

A Warrior's Mission Martial Arts Tournament

NOVEMBER 18TH, 2023



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Registration

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Martial Arts Championship REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Telephone _____ Email _____
 DOB _____ Age _____ Gender _____ Weight _____ Height _____ Belt Color _____
 Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____ Black Belt _____
 (Beginner less than a year) (Intermediate more than one year) (Advanced more than two years)
 HANDICAPABLE DIVISION _____

FIVE EVENTS: (PLEASE CHECK THE EVENTS OF INTEREST)

Traditional Forms _____ Traditional Weapons Forms _____
 Creative Forms _____ Creative Weapons _____
 Point Sparring _____ **SUPER FIGHTS (\$10 EXTRA) _____

MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL YOU ARE REPRESENTING

Name of Instructor _____
 Name of School _____
 School Email _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 School Telephone _____
 Martial Arts Style of School _____

REGISTRATION FEES

PRE-REGISTRATION (END NOVEMBER 15TH)

ALL MAIN EVENTS	\$55.00
SUPER FIGHT	\$10.00
Spectator Pass	\$10.00
VIP/COACHES Access Pass	\$20.00

(access to the main floor around the rings)

*****Add up all of your selections and then follow link to Paypal*****

***Add name in the comment box of paypal with your purchase

Paypal.me/chimsonministries***

You are not pre-registered unless payment is made

Liability Waiver: By submitting the registration online I, the undersigned, do hereby release Arlandus Chimney, Arlandus Chimney's Schools of Martial Arts, and all other persons associated with this event in any capacity, from any liability due to injuries, etc. that may incur as a result of my attendance or that of my child, and/or participation at the Deep East Texas Open event.

Furthermore, I hereby permanently waive any compensation whatsoever for the use of picture, videos, media coverage, etc. utilized by those associated with this event which may be used for profit making purposes, I clearly understand the fighting aspect of this sport and competition involves bodily contact. I have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules associated with events and assume all responsibility and any associated liability for infringement of such rules. Additionally, I am fully aware of my personal medical condition and hereby certify that I am mentally and physically fit to compete at this tournament and also understand that a valid birth certificate should be present to compete at the Tournament.

Date _____ Competitor's/Gaudian Signature _____

Fill out and email to chimsonministries@gmail.com or mail to: 638a North University, Nacogdoches, TX 75961

*****PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BEFORE YOU ARE CONSIDERED REGISTERED*****

Questions Contact ACSOMA: 409.698.6227 or atchimney@gmail.com

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MARTIAL ARTS CHAMPIONSHIP

RULES

General Rules

1. All competitors and judges must be dressed in full uniform with proper belt/sash of rank.
2. All competitors are responsible for getting to his/her ring on time. If a competitor is too young to do this alone, it is the responsibility of the instructor or parent to do so. Announcements will be made multiple times. If the competitor does not show up in time for the beginning of his/her event, he/she will miss the event.
3. Spectators are not allowed in the competition area unless you have a VIP or Coaches Band.
4. Spectators are expected to positively cheer without negativity (i.e., get him, good job, etc.).
5. Bad Sportsmanship & disrespect are not allowed and grounds for disqualification and removal from the tournament.
(Martial arts is about respect and honor)

Empty hand and weapon forms

1. Competitors will be called up one at a time to perform their chosen form. He/she will give a basic introduction (most commonly stating name, style, and form name), perform the form, then wait for judges' scoring. Form must be performed as a single, continuous form.
2. At the discretion of the center judge of a larger division, three competitors may be called up to perform the form individually, then be judged following the third form to set a baseline. After that, competitors will perform and be scored one at a time.
3. Adult black belt competition (empty hand and weapons) will be judged by 5 judges. The highest and lowest scores will be dropped before the score is calculated.
4. Scores will be given using the tenths system and scored using score cards. Scores will then be added to determine places. The score range is as follows:
 - Beginner: 6.0 – 6.9
 - Intermediate: 7.0 – 7.9
 - Advanced: 8.0 – 8.9
 - Black Belt (unless competing in youth advanced): 9.0 – 9.9
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5. **Ties** will be broken in the following manner:
 - A. If there is a tie in an empty hand forms, competitors will perform the same form.
 - B. If there is a tie in weapon forms, the head judge will choose to either have the original form performed again, or give the option of competitors to choose another weapon form.
 - C. If two tied, judges will point to who they felt won the tie breaker. If three or more are tied, judges will score the competitors to break the tie.
 - D. Center judge may choose the option of dropping the high and low score on weapons ties to break a tie.
6. Places will be awarded for first, second, and third.
7. All weapons will be inspected by a judge before competition for safety and integrity of the weapon.
8. Loss of control of weapon will result in score reduction. The amount of penalty will be determined by the judges based on the severity of the loss of control.

Sparring

1. Competitors are required to wear approved gear on hands and feet. This includes, but is not limited to dipped foam, RingStar sparring shoes, vinyl covered foam, etc. Any questions concerning gear should be asked ahead of time and can be determined by tournament promotor or center judge.
2. Footgear will cover the entire top, side, and back of foot.
3. Gloves will have a minimum of 1 inch padding. Bag gloves are not allowed.
4. All participants under the age of 18 are required to wear headgear and mouthpieces. They are strongly recommended for adults.
5. Males must wear groin protection.
6. Soft shin and forearm guards are allowed. No hard guards, such as soccer shin guards.
7. One point will be awarded for a legal hand or foot technique to a legal scoring area.
8. All techniques must be controlled and be thrown considering the safety of the opponent. However, with that in mind, good, clean points are of medium contact. There should be more than just a light tap to the target area with a fully extended arm or leg. That will not be awarded a point. A controlled technique that is not fully extended, but hits the target and is pulled back is demonstration of good skill and the ability to use the technique in a real-life situation will be eligible for a point.
9. Legal scoring areas include:
 - A. chest
 - B. stomach
 - C. sides
 - D. groin
 - E. Controlled Targeted Kidney Shots (but now the spine of the back)
 - F. Covered Headgear areas
 - G. Controlled face contact in adult brown belt and above
10. Illegal targets include:
 - A. joints such as knees, spine, neck, etc.
 - B. Strike with knees
 - C. back and spine
 - D. strikes with elbow
 - E. face contact in all youth divisions and all adult divisions under brown belt
11. Matches run first to 5 points or 2 minutes without time being stopped, unless stopped by an official for injury or other necessary reason. If 5 points are scored by an individual before time, the match will end. If time runs to the full 2 minutes, the competitor with the highest score will be declared the winner.
12. In the case of a tie at the end of 2 minutes, the match will continue into sudden death/victory The competitor that scores the first clean point, confirmed by the officials will be awarded the match. In the case of a violation (such as face contact in lower divisions), a point and the match will be awarded to the other competitor.
13. As the match progresses, officials will call break (with no stop in time). One point will be awarded when a majority of the officials confirm the point.

14. Takedowns are prohibited unless adult advanced and adult black belt divisions are fighting on mats (this will be made clear at the time of the tournament if mats are available). If the match allows takedowns, the takedown must be followed with a scoring technique. A clean takedown with a follow-up will be awarded 2 points when confirmed by official. If the competitor that is taken down scores on the opponent before being scored upon, he/she will be awarded one point instead.
15. First, Second, and two Third places will be awarded.

Penalties

1. Face contact in non-face contact divisions will result in a point being awarded to the opponent after the first warning of any penalty including face contact. The third penalty of face contact can result in disqualification of the offender. (Strikes to the areas that are covered by headgear are Not considered face contact) Excessive face contact may result in automatic disqualification and is at the discretion of the head official. All competitors are encouraged to protect themselves at all times even after the official call break.
2. Other actions include running out of the ring or dropping to the ground whether to avoid contact or to run down the clock), wild/blind techniques, , and striking to illegal targets, or with illegal techniques will result in the following penalties:
 - a. first penalty will result in a warning.
 - b. second subsequent penalty and beyond will result in a point awarded to opponent.
3. All participants (competitors, judges, spectators, etc.) must maintain a good and sportsmanlike conduct. Poor conduct may result in disqualification and dismissal from the event.

*There is no coaching during kata at all for any competitor. No coaching on the floor during sparring. **Exceptions: Distinguished Warriors all divisions, ages 5 & under sparring only, and beginners of any age.**

- **Only judges, competitors, and authorized personnel (including coaches and VIP bands) are allowed in the competition area. Spectators must remain away from rings and off the competition floor.**
- **Any concerns about judging needs to be brought to the tournament promotor and not to the judge(s) during the match.**
- **No coach is allowed to stop or interrupt a match. If there is a protest, the instructor of the competitor will bring it to the tournament promotor.**

Our goal for this tournaments is to have a fun, clean, fair and competitive competition, and to promote good martial arts around the area. We do our best to make sure that the event is ran so that goal is met. However, there are times we have to remember the judges are human. If there arises a concern about the competition, please have the instructor of the competitor address it with the tournament promoters. We will aim to resolve all issues when possible.

Expanded Rules and Expectations

All competitions are age and belt rank specific. All competitors should report to their rings when they are assigned and announced. Once a kata division or a sparring division has begun, **no** new competitors will be added to that division. The division is closed to late entries. No exhibition divisions or matches will be made for any competitor which misses his/her competition. **(Parents and Black Belt instructors are responsible for getting their competitors to the appropriate rings on time.)**

A competitor must compete in the appropriate age and rank division **unless** they have written permission from the Board of Black Belts to compete in another division outside their normal division. Rank divisions will be dependent on the highest rank that the competitor has received from any of the martial arts styles that they have taken. Once a competitor competes in a higher division, they **must** remain in that division for the entire tournament season. They may **not** drop back down to a lower division. Junior competitors (under 18 years of age) **may not** compete with the adults under any circumstances.

Extra Divisions: If there are more than 8 people in competition, a promoter has the option to divide adult competition into Adult (18 - 39), Executive (40 - 49) and Senior Executive (50 and over). If more than 8 competitors are in each adult age division, then the promoter may divide adults into light, medium, and/or heavy weights.

Uniforms, Hygiene and Equipment

Competitors must wear a full uniform (Top, pants, and belt) to compete. **All** uniforms must be neat, clean and hemmed. **No** cut off sleeves or pants are allowed. If a belt is forgotten, another size appropriate belt may be worn.

No hats or head dresses may be worn in competition. Sparring helmets must be worn in sparring competitions for competitors under the age of 18. **Every** competitor who is sparring should have an **appropriate** mouthpiece (**An appropriate mouthpiece is made for martial arts competition**) if sparring. Males must wear appropriate groin protection. (If you have the parts, protect them!)

Biological males should compete against biological males. Biological females should compete against biological females. Unless there is a division where coed competition is allowed like kata or super fight.)

All competitors **must** be neat and trimmed. **All** competitors should be clean from head to feet. **All** fingernails and toenails should be neatly trimmed.

All competitors should be in good health. If a competitor is clearly ill (Coughing, runny nose, and fever), they should not compete. **If a competitor is clearly ill, an official doctor or medical staff may disqualify a competitor. If a competitor is injured, medical may determine them incapable of continuing.**

Any shoes for katas must be pre approved.

All hand gear for sparring **must** have a **full 1 inch foam padding on the knuckles** and **must have the thumb covered**. It is always up to the head judge or the promoter of the disallow the use of a particular style of hand gear. **At no time** should a competitor's hand and knuckles be wrapped.

All foot gear must have appropriate padding. It may be foam dipped or cloth covered padded foot gear made for sparring competition. **All** foot protection must completely cover the full foot top including the toes. **No** mat shoes are allowed for sparring competition. Only shoes (Ringstar) made for sparring shall be allowed.

Foam headgear is required that covers the forehead, the back of the head, the side of the head, and the top of the head.

Forearm and Shin pads are allowed but not required. No forearm or shin pads should have anything inside them to reinforce them (like plastic rods or metal rods). No soccer shin guards are allowed. **No one who is wearing a cast or braces supported by metal may compete in sparring.**

Foam chest protectors are encouraged but not required.

***** All decisions on a competitors dress, protective equipment, appearance and allowances will be at the discretion of the head judge, tournament promoter.*****

If a piece of equipment is deemed unsafe, equipment that is deemed safe may be worn instead. A competitor should not miss the opportunity to compete due to equipment.

***** No competitor shall remove their gi top or uniform on the competition floor. If a competitor wishes to change tops, they should go to the bathroom to change unless they have an appropriate shirt on under the gi top. (No visible sports bras and undergarments are allowed) A competitor will be disqualified and lose all points for the day if they are caught violating this rule.*****

Weapons for Kata: **All** weapons must be in safe operating condition. Competitors under the age of 18 may use practice weapons. **All** competitors 18+ must use real practical weapons. (no live blades are allowed). Kids may use aluminum swords, but adults may not. **All** weapons must be approved by a weapons master before the competition. **All** weapons must meet size and weight standards for competition. A weapon that is safe for competition but does not meet size and weight standards may be allowed to compete with a scoring deduction. (**See weapons standards**)

Competition Area Standards

Rings should have 1 inch mats as protection against hard wood or concrete floors. Rings should be either 5 x 5 mats or 6 x 6 mats. Championship or Black Belt rings can be bigger but not bigger than 8 x 8 mats.

Only competition staff, judges (that are currently judging), coaches (for the allowable rings...see coaching under penalties topic) and competitors (currently competing) shall be allowed in the competition area. No spectators will be allowed in the competition area. **ANYONE who is trying to influence the judges, whether directly or indirectly, decisions on kata or sparring will be asked to leave the competition immediately.**

Head judges/ Promoters/ and authorized staff will be responsible for clearing and maintaining the area around the competition ring.

Protests

Any **instructor** of a competitor may make a protest of any infraction of the rules. The protest may not question the call of a judge. An official's decision may be protested only if it is against a rules. **All** parents and instructors must remember that judges call what they see. They are not always perfect nor can they see everything always.

All protest must be in a **respectful** and **good sportsman** like in nature. Any protests made of a personal nature will not be heard. (No cussing, name calling etc.)

Each tournament shall have an official arbitrator. The arbitrator should be an A or A+ judge.

No protest shall be allowed after the conclusion of a sparring match or the conclusion of a kata division.

Ejections and Suspension

A competitor, instructor, or a spectator may be ejected.

- A. Unsportsmanlike conduct
- B. Disrespect displayed to an official
- C. Cheating or any way interfering of the competition
- D. Fighting outside the competition
- E. Jeering or cursing at another competitor, instructor, or spectator
- F. Talking back to or arguing with an official

Any person (competitor, instructor, or spectator) who physically attacks a judge or an official of the tournament will be charged with a crime.

Kata and Weapons Kata

There should be at least 3 black belt judges. Black Belt competition should have 5 judges whenever possible.

A traditional kata must be more than one stance, must move in those stance, and the movements must be traditional martial arts movements. There should not be flips or backflips. All kata should match a set of traditional forms within 5% variance. **(NO FLASH AND TRASH)** No music. No props. No more than 3 kicks without putting your foot down. No gymnastics such as cartwheels, splits, flips or handstands. There should be no more than a 360°turn.

Competitors should bow and announce "Judges" before entering the Ring.

Underbelts should say their name (for identification purposes) and the name of their kata to the judges.

Black Belts should introduce themselves and their kata to the judges

Katas will be judged on Technique, Form, Power, Speed, Complexity, and Practicality.

Deductions may be made for the following:

- A. Undersized and underweight weapons
- B. Someone losing control or letting go of their weapon
- C. Hesitations or forgetfulness
- D. Loss of balance, weak movement, poor power, poor stance, flaws in the movements
- E. Lacking kias
- F. Going outside of the ring
- G. Lack of precision
- H. Weapons that make contact with the floor
- I. Kata more than 3 minutes in length

Sparring

All contact for under 18 divisions should be light contact and controlled.

All contact in 18+ division should be medium contact

All contact in the “Super Fight” will be conducted by black belt rules and the contact can be medium to heavy contact. Control should still be exercised. Uncontrolled and wild techniques can result in a disqualification of the competitor.

Behavior and Expectations

Trained judges who know the rules and policies. They are fair, impartial and committed to producing the best experience possible for everyone.

Consistent and professional tournament.

High quality competitors, spectators, and instructors.

Well behaved judges, competitors, spectators, and instructors.

A good environment to compete and learn.

We would like to thank you for considering, choosing, and participating in “A Warrior’s Mission Martial Arts Championship” Because of you, this tournament will be great!

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