

NATIONAL COMPETITION

BLACK BELT POINTS

- Black Belts earn points in the age and rank division in which they compete each tournament.
- Black Belts who change age or rank divisions during a competition year lose all points earned in the prior division.
- If a Black Belt is asked to compete in a different age or rank division because there are no competitors in their division, the points will follow the Black Belt.
- Points earned in different weight classes (within the same age and rank division) will follow the Black Belt.
- Red Belts may earn points in Black Belt Divisions, however, they may not compete in National Championship divisions unless they are at least a 1st Black Recommended by Spar Wars.

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- Points are accumulated at all CTF Regional Tournaments during the Competition Year.
- At Spar Wars, the Black Belts with the top two points earned are seeded at opposite ends of the sparring brackets. They are also seeded in Board Breaking with top points going last and # 2 points – next to last in both hand and foot breaking.
- The Black Belts with the top 3 number of points advance to the Qualifying Rounds at Nationals and are seeded based on their points.

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- All Black Belts earn 1 point each time they compete in a tournament.
- In divisions of 3 or more, the following point values are assigned to winners of forms, sparring or power breaking –
 - Single rated Regional Spar Wars
- 1st Place 3 6
- 2nd Place 2 4
- 3rd Place 1 2
- In a division of only 2 competitors, 1st place will only receive 2 points (4 at Spar Wars) and 2nd place will receive 1 point (2 at Spar Wars)

RULE FOR NATIONALS -QUALIFICATION TO COMPETE

- ***All Black Belts will have a chance to compete for the jacket if they meet the requirements below:***
- Any Black Belt, who has competed in at least 2 tournaments (even if they were a red belt when they competed) during the Tournament Year, may compete in the National Championship Forms and preliminary sparring rounds.
- You must be at a 1st Black Rec'd by Spar Wars. These NEW Black Belts will have the choice of two options to compete
 - Non-qualified rounds or
 - Preliminary National Championship rounds.

RULE FOR NATIONALS QUALIFICATION

- ***Black belts will continue to accumulate points for competing and also placing at regional tournaments. The point totals will determine qualification and seeding for the Qualifiers' sparring rounds.***
- Black Belts in each division with the 3 highest levels of points (Top Qualifiers) will automatically move into the Qualifiers' sparring rounds.
- The winner of the Preliminary sparring rounds will move on to the Qualifiers' sparring rounds with the Top Qualifiers.
- The second place finisher in the Preliminary rounds may also move up if there are two 3rd place Top Qualifiers.

RULES FOR NATIONALS

TOURNAMENT AGE DIVISIONS

- **TOURNAMENT AGE**

- Black Belts will use their age as of **July 1st** for the whole competition year.
- **Junior Black Belts** may request to move to an older age group by filing a written request with the CTF National Office by July 1st of the Tournament year. GM Hardin **MUST** approve the request.
 - *Once they are approved to compete in an older age group, they may not elect to change again during that year.*
- **Adult Black Belts** may choose to move to a younger adult age group for competition at the first tournament in which they participate each competition year.
 - *Once they compete in an age group, they may not elect to change again during that year.*
 - *If the Tournament Director moves them to a different division because their division did not have enough competitors, any points earned will add to their “elective” division.*

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TOURNAMENT DIVISIONS - SIZE

It is the responsibility of the TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR to set the Divisions.

- Size – Divisions may be split by weight classes for sparring **only** if the Tournament Director/Staging Manager feels it is necessary for the safety of the competitors.
- Points will follow a black belt within their rank & age classification, regardless of which weight class they participate in.
- Each black belt interested in competing at Nationals must advise the National Office of their height and weight by the date of Spar Wars.
- The National Office will then use the height and weight information in determining the Qualifiers for the different weight classes at the CTF National Championships.

RULES FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONS

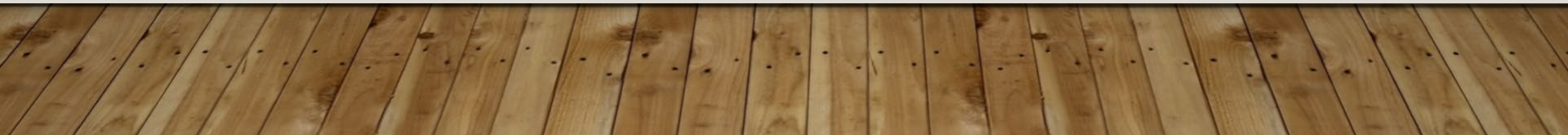
SEEDING PROCESS AT NATIONALS

Competitors will be seeded based on the number Black Belt points they have accumulated during the CTF Tournament year *IN ALL EVENTS*.

- Top seeding position will be given to the competitor with the most points.
- Second level seeding will be given to the competitor with the second highest number of points.
- Third level seeding will be awarded to the competitor with the third highest number of points, etc.

SPARRING COMPETITION -

- The competitors with the three highest number of points will automatically advance to the QUALIFYING rounds of sparring.
- All other competitors will compete in a preliminary series of rounds to determine who will advance to the QUALIFYING rounds. The winner of the Preliminary rounds will always advance to the QUALIFYING rounds and be paired with the 3rd place seeded competitor. If there was a tie for 3rd, then the 2nd place finisher in the Preliminary rounds will also advance.



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FORMS COMPETITION

- The standard CTF Tournament Rules for forms competition apply.
- All Black belts in the division will compete together in forms if they meet the Nationals Eligibility Rule.
- Qualifiers will be seeded with the lowest seed competing first and the top seed competing last.
- Judges will display forms scores immediately upon “judges call” by raising their scorecards.

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SPARRING COMPETITION

- CTF Standard Tournament Sparring Rules will apply unless an exception is listed on the following slides.
- All Black Belts will be split into two separate divisions for sparring - the Preliminary sparring rounds and the Qualifiers' sparring rounds.
- Preliminary sparring rounds will consist of one (1) two minute round.
- Qualifier's sparring rounds will consist of two (2) minute rounds.
- Winner of the Qualifier sparring round will advance to the FINAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP round where they will compete with the winner of the Forms competition. This match will consist of two (2) minute rounds.

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SPARRING COMPETITION

FINAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND ONLY – TIE-BREAK RULE

- Only in the FINAL round described in paragraph 7 below to determine the National champion, in the event of a tie at the end of regulation sparring, the following rule will apply:
- The clock will be reset and the competitors will spar an additional one minute round following a 30 second break. All other rules will remain the same. The winner will be determined at the end of the tie-break round. If the score is still tied, the competitors will fight another one minute round, continuing until one competitor is determined the winner. Any penalties and warnings charged to a competitor in regulation will carry over to the tie-break rounds.

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MATCH DURATION/MERCY RULE

- **COLORED BELT** sparring matches will last two minutes or until one player reaches a total of **5** or more points.
- **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BLACK BELT Preliminary** sparring matches will consist of **1 round of 2 minutes** each or until one player's score exceeds the other player's score by **10** points
- **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BLACK BELT Qualifiers'** sparring matches will consist of 2 rounds of 2 minutes each or until one player's score exceeds the other player's score by **10** points EXCEPT in the Final Championship round when there is no limit on points.
 - The Scorekeeper will notify the Center Referee when one of the above point limitations is reached.
 - Time will not stop unless the Center Referee indicates "stop time".

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DETERMINING THE NATIONAL CHAMPION

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- **COMPETITORS** - The winners of the Forms Competition and the Qualifiers Sparring Competition will then compete again against each other in the Final Round.

 - **FORMS WINNER'S DIFFERENTIAL** - In the Final round,
 - Forms scores (Initial round – scores in any tie breaker round will not be considered) for the FORMS winner and the SPARRING winner will be determined and the difference between them doubled.
 - This difference will then be rounded and added to the forms winner's Point Sparring total to determine the National Championship Jacket winner.
 - The maximum Forms winner's differential will be 10 points and the minimum will be 1 point.

 - The Final National Championship match will be 2 minutes in length with a 1 minute break.

 - The winner will be the competitor with the highest sparring score (including the forms differential).
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