

## ATF Martial Arts Black Belt Board Decisions and Policies.

1. The established Blue Book is to be followed as the Authority in all matters unless otherwise stated and/or created in matters not covered therein.
2. New policies/procedures/curriculums will be listed separately from the Blue Book until the time the Blue Book may be updated.
3. The AIS and Instructors Manuals and Systems are updated separately (including the BBC curriculum).
4. Mr. Weeks' Decisions are the chief authority of ATF
5. The BBB seeks to uphold and innovate according to Mr. Weeks' legacy.
6. The BBB has a list of offices and duties which is updated by the chairman.
7. Below are a list of BBB innovations and official decisions in alphabetical order.

### Fighting name change request

Mr. Boggs was approached by a student who felt the fighting name they had chosen no longer fit, and wanted to know if it was possible to change their fighting name.

On July 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 BBB members discussed the topic of students being allowed to change their fighting name. Wanting to keep as close to tradition as possible but also keeping an open mind, the Board voted 7-2 (Chairman not voting) in favor of

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creating a policy that was not to be advertised or announced, in which an individual may approach the Board and request a fighting name change. The Board will consider all serious requests by students. However, it is to be stressed that Fighting Names are not meant to be changed. Therefore, the BBB and test boards are to emphasize this policy and make sure the sacred ceremony of choosing a fighting is observed to reduce poor name choices that could lead to a desired name change.