

Rules for Team Events & Grand Championships

All team events shall have 3 judges, score range from 9:91 to 9.99 using hundredth (i.e. 9.56). National Finals will have 5 judges, dropping High & Low. Adding in low score will break ties. If a tie still exists, add back the high score. If still tied, The winner is determined by a show of hands by the judges. In the event there are only 2 teams, the winner will be determined by a show of hands by the judges. Team members must also be registered individually in the USA Sport Karate National Championship.

Team Weapons & Forms: Traditional

2 to 5 member teams, All ages, All Ranks, Separate 17 & under & Adult Teams

2 Minute Time Limit

USA Sport Karate Traditional Rules, based on Black Belt, Apply with the addition of **75% Synchronicity to each member of the team**

Team Weapons & Forms: Creative

2 to 5 member teams, All ages, All Ranks, Separate 17 & Under & Adult teams

2 minute time limit

USA Sport Karate Extreme Division rules apply. Music is Optional. Teams must supply their own music on CD only; We may have a Stereo System available at Nationals Only. IMAF is not responsible for failure or incompatibility of the music source or equipment.

Demo Teams

2 to 15 member teams, all ages, all ranks, Junior & Seniors combined at Junior Nationals Only

All Members must be entered in at least (1) Individual Division in any discipline

6 minute time limit

This is an Open Division, music, props, weapons are all allowed. Teams will be judged on Originality, Showmanship, Presentation and Difficulty. Teams must supply their own music on CD/MP3 or device easily connected to PA Board. IMAF will have a Stereo System available at Nationals Only. IMAF is not responsible for failure or incompatibility of the music source or equipment.

The winning teams at Nationals will perform in The Saturday Night Showcase

Team Fighting

3 Divisions, 17 & Under (see age rules below) Male & Female, all ranks compete together no beginners

USA Sport Karate Fighting Rules Apply with the addition of: 60 Second Time Limit per match, 90 second finals,

Disqualification of team member in any match results in the Team's loss of points in that match. **Any team w/ a second disqualification**, results in their entire team being disqualified from the competition.

3 member teams, Junior teams; (1) 15 –17, (1) 12 to 14, (1) 11 & under

Most cumulative points of the 3 matches will determine team winner.

X-Treme Tag Team Fighting

2 Person Teams will compete in this Non-Stop cross between Continuous & Point Fighting. Separate Age Divisions and separate male & female divisions. Pick your team & get ready for X-Treme Action.

Team Age Divisions: 9 to11 Team, 12 to14 Team, 15 to18 Team. **Team Gender:** Female Teams and Male Teams in each age division. **Number of Team members per team:** Three (3) team members per division. **Time limit:** 2 minutes and 30 sec. total time limit. **Experience Level:** ALL Experience Levels. Teams can be mixed levels of experience or same levels of experience, as long as they are fighting in their right age divisions. **Scoring:** Hand techniques (One Point), Kicking techniques (One Point). The team with the most cumulative points at the end of the match is the winner.

Tagging In/Out: The person that's fighting in the ring has within 30 seconds to tag out. The tag must be a high hand tag, that's above the shoulder of each fighter. The tag must be hand to hand (high five type) and hands must touch.

Contact Warning Infraction and Boundary Warning Infraction: The same as for individual point fighting. The only difference is that the infraction against a single competitor is against the TEAM, and the point or points are given to the other TEAM. **USA Sport Karate COMPETITOR'S POINT FIGHTING RULES.**

Warnings: After the first verbal contact warning or boundary warning, the other team receives a point for each additional warning. The warning does not have to be on one team member. It can be cumulative on each team.

Tagging Infraction: Any tags after the 30 seconds is a penalty. The other team will receive one point for each infraction. The penalty starts with the first infraction and there after the other team will receive points until the match is over.

Team Fighting Awards will be presented at The Saturday Night Showcase at Nationals

Grand Championships

Traditional & Extreme Weapons; 1st Place winners in Black Belt Divisions will compete for Grand Championship in USA Sport Karate Adult Divisions, Grand Champions perform At The Saturday Night Showcase at Nationals

Traditional & Extreme Forms; 1st Place in Black Belt Divisions will compete for Grand Championship in both USA Sport Karate Divisions, Grand Champions perform At The Saturday Night Showcase at Nationals

Point Fighting

USA Sport Karate – Single Elimination. All 1st Place Winners will be put in a pool. Matches to be set randomly by Uventex., separate grand championship for females from 7 & up.

USA Sport Karate Adults – Black Belt winners in each division will fight for Grand Championship, separate Male & female

Final Matches will be held at The Saturday Night Showcase at Nationals