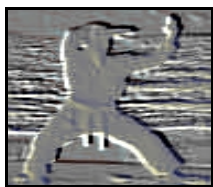


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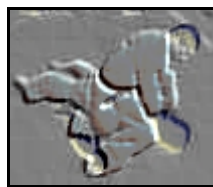
Introducing the Triple Crown Competition!

The Meeting of the Masters event, sponsored by the GMAU has traditionally included a grappling and kumite competition on the opening night of the conference. With a desired goal of increasing participation and opening the event to more of the martial arts community, we are introducing the Triple Crown Competition.

The Triple Crown event consists of three divisions of competition:



KATA



GRAPPLING



KUMITE

Kata competition entries should represent a classic form from a style or system that the school represents. These may include the use of weapons. This event is open to both men and women.

The Grappling competition will be governed by existing Pankration rules. This event is open to adult males.

The Kumite competition will also be governed by existing Pankration rules. As this is a full contact competition, a mouth guard along with cloth hand and foot guards are required for this competition. This event is open to adult males.

A participating school must enter a competitor in each division. A competitor may enter more than one division. Competitors must represent a school, and be participants in the Meeting of the Masters conference. Dojo Instructors may either nominate students for this activity or they may consider holding interim competitions at their respective dojo to determine who would be able to enter the national competition. These nominations may be either kyu or dan rank students.

For each event, points will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each category. Based on scoring across all three divisions, a dojo based Triple Crown traveling trophy (think Ryder Cup) will be presented. This will reside at their home dojo until the next GMAU Nationals Triple Crown. If a dojo wins this award three years in a row they will receive a permanent trophy for their accomplishment.

The GMAU Triple Crown organizers reserve the right to refuse competition rights to any submission by a dojo. Competitors are expected to demonstrate the highest character and behavior. Each participant is a representative of their dojo, their instructor, and their faith.