

OPEN KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONS

▪ Weapon Kata ▪ Empty-Hand Kata ▪ Kumite

Ohio Expo Center – 717 E. 17th Ave Columbus, Ohio 43211 – VOINOVICH BUILDING

Every competitor will be assigned to a ring where they will compete in each of the events that they have registered for.

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Weapon & Empty-Hand Kata Divisions (ABOC “AAA” POINTS RATED)

Some of the following divisions may be subdivided in order to avoid forming divisions consisting of more than 15 competitors per division.

RANK LEVEL SPECIFICATIONS

NOVICE: White, Yellow & Orange Belts

ADVANCED: Red, Purple, & Brown

INTERMEDIATE: Blue & Green Belts

BLACK BELTS: Black Belts

NOTE: Red Belt in some systems are considered NOVICE Ranks

Scoring Procedures:

- A panel of 3 Judges will be used to score Youth & Under Black Belt Weapon & Empty-Hand Kata Competitions. Each of the Judges will use scores between 7.00 - 9.99. The 3 scores will be added together to determine the competitor's score. If there is a Tie, the competitors who are tied will be allowed to perform the same or another Weapon or Empty-Hand Kata and the winner will be confirmed by a show of hands.
- A panel of 5 Judges will be used to score Adult Black Belt Weapon & Empty-Hand Kata Competitions. Each judge will present a score between 5.00 - 9.99. The lowest and highest scores will be dropped, and the remaining 3 scores will be added together to determine the competitor's score. If there is a Tie, the competitors who are tied will be allowed to perform the same or another Weapon or Empty-Hand Kata and the winner will be confirmed by a show of hands.

Top-5 Seeded competitors (in each division) will compete last

WEAPON KATA Divisions

1. 5 & Under Boys & Girls **All Ranks**
2. 6 – 7 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Nov**
3. 6 – 7 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Int**
4. 6 – 7 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Adv**
5. 8 – 9 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Nov**
6. 8 – 9 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Int**
7. 8 – 9 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Adv**
8. 9 & Under Boys & Girls **Blk Blt**
9. 10 – 11 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Nov**
10. 10 – 11 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Int**
11. 10 – 11 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Adv**
12. 10 & Under Boys & Girls **Blk Blt**
13. 12 – 13 Yr Old Girls **Nov**
14. 12 – 13 Yr Old Girls **Int**
15. 12 – 13 Yr Old Girls **Adv**
16. 12 – 13 Yr Old Boys **Nov**
17. 12 – 13 Yr Old Boys **Int**
18. 12 – 13 Yr Old Boys **Adv**
19. 12 & 13 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Blk Blt**
20. 14 – 17 Yr Old Girls **Nov**
21. 14 – 17 Yr Old Girls **Int & Adv**
22. 14 – 17 Yr Old Boys **Nov**
23. 14 – 17 Yr Old Boys **Int & Adv**
24. 14 – 17 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Blk Blt**
25. 18 – 35 Yr Old Women **Nov**
26. 18 – 35 Yr Old Women **Int & Adv**
27. 18 – 35 Yr Old Men **Nov**
28. 18 – 35 Yr Old Men **Int & Adv**
29. 18 – 35 Yr Old Women **Blk Blt**
30. 18 – 35 Yr Old Men **Blk Blt**
31. 36 & Up Women **Nov**
32. 36 & Up Women **Int & Adv**
33. 36 & Up Women **Blk Blt**

EMPTY-HAND KATA Divisions

34. 5 & Under Boys & Girls **All Ranks**
35. 6 – 7 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Nov**

Empty-Hand Kata continued

36. 6 – 7 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Int**
37. 6 – 7 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Adv**
38. 8 – 9 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Nov**
39. 8 – 9 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Int**
40. 8 – 9 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Adv**
41. 9 & Under Boys & Girls **Blk Blt**
42. 10 – 11 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Nov**
43. 10 – 11 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Int**
44. 10 – 11 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Adv**
45. 12 – 13 Yr Old Girls **Nov**
46. 12 – 13 Yr Old Girls **Int**
47. 12 – 13 Yr Old Girls **Adv**
48. 12 – 13 Yr Old Boys **Nov**
49. 12 – 13 Yr Old Boys **Int**
50. 12 – 13 Yr Old Boys **Adv**
51. 10 – 13 Yr Old Girls & Boys **Blk Blt**
52. 14 – 17 Yr Old Girls **Nov**
53. 14 – 17 Yr Old Girls **Int & Adv**
54. 14 – 17 Yr Old Boys **Nov**
55. 14 – 17 Yr Old Boys **Int**
56. 14 – 17 Yr Old Boys **Adv**
57. 14 – 17 Yr Old Girls & Boys **Blk Blt**
58. 18 – 35 Yr Old Women **Nov**
59. 18 – 35 Yr Old Women **Int & Adv**
60. 18 – 35 Yr Old Men **Nov**
61. 18 – 35 Yr Old Men **Int**
62. 18 – 35 Yr Old Men **Adv**
63. 18 – 35 Yr Old Women **Blk Blt**
64. 18 – 35 Yr Old Men **Blk Blt**
65. 36 & Up Women **Nov**
66. 36 & Up Women **Int & Adv**
67. 36 – 55 Men **Nov**
68. 36 – 55 Men **Int & Adv**
69. 36 & Up Women **Blk Blt**
70. 36 – 55 Men **BLK BLT**
71. 56 & Up Men **Nov**
72. 56 & Up Men **Int & Adv**
73. 56 & Up Men **Blk Blt**

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Kumite Competition Rules & Regulations

(ABOC "AAA" POINTS RATED)

Kumite matches shall be the event where competitors will be required to use kicking and punching techniques to score points against their opponent.

Ring Coordinator(s)

Shall be the person(s) who stages the competitors (check entry forms) and escort competitors to the rings when their divisions are called.

Ring Staff/Officials (Per Ring)

1 Center Referee & 2 Side Judges for Under Black Belts and Black Belts 17 & Under competitors

1 Center Referee & 4 Side Judges for Black Belts 18 years old & Older

1 Scorekeeper & 1 Timekeeper

Competitor Dress Code: Martial Arts Uniform

Mandatory Safety Equipment Requirements (sparring gear)

a. Mouth Guard **b.** Hand & Foot Gear (foam rubber) **c.** Head Gear **d.** Cup

Sparring Divisions/Groups

Competitors 17 years old & under, will be divided and assigned to divisions as followed:

1. Gender: Boys & Girls

2. Rank Levels: Novice, Intermediate, Advance & Black Belts (See Youth Kumite Division below)

3. Height: Competitors in each rank level will be divided by height to form the divisions. (See Youth divisions below)

Competitors 18 years old & up, will be divided into groups and assigned to divisions as followed:

1. Gender: Women & Men.

2. Rank Levels: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, & Black Belts (See Adult Kumite Divisions below)

3. Weight Classes: (See Adult Kumite Divisions below)

Top-5 Seeded Competitors

 (All divisions)

The Top-5 Seeded competitors are the competitors who have accumulated the most points in their divisions over the past 12 months at tournaments that were rated by Arnold BOC Martial Arts World Games Rating System. The top-5 point earners will be seeded in the 2nd Round of the Sparring Matches in their divisions at the Arnold BOC Martial Arts World Games.

Sparring Matches

 (time limit)

Sparring matches will be 2 minutes in duration.

Single Elimination Matches

Every time a competitor wins his/her match, that competitor will advance to the next round and wait for his/her next match. This procedure will continue until there are only 3 or 4 competitors left in that division. The last 3 competitors in the division will compete for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Legal Scoring Techniques

To score points, the competitors will be required to use Kicking & Punching techniques Only. (See Point Scoring below)

Illegal Scoring Techniques

A warning will be issued the first time a competitor uses any of the following techniques. If the competitor uses any of the following techniques a second time but did not cause an injury to his/her opponent, his/her opponent will be awarded 1 point. If the competitor uses any of the following techniques a third time, the competitor will be disqualified.

a. Spinning Backfist **c.** Strikes to the neck **e.** Elbows **g.** Takedowns **i.** Pushing

b. Head Butt **d.** Knee Strike **f.** Throws **h.** Holding

Legal Contact Areas

Competitors will be allowed to make Light Control Contact to the following Target Areas with Punching and Kicking techniques Only.

a. Side of the opponent's Head

b. Front of the opponent's body (from the waistline up).

Illegal Contact Areas

a. Back of Opponent's head **c.** Opponent's Groin Area **e.** Opponent's Back & Spine Area

b. Top of Opponent's Head **d.** Opponent's Neck **f.** Opponent's Legs

Excessive Contact

Excessive Contact will be when a striking technique results in, **a.** Immediate redness to the opponent's face (mask area). In this case, the opponent who made the contact will receive a warning. **b.** When a striking technique (of any kind to any part of the opponent's body) results in, abrasions, bleeding, swelling, unconsciousness. In this case, the competitor who made the contact will be disqualified from the event. The competitor who was injured will advance to the next round. However, if the competitor who was injured is unable to compete in the next round, he/she will receive the award for that match if the match was for a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place finish, or will be eliminated if the match was not for an award.

Points Scoring (Under Black Belt Divisions)

1 point will be awarded for Punching and Kicking techniques. The winner of the match will be the competitor who scores 3 points first, or the competitor who has the most points at the end of the 2-Minute time limit.

Points Scoring (Adult Black Belt Divisions)

1 point will be awarded for Punching techniques, and **2 Points** for Kicking. 5-Point Spread will be applied: (5-point spread means, that the match will end when a competitor's score is 5 points more than his/her opponent's) The winner of the match will be the competitor who scores a 5 point spread, scores 5 points first, or has the most points at the end of the 2-Minute time limit.

Out of Bound Rules

No warning or penalty will be issued to a competitor if he/she goes out of bounds as a result of being pushed out. If the competitor who was pushed out of bounds still has 1 foot in bounds, he/she will be allowed to score with a punching technique, but not a with a kicking technique.

3 Warning Rule: Violation & Disqualification

A competitor will be disqualified upon receiving a 3rd warning for any combination of rule violations.

Time Outs

The referee will call "Time Out"; **1)** If a competitor goes out of bounds or is pushed out of bounds by his/her opponent. At which time, the referee will issue a warning to the competitor who did the pushing, or to the competitor who goes out of bounds to avoid being scored upon. The referee will have the competitors go back to the center of the ring and restart the match, **2)** To issue a warning, or a disqualification, **3)** when the 2-minute time limit expires.

Tie Breaker

If there is a TIE at the end of the 2-minute time limit, the match will go into a 1-minute overtime match. The competitor who scores first will win the match. If there is still a Tie at the end of the overtime match, the winner will be determined by a Show of Hands (center referee ring judges) majority rules.

Automatic Disqualification

A competitor who shows unsportsmanlike conduct of any kind toward the referee, his/her opponent, staff members, guests, spectators, fans, etc., will be disqualified. A competitor will also be disqualified if he/she is not on deck when his/her name is called a third time for his/her match. His/her opponent will be declared the winner of the match.

Kumite Competition Divisions

Youth divisions will be subdivided by Height. Adult Divisions will be subdivided by Weight.

*The following divisions will not be run in the order in which they are listed below.

KUMITE

74. 5 & Under Boys & Girls **All Ranks**
75. 6 – 7 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Nov**
76. 6 – 7 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Int**
77. 6 – 7 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Adv**
78. 8 – 9 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Nov**
79. 8 – 9 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Int**
80. 8 – 9 Yr Old Boys & Girls **Adv**
81. 9 & Under Boys & Girls **Blk Blt**
82. 10 – 11 Yr Old Girls **Nov**
83. 10 – 11 Yr Old Girls **Int & Adv**
84. 10 – 11 Yr Old Boys **Nov**
85. 10 – 11 Yr Old Boys **Int**
86. 10 – 11 Yr Old Boys **Adv**
87. 12 – 13 Yr Old Girls **Nov**
88. 12 – 13 Yr Old Girls **Int & Adv**
89. 12 – 13 Yr Old Boys **Nov**
90. 12 – 13 Yr Old Boys **Int**
91. 12 – 13 Yr Old Boys **Adv**
92. 10 – 13 Yr Old Girls **Blk Blt**
93. 10 – 13 Yr Old Boys **Blk Blt**
94. 14 – 17 Yr Old Girls **Nov**
95. 14 – 17 Yr Old Girls **Int**
96. 14 – 17 Yr Old Girls **Adv**
97. 14 – 17 Yr Old Boys **Nov**
98. 14 – 17 Yr Old Boys **Int**
99. 14 – 17 Yr Old Boys **Adv**
100. 14 – 17 Yr Old Girls **Blk Blt**

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101. 14 – 17 Yr Old Boys **Blk Blt**
102. 18 – 35 Yr Old Women **Nov**
103. 18 – 35 Yr Old Women **Int**
104. 18 – 35 Yr Old Women **Adv**
105. 18 – 35 Yr Old Men **Nov** L/W
106. 18 – 35 Yr Old Men **Nov** H/W
107. 18 – 35 Yr Old Men **Int** L/W
108. 18 – 35 Yr Old Men **Int** H/W
109. 18 – 35 Yr Old Men **Adv** L/W
110. 18 – 35 Yr Old Men **Adv** H/W
111. 18 – 35 Yr Old Women **Blk Blt** L/W
112. 18 – 35 Yr Old Women **Blk Blt** H/W
113. 18 – 35 Yr Old Men **Blk Blt** L/W
114. 18 – 35 Yr Old Men **Blk Blt** M/W
115. 18 – 35 Yr Old Men **Blk Blt** H/W
116. 36 & Up Women **Nov**
117. 36 & Up Women **Int & Adv**
118. 36 – 55 Yr Old Men **Nov** L/W
119. 36 – 55 Yr Old Men **Nov** H/W
120. 36 – 55 Yr Old Men **Int & Adv** L/W
121. 36 – 55 Yr Old Men **Int & Adv** H/W
122. 36 & Up Women **Blk Blt**
123. 36 – 55 Yr old Men **Blk Blt** L/W
124. 36 – 55 Yr old Men **Blk Blt** H/W
125. 56 & Up Men **Nov**
126. 56 & Up Men **Int & Adv**
127. 56 & Up Men **Blk Blt**

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