An Exclusive Invitation to Compete

WAKO

North American Kickboxing Championship

at the **UFC**_® **Fan Expo**

Las Vegas, Nevada July 9th-11th, 2015



Dear WAKO Member,

We are pleased to extend this exclusive invitation to compete at the 2015 WAKO North American Kickboxing Championship Tournament. This year's championship will take place at the UFC® Fan Expo during International Fight Week from July 9th-11th 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





Dear WAKO Kickboxing Friends,

WAKO PANAM feels great honor in inviting you to participate in the WAKO USA Official Qualifying North American Kickboxing Championship, which will define the American Team, representing the country in the next two stages of WAKO World Championships in ring sports.

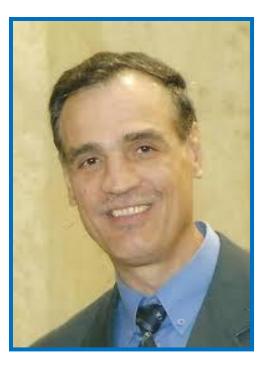
Much more than a competition, the Official Qualifying will mark a new era of kickboxing in the USA. Beginning with this tournament, the country will search for its Team USA members in order to secure its prominent place in the international kickboxing arena.

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 2015 UFC® Fan Expo will take place at Sands Expo and Convention Center in Las Vegas, July 7th-12th, 2015.

WAKO Team USA Kickboxing will be hosting the 2015 WAKO North American National 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.

Official Tournament Schedule

FRIDAY, JULY 10TH – SATURDAY, JULY 11TH, 2015 SANDS EXPO AND CONVENTION CENTER LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

THURSDAY, JULY 9TH 2015

10:00am-5:00pm 6:30pm weigh-ins 7:30pm Official weigh-Ins Fighter rules / meeting to follow

Referee meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 10TH, 2015

9:00am 10:00am 4:00pm 5:00pm Fighter check-in Competition begins Competition ends Referee meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH, 2015

9:00am 10:00am 4:00pm Fighter check-in Competition begins Competition ends

OFFICIAL WEIGH-INS

Thursday, July 9th, 2015 from 10:00am 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

Fighter Information

- 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 two-day tournament, we have therefore established brackets.
- The goal is to bracket fighters with similar fight experience, to have the most competitive fights.

THREE STYLES

- 1. Full Contact
- 2. Low Kick
- **3**. K1
- WAKO Team USA Kickboxing will provide gloves and headgear for every individual fighter.
- Fighters are responsible for other mandatory protections.

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 9th**, **2015** (the day of weigh-ins).

Adult Weight Categories

MALES - 18 & OLDER

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

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

MALES AGES 14 - 15 AND 16 -17

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)

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Super Heavy	132 lbs. & Above (60kg)

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 Sands Expo And Convention Center.

Special pricing has been prenegotiated for all fighters, coaches, and guests at the Harrah's Hotel:

HOTEL INFORMATION

Harrah's Hotel & Casino 3475 Las Vegas Boulevard South Las Vegas, NV 89109 Link For discounted reservations: <u>https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SHWAK5</u>

UFC® FAN EXPO LOCATION

Sands Expo & Convention Center 201 Sands Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89169













Registration and Reservations

REGISTRATION is open now through July 3rd, 2015.

Early registration fee: \$50.00 After June 1st, 2015: \$60.00

To register or become a member, please visit: <u>www.WAKOusa.org</u>

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