

Team Synchronized Competition Rules

TEAM SYNCHRONIZED FORM COMPETITION

Required Number of Team Members: 2 or 3 members (no gender requirements or restrictions)

Required Rank of Members: All team members must be at least 1st Decided Black Belts or higher and listed as such in the ATA Membership files

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

Weapons Requirements (if used): Weapons used must be from within the ProTech curriculum
Only weapons that comply with Traditional Weapons or ATA-Xtreme/Creative Competition can be used

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: Members of a team for the Team Synchronized Form Competition must come from only one school/club. 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 2 minutes (going longer results in DQ)

Judging Criteria (in no particular order):

Special emphasis in this division is placed on how the form is synchronized. Members should be doing the same moves at the same time or in domino fashion for at least 75% of the form time.

Degree of Difficulty

Movements coincide with Music (if used, see below)

Weapons Usage (if used)

Kicks (judged on proper foot position, height, focus, balance, power, etc.)

Hand Techniques (judged on proper hand position, speed, power, focus, tension, etc.)

Balance (during stances, landing from jump kicks, any gymnastic moves)

ATA Attitude, Confidence, Eye Contact, Intensity

There will be 5 judges. Each of the judges will be judging the overall presentation based on the criteria listed above. None of the judges can have a team involved in the competition (cannot be an Instructor of the competitors or the owner of the school or club that the competitors train at or belong to) or have a team that has won an event during that tournament season. There may be alternative methods used during the World Championships competition.

Scores will run from 9.0 to 9.9

Unlike traditional forms and weapons competition where competitors are scored in direct relation to each other, this team competition will have set criteria that the judges will be watching for (see above). The judges will

award their scores based on the overall performance and how each of the criteria are performed. The team with the highest total score will be the winner.

Ties: In the event of a tie, the team with the most members involved in the tie will win (more members are more difficult to synchronize). If the teams involved in the tie have the same number of members, the judges will vote for the outcome. The teams will not perform again.

Music: The use of music is optional. The audio devices and medium used must be supplied by the competing team and they must have someone to operate the device. No electrical outlets or electrical cords will be supplied or allowed. For the finals at the World Championships, the sound system of the arena will be used and the music must be supplied on CD in advance of the event (complete info will be provided to the teams). The music used must be all ages appropriate – any music/lyrics found inappropriate by ATA International Headquarters will result in DQ.

Registration fee for 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 member's ATA numbers

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

There will not be a registration fee for the final competition at the World Championships.

The ATA International Tournament Department will be using the date and time stamps of the e-mails to create the order of competition. The team with the earliest registration will compete last and so on through all registrations. The registration fee must accompany registration (permission given to charge credit card associated with school number or phone call with credit card number made within 24 hours of registration or next business day or the team's placement in the competition order will be adjusted based on the date and time the payment was received). Teams will be notified of acceptance by return e-mail (please make sure a valid e-mail address is included with registration).

The winning team will earn the opportunity to compete at the upcoming Songahm Taekwondo World Championships Opening Ceremonies against the winners from the other national events (Fall Nationals, Black Belt Nationals and Spring Nationals for Top Honors).

*Special note: For clarification, a school/club may have a Demo Team **AND** a Synchronized Team entered into competition and they may share members. Teams that compete at one event and don't win are eligible to compete at other events during that tournament season. Teams that do win cannot compete at other events during that tournament season. The same school may register another team, but that team must contain all different members than the winning team. Winning teams may change the number of members on the team and/or the actual team members in preparation for the final competition at World Championships as long as all other requirements are met (proper rank, same school, etc.). Winning teams are responsible for all of their own expenses incurred to participate at the World Championships including, but not limited to, airfare, lodging, meals, etc.*