

Major Improvements to the Current Team Competition Event

Effective at the 2008 Songahm Taekwondo Fall Nationals

IMPROVEMENT #1: NEW COMPETITION INTRODUCED – TEAM DEMO COMPETITION!

Required Number of Team Members: 4 or more (no limit to maximum number)

Required Rank of Members: All team members must be at least 1st Decided Black Belts or higher

Required Age of Members: All ages are allowed

Uniform Requirements: Songahm Taekwondo Traditional Dobok or Xtreme approved uniforms only
All team members must wear same style of uniform

Other Requirements: One team per school/club number allowed
All members of team must come from only one school/club
Even for multi-school owners, team members cannot come from multiple schools
A list of team members will be required along with ATA numbers to verify school affiliation

Special Note: If it is found that a student(s) is moved from one school to another for the purpose of this competition, the entire team will be disqualified and that owner will not be able to enter any teams in future competitions.

Required Time of Presentation: No minimum time – Maximum time of 3 minutes (going longer results in DQ)

Goal of Presentation: To entertain the audience using multiple methods of demonstrating martial arts skills
Presentation should be fast paced, high energy, exciting, dramatic, and fun to watch
This IS NOT meant to be an informative presentation so an “MC” is not warranted

Methods Allowed (any or all can be included):

Any Songahm forms, segments, combinations of martial arts techniques

Any creative forms, segments, combinations of martial arts techniques

Any ATA-Xtreme forms, segments, combinations of martial arts techniques

Empty hand self-defense

Weapons

Weapons used must be from the ProTech curriculum

Only weapons that comply with Traditional Weapons or ATA-Xtreme Competition can be used

Weapons self-defense

Board Breaking

Boards provided by team

Only plastic or wood allowed (no other materials permitted – bricks, concrete, etc)

Because this is a “demo”, boards can be prepped (shaved, poppers, etc)

Clean up to be done by team immediately after dismissal of team

Props

Music (must be all ages appropriate – any music/lyrics found inappropriate will result in DQ)

Music must be on CD and will be played through “house” system

Only the music for the competition can be on the CD

Humor

Martial Arts “tricks”

Gymnastics
Synchronization IS NOT required, but is allowed

Cost of Competition: \$150.00 per team

** Registration: Handled through e-mail only with the following information

Event name (Fall Nationals, Black Belt Nationals, Spring Nationals)

Competition event (Team Demo or Team Synchronized Form)

Team name, number of team members, members' names and ATA numbers

Method of payment (credit card, credit on school account, check)

Team will not be considered registered until payment is received

Judging Criteria: Songahm Taekwondo membership will vote online at ATAonline.com (*please see page 3*)

The winning team will earn the opportunity to compete at the 2009 Songahm Taekwondo World Championships Opening Ceremonies against the winners from the LA Black Belt Nationals and the Las Vegas Spring Nationals for Top Honors.

IMPROVEMENT #2: TEAM SYNCHRONIZED FORM COMPETITION UNDERGOES MODIFICATIONS!

Modification: Number of Team Members Allowed

Original number was 2 to 9 members

New number is 2 to 3 members

Modification: Time Length of Performance

Original time was a maximum of 3 minutes

New time is a maximum of 2 minutes

Modification: Number of Judges

Original number of judges was 5

New number of judges is the Songahm Taekwondo membership (*please see page 3*)

Modification: Number of teams that go on to final competition at Worlds

Original number of teams was the 3 top teams from Fall Nationals and Spring Nationals

New number is the single top team from Fall Nationals, Black Belt Nationals, and Spring Nationals

All other rules remain the same.

Special note: As with the Team Demo Competition rules, members of a team for the Synchronized Form Competition must come from only one school/club. A list of team members will be required along with ATA numbers to verify school affiliation. If it is found that a student(s) is moved from one school to another for the purpose of this competition, the entire team will be disqualified and that owner will not be able to enter any teams in future competitions.

Special note: For clarification, a school/club may have a Demo Team AND a Synchronized Team entered into competition and they may share members.

IMPROVEMENT #3: SONGAHM TAEKWONDO MEMBERSHIP WILL VOTE ONLINE FOR WINNERS!

Video will be shot of all teams competing in both the Team Synchronized Form Competition and Team Demo Competition

Videos will be posted to the ATA website at www.ataonline.com

The **ENTIRE** world will be able to view the videos

Only members of Songahm Taekwondo will be able to vote for their favorites

ATA number will be required to vote

Valid E-mail address will be required to vote

Only one vote per ATA number will be allowed

Members vote for the teams they feel did the best and were most impressed by

Voting will be open for 45 days after videos are posted

Competition will be available at the Orlando Fall Nationals, the LA Black Belt Nationals, and the Las Vegas Spring Nationals with voting taking place after each of the three events for a total of three Synchronized Form Team winners and three Demo Team winners

The three winners of both events will be awarded the opportunity to compete in front of the live audience at the 2009 Songahm Taekwondo World Championships for top honors

Any questions can be directed to the Tournament Department at the ATA International Headquarters.

Fall Nationals Registration

Registration will open **Friday, August 1st at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time**. Registrations will be accepted **BY E-MAIL ONLY** and must be sent to: ****Please see above for what to include in the registration email.**

teamcompetition@ataonline.com

We will be using the date and time stamps of the e-mails to verify the order of registration. Registration fee must accompany registration (permission given to charge credit card associated with school # or phone call with credit card number made within 24 hours of registration or next business day. Please call Mrs. Mulford 501-568-2821 ext. 2259). Teams will be notified of acceptance by return e-mail (please make sure a valid e-mail address is included with registration).