# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION –**

- How do I qualify for the WTA Nationals? First, you must be a US competitor who is a member of one of the WTA sanctioned associations such as the AMA, Amkor, CTF, Renaissance Karate, UFMA, USTL, UTA, USWTA and others that may qualify. The rules for qualification have been agreed upon by your association in conjunction with the WTA.
- Is there a limit on the number of events for which I can register? **NO**, you will have to set your own limits. We will allow you to register for as many events as you wish, however, there will be no refunds except under special circumstances.
- Can BEGINNER competitors (white, yellow, orange belts) compete in Point or Continuous Sparring divisions? **NO**, beginners may compete in forms and sparring set (non-contact) competitions.
- What is a Little Dragon? Little Dragons are competitors who are 6 & under and not yet ready to compete in regular forms, sparring sets or point sparring divisions. This is a special division where they will all get to participate and each competitor will receive a special award.
- What level of contact can I expect? Contact will be relative to divisions. Less contact will be allowed in colored belt divisions. For point sparring, the contact level will be light, controlled contact. For continuous sparring, the contact level will be light to moderate, controlled contact.
- What are the weight classes? Weight classes will be determined at the tournament, in staging, based primarily on the safety of the competitors.
- How do I determine my age and rank division? You should enter your age and rank as of April 1st of the competition year to determine your proper division.
- Can I elect to compete in a different division? If you are an adult, you may choose to compete in a younger age group but you must compete with your rank as of April 1st or as of the tournament date. If you are a junior, you may not elect to change divisions.
- If I register now, can I get a refund if I decide not to compete? Generally, we will issue refunds upon request as follows:

  30 days before the tournament, we will refund all fees paid (less a processing charge of \$25) for any reason.

  7-29 days before the tournament, we will refund one-half of all fees paid for any reason.

  Less than 7 days NO REFUNDS!

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# **TEAM COMPETITION**

How many teams may I compete on? As many as 4! A 3 person forms team, 3 person point sparring team, a 5 person forms team and a 5 person continuous sparring team.

Do I have to have the same people on my forms team as my sparring team? No, each team is completely separate. In fact, you may combine male and female on your forms teams if you wish.

Can I register now even if I don't know all of my team members? Yes, you can register the team and we can add team members later.

Do I have to compete in my age group in Team competition?

YES, in sparring. For safety reasons, we can not allow you to change age groups.

NO, in forms you may compete in a higher age grouping as a junior

or a senior adult may compete with the 18-34 year olds -

you may include juniors on an adult forms team, for instance,

# **WEAPONS & BREAKING COMPETITIONS**

What weapons are allowed? Traditional Martial Arts weapons are allowed, however, NO bladed weapons are allowed.

What types of weapons forms are allowed? Traditional Martial Arts weapons forms. We do not allow music, gymnastics or "xtreme" martial arts forms.

Can I do both breaking competitions? Yes, as long as you are 18 or older and a Black Belt..

Can I bring my own boards?

No, we require that you purchase boards through us to make sure everyone is using similar wood.

How many boards should I buy?

HOW MANY CAN YOU BREAK?.

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## **SPECTATORS**

#### WHO NEEDS A SPECTATOR PASS?

#### 1) I JUST WANT TO WATCH THE COMPETITION.

You will need a Spectator pass. Please complete the SPECTATOR TICKETS FORM or the FINANCIAL COVERSHEET to order these in advance at the discounted price. They will also be available at the event, HOWEVER, the price is greater.

### 2) I AM GOING TO BE COACHING AS WELL AS WATCHING THE COMPETITION.

Anyone who is coaching will need a Coaches pass - they will not need a spectator pass too, however, they must complete the Coaches/Official's Registration Form. A coach must also dress appropriately in white dobok pants and the royal blue USTL coach's shirt. The shirts may be ordered on the RETAIL ORDER form (if you have a shirt from a previous USTL tournament, that is ok too!). All Coaches are required to attend the Rules Clinic on Thursday, June 27th from 4-6 PM at the Tournament Venue.

### 3) I WILL BE COMPETING AND COACHING SOME OF THE TIME.

Anyone competing will not need a Spectator's or a Coach's pass but they must complete the Individual Competition form and/or the appropriate Team Competition Form if they are competing on a Team.

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Anyone Officiating will not need a Spectator's pass but they must submit the Official's registration form. Officials must attend the Rules Clinic on Thursday, June 27th from 4-6 PM at the Tournament Venue. Tournament Officials may wear either the USTL or WTA Official's Shirt with Khaki, black or dobok pants whenever they are on the floor. The USTL Official's shirts are available on the Retail order sheet. (if you have one from a previous USTL or WTA tournament, that is ok too!)

### 5) I AM COMPETING AND OFFICIATING.

You will need to complete the appropriate competitor's forms AND an Official's form.

### 6) I AM DOING IT ALL!

You will need to complete the appropriate competitor's forms AND an Official's form. On the Official's form, please indicate the days you wish to coach and officiate. This will help us with scheduling.

### 7) HOW MUCH IS A SPECTATOR'S PASS?

The Spectator's fees are as follows:

SPECTATORS PASSES	Adults	Children (7-17)	Family Pass
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1 day ticket	\$ 7 or \$10 at gate	\$ 4 or \$ 5 at gate	\$25.00
Weekend pass	\$10 or \$20 at gate	\$ 6 or \$10 at gate	\$40.00
	There is no charge for	children 6 & under	

# 8) WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE FAMILY PASS?

Immediate family members only. Sorry, grandparents, aunts and uncles must purchase their own tickets.

## 9) WHERE DO I GET MY PASSES?

You may pick up the Competitor's passes and the Spectator's passes at the Athlete's Check-in on Thursday, June 27 from 12-6 PM. Coaches and Officials may pick up those passes at the conclusion of the Official's Rules Clinic on Thursday around 6 PM.

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### 10) WHAT IF I CAN'T MAKE IT ON THURSDAY?

Passes will be available at the Tournament Site. The gate opens at 7:30 AM. Your instructor may also check you in on Thursday at the Athlete's Check-In and we will give your passes to them if you wish.