

Southern Wisconsin Open Spring Karate Championships

Team Event Rules

***Saturday Night – March 17th, 2012
Verona High School***

Registration Opens at 5:30 p.m.

Forms Competition Begins at 6:30 p.m.

Sparring Competition begins right after Forms are completed

Team Event Pricing-

Pre-Registered:

Each team member pays \$25 for the first event, \$7 for each additional event

To be clear on Registration between Saturday and Sunday:

The Team Events on Saturday night are a completely different registration form and is a completely different event than the Individual competition on Sunday. Competing in Team Sparring on Saturday night is your first event on Saturday and Competing in Sparring on Sunday in the Individual Events is your first event on Sunday and is priced accordingly. Sparring on Sunday in the Individual Events is not a "second event" from the Team Sparring on Saturday.

Day of Event Prices:

Each team member pays \$30 for the first event, \$10 for each additional event

Spectator Prices-

Pre-Registered Spectators pay \$7, Day of Event price is \$8, kids under 6 are free

→ Spectator Price on Saturday night covers both days of the tournament!

Rules for TEAM FORMS Divisions:

In the Under Black Belt Divisions-

Novice – White / Gold / Orange

Intermediate – Green / Purple / Purple Stripe / Blue / Blue Stripe

Advanced – Red / Red Stripe / Brown / Brown Stripe

Your Division is determined by the most advanced belt on the team!

For example, if you had a Forms team of 4 White Belts and 1 Black Belt, they would compete in the Black Belt Division.

Team Forms are a minimum of 2 members, and a maximum of 6 team members. The size of the rings at the tournament for the Team events are 20'.

Team Form competitors can compete in ONE division on ONE team, PLUS they can compete in the Family Division, and of course Team Sparring.

The Family Division can be any belt, any age, and is for immediate family members. 4th cousins by marriage are not considered immediate family members.

Team Forms can be any mixture of open hand and/or weapons. All competitors in Team Forms must wear a complete Martial Arts Uniform. Competitors will NOT be allowed to compete in just a t-shirt. There are not separate divisions for music or for weapons. Any team can use music, and any team may have some or all team members using weapons.

Music is optional- the tournament will provide all sound systems for the competition. Competitors should have a clearly marked CD with the track for their form with them when they arrive in their ring to compete. Please tell the center judge you will be using music.

We reserve the right to adjust divisions up or down as needed depending on the number of teams that are competing.

Rules for TEAM SPARRING Divisions:

There is light head contact allowed in ALL under Black Belt Team Sparring divisions and of course all Black Belt Divisions!

Sparring Teams– Each Sparring Team will have 3 Members

In Divisions where age is a factor, which would be Under Black Belt Kids and Black Belt Kids, the age a fighter will compete in is their age on the day of the tournament, Saturday, March 17th, 2012. Teams that have fighters with beards, goatees, or drove themselves to the tournament should not attempt to pass themselves off in the 12 and under division. We will ask for proof of age in that situation.

Lower Belt kids divisions are the same as in the Team Forms. Therefore, if you had a 3 person sparring team with 2 white belts and a Black Belt, they would compete in the Black Belt Division, which probably would not be a very well thought out team...

IN THE LOWER BELT KIDS and BLACK BELT KIDS DIVISIONS, THE CENTER JUDGE OF THAT RING HAS THE RIGHT TO MATCH UP THE FIGHTERS FROM THE 2 OPPOSING TEAMS ALLOWING FOR THE SIZE, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE SAFETY OF THE FIGHTERS.

The Under Black Belt Kids and the Black Belt Kids Divisions are set up by specific age. Using the Black Belt Kids Divisions as an example, there is a "Age 12 & Under Black Belts" division. That means ALL 3 competitors on that team must be 12 & Under. The next division is "13-14 year old Black Belts", and again, ALL 3 team members must be 13-14 years old. This is different than some other tournaments, where each of the three team members is from a different age division.

To Repeat this important distinction- at our event, ALL 3 members of a team must be the age that the division calls for. A 10 year old, 13 year old, and 17 year old Black Belt are NOT on the same team.

Each Team Member will fight one complete 90 Second Round. In the first two fights, it is possible to end the individual match in a tie.

There is no 5 point advantage. For example, a pair of fighters could have a score of 8-0. In the event of a tie after time is called in the 3rd and final match, the last pair of fighters that are already in the ring will go to sudden victory to determine which team advances.

Total score of all three team members will determine who advances and who wins the division.

We will use standard NASKA point fighting rules, 2 points for a kick, 1 point for a punch. There is NO ground fighting. All techniques must be above the belt. Competitors can sweep the front leg only to break balance, and only to the back of the opponents front leg foot pad.

As in any Martial Art sparring event, when the Center Judge calls "Break" or "Point", both competitors must instantly stop and control their techniques. Late techniques thrown after the Center Judge has stopped the action will not be allowed or accepted and will result in a warning. Further disregard for this rule will result in that fighter's disqualification.

All sparring competitors, including Black Belts, must wear headgear

All sparring competitors in the Under Black Belt Divisions are encouraged to wear some type of chest protector or rib guard

Fighters must wear hand and foot protection that covers the fingers and toes of their hands and feet. Just wearing shin guards and forearm guards that leave a portion of the fighters hands and feet exposed are not allowed.

Fighters must wear EITHER traditional foam dipped kicks and punches, or as an option for foot protection we will allow fighters to wear the Ringstar brand sparring safety shoe as approved by NASKA.

This is the only brand we approve for fighters to wear, if you're not sure if you're gear is allowed feel free to call us at 608-845-1333 before the day of the tournament!

Headgear "cages" are not required, but highly recommended

All competitors in Team Sparring must wear a complete Martial Arts Uniform. Sparring Competitors will not be allowed to compete in just a t-shirt.

If you have any questions about any of the divisions or the rules please feel free to call the Tournament Director, Jeff Christensen, at 608-845-1333