & head displacement = Disqualification (decision by Center Ref/Jury President)
18 and over (Adults)		No touch to face. Can touch helmet (front and sides).	- Touch to face = Foul - Touch to face without retraction & head displacement = Foul - Heavy contact & head displacement = Disqualification (decision by Center Ref/Jury President)
	Blue to Red/Black Stripe	Can touch face.	- No warnings - Heavy contact = Foul - Excessive contact = Disqualification
All Ages	Black Belt	Can touch face.	- No warnings - Heavy contact = Foul - Excessive contact = Disqualification
Special Note	Combining Divisions (Green and Blue)	Blue competitors fall under no face touch rule.	- Green Belt rules apply: No touch to face, even for Blue competitors.