

Forms Grand Champion

The **Forms Grand Champion** competition is designed to determine the overall champion across all the forms disciplines. The competition gives top forms athletes from different styles, ranks, ages, and divisions the opportunity to compete directly against one another for the title of **Forms Grand Champion**.

The Grand Champion title is awarded to the athlete who successfully advances through the single-elimination tournament and wins the final matchup. The exact number of rounds depends on the number of athletes who decide to participate.

To be eligible for the Forms Grand Champion competition, an athlete must earn a **gold medal in at least one of the five forms events**.

The five qualifying events are:

1. **WTF Forms**
2. **TSD/MDK Forms**
3. **ITF Forms**
4. **Creative Weapons**
5. **Traditional Weapons**

The Forms Grand Champion competition will use a **random-draw, single-elimination bracket**. After all qualifying gold-medal winners have been determined, any eligible athlete that wants to compete for Grand Champion will sign up to be randomly placed into the tournament bracket. Because the bracket is randomly drawn, athletes may be matched against competitors of any:

- Age
- Sex
- Rank
- Form discipline (WT, ITF, TSD, Weapons Forms)

There will be **no age, sex, or rank restrictions** in the Grand Champion bracket.

Each matchup is single elimination. The athlete who wins advances to the next round, while the athlete who loses is eliminated.

Competition continues until only **one athlete remains**.

Because the Grand Champion bracket is randomly drawn and may place athletes of different ages and ranks against one another, **there are no restrictions on which form an athlete must perform.**

An athlete may perform **any form that they know.**

Athletes are permitted to **change the form they perform each time they compete.**

An athlete may choose the form they believe gives them the best opportunity to win against their particular opponent.

Athletes may be performing completely different types of forms against one another.

The random-draw format means athletes must be prepared to compete against forms that may be very different from their own specialty.

When athletes perform different forms, judges will evaluate the overall quality of each athlete's performance.

The judges will determine which athlete delivered the stronger overall performance.