

CAMO'S CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP: TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISION

§ 101. Citation.

These rules shall be cited as the "CAMO California State Championship Rules" or the "Tournament Rules."

§ 102. Definitions.

As used herein:

- (a) "CAMO" refers to the California Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Organization, Inc.;
- (b) "AMMA Rules" mean the Rules and Regulations Governing Amateur Mixed Martial Arts in California;
- (c) "Tournament" or "State Championship" shall mean all events encompassing CAMO's California State Championship for Amateur Mixed Martial Arts. The Tournament shall be a single elimination tournament, except as provided under §402 of the Tournament Rules.

ARTICLE 2. REGISTRATION PROCESS

§ 201. CAMO License Required.

In order to be eligible to compete as a contestant in the State Championship ("Contestant"), a Contestant shall be licensed to compete in CAMO pursuant to all provisions of the AMMA Rules prior to commencement of the Tournament, shall have a winning record in CAMO mixed martial arts events and/or other verifiable sanctioned amateur mixed martial arts bouts, and shall sign a Bout Agreement in a form required by CAMO covering the entire Tournament, and providing amongst other things that the Contestant :

1. Will not compete in any other MMA event while participating in the Tournament; and
2. Agrees to accept all match ups that are assigned; and
3. Agrees not to abandon their amateur status until after the Tournament concludes; and
4. Failure by Contestant to follow any of the above shall result in a mandatory minimum suspension of 90 days; and
5. May be randomly tested, and agrees to take such tests, for the use of any drugs prohibited by the California State Athletic Commission for professional MMA fighters, and may be disqualified from the Tournament for failing such tests.

§ 202. California Residents Only

In order to participate in the State Championship, a Contestant must be a California resident. Proof of residency must be shown to designated CAMO officials on or prior to the time of weigh-in for the first round of the State Championship. Either (a) a current California driver license, or (b) a US Passport or some form of government issued identification with picture and a utility bill in the contestant's name showing a California address, shall be sufficient proof of residency.

§ 203. Invitation to Compete in the State Championship.

Fighters shall be invited to compete based on their ranking in California as posted on the CAMO website. The top four highest ranked and available fighters in Northern California and in Southern California in each weight class shall be invited to compete. If no fighter is available and able to compete who ranks in the top 20 of a specific weight class, the first round promoter and/or CAMO may select a participant in good faith. Such fighters chosen by the promoters are subject to the approval of CAMO. 1st Round Promoters shall use best efforts to match up the best fighters in their region to compete in the Tournament. A Contestant need not be a resident of a region to compete in that region's bracket. First round matchups shall be set by setting the highest seeded Northern California fighter vs the fourth highest seeded Northern California fighter and the second highest seeded Northern California fighter vs. the third highest seeded Northern California fighter. Matchups shall be set the same way in Southern California.

§ 204. Automatic Qualifiers.

Any fighter who made it to the final of the State Tournament in 2011 gets an automatic spot as a Contestant in the opening round of the Tournament in the region in which they reside ("Qualifying Fighter"), so long as they meet the requirements listed in Section 201 hereof. Such Qualifying Fighter must notify 1st Round Promoter in writing no later than August 1, 2012, that they will be competing in the 2012 California State Championship Tournament, or they will lose their automatic spot.

§ 205. Registration Fee.

A twenty-five dollar (US \$25.00) registration fee, per Contestant, will be paid by Contestant to CAMO upon registration (waived for 2012 Tournament).

§ 206. Fighters from Same Gym.

Two Contestants from the same gym or school shall not be allowed to compete in the same weight class in the same region (for example, two fighters from the All Amateur MMA Gym, shall not be allowed to compete against each in the 155 lb weight class in the Los Angeles region. However, for example, for each weight class, 1 may compete in the Los Angeles region and 1 can compete in the San Diego region).

§ 207. Transportation.

Contestants shall be responsible to provide their own transportation to all Tournament events. Hotel rooms shall be provided for any Contestant competing in the State Championship final event whose principal residence is more than one hundred fifty miles from the venue for such State Championship final event.

**ARTICLE 3.
CONTEST RULES**

§ 301. AMMA Rules Apply.

Unless otherwise specified below, the Tournament shall be governed by the AMMA Rules.

§ 302. Weigh-Ins.

Contestants shall be weighed pursuant to section 621 of the AMMA Rules, and all weights will be given a one-pound allowance for scale discrepancies. If Fighter fails to make weight, is no more than 2 pounds over the appropriate weight class, and CAMO and/or the attending physician deems it reasonably safe to lose additional weight, the Fighter will be given one hour to make weight. Failure to make weight will result in disqualification from the Tournament.

§ 303. Weight Classes.

The weight classes for the State Championship shall be as follows:

1. Bantamweight over 125 to 135 pounds
2. Featherweight over 135 to 145 pounds
3. Lightweight over 145 to 155 pounds
4. Welterweight over 155 to 170 pounds
5. Middleweight over 170 to 185 pounds
6. Light Heavyweight over 185 to 205 pounds
7. Cruiserweight over 205 to 230 pounds
8. Heavyweight over 230 pounds not to exceed 265 pounds

§ 304. Length of Contest

The opening round and semi-final contests shall be for three rounds, each round not to exceed two minutes in duration. The state championship finals shall be three rounds, each round not to exceed three minutes in duration.

§ 305. Determining a Draw.

In the event that the scoring system used to judge the contest results in a draw, the points awarded by the table judge for the contest shall determine the winner. If no table judge exists, the judge(s) scoring the bout a draw shall determine a winner. If the bout is still a draw after the above, the referee shall determine the winner. In the State Championship finals only, in the event of a draw after three rounds, the fight shall go to a 4th “sudden victory” round. The fighter declared the winner of the 4th round shall be the winner of the bout.

§ 306. Suspensions.

If a Contestant agrees to compete in the Tournament and fails to participate in any round for any reason other than failing to obtain medical clearance for such bout pursuant to a pre-fight physical or pursuant to a writing from a medical doctor, such Contestant shall be suspended from the CAMO program for a minimum of ninety (90) days for the first round, one hundred twenty (120) days for any round thereafter.

ARTICLE 4. SUBSTITUTION PROCESS

§401. Alternates in First Round.

Alternates in each region shall be chosen by the CAMO based on the most current rankings available at the time the alternate is set.. Alternates will be allowed to compete only in the first round of the Tournament, and only if they are the first available alternate on the list for that region in their weight class, and one of the following occurs to another contestant in that weight class:

1. Fails to make weight;
2. Fails to report to weigh-ins on time;
3. Backs out of the contest;
4. Is not cleared by the ringside physician to fight;
5. Violates the AMMA or Tournament Rules and Regulations;
6. Is not a US Citizen and California resident.

§ 402. Substitutions.

If winning Fighters can't continue (“Non-Continuing Fighter”) in Tournament; Non-Continuing Fighter will be replaced by a fighter who meets the qualifications listed below in the following order:

1. Any Contestant in the same weight class who lost during that round by split decision.
2. Any Contestant in the same weight class who lost during that round by decision.
3. If more than one of the above qualifying replacement fighter's exists:
 - a. 1st choice is if Non Continuing Fighter's opponent qualifies
 - b. 2nd choice is Contestant from closest region to Non Continuing Fighter's region. If more than one:

- i. Contestant closest on scorecards when adding up total points; if still tied, than:
- ii. By coin flip.

4. If no Contestant meets the above criteria, than an alternate who has already been chosen prior to the start of the tournament or who shall be chosen based on the most current fighter rankings shall be allowed to take the Non-Continuing Fighter's place. If in the Final round; qualifying fighters can be drawn from the round of the Tournament held prior to the round in which Non-Continuing Fighter was injured. If no qualifying Contestant is found in the prior round, then the next round will be looked at and so on until a qualifying fighter is found. If no qualifying fighter is found, CAMO may select an alternate based on the most current ranking by selecting the highest available ranked fighter in that weight class or may use a previously set alternate from prior to the commencement of the tournament.