

Proposal: change in the Organization and Sporting Code, the name and the way we organize the contest area.

“...The contest area shall be divided into three zones, which are distinguished by two different colors.

- The *fighting area* shall always be 8x8 m.
- The area outside the *fighting area* shall be called the *safety area* and shall be at least 1m wide in a different color of the *fighting area*.
- The area outside the *safety area* shall be called the *escape area* and shall be at least 1m wide in a different color or the same color of the *fighting area*”

How it is now? OSC page 29, art 3.3.1: “...The contest area shall be divided into two zones, which are distinguished by two different colors.

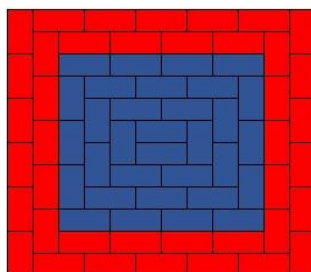
- The fighting area should always be 8x8 m.
- The area outside the fighting area should be called the safety area and should be at least 2m wide.”

Why make the change? There is a double meaning for “safety area”. Traditionally in Jiu Jitsu, *safety area* is a one-meter area around the *fighting area*. Outside the safety area, there is an *escape area*, in order to protect the player when they leave the *fighting area*.

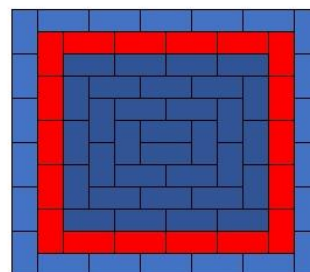
The biggest point here is: in Jiu Jitsu, there are many rules and guidelines using the one-meter safety area: where to stop the action, how to restart the match depending how the athletes crossed the safety area, in case a submission hold, how to reset or not the fight...

So, once there is no specific “safety area” or a “2 meters safety area”, we would have to make major changes in the Jiu Jitsu rules and guidelines, what’s would change the sport and would be really hard to educate all athletes and referees.

Current lay out described in the OSC



Proposal for Jiu Jitsu matches



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