

An Exclusive Invitation to Compete

WAKO

North American Open
Martial Arts Championship

at the
UFC® Fan Expo

Las Vegas, Nevada
July 7th-10th, 2016



Official Member Country of
World Association of Kickboxing Organizations

Letter from the US President

Dear WAKO Member,

We are pleased to extend this exclusive invitation to compete at the 2016 WAKO North American Open Kickboxing Championship Tournament. This year's championship will take place at the UFC® Fan Expo during International Fight Week from July 5th-10th in Las Vegas, Nevada.

We hope to create a memorable experience for all of our fighters and participants at this year's tournament. Please utilize the enclosed instructions for early-entry registration.

As always, we appreciate and thank you for your support of WAKO Team USA Kickboxing and look forward to seeing you in sunny Las Vegas!

Best Regards,



Rob Zbilski
WAKO USA President
Team USA Kickboxing



Letter from the PANAM President

Dear WAKO Kickboxing Friends,

WAKO PANAM feels great honor in inviting you to participate in the WAKO USA Official Qualifying North American Open Kickboxing Championship, which will define the American Team, representing the country for the Pan American Games in October and the World Games in 2017.

Much more than a competition, the Official Qualifying will mark a new era of kickboxing in the USA. Beginning with this tournament, the country will search for its Team USA members in order to secure its prominent place in the international kickboxing arena.

Join us and be a part of history.

Best,



Paulo Zorello
WAKO PANAM President



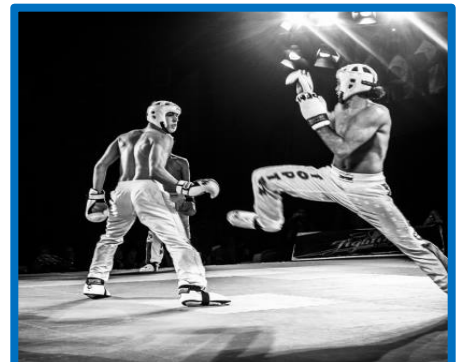
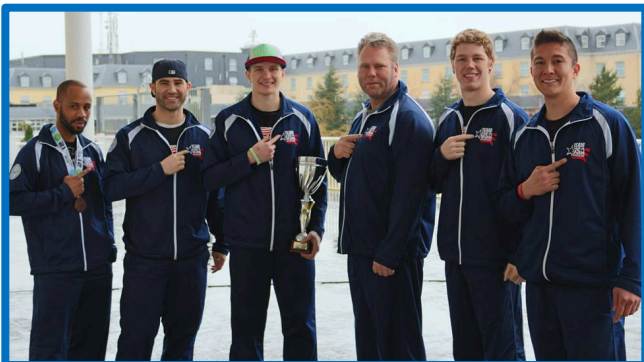
About WAKO Team USA Kickboxing

The World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) is the largest international organization of kickboxing in the world, and the governing body of Amateur kickboxing sport certified by SportAccord. It is formed of two organizations: WAKO for amateur sports and WAKO PRO for professional sports. In addition to producing world championship competitions, WAKO sanctions the champions of kickboxing in seven rule styles.

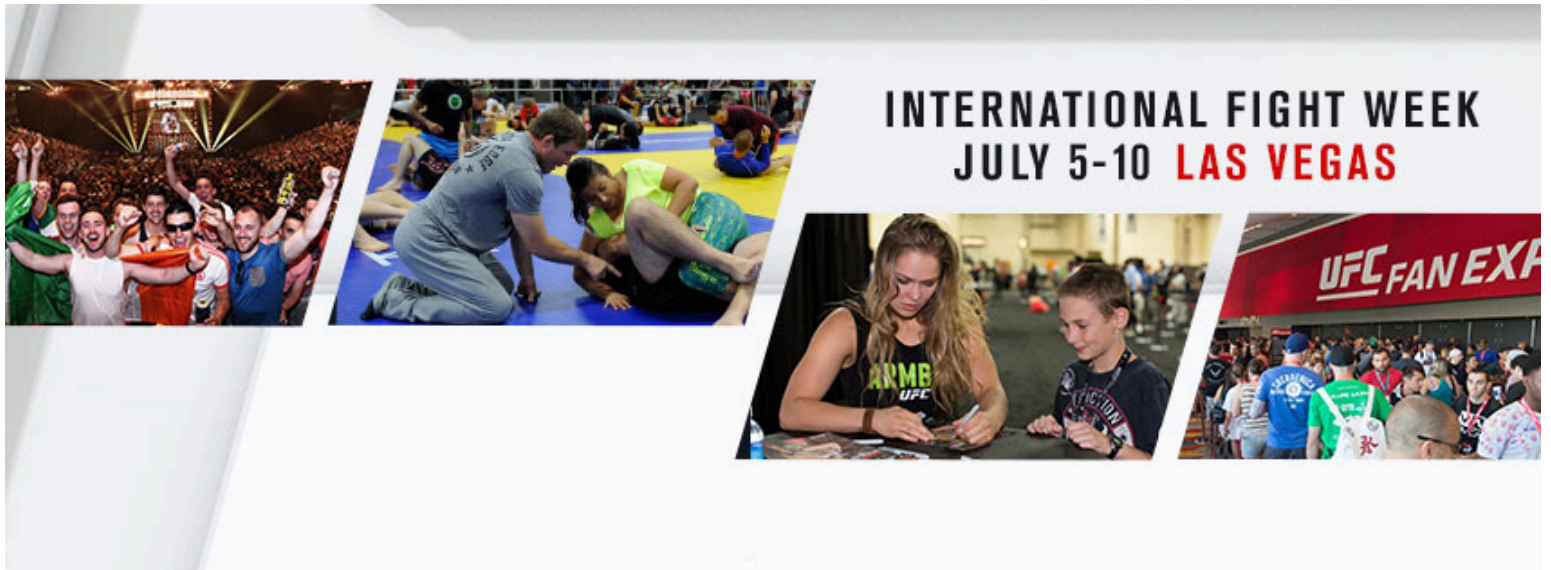
As a tax-exempt, 501(C)(3), nonprofit organization, WAKO Team USA Kickboxing is the only recognized governing body representing the United States in the 2017 World Games.

WAKO has 250,000 active members representing 122 countries. Due to the worldwide support, WAKO holds a World Championship every two years; with youth (18 and under) and adults (19–45) on alternating years.

WAKO is the only organization approved to submit an application for Olympic Recognition.



About the UFC® Fan Expo



The UFC® Fan Expo entertained nearly 70,000 fans of all ages last year and has quickly developed into the world's largest mixed martial arts celebration.

The week-long festival will feature several amateur combat sport tournaments. The 2016 UFC® Fan Expo will take place at Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, July 5th-10th, 2016.

WAKO Team USA Kickboxing will be hosting the 2016 WAKO North American Open Kickboxing Championships at the UFC® Fan Expo during International Fight Week.

UFC Fan Expo is the Ultimate Fan Experience where you'll find exhibitions, fighter autograph and training sessions, fan-inspired special events and competitions. A full schedule of events will be released soon at www.ufc.com.

Ring Sports Schedule

THURSDAY, JULY 7TH – SUNDAY, JULY 10TH, 2016
LAS VEGAS CONVENTION CENTER
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

THURSDAY, JULY 7TH 2016

12:00pm-5:00pm	Official weigh-Ins
6:30pm	Fighter rules/meeting to follow weigh-ins
7:30pm	Referee meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 8TH, 2016

8:00am	Fighter check-in
9:00am	Competition begins
4:00pm	Competition ends
5:00pm	Referee meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 9TH, 2016

8:00am	Fighter check-in
9:00am	Competition begins
4:00pm	Competition ends

SUNDAY, JULY 10TH, 2016

8:00am	Fighter check-in
9:00am	Competition begins
4:00pm	Competition ends

OFFICIAL WEIGH-INS

Thursday, July 7^h, 2016 from 12:00pm until 5:00pm.

All athletes must have the following at time of weigh-in:

- Drivers License or other form of photo identification
- If you are a US resident, you must be a current member of WAKO Team USA

Tatami Sports Schedule

THURSDAY, JULY 7TH – SUNDAY, JULY 10TH, 2016
LAS VEGAS CONVENTION CENTER
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

THURSDAY, JULY 7TH 2016

12:00pm-5:00pm Official weigh-Ins

FRIDAY, JULY 8TH, 2016

8:00am Registration Opens/Official Weigh-Ins
10:00am VIP/Judges Packet Pick Up
12:00pm Light Contact Divisions
12:00pm Team Sparring
1:00 pm All Musical & Creative Divisions
2:00 pm Open Weight Eliminations

SATURDAY, JULY 9TH, 2016

8:00am Registration Opens
9:00 am All 17& Under Divisions Begin
10:00am All 18+ Divisions Begin
1:00pm Hyper Kick Challenge
3:00 pm BB Grand Championship Finals

SUNDAY, JULY 10TH, 2016

9:00am Special Demonstration Seminars

All athletes must have the following at time of weigh-in:

- Drivers License or other form of photo identification
- If you are a US resident, you must be a current member of WAKO USA

Athlete Information – Ring Sports

- Every fighter and corner-man **MUST** be a WAKO Team USA member.
- Fighters will be bracketed according to their weight class and then further bracketed into four-man divisions.
- Divisions will be separated by fight record and experience.
- By law, we are only allowed to have fighters compete once per day. As this is a three-day tournament, we have therefore established brackets.
- The goal is to bracket fighters with similar fight experience, to have the most competitive fights.
- WAKO Team USA Kickboxing will provide **gloves** and **headgear** for every individual fighter.
- Fighters are responsible for other mandatory protections.

THREE STYLES PRIZES

1. Full Contact
2. Low Kick
3. K1

PRIZES

- Brand new Top Ten Gloves
- Qualification to be on Team USA to be compete in the **World Games** in 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland.

BOUT DETAILS

- Single Elimination Tournament
- 3 rounds
- 2 minutes per round

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

Your weight class is determined by your current age as of **July 7th, 2016** (the day of weigh-ins).

Athlete Information – Tatami Sports

- Every USA Athlete MUST be a WAKO USA member.

STYLES

1. Point
2. Light Contact
3. Musical Forms/Weapons
4. Creative Forms/Weapons
5. Traditional Forms/Weapons
6. Team Sparring

PRIZE MONEY

\$2500 Men's Open Weight

\$1500 Women's Open Weight

\$1200 Teams (3 man 1 woman)

\$1000 Men/Women Overall Forms/Weapons

\$500 Junior Overall Forms/Weapons

\$500 Junior Open Weight Boys

\$500 Junior Open Weight Girls

Top Ten Gear For All Black Belt Sparring Winners

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

Your division is determined by your current age as of **July 7th, 2016**.

REGISTRATION/DIVISIONS/RULES

Online registration, a full list of the tatami divisions, and Rules can be found at www.wakousa.org

Adult Weight Categories-Ring Sports

MALES - 18 & OLDER

Division	Weight Category
Light Bantam	112 lbs. (51kg)
Bantam Weight	119 lbs. (54kg)
Feather Weight	125 lbs. (57kg)
Light Weight	132 lbs. (60kg)
Light Welter-Weight	140 lbs. (64kg)
Welter Weight	147 lbs. (67kg)
Light Middle-Weight	156 lbs. (71kg)
Middle Weight	165 lbs. (75kg)
Light Heavy Weight	178 lbs. & Under (81kg)
Cruiser Weight	178 lbs. & Above (81kg)
Heavy Weight	201 lbs. & Under (91kg)
Super Heavy Weight	201 lbs. & Above (91kg)

FEMALES - 18 & OLDER

Division	Weight Category
Bantam Weight	105 lbs. (48kg)
Feather Weight	115 lbs. (52kg)
Light Weight	123 lbs. (56kg)
Middle Weight	132 lbs. (60kg)
Light Heavy Weight	143 lbs. (65kg)
Heavy Weight	154 lbs. & Under (70kg)
Super Heavy	154 lbs. & Above (70kg)

Junior Weight Categories-Ring Sports

MALES AGES 14 - 15 AND 16 -17

Division	Weight Category
Bantam Weight	88 lbs. (40kg)
Light Feather Weight	97 lbs. (44kg)
Light Bantam	105 lbs. (48kg)
Bantam Weight	112 lbs. (51kg)
Feather Weight	119 lbs. (54kg)
Light Weight	125 lbs. (57kg)
Light Welter-Weight	132 lbs. (60kg)
Welter Weight	137 lbs. (62kg)
Light Middle-Weight	145 lbs. (66kg)
Middle Weight	152 lbs. (69kg)
Light Heavy Weight	163 lbs. (74kg)
Cruiser Weight	174 lbs. (79kg)
Heavy Weight	185 lbs. & Under (84kg)
Super Heavy Weight	185 lbs. & Above (84kg)

FEMALES AGES 14 - 15 AND 16 -17

Division	Weight Category
Bantam Weight	88 lbs. (40kg)
Feather Weight	97 lbs. (44kg)
Light Weight	105 lbs. (48kg)
Middle Weight	115 lbs. (52kg)
Light Heavy Weight	123 lbs. (56kg)
Heavy Weight	132 lbs. & Under (60kg)
Super Heavy	132 lbs. & Above (60kg)

Team Events & Grand Champions – Tatami

Team Events – Point Fighting

Gender	Level	Age	Weight
Men	Team Event (3 Men 1 Woman)	18+	Open Weight
Boys	Team Event 3 Boys	-12, 13-15, 16-17	Open Weight
Girls	Team Event 3 Girls	-12, 13-15, 16-17	Open Weight

Overall Grand Champions

Style	Gender	Age	Weight
PF	Men	18+	Open Weight
PF	Women	18+	Open Weight
Forms/Weapons	Men/Women	18+	N/A
Forms/Weapons	Boys/Girls	17-	N/A
PF	Boys	14-17	Open Weight
PF	Girls	14-17	Open Weight

Junior Point Sparring– Tatami

Gender	Rank	Age	Weight
Boys	under Belt (Beg/Int)	6-8 Years Old	Open Weight
Boys	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	9 Years Old & under	Open Weight
Boys	Advanced/Black Belt	9 Years Old & under	Open Weight
Boys	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	10-12 Years Old	Open Weight
Boys	Advanced/Black Belt	10-12 Years Old	-32kg/70.5 lbs
Boys	Advanced/Black Belt	10-12 Years Old	-42kg/92.5 lbs
Boys	Advanced/Black Belt	10-12 Years Old	+42kg/92.5 lbs
Boys	UnderBelt (Beg/Int)	13-15 Years Old	Open Weight
Boys	Advanced/Black Belt	13-15 Years Old	-42kg/92.5 lbs
Boys	Advanced/Black Belt	13-15 Years Old	-52kg/114.6 lbs
Boys	Advanced/Black Belt	13-15 Years Old	-63kg/138.8
Boys	Advanced/Black Belt	13-15 Years Old	-63kg/138.8
Boys	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	16-17 Years Old	Open Weight
Boys	Advanced/Black Belt	16 - 17 Years Old	-57kg/125.6 lbs
Boys	Advanced/Black Belt	16 - 17 Years Old	-69kg/152.1 lbs
Boys	Advanced/Black Belt	16 - 17 Years Old	-79kg/174.1 lbs
Boys	Advanced/Black Belt	16 - 17 Years Old	-89kg/196.2 lbs
Boys	Advanced/Black Belt	16 - 17 Years Old	+89kg/196.2 lbs
Girls	under Belt (Beg/Int)	6-8 Years Old	Open Weight
Girls	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	9 Years Old & under	Open Weight
Girls	Advanced/Black Belt	9 Years Old & under	Open Weight
Girs	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	10-12 Years Old	Open Weight
Girls	Advanced/Black Belt	10-12 Years Old	-28kg/61.7 lbs
Girls	Advanced/Black Belt	10-12 Years Old	-37kg/81.5 lbs
Girls	Advanced/Black Belt	10-12 Years Old	-47kg/103.6 lbs
Girls	Advanced/Black Belt	10-12 Years Old	+47kg/103.6 lbs
Girls	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	13-15 Years Old	Open Weight
Girls	Advanced/Black Belt	13-15 Years Old	-42kg/92.5 lbs
Girls	Advanced/Black Belt	13-15 Years Old	-50kg/110.2 lbs
Girls	Advanced/Black Belt	13-15 Years Old	-60kg/132.2 lbs
Girls	Advanced/Black Belt	13-15 Years Old	-65kg/143.3 lbs
Girls	Advanced/Black Belt	13-15 Years Old	+65kg/143.3 lbs
Girls	Advanced/Black Belt	16-17 Years Old	Open Weight
Girls	Advanced/Black Belt	16 - 17 Years Old	-50kg/110.2 lbs
Girls	Advanced/Black Belt	16 - 17 Years Old	-60kg/132.2 lbs
Girls	Advanced/Black Belt	16 - 17 Years Old	-70kg/154.3 lbs
Girls	Advanced/Black Belt	16 - 17 Years Old	+70kg/154.3 lbs

Adult Point Sparring – Tatami

Gender	Rank	Age	Weight
Men	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	18+	Open Weight
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	-57kg/125.6 lbs
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	-63kg/138.8 lbs
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	-69kg/152.1 lbs
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	-74kg/163.1 lbs
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	-79kg/174.1 lbs
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	-84kg/185.1 lbs
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	-89kg/196.2 lbs
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	-94kg/207.2 lbs
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	+94kg/207.2 lbs
Men	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	35+	Open Weight
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	35 +	-74kg/163.1 lbs
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	35 +	-89kg/196.2 lbs
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	35+	+89kg/196.2 lbs
Men	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	45+	Open Weight
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	45+	Open Weight
Women	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	18+	Open Weight
Women	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	-50kg/110.2 lbs
Women	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	-55kg/121.2 lbs
Women	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	-60kg/132/2 lbs
Women	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	-65kg/143.3 lbs
Women	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	-70kg/154.3 lbs
Women	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	+70kg/154.3 lbs
Women	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	35+	Open Weight
Women	Advanced/Black Belt	35 +	-65kg/143.3 lbs
Women	Advanced/Black Belt	35 +	+65kg/143.3 lbs
Women	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	45+	Open Weight
Women	Advanced/Black Belt	45+	Open Weight

Traditional Forms/Weapons– Tatami

Traditional Forms

Gender	Rank	Age	Weight
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	6-8 Years Old	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	9 years & under	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	9 years old & under	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	10-12 years old	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	10-12 years old	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	13 - 15 Years	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	13 - 15 Years	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	16 - 17 Years	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	16 - 17 Years	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	18+	N/A
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	N/A
Women	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	35+	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	35+	N/A

Traditional Weapons

Gender	Rank	Age	Weight
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	9 years & under	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	9 years old & under	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	10-12 years old	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	10-12 years old	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	13 - 15 Years	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	13 - 15 Years	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	16 - 17 Years	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	16 - 17 Years	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	18+	N/A
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	N/A
Women	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	35+	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	35+	N/A

Musical Forms & Weapons– Tatami

Musical Forms

Gender	Rank	Age	Weight
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	12 years old & Under	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	12 years old & Under	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	13 - 15 Years	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	13 - 15 Years	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	16-17 Years	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	16 - 17 Years	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	18+	N/A
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	N/A
Women	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	35+	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	35+	N/A

Musical Weapons

Gender	Rank	Age	Weight
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	12 years old & Under	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	12 years old & Under	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	13 - 15 Years	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	13 - 15 Years	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	16-17 Years	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	16 - 17 Years	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	18+	N/A
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	N/A
Women	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	35+	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	35+	N/A

Creative Forms & Weapons – Tatami

Creative Forms

Gender	Rank	Age	Weight
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	12 years old & Under	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	12 years old & Under	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	13 - 15 Years	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	13 - 15 Years	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	16-17 Years	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	16 - 17 Years	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	18+	N/A
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	N/A
Women	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	35+	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	35+	N/A

Creative Weapons

Gender	Rank	Age	Weight
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	12 years old & Under	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	12 years old & Under	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	13 - 15 Years	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	13 - 15 Years	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	16-17 Years	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	16 - 17 Years	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	18+	N/A
Men	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	N/A
Women	Advanced/Black Belt	18+	N/A
Mixed	Under Belt (Beg/Int)	35+	N/A
Mixed	Advanced/Black Belt	35+	N/A

Light Contact– Tatami

Light Contact

Gender	Rank	Age	Weight
Men	All Ranks	18+	-63kg/138.8 lbs
Men	All Ranks	18+	-74kg/163.1 lbs
Men	All Ranks	18+	-84kg/185.1 lbs
Men	All Ranks	18+	-94kg/207.2 lbs
Men	All Ranks	18+	+94kg/207.2 lbs
Women	All Ranks	18+	-50kg/110.2 lbs
Women	All Ranks	18+	-60kg/132.2 lbs
Women	All Ranks	18+	-70kg/154.3 lbs
Women	All Ranks	18+	+70kg/154.3lbs
Boys	All Ranks	12 Years Old & Under	-32kg/70.5lbs
Boys	All Ranks	12 Years Old & Under	-42kg/92.5lbs
Boys	All Ranks	12 Years Old & Under	+42kg/92.5lbs
Boys	All Ranks	13-17 Years Old	-42kg/92.5lbs
Boys	All Ranks	13-17 Years Old	-57kg/125.6lbs
Boys	All Ranks	13-17 Years Old	-69kg/152.1lbs
Boys	All Ranks	13-17 Years Old	-79kg/174.1 lbs
Boys	All Ranks	13-17 Years Old	+79kg/174.1lbs
Girls	All Ranks	12 Years Old & Under	-37kg/81.5lbs
Girls	All Ranks	12 Years Old & Under	-47kg/103.6lbs
Girls	All Ranks	12 Years Old & Under	+47kg/103.6lbs
Girls	All Ranks	13-17 Years Old	-50kg/110.2lbs
Girls	All Ranks	13-17 Years Old	-60kg/132.2 lbs
Girls	All Ranks	13-17 Years Old	-70kg/154.3 lbs
Girls	All Ranks	13-17 Years Old	+70kg/154.3lbs

Venue Information

As an internationally renowned major resort city, Las Vegas is famous for its' gambling, shopping, thrilling attractions, fine dining and sensational nightlife.

UFC® Fan Expo will take place at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

UFC® FAN EXPO LOCATION

Las Vegas Convention Center
3150 Paradise Rd.
Las Vegas, NV 89109



Hotel Reservations

Special pricing has been pre-negotiated for all competitors, coaches, and guests at both the Harrah's and Caesars Hotels:

HOTEL DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS

Caesars Palace ****
3570 Las Vegas Boulevard South
Las Vegas, NV 89109
P: (866) 227-5938

07/06/16	\$94.00
07/07/16	\$94.00
07/08/16	\$209.00
07/09/16	\$209.00
07/10/16	\$119.00

Harrah's Hotel & Casino **
3475 Las Vegas Boulevard South
Las Vegas, NV 89109
P:
Link For discounted reservations:

07/06/16	\$39.00
07/07/16	\$39.00
07/08/16	\$94.00
07/09/16	\$94.00
07/10/16	\$39.00
07/11/16	\$39.00

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