

2018 UMMAF AMATEUR MMA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT Competition Handbook

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Competition Venue/Weigh-Ins

Isle of Capri Casino

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2 – About UMMAF

The USA Mixed Martial Arts Federation, UMMAF, is a certified non-profit organization whose mission is to enable US amateur athletes to achieve sustained competitive excellence, develop character and support the efforts for all amateur Mixed Martial Arts. UMMAF provides the infrastructure to promote and grow MMA in the USA and through international competition. The UMMAF is the national federation for MMA representing the USA as a member of the International Mixed Martial Arts Federation (IMMAF). The IMMAF is the international governing body for MMA, non-profit and democratic, founded from within the MMA community for the MMA Community.

It is the goal of UMMAF through our partnership with IMMAF to help achieve Olympic Recognition for the sport of Amateur MMA. Becoming an Olympic sport is the ultimate achievement and highest formal recognition possible for any sport. Currently there are 63 countries affiliated with IMMAF who all have established their own respective member federations. UMMAF is the only official USA federation under IMMAF!

3 - Program

Attention: The schedule may be modified according to the total number of entries and circumstances of competition however, competition days will not increase. Maximum bouts per day will remain at 1 bout per day/per athlete (up to 3 days max).

Check-in/Weigh-ins

All athletes to arrive and check in at the event venue (Isle of Capri Casino Boonville, MO). Official Weigh-ins and Check-ins will take place at 8 am each morning February 1st through the 3rd. You MUST be at the event venue between at this time to weigh-in. Brackets will be random draw and done the morning of the event after all final weigh ins and check ins are completed.

NOTE- As mentioned, all brackets are random draw. Should there be an odd number of participants in a weight bracket, the 'bye/s' will go to the athlete/s who has the most official amateur wins on their record (must be verifiable by MixedMartialArts.com). Should there be a tie in official wins, then the bye will be awarded to the athlete with the most overall official bouts (must be verifiable by MixedMartialArts.com). In the unlikely circumstance that both of those items remain tied between athletes, then the bye will be determined by a random draw from a UMMAF director. UMMAF reserves all rights to final decisions made on competition brackets.



Thursday February 1st – Day 1 of competition, Registration, and initial weigh-in

Weigh and Registration in at 8 am to 9:00 am Pre-fight medicals- 11 am (at the Event Venue) Rules Briefing at 12 pm Competition Starts at 1 PM

Friday February 02 day 2 of competition (Semi-Finals)

Weigh in – 8:00am to 9:00am (at the event center) *Must make scratch weight with no allowance

Pre-fight medicals – 11 am (at the Event Venue)

Rules Briefing at 12 pm

Competition starts at 1 pm

Saturday February 03, 2018– Day 3 of competition (FINALS)

Weigh in – 8:00am to 9:00am (at the event center) <u>*Must make scratch weight with no allowance</u> Pre-fight medicals – 11 am (at the Event Venue) Rules Briefing at 3: 30 pm Competition starts at 4:30

NOTE: All winners on the day of FINALS will be the official 2018 UMMAF National Champions! Winners also guarantee their spot on the UMMAF National team to compete at any IMMAF International Open events throughout the season, including the 2018 Amateur World Championships in November.



4 - Competition Event Center

Venue Name – Isle of Capri Casino Venue address – 100 Isle of Capri Blvd Boonville, MO 65233

5 - Eligibility

All eligibility was granted by winners of the UMMAF Sanctioned Qualifier bouts throughout the country. Any additional spots left to fill, were opened for athletes to apply. Athlete applications were vetted by UMMAF and approvals were sent out via email to athlete and coach.

6 - Athlete Screening

If any professional records within any combative sports (sanctioned or unsanctioned) are detected by UMMAF you will be automatically removed prior to the National Championship Tournament.

7 - UMMAF Membership

Every athlete competing at the 2018 UMMAF Amateur National Championship Tournament must be an active member of UMMAF. An athlete membership with UMMAF is \$35 annually and allows you to compete on any UMMAF shows through the country for 1 calendar year from the time you execute your membership. Membership fees can be verified and/or paid during registration day on Thursday February 01, 2018.





8 - Weight Classes

Woman
Strawweight -115lbs (-52.1kgs)
Flyweight -125lbs (-56.7kgs)
Bantamweight -135lbs (-61.2kgs)
Featherweight -145lbs (-65.8kgs)
Lightweight -155lbs (-70.3kgs)

Men

Flyweight -125lbs (-56.7kgs)

Bantamweight -135lbs (61.2kgs)

Featherweight -145lbs (65.8kgs)

Lightweight -155lbs (-70.3kgs)

Welterweight -170lbs (-77.1kgs)

Middleweight -185lbs (-83.9kgs)

Light Heavyweight -205lbs (-93.0kgs)

Heavyweight -265lbs (-120.2kgs)





9 - UMMAF Registration/Tournament Fee

All athletes competing are required to pay a \$100 registration/tournament fee. Deadline for Registration is January 01, 2018.

A link to pay fee can be found here www.ummaf.org

After registration, an athletes spot is secured. If the registration fee is not paid by the deadline, your spot will be given to another qualified athlete.

10 - Key Deadlines

Pre-Registration Tournament Fee- January 01, 2018

Although not required to verify, it is highly suggested that you have your lodging booked also by January 01, 2018.

Refund of Tournament fees 100%- January 01, 2018

Refund of Tournament fees 50%- January 01 thru January 15th (No refunds of Tournament fees after January 15, 2018 without medical verification of injury)

Medical forms submission- January 15, 2018 *Although not required until Tournament check-in, it is highly recommended to have completed, emailed and reviewed by January 15th.

Tournament Check in/Weigh in- Wednesday January 31, 2018, 8 am at the event venue

11 - Weigh-in Policy

The first official weigh-in takes place each morning of the event. All athletes must make proper weight with no allowance.

Only athletes that are set to compete on that day must attend that competition day weigh-in (except for registration day all competitors must weigh-in). Competitors with byes on are not expected to weigh-in on but will need to weigh-in for Finals on Saturday morning per the schedule.

Any athlete who does not show up within the designated weigh-in times or fails to make weight will be excluded from competition. A set of test scales will be available for one hour before the official weigh-in. This is to facilitate athletes who wish to check their pre-fight weight before stepping onto the official weigh-in scales.



12 - Competition Rules

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the latest IMMAF Amateur rules, (See http://www.immaf.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/IMMAF-Amatuer-3x3-Rule-Set-Rev-B.pdf).

For all UMMAF sanctioned multi-day tournaments, we **do** require athletes to wear UMMAF provided shin guards to lesson the impact damage over 3 days. Rashguards are not allowed for Male athletes at the UMMAF National Championship Tournament.

Each athlete will be allowed up to 3 coaches to be cage side and within the athlete/coach designated spaces at the event center. Only 2 coaches will be allowed to enter the ring between rounds. Coaches will be provided wristbands upon athlete registration.

13 - Referees & Judges

All Officials will be current UMMAF members and work in a volunteer capacity for the duration of the Tournament.

All Officials are required to be at the initial rules meeting on Thursday February 01 at 12 pm at the event venue.

14 - Equipment

The gloves and shin guards will be provided by UMMAF. Hand wraps can be done by the coaches however there will be a staff of cut-men able to assist. All hand wraps must be signed by an UMMAF official prior to gloves being put on. Competitors are responsible for providing their own mouth guard, appropriate competition shorts (no spats allowed) and groin guard.

15 - Lodging & Transport

Athletes and coaches will be responsible for their own Lodging and Transportation for the 2018 UMMAF National Championship Tournament. I would stress that accommodations and transportation be booked early as possible. Tournament participants can receive a discount on rooms at the Isle of Capri Casino by using the discount code HULETT.

Other hotels in the area:

Hotel Fredrick: 660-882-2828, \$94 per night Super 8 : 660-882-2800, \$50 per night Days INN : 660-882-8624, \$55 per night

Airport information

Athletes can fly directly to Columbia Regional Airport in Columbia, Missouri



Airlines that service Columbia Regional Airport are American Airlines and United Airlines. Athletes may also fly into Kansas City International Airport in Kansas City, MO or Lambert Intl. Airport in St. Louis, MO however these airports are between 2 and 3.5 hours away and you will be responsible for your own transportation to and from Columbia, MO.

16 - Medical Clearance

Competitors need to ensure that their annual medical examination and blood work is in good standing as per UMMAF's updated competition medical requirements.

In order to be medically cleared to compete in the 2018 UMMAF National Championship Tournament, each athlete must provide the following:

a) a completed **Annual Medical Examination form**, dated within one year of the final day of competition - so on or after February 03. 2018.

b) a copy of the testing laboratory results showing **clear blood test results** for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV, all dated within 6 months of the final day of competition - so on or after August 03, 2018

c) all documentation must be sent as an email attachment in PDF form (**ideally one complete PDF per athlete**) to RyanB@ummaf.org *Please Note: we strongly recommend submitting all forms by January 01, 2018 so that any mistakes or omissions can be addressed BEFORE we get to the Tournament, thus avoiding any issues or cancellations. You can also bring copies with you to the day of check-in on February 01, 2018 but any errors that cannot be corrected by competition day will be your responsibility and could result in losing your spot in the tournament.

17 - Media

Journalists can apply for media accreditation by sending their requests directly to the Director of Operations RyanB@ummaf.org

18 - Live Streaming

None

19 - Shameless Plug

When you get an opportunity, please make sure to give the UMMAF and IMMAF Facebook pages a 'like'. You'd be surprised how much that helps by simply showing our outreach to future sponsors, promotions, regulatory bodies, WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency), etc. Plus, we always have great information being posted up regularly! Stay up to date with MMA news, UMMAF events, regulatory/safety discussions, global changes, UMMAF partnerships, IMMAF International events, Anti-doping policies, etc.

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