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On Saturday, September 12, 2009 the North American Grappling Association (NAGA) returns to Atlanta, Georgia for the largest grappling tournament in the Southeast: the NAGA Southeast Grappling Championship. This tournament is open to all grappling styles and NAGA welcomes both individuals and teams to compete. This event is nationally RANKED!

NEW VENUE – LARGER GYM, SINGLE DAY EVENT

Many teams have asked us to combine the children and adult competition into a single day tournament. A single day competition is much more convenient for teams traveling from great distances. It enables team as well as families to compete for one day and have the rest of the weekend available for travel and family activities. The Charles Drew High School gymnasium is a brand new facility and larger than other gyms NAGA has rented in the past in Georgia. The venue is conveniently located just minutes from downtown Atlanta and the Atlanta airport.

WEIGH-IN ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY

NAGA will be offering all competitors the option of registering and weighing in the night before the tournament. If you can not make it on Friday (5-8PM) at the venue, competitors can register/weigh-in on Saturday anytime after 8 AM at the venue.

SAMURAI SWORDS TO ALL 1ST PLACE WINNERS

NAGA will be handing out custom engraved SAMURAI SWORDS to ALL children, teen, adult, master, director & executive Gi & No-Gi 1st place winners! All 2nd and 3rd place winners will take home beautiful octagon medals. All children regardless if they place (1st through 3rd) will receive a medal just for having the courage to compete!



RANKED EVENT

All NAGA events are part of the nationwide ranking system entitled RANKED. Our goal is to determine who the best grapplers in the country are for various age, gender, and skill levels. This NAGA Southeast Grappling Championship will be Ranked. Do not miss your opportunity to gain points towards a true national title. Visit nationallyranked.com for more details.



SANDBAGGERS BEWARE

NAGA works diligently to prevent sandbagging, which is the practice of fighting down skill levels to ensure one takes home an award. NAGA has been working with RANKED to track all fighters and ranked grappling events to produce true national standings. A by-product of these standings is our knowledge of who has competed and at which level. Front door personnel will use RANKED data to determine whether or not individuals who have fought in past events belong in a higher skill level (i.e. placed 1st at a prior NAGA event).

FREE NO-GI SEMINAR W/ BJJ BLACK BELT MIKE CARDOSO

Abu Dhabi Veteran & BJJ Black Belt Mike Cardoso will be conducting a FREE 1 hour No-Gi Seminar Friday night from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the venue. All schools and styles are welcome. Individuals of all skill levels can participate.



THE WORLD'S LARGEST GRAPPLING TOURNAMENTS

NAGA SOUTHEAST - ADULT PRE-REGISTRATION FORM (Pre-Reg Deadline 9/4/09)

Name:	Phone:	
Address:	FREE T-Shirt, Circle One: S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X	
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:	Team:	DOB:

MEN'S ADULT NO-GI & GI GRAPPLING DIVISIONS:

MEN'S NO-GI EXPERIENCE LEVELS	WEIGHT CLASSES
<input type="checkbox"/> MEN'S NOVICE Under 6 months experience, no wrestlers	Fly Weight (139.9 lbs. & Under)
<input type="checkbox"/> MEN'S BEGINNER 6 months to 2 years experience	Feather Weight (140 lbs. to 149.9 lbs.)
<input type="checkbox"/> MEN'S INTERMEDIATE 2 years to 5 years experience	Light Weight (150 lbs. to 159.9 lbs.)
<input type="checkbox"/> MEN'S ADVANCED 5 years experience & above	Welter Weight (160 lbs. to 169.9 lbs.)
<input type="checkbox"/> MEN'S ABSOLUTE Open Weight Class, Championship Belt	Middle Weight (170 lbs. to 179.9 lbs.)
MEN'S GI DIVISIONS (WHITE & BLUE BELTS)	Light Heavy Weight (180 lbs. to 189.9 lbs.)
	Cruiser Weight (190 lbs. to 199.9 lbs.)
	Heavy Weight (200 lbs. to 224.9 lbs.)
	Super Heavy Weight (225 lbs. & Above)
<input type="checkbox"/> MEN'S WHITE BELT (Use the weight divisions to the right)	Actual Weigh-in will determine which division you compete in
<input type="checkbox"/> MEN'S BLUE BELT (Use the weight divisions to the right)	
MEN'S GI PURPLE, BROWN & BLACK BELT (ADVANCED) DIVISIONS	
PURPLE BELT <input type="checkbox"/> Lt Wt. (154.9 lbs. & Under) <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Wt. (155 to 174.9) <input type="checkbox"/> Cruiser (175 to 199.9) <input type="checkbox"/> Super Heavy (200 +)	
ADVANCED GI <input type="checkbox"/> Lt Wt. (154.9 lbs. & Under) <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Wt. (155 to 174.9) <input type="checkbox"/> Cruiser (175 to 199.9) <input type="checkbox"/> Super Heavy (200 +)	

MEN'S MASTER'S GI & NO-GI GRAPPLING DIVISIONS:

MEN'S MASTERS DIVISIONS (Ages 30 yrs & above)	CHECK ONE:	WEIGHT CLASSES for MASTERS
<input type="checkbox"/> MASTER'S NOVICE < 6 months exp. No wrestlers	<input type="checkbox"/> No-Gi Only	Masters Novice, Beginner & Intermediate divisions use the same 9 weight classes as the No-Gi Divisions above. Masters Advanced use the 4 weight classes below.
<input type="checkbox"/> MASTER'S BEGINNER 6 months to 2 yrs exp.	<input type="checkbox"/> Gi Only	
<input type="checkbox"/> MASTER'S INTERMEDIATE 2 to 5 years exp.	<input type="checkbox"/> Both Gi & No-Gi	
MASTER'S ADVANCED <input type="checkbox"/> Lt Wt. (154.9 lbs. & Under) <input type="checkbox"/> Middle (155 to 174.9) <input type="checkbox"/> Cruiser (175 to 199.9) <input type="checkbox"/> Super HW (200 +)		

MEN'S DIRECTOR'S (40 yrs +) & EXECUTIVE (50 yrs +) GRAPPLING DIVISIONS:

MEN'S DIRECTORS & EXECUTIVES SKILL LEVEL	CHECK ONE:	WEIGHT CLASSES & AGE GROUP
<input type="checkbox"/> NOVICE Under 6 months exp. no wrestlers	<input type="checkbox"/> No-Gi Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Directors (Ages 40 to 49 years old)
<input type="checkbox"/> BEGINNER 6 months to 2 yrs experience	<input type="checkbox"/> Gi Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Executives (Age 50 yrs & Above)
<input type="checkbox"/> INTERMEDIATE 2 to 5 years experience	<input type="checkbox"/> Both Gi & No-Gi	Directors & Executives will be broken up into weight classes at the event to ensure fair competition.
<input type="checkbox"/> ADVANCED 5 years experience & above		

WOMEN'S GI & NO-GI GRAPPLING DIVISIONS:

WOMEN'S DIVISIONS – SKILL LEVELS	CHECK ONE:	WEIGHT CLASSES:
<input type="checkbox"/> WOMEN'S NOVICE/WHITE (Under 6 months exp)	<input type="checkbox"/> No-Gi Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Fly Weight (119.9 lbs & Under)
<input type="checkbox"/> WOMEN'S BEGINNER/WHITE Under 1 yr experience	<input type="checkbox"/> Gi Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Light Weight (120 to 134.9 lbs.)
<input type="checkbox"/> WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE/BLUE (1-3 years exp.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Weight (135 to 159.9 lbs.)
<input type="checkbox"/> WOMEN'S ADVANCED (3 yrs+) <input type="checkbox"/> MASTER'S 30 Years +	<input type="checkbox"/> Gi & No-Gi	<input type="checkbox"/> Light Heavy Wt (160 lbs. & Above)
We reserve the right to combine the above weight classes depending on the turnout.		

Fees: \$80 to compete in 1 Division, \$100 for 2 Divisions – Spectators \$10 in advance (\$15 at the door)
 Family Rates for a parent & child or multiple family members is \$80 per family member (i.e. Dad & son compete = \$160)

There are 3 ways to register for this event:

1. Pre-Register online with your MASTERCARD, AMEX, DISCOVER, VISA WWW.NAGAFIGHTER.COM
2. Register the day of the event at the door (WE ONLY ACCEPT CASH AT THE DOOR)
3. Fill out & mail in the attached application with a check to the following address postmarked by 9/4/09:

NAGA, 36 Saner Rd. Marlborough, CT 06447

You can enter a MAXIMUM of 2 Divisions ***Blue Belts must compete at Intermediate No-Gi level & visa versa,

***Purple, Brown and Black Belts must compete at the Advanced No-Gi Level & visa versa

NAGA SOUTHEAST KIDS/TEEN PRE-REG FORM

(Pre-Reg Deadline 9/4/09)

Name:	Phone:	Pre Reg # of Spectators:
Address:	FREE T-Shirt, Circle One: Kids: M, L Adult: S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X	
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:	Team:	DOB:

EXPERIENCE LEVELS: When choosing your Child or Teens Experience Level please take into account numerous factors; how often they train, how talented they are, other sports they participate in, how they do against classmates. The length of time they have trained is not the only aspect to consider. The experience levels (years training) listed are just guidelines. Challenge your children and have them compete at an appropriate skill level. Please remember that NAGA has the right to place competitors in their appropriate division.

CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCE LEVELS	AGE & GENDER	WEIGHT CLASSES
KIDS NOVICE = 6 months experience or less <input type="checkbox"/> KIDS NOVICE NO-GI (without submissions) <input type="checkbox"/> KIDS NOVICE GI (without submissions) No wrestlers in the Novice Divisions KIDS BEGINNER = Less than 1 year experience <input type="checkbox"/> KIDS BEGINNER NO-GI (with submissions) <input type="checkbox"/> KIDS BEGINNER GI (with submissions) No wrestlers in the Beginner Divisions KIDS INTERMEDIATE = Less than 2 years experience <input type="checkbox"/> KIDS INTERMEDIATE NO-GI (with submissions) <input type="checkbox"/> KIDS INTERMEDIATE GI (with submissions) KIDS ADVANCED = More than 2 years experience <input type="checkbox"/> KIDS ADVANCED NO-GI (with submissions) <input type="checkbox"/> KIDS ADVANCED GI (with submissions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Boy <input type="checkbox"/> Girl <input type="checkbox"/> Age We will match kids based on age and weight to make each division as fair as possible! Girls will be paired up with other girls whenever possible. If there are 2 or more girls in a division, we will create a separate division for those girls	Actual Weigh-in will determine which division you fight in that day <input type="checkbox"/> 49.9 lbs. & Under <input type="checkbox"/> 50 lbs. to 59.9 lbs. <input type="checkbox"/> 60 lbs. to 69.9 lbs. <input type="checkbox"/> 70 lbs. to 79.9 lbs. <input type="checkbox"/> 80 lbs. to 89.9 lbs. <input type="checkbox"/> 90 lbs. to 99.9 lbs. <input type="checkbox"/> 100 lbs. to 114.9 lbs. <input type="checkbox"/> 115 lbs. to 129.9 lbs. <input type="checkbox"/> 130 lbs. to 179.9 lbs. All children 14 and under that weigh over 180 lbs. will need to compete with the teens. Please note, if you placed 1st in a prior NAGA event you MUST move up a skill level!

TEEN'S NO-GI & GI GRAPPLING DIVISIONS (15 to 17 years of age):

TEEN'S EXPERIENCE LEVELS	TENTATIVE WEIGHT CLASSES	AGE & GENDER
TEENS NOVICE = < 6 months experience <input type="checkbox"/> TEENS NOVICE NO-GI <input type="checkbox"/> TEENS NOVICE GI TEENS BEGINNER = < 1 yr experience <input type="checkbox"/> TEENS BEGINNER NO-GI <input type="checkbox"/> TEENS BEGINNER GI No Wrestlers allowed in Novice or Beginner TEENS INTERMEDIATE = < 2 yrs exp. <input type="checkbox"/> TEENS INTERMEDIATE NO-GI <input type="checkbox"/> TEENS INTERMEDIATE GI TEENS ADVANCED= 2 yrs exp. + <input type="checkbox"/> TEENS ADVANCED NO-GI <input type="checkbox"/> TEENS ADVANCED GI	<input type="checkbox"/> Fly Weight (129.9 lbs. & Under) <input type="checkbox"/> Light Weight (130 lbs. to 149.9 lbs.) <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Weight (150 lbs. to 169.9 lbs.) <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Weight (170 lbs. to 199.9 lbs.) <input type="checkbox"/> Super Heavy Weight (200 lbs. +) Please note – We reserve the right to either subdivide or combine the above weight classes the day of the event depending on the turnout. - Submissions are allowed in all teen divisions	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female We will separate girls from boys when there are 2 or more girls in a specific skill level & weight class. Competitors are limited to 2 divisions. You can compete in only one skill level and only one weight class.

ALL CHILDREN & TEEN DIVISIONS ARE ON SATURDAY

Fees: \$80 to compete in 1 Division, \$100 for 2 Divisions (Doing Gi & No-Gi counts as 2 divisions),

Spectators: \$10 each in advance, \$15 at the door (Children under 5 are free)


Family Rates for a parent & child or multiple family members is \$80 per family member (i.e. Dad & son compete = \$160)

There are 3 ways to register for this event:

1. Pre-Register online with your MASTERCARD, AMEX, DISCOVER, VISA WWW.NAGAFIGHTER.COM
2. Register the day of the event at the door (WE ONLY ACCEPT CASH AT THE DOOR)
3. Fill out & mail in the attached application with a check to the following address postmarked **by 9/4/09**

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EVENT SCHEDULE - SATURDAY, SEPT. 12, 2009

8 AM	DOORS OPEN to general public. Registration & Weigh-ins begin and <u>last all day</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Weigh-In either Friday night from 5 PM until 8 PM or on Saturday starting at 8:00 AM and going all day✓ You do not need to pre-register in order to compete✓ You do not need to be on a team to compete✓ All grappling styles are welcome!✓ There are no refunds for any reason, please be prepared to stay late  www.NationallyRanked.com
8:00 AM until we finish	<p>8:00 A.M. Doors Open, Registration & Weigh-ins begin (Last all day) 10:00 A.M. Rules Meeting for all competitors 10:30 A.M. All Kids and Teen (Gi & No-Gi Divisions) Begin 11:00 A.M. Adult No-Gi Divisions Mid - Late Afternoon - Adult Gi Divisions</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: As the exact number of competitors is unknown until event day, it is difficult to precisely predict when your division will run. As a general rule, get there early and BE PREPARED TO STAY LATE. There will not be any refunds made to competitors or spectators for any reason.</p>	

FREE NO-GI SEMINAR WITH MIKE CARDOSO

BJJ BLACK BELT & ABU DHABI VETERAN Mike Cardoso will be conducting a FREE, 1 hour No-Gi Seminar at the Friday night weigh-in/registration (Sept. 11th from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the main gymnasium). This seminar is open to all spectators and participants of the NAGA event. All schools and styles are welcome. Individuals of all skill levels can participate for free.

WEIGH-IN ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY

NAGA will be offering all competitors the option of registering and weighing in the night before the tournament. **On Friday, weigh-ins will take place at the high school.** Friday's weigh-in will start at 5 PM and continue until 8 PM. The Friday weigh-in will be open to all competitors regardless if you pre-registered or not. Adults please have a photo ID on hand when weighing-in. If you are unable to weigh-in on Friday, you can still weigh-in on **Saturday at the high school.** On Saturday doors open at 8 AM and weigh-in is open throughout the entire day. If you have questions, please contact us at 860-295-0403.

DIRECTIONS: CHARLES DREW HIGH SCHOOL 6237 Garden Walk Blvd. Riverdale, GA 30274

The High School is located directly behind Southern Regional Hospital, just south of the Atlanta Airport. When you exit I-75 look for Pink NAGA Direction Signs...

Traveling I-75 South

Take exit 235 toward Jonesboro/US-41/Griffin/US-19 Keep right at the fork to continue toward Upper Riverdale Rd. Turn right at Upper Riverdale Rd, proceed .5 mile, Turn right at Garden Walk Blvd.

Traveling I -75 North

Take exit 235 toward Jonesboro/US-41/Griffin/US-19 .3 mi Turn left on US 19/41/Old Dixie Hwy/Tara Blvd .2 min Turn right at Upper Riverdale Rd .5 mi Turn right at Garden Walk Blvd

PARKING: The High School Wrestling Team will be collecting a \$3 donation for all those who decide to park in the school lot. This donation helps the kids fund their program.

DISCOUNT HOTEL

Hilton Atlanta Airport, 1031 Virginia Ave. Atlanta, GA, 30354. Tel: 404-767-9000, ask for NAGA rate \$72 Free shuttle to/from airport 24 hrs a day, free pool & hot tub. \$10 to park.

Driving Directions: From the City Center: Take I-85/I-75 South. When the interstate splits, stay on I-85 south to Exit 73 (Virginia Avenue). Turn left onto Virginia Avenue. The Hilton Atlanta Airport is approximately 3 blocks on the left.

For other less expensive hotels please go to www.hotels.com

NAGA NO-GI POINT SCORING SYSTEM

Throughout history the goal of wrestling in every form is control of the opponent. For thousands of years, this control has been understood in three distinct ways - Pinning, throwing, and submission. The greatest exhibition of control of all sports is forcing your opponent to consciously submit. It is this standard by which NAGA contests are instantly won. In the event that no submission occurs, the match must be decided by "Advantage" which is defined below. The player in a Grappling contest should attempt to get the Takedown, secure Dominant Control, and take the Submission.

TAKEDOWN Full Advantage (2 Points) is awarded for all Takedowns.

In determining the Takedown, the referee will look to who initiated the takedown, and how it ended up. Thus if one player shoots, his opponent sprawls, and the sprawling opponent then pulls Guard, a Takedown is awarded, as the initial movement was a Takedown attempt. If however a player aggressively pulls Guard from standing, no Takedown is awarded.

Note: The NAGA Scoring System is designed to award each player according to the standards defined above – Takedown, to Control, to Submission. Playing for points is not rewarded. Thus, if a player gets a Takedown, lets his opponent up, and then again goes for the Takedown, no consecutive points need be awarded.

DOMINANT CONTROL Full Advantage (2 Points) is awarded - Controlling your opponent is a crucial step to obtaining a Submission, thus Full Advantage (2 Points) is awarded for aggressively obtaining Dominant Control. Dominant Control is any secure form of control that lends itself to submission. The control has to be long enough to set up a submission attempt, which can be as short as a second or two. These forms of control include: -Back Mount*; -Cross Side; -Head and Arm; -Knee on Stomach; -Mount; -North/South; *Hooks are not required for Back Mount control.

Among the most common ways to get Dominant Position are: -Ending a Takedown with a Dominant Position. In this situation, two points are awarded for a Takedown, and another two points are awarded for obtaining Dominant Position, for a total of Four Points.

SWEEP Full Advantage (2 Points) is awarded -Sweep from bottom Guard or Half Guard to top position. Must initiate sweep from bottom to get the 2 points. Further, if you take the Back from Guard, this is the functional equivalent to a Sweep. Full Reverse that gets the 2 points - defined as going from the bottom of a Dominant Position to the top of a Dominant Position, leaving the situation totally reversed. For Example: You are bottom North-South, you roll the top player, and end up with top North-South.

Note: The NAGA Scoring System is designed to award each player according to the standards defined above – Takedown, to Control, to Submission. Playing for points is not rewarded. Thus, if a player simply transitions between Dominant Positions, he does not achieve additional points. For example, if you have Side Control, and you go to Mount, and then Knee on Stomach, no additional points are awarded. Further, in The NAGA Scoring System no points are awarded for Escapes. This, if you are Bottom Mount, and you bridge to In Guard, no points are awarded as you went from a disadvantageous position to a neutral position.

SUBMISSION Full Advantage (2 Points) is awarded for a Full and Strong Submission Attempt. A Submission is recognized as full and strong when one or more of the following occurs:

- The opponent takes time to escape; -Upon escaping, the opponent does not instantly move to an attack of his own, but instead assumes a defensive posture; -The defender is 'In Danger' - the finish has the potential for completion (if a kneebar, the hips have to be placed correctly, if a choke, the neck must have been reached, etc.);
- The finish in question is not a low percentage submission (wrist lock, body scissor, etc).

Minor Advantage (1 Point) is awarded for a Submission Attempt that is significant but does not meet the above criteria.

TIE In the event that players are equal in terms of Advantages, judges will determine a tie by considering first, who skillfully controlled the Pace, Place, and Position on the mat, in order to ultimately set up an eventual submission. Pace is which Grappler determined the tempo of the match. Place is which Grappler dictated where on the mat the match took place. Position is which Grappler successfully initiated the tie ups and other action.

If they are still equal, Judges will give the decision to the player with less warnings or cautions. Last, in the absence of any warnings or cautions, the edge shall be given to the fighter who better exemplifies the sport as an exciting, colorful, viable contest. If the players are still equal, then an overtime period can be called for.

STALLING The referee has the discretion to take 2 Points away from a grappler if they stall. A warning must be given at least once prior to points being taken away. The referee can warn a grappler up to 3 times prior to taking points away. The referee does have the right to stand the grapplers up or keep them in the same position after points have been taken away.

GI RULES (BJJ RULES)

GI DIVISIONS POINTS ARE AWARDED FOR:

- Takedowns 2 POINTS
- Sweep from the Guard 2 POINTS
- Knee on Stomach Position 2 POINTS
- Pass Guard to Side Position 3 POINTS
- Rear Mount Position 4 POINTS
- Mount Position 4 POINTS

You must hold your position for 3 seconds

WHITE BELTS & ALL CHILDREN/TEEN GI COMPETITORS:

- No attacks below the waist (No Knee bars, foot locks, etc.)

BLUE BELTS, MASTERS, DIRECTOR, EXECUTIVE, WOMEN'S ADVANCE):

- Straight Ankle locks are allowed
- Twisting Ankle or Twisting Leg Locks are NOT allowed

ADULT MEN'S PURPLE BELT & ABOVE:

- Straight Knee Bars, Straight Ankle Locks & Toe Holds are allowed

➤ Neck Cranks are NOT allowed in any GI division: You do NOT have to weigh in with your uniform/Gi on

➤ A full Gi must be worn, no cut off sleeves: Rash guards, sports bra's for women or T-Shirts may be worn under your Gi.

NAGA NO-GI GRAPPLING RULES

GENERAL RULES: At a minimum a groin protector, mouthpiece, and shorts with a drawstring must be worn (t-shirts/rash guards are optional). No pockets on the shorts. Wrestling/Martial Arts shoes are allowed. No grabbing of clothing during a match. **During the Match:** If there is stalling on the ground, the referee has the right to restart the match standing. If the competitors go off the mat, the match can be stopped by the referee and the competitors will be moved to the middle of the ring/mat in the same position if that position can be determined by the referee. The referee has the right to stop time and check the condition of the fighters. If no takedown occurs, fighters may be re-started from the Guard Position. **TIME LENGTH:** Kids/Teens **3 Minutes**; all other divisions will be **4 Minutes** (including Kids/Teens Advanced/Expert) except Men/Women Intermediate Divisions which are **5 Minutes**, Expert divisions are **6 Minutes**.

WAYS TO WIN: By submission, whether by tapping or verbally - Consciously Submitting - It is VERY important that all competitors understand how to "Tap-Out" when caught in a submission technique. Tapping out can be done either verbally or through a physical tap. A competitor can tap with their hands, feet or even a nod of their head. This "Tapping" is a conscious admittance of loss or surrender to an opponent. Referee Stoppage (TKO, cuts, feels fighter is not capable of defending himself), Doctor Stoppage. Corner throws in the towel, Referee decision, Disqualification, Forfeit, No Contest. If the fight does not end by submission or by points, the referee will choose the winner based on the NAGA Decision Making Criteria included in this flyer. If a match is considered a "Draw" by the referee, then there will be a 2-minute overtime (1 minute for Kids & Teens). Judges are encouraged to choose a winner in every match should it not end by submission.

LEGAL SUBMISSION MOVES: All Submission Techniques are legal including heel hooks, knee locks, neck cranks, guillotine chokes etc. (unless otherwise noted below).

NO STRIKES OF ANY KIND: No strikes of any kind allowed to any part of the body or head at all. No elbows or forearm strikes are allowed, No butting with the head, No knees to the head. No hand strikes, No kicks to an opponent

OTHER FOULS: Fighters are not allowed to grab and use their opponent's clothing. Attacks to the front of the windpipe (i.e. Finger in throat), eyes (elbows, palms, fingers, etc.) or groin. No pushing palm or elbow directly into nose. No dropping or slamming of opponent on their head. No slamming from the Guard Position. Eye Gouging, fish hooking, biting, pulling hair, pinching, twisting of skin, sticking a finger into a cut of an opponent, small joint manipulation (finger or toe locks), and putting a finger into any orifice are all FOULS and grounds for disqualification. Interference by a corner with any official or fighter, attacking an opponent in any of these circumstances: Throwing an opponent off the mat, unsportsmanlike conduct. Boston Crab technique is not allowed. Any intentional use of an illegal technique or act of poor sportsmanship will result in the immediate ejection of those competitors/spectators. **SCISSOR TAKEDOWN** – When initiating a scissor takedown, at least one hand must be on the ground when applying the takedown. No slamming. **SPECIAL RULES FOR KIDS & TEENS:** No Heel hooks, toeholds, slamming, or neck cranks are allowed. No Straight Ankle locks where the leg crosses the body.

HYGIENE RULE: All competitors must wear a clean competition uniform (gi, shorts, shirt, etc.). If a referee feels this criteria has not been met they will not allow the competitor to compete. Please wear clean clothing.

FIRST TIME FIGHTING IN A NAGA EVENT?

If this is your first time competing in a NAGA event, you are certain to have questions. We hope that by detailing what will happen during the day your experience will be enhanced. If you have concerns not addressed below, please contact us at 860-295-0403 or President@NAGAFighter.com.

WHO CAN ENTER? NAGA does not require you to be on a team in order to compete. In fact, about 25% of our fighters are unaffiliated. NAGA events are open to all styles: Wrestling, Judo, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Japanese Jujitsu, Sambo, Jeet Kune Do, etc. There are no restrictions on what form of grappling you practice. We have divisions for children and adults of all ages and of all skill levels, in both gi and no-gi competition.

WHAT TIME DO I SHOW UP? The doors will open at 8:00 AM. The rules meeting is normally between 10:00 AM. You should attend the rules meeting if this is your first tournament. The matches normally start between 10:30AM.

WHEN IS MY FIRST MATCH? NAGA runs both one and two day tournaments. **For one day tournaments, Kids/Teens go first followed by Adult No-Gi, and finally Adult Gi.** For two day events, Adult No-Gi is followed by Adult Gi on Saturday. Kids/Teens No-Gi then Gi goes on Sunday. As a general rule, get there early and see the schedule located at each ring for division start time estimates.

REGISTRATION: PREREG or AT THE DOOR? All competitors must register. This can be done at the door the morning of, the night before the event, or you can pre-register by filling out and returning the enclosed form along with the entry fee. All pre-registered competitors get a FREE t-shirt and the use of a special expedited line at the door. Athletes choosing to register at the door on event day do not get the shirt and will have a longer wait due to the time necessary to process paper work. Note: registering the night before does not get you a free competition t-shirt.

INDEX CARDS & WEIGH IN: When you register you will get an index card for each division you are competing in that day. If you enter more than one division, you will receive a card for each division. After registering you will proceed to the weigh-in station to weigh-in. If you do not make your intended weight, you can enter a heavier division or you can cut weight and weigh-in again. The scales are open all day!

WHERE IS MY DIVISION? NAGA uses 12 Rings running continuously throughout the day. When you register, you will be given a sheet indicating what ring your division is in and the order of divisions in each ring. This information is also posted at each ring, and at the weigh-in station.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN MY DIVISION IS CALLED? When your division is called, you will bring your index card for that division to the ring and give it to the ring coordinator at the ring table. The coordinator will verify the competitor is in the division that was called. The competitors will be separated by weight and school. Byes will be given based on ranking or weight. When the draw is completed, the first two fighters will be called onto the mat, whereupon they will shake hands and the referee will start the match. At the end of the contest, the referee will raise the winner's hand (decided either by Tap out or Referee's Decision). When you win, go to the Coordinator to ensure that you are properly advanced to the next round. The winning competitor will take a seat and wait to be called back to fight again. This process continues until there is a single winner! As we award 3rd place, you may be asked to fight again, even if you lost your prior match.

IN CLOSING ...Every one of the 1,000 + matches that will take place starts and ends with a handshake as everyone who competes commands respect. We hope you have a great time at the event and win every match! However, it is the mathematical nature of competition that half the athletes lose. That is why winning and losing is only a part of the reason people compete. You test yourself, both bringing out your best, and inspiring your training in the future. You will see the very best athletes in the sport in action, thus learning more. Grappling is a challenging sport. You are admired not just for taking first place, but for having the courage to compete in the first place. We hope to see you on the mats.

2009 UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 12	NAGA SOUTHEAST GRAPPLING CHAMPIONSHIP	Atlanta, GA	300 Gi & No-Gi Divisions	Confirmed
Sept. 19	NAGA INDIANA GRAPPLING CHAMPIONSHIP	Indianapolis, IN	300 Gi & No-Gi Divisions	Confirmed
Sept. 26	NAGA MR. OLYMPIA WORLD GRAPPLING CHAMPIONSHIP	Las Vegas, NV	300 Gi & No-Gi Divisions	Confirmed
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