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Competition Handbook

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Competition Venue/Weigh-Ins

Kewadin Casino

3015 Mackinac Trail

St Ignace, MI 49781

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 ultimate 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 90+ 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).

Wednesday Feb 27th – Check-in/Weigh-ins

All athletes to arrive and check in at the event venue (Kewadin Casino St Ignace, MI). Official Weigh-ins and Check-ins will take place from 7pm-9pm Wednesday afternoon. You MUST be at the event venue between this time to weigh-in. All athletes must be on scratch weight with no allowance at this time. Brackets will be random draw and done the morning of Thursday February 28th 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 Feb 28th – Day 1 of competition

No weigh in necessary Thursday morning as the check-in weight is sufficient for day 1.

Pre-fight medicals – 1:30 pm (at the Event Venue) *Fighters must remain at event center

Rules Briefing at 3 pm *All fighters will be present at this time or will be disqualified from competition

Competition starts at 4pm (until complete)

Friday March 1st – 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 – 2:30pm (at the Event Venue)

Rules Briefing at 4 pm

Competition starts at 5 pm

Saturday March 2nd– Day 3 of competition (FINALS)

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

Pre-fight medicals Youth- Noon (at the Event Venue)

Pre-fight medicals for Adults at 1 pm

Rules Briefing for Youth Bouts at 1:30 pm

Rules Briefing for Adults at 2 pm

Competition starts at 3:00 pm (will start with Youth bouts)

NOTE: All winners of the tournament on the day of FINALS will be the official 2019 UMMAF National Champions! Winners also guarantee their spot on the USA National Team to compete at any IMMAF International Open events throughout the season, including the 2019 Amateur World Championships in November. The runner up in each weight class will be the secondary on the USA National Team.

4 - Competition Event Center

Venue Name – Kewadin Casino St Ignace
Venue address – 3015 Mackinac Trail- St Ignace, MI. 49781

5 - Eligibility

Eligibility for 2019 Nationals, were opened for athletes to apply. Athlete applications were vetted by UMMAF and approvals will be sent out via email to athlete and coach where applicable.

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 2019 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 sanctioned events throughout 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 Wednesday Feb 27th.

Orlando Jimenez

David Evans

Laneisha Vinson

8 - Weight Classes

Woman
Atomweight – 105lbs (-47.6kgs)
Strawweight -115lbs (-52.1kgs)
Flyweight -125lbs (-56.7kgs)
Bantamweight -135lbs (-61.2kgs)
Featherweight -145lbs (-65.8kgs)
Lightweight -155lbs (-70.3kgs)

Men
Strawweight -115lbs (-52.1kgs)
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)
Super Heavyweight +265lbs (+120.2kgs)

William Starks

9 - UMMAF Registration/Tournament Fee

All athletes competing are required to pay the registration/tournament fee. Deadline for Registration is Sunday February 27th, 2019. The registration fee schedules are as follows:

-$100 if registered and paid before Jan 31st
-$150 if registered and paid between Feb 1st & Feb 26th
-$200 if walk-up registration on Feb 27th *must be in place by 9m registration and weigh ins

An athlete's registration is not secured into the tournament until after the tournament fee is fully paid. A link to registration and payment of the tournament fee can be found at www.UMMAF.org

10 - Key Deadlines

Pre-Registration Tournament Fee– Wednesday, February 27th, 2019 *Highly recommend securing your spot as early as possible since no positions will be held.

Although we are not required to verify, it is highly suggested that you have your lodging booked by the end of January 2019 to ensure there are no issues with a shortage of lodging prior to competition.

Refund of Tournament fees 100%- if requested by Jan 31st, 2019

Refund of Tournament fees 50%- Feb 1st – Feb 21st (No refunds of Tournament fees after Feb 21st without medical verification of injury)

Medical forms submission- *Although not required until Tournament check-in, it is highly recommended to have completed, emailed and reviewed early. Physicals will be done onsite. Athletes will need to bring a hard copy of their blood work (Hep Trio and HIV). Blood work will need to be within 12 months from day 3 of the competition. *Eye tests are not required

Tournament Check in/Weigh in- Wednesday Feb 27th, 2019 (7pm-9pm) at the event venue

11 - Weigh-in Policy

The first official weigh-in takes place at registration on Wednesday Feb 27th 7pm-9pm. All athletes must make proper weight with no allowance.

Registration weight on Wednesday will cover all athlete weight for competing on Thursday Day 1 of competition. Moving forward to Day 2 of competition, only athletes that are set to compete on that day must attend that competition day weigh-in. Competitors with byes on Friday (Day 2) are not expected to weigh-in on Friday 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 lessen 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 2 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 however if a cutman or doctor is attending to your athlete, 1 coach must step back outside of the cage. 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 Feb 28th at the event venue.

14 - Equipment

The gloves and shin guards will be provided by UMMAF and the host promotion Big Johns MMA. Hand wraps can be done by the coaches however there will be 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 2019 UMMAF National Championship Tournament. We stress that accommodations and transportation be booked early as possible as lodging space is limited in the area.

16 - Medical Clearance

Competitors need to ensure that their blood work is in good standing as per UMMAF's updated competition medical requirements. Must be within 12 months from the final day of competition.

In order to be medically cleared to compete in the 2019 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
*If you do not have one completed early, the doctor on site will handle your physical prior to fighting.

b) a copy of the testing laboratory result form showing **clear blood test results** for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV, all dated within 12 months of the final day of competition
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 early 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 Feb 27th 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

This tournament will be open to all Media forms however live streaming will not be allowed other than clips and images. Please give advance notice to Ryan Brueggeman RyanB@UMMAF.org so a credential can be issued for the tournament.

18 - Live Streaming

At this time no Live Streaming is planned but that may change. However, rapid updates will be maintained on our social media accounts.

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.

https://www.facebook.com/USAMMAKIF/?fref=ts
https://www.facebook.com/IMMAFed/?fref=ts

Also get your official UMMAF team gear here to show support For the US National Team:
http://teamstore.gtmsportswear.com/kickusa

Fotini Kandris with Coaches