TEAM DEMO COMPETITION

2017 - 2018
“Black Belt” Team Demonstration Competition Rules

Required Number of Team Members:
- 4 or more (no limit to maximum number - 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, ATA Creative/ Xtreme Black uniform ONLY
- All team members must wear same style of uniform.
- All competition items including uniforms, weapons, props, etc. must be shown proper respect at all times. Slamming jackets or purposely breaking weapons is NOT allowed.

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 may be used

Other Requirements: All members must have a current ATA membership
- 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 and its alternates will be required along with ATA numbers to verify school affiliation
- School/clubs MAY register more than 1 team per competition but the teams may NOT share members

Special note: Members of a team for the Team Demonstration 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 3 minutes (going longer results in DQ)
- Competition will be started in the following manner:
  1. The team’s name is called
  2. The team enters the ring for a traditional bow in. Time begins after their traditional bow in and is indicated by the center judge saying “your time begins now”.
  3. The team may then adjust themselves within the ring, signal for music to start (if they are using music) and begin their presentation. * There will be NO penalty for teams that announce their team name during their performance once it has started.

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 PERMITTED
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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 self-defense
- Weapons used must be from the Protech curriculum
- Only weapons that comply with Traditional Weapons or ATA-Xtreme Competition can be used
- 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: “Anything other than boards, ATA approved weapons and ATA approved uniforms. A request to use any and all props that wish to be used during competition must be submitted via email 30 days prior to competition for approval. (scott.skiles@ataonline.com)

*Humor, Martial Arts “tricks” and/or Gymnastics movements and synchronization IS NOT required, but is allowed

Judging Criteria:
Scoring will be based on overall team performance rather than individual performances with the primary criteria being showmanship, presentation and quality of execution.

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 offers more opportunities for mistakes). If the teams involved in the tie have the same number of members, the judges will vote for the outcome by pointing to the team they feel has the best performance. The teams will not perform again.

Music: The use of music is optional. If music is used, a digital music player (iPod, iPhone, MP3 player, etc.) will be required to play team music. A team representative will be responsible to start, oversee & end music for their teams’ competition. No time allowance for malfunctions will be made unless it is found to be the fault of the house sound system. 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: An online registration form is available to all teams
  - Full refunds will be given for teams withdrawing 14 days prior to event
  - 50% refunds will be given for teams withdrawing 7 days prior to event
  - NO refunds will be given for teams withdrawing less than 7 days prior to event
- Event name (Fall 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 online registration forms 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 be paid in order for the team to be officially registered for competition. 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 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 Demo 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 (listed alternates, proper rank, same school, etc.). Winning Sync teams may also change members as long as they were listed as alternates. 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.

*The ATA reserves the right to make changes or adjustments to the rules & procedures as it sees fit during the competition season*