

Battlefield Weapons Tournament

Presented by Adams Martial Arts
Competitor Entry Form

Competitors -

Thank you for taking the time to complete the forms necessary for competing in the Battlefield Weapons Tournament and Intramural Seminars. Below you will find a list of the applicable fees. Please feel free to contact us or see our Rules & FAQs section for any questions that may arise.

PRE-REGISTRATION DUE DATE: MARCH 27, 2010

Competitors: \$80 pre-registration, \$100 at the gate (cash only at gate)
(Price includes: participation in multiple events (weapons kumite and kata – as desired), seminar attendance, and two day admission to the Faire)

Seminars: \$50 pre-registration, \$60 at the gate (cash only at gate)
(Price includes: participation in multiple seminars (as desired), and two day admission to the Faire)

Spectators: \$25 pre-registration or at the gate
(Price includes: two day admission to the Faire)

Mail Entry Forms with non-refundable fee to:

Adams Martial Arts
Attn: Battlefield Weapons Tournament
907 Sherrill St
Winnsboro, TX 75494

Personal Checks Accepted

Make All Checks/Money Orders Out To Charles Adams

Credit/Debit accepted via online registration only

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Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ or _____
Style: _____
Rank: _____
(optional information)
Instructor: _____
Instructor's Rank: _____
School: _____
School Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Divisions Entering *(Please check all that apply):*

- Long Sword & Broadsword (over 28 inches) ~ single weapon
- Curved Swords (Saber, Cutlass, etc.) ~ single weapon
- Short Sword (28 inches or under) ~ single weapon
- Double Blades (Double Sword, Sword & Dagger, Sword & Shield)
- Bo/Staff, Other Long non-bladed, non-tipped weapons
- Sword & Shield
- Pole Arms, including all staff-type weapons with blades/tips
- Misc. Weapons (tonfa, fan, kama), single or double
 - No flail-type weapons

Please provide a brief description of your weapons, and whether it will be used in kata, fighting, or both.

(i.e. Chinese Broadsword, Naginata, Rapier & Dagger, etc.)

- Seminars only**
 - To teach a seminar, please fill out the Seminar Instructor form.

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF FORM

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Acknowledgement of Rules

1. Weapons will be made of wood of approximate size and weight to the real thing.
2. Uniform will be a plain martial arts uniform (no patches) or historical/traditional costume of the country of the martial art.
3. Required safety equipment is: head with full face gear, torso with shoulder protection, elbow and knee pads (if not covered by other,) gloves of some type, and groin protectors for males. You may wear as much added padding as you desire.

I have read, I understand, and I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations set forth for this tournament. I understand that there is a risk of personal injury involved in this tournament and with this knowledge I agree to take full responsibility for all of my actions, and I agree to hold harmless Adams Martial Arts, its staff, instructors or volunteers, and Four Winds Renaissance Faire and any of its staff or components from any and all losses or claims caused by accident or injury to me or to any third persons who may be competitors or affiliated with any of the previously named entities in any manner, in the event that myself or said third person is injured in any way during this event. Because of the physical demands of Martial Arts tournament competition, I understand that I must be in good physical condition to participate in this event, and hereby certify by signing below that I am in good physical condition and that I do not have a medical condition that may pose a risk to myself or to any other competitors during the course of this event.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Intramural Seminar Instructor**

Name: _____

Style: _____

Rank/Qualifications: _____

Statement about or description of style (will be part of seminar promotional literature):

Seminar requirements or limits (i.e. number of persons, extra space needed for long weapons, etc):

Anything else we need to know?

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Questions Answered:

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What exactly is this tourney, anyway?

This is a weapons only tournament for all styles - Asian, European, African, South American - all traditions are welcome. It consists of Sparring and Kata/Forms and will be adults only. Sparring is elimination-style with winners from each weapons division (staff against staff, pole arm against pole arm, sword against sword, etc.) competing against each other for Grand Champion. Kata/Forms will be judged on practicality and precision of technique with winners of each division competing against each other for Grand Champion.

The final Grand Champion winner in the sparring division will receive prize money, the amount being determined by the number of entries. Second through fourth places will receive prize monies, also. The final Grand Champion winner in Kata/Forms division will win a hand-made sword. Second through fourth places will win a hand-made knife.

The tournament includes Intramural Seminars featuring the instructors of some of the various styles fighting in the competition as well as styles or weapons that are not competing. Seminars are not restricted to competitors but are also open to those who choose not to compete. Seminars are also open to advanced kyu ranks (under black belt,) 16 or older, who are able to learn at a level that will not disrupt black belt learners.

Also included is Open Sparring - a chance to try your skill against any other stylist present at the tournament. Open Sparring is not a part of the judged tournament but allows "play time" in the sparring ring.

This venue is a chance to combine knowledge of weapons, knowledge of the human body, and knowledge that you could wind up across from anyone in historical wars, to safely

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duplicate a battlefield-style fight. It is a chance for those of us who are serious about what we do to find out how good we are.

View the other FAQs for detailed information.

Who can enter?

Any stylist, aged 18 or above, who uses weapons, may enter.

There will be no rank, age, or gender divisions; all divisions are along weapons lines only.

What if only a few people enter?

Competition, Intramural Seminars and Open Sparring will be held no matter the number of entrants.

Competition prize monies will be based on a percentage of the entry fees. Divisions will be determined based on the entries.

What are the requirements?

Weapons for sparring will be made of wood and of approximate size and weight to the real thing.

Weapons for Kata/Forms may be the authentic weapon the competitor trains with or may be a wooden replica.

Uniform requirements consist of two options. They will either be a plain (i.e. no patches) traditional martial arts uniform of your style, or a traditional costume of the country of origin of your style. (Uniforms with patches may be turned inside out to cover the patches.) Those without a traditional costume may opt for a traditional Middle Ages to 17th Century European costume. Women may wear traditional men's garb if they choose. The traditional, historical costume of the country of your style is preferred out of courtesy to our host.

The reason for uniform guidelines is that competitors will be judged on his or her personal ability without regard to organizational affiliations.

Required safety equipment for sparring is: head with full face gear; torso protection with shoulder pads; elbow and knee pads, if not protected by other; gloves of some type; and groin protectors for the males. You may wear as much added padding/safety equipment as you desire.

see also: What if I don't have the required...

What if I don't have the required gear/uniform?

Get some.

Uniforms:

- Your school's supplier should carry uniforms appropriate to your style.
 - Century Martial Arts <http://www.centurymartialarts.com> carries reasonably priced traditional martial arts uniforms of various styles.
 - Try eBay: search renaissance or SCA costume for a simple European outfit.
 - Rebekah Patteson is a capable and reasonably priced seamstress who takes custom orders.
- 318-925-6874 (order early as she is often booked up)

Weapons:

- Wooden weapons can be made by most anyone with basic woodshop skills.

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- Purple Heart Armoury <http://www.woodenswords.com> - **mention the tournament for a 10% off discount**

- Hollow Earth Swords <http://www.hollowearthswordworks.com/swords.htm>

- Shadowhawk Blades, any off-the-rack blades currently available will be listed at <http://www.shadowhawkblades.com/bladesforsale.htm>, call 903-342-0217 for custom orders (again, order early as they tend to be well booked with custom orders)

Safety Equipment:

- <http://www.spargear.com/>

- http://www.pmasupplies.com/filpage-sparring_front.htm

- <http://bloodsport.com/>

When will the tourney be held?

April 10-11, 2010 - Pre-registration must be received by March 27, 2010. The competition will be Saturday the 10th and the seminars will be Sunday the 11th.

see also: Where will it be?

What are the divisions?

- Longsword & Broadsword (over 28"), single weapon
- Curved Swords (i.e. saber, cutlass, etc), single weapon
- Short Sword (under 28"), single weapon
- Bo/Staff & Other Non-Bladed/Non-Tipped Weapons
- Double Blades (i.e. double sword, sword & dagger, etc.)
- Sword & Shield
- Pole Arms (i.e. naginata, pike, spear, etc.)
- Miscellaneous Weapons, single or double (i.e. fan, tonfa, kama, etc.)
 - no flail type weapons (nunchaku, mace, triple-staff, whip chain, etc.)
- Grand Championship for first place winners of above divisions

Divisions are made upon weapons lines but may be combined based on number on entries. Combination of divisions is at the discretion of Adams Martial Arts.

Other divisions may be added in future tournaments. If you have a suggestion for a different division or a more logical arrangement of current divisions, please contact us with your suggestion.

Where will it be?

The tourney will be hosted by Four Winds Renaissance Faire near Tyler, TX.

Four Winds Renaissance Faire: 22111 County Road 2178, Troup, TX 75789; Located 20 minutes South of Tyler, TX.

For directions go to: <http://www.fourwindsfaire.com/map.htm>

see also: When will the tourney be held?

How is Kata/Forms judged?

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Kata/Forms are judged first on the precision of the technique. Things such as: is the weapon held steady, do the strikes go to the intended target, does the competitor have firm footwork, etc. Secondly, judges will be looking at the practicality of the form itself. Mainly, does the form incorporate techniques that work? Techniques that are flashy but have no value in a fight (such as throwing a sword and doing a spinning jump to catch it) will not score points.

This tournament is focused on real-world martial arts. Bring on that "boring" kata that scores low at a sport tournament!

How do I win my fight?

Sparring competition is continuous, there will be no breaks to call points. Judges will take into consideration both offensive and defensive techniques. Points will be assessed on both attacks and blocks/avoids. Judges are looking at a fighter's overall ability in his martial art. At the end of each fight, judges will compare points in a private conference (point totals will not be announced) and declare the winner.

Due to the possibility of great damage with minimal contact, controlled strikes to the head will be strictly enforced. (i.e. Drawing blood, causing a concussion or loss of consciousness or other such excessive contact to the head are grounds for disqualification. Judges determine excessive contact.)

Weapons may be chalked to better allow judges to determine appropriate points.

Fighting will continue until the time limit is reached. (i.e. not point-and-break fighting)

Breaks will only be called to address safety issues.

If you are disarmed, drop your weapon, or break your weapon you must recover it or disarm your opponent before you are struck. You may disarm and strike your opponent with his weapon.

Grappling, takedowns, punches and kicks are allowed but get no points.

Persons who fight without control or damage an opponent (break bones, draw blood, excessive contact, etc.) will be disqualified.

Note that this is as close as safety and practicality of scoring points will allow us to get to real battlefield conditions.

see also: What about safety?

How do I win my division?

Divisions will be made along weapons lines. We will attempt to divide along strict weapons lines (i.e. Double Swords is not the same division as Sword and Dagger) but may combine similar weapons if a category has few entrants.

Fights will be organized by the elimination manner and the fights of a division will be determined by lottery.

see also: How do I win my fight?

How do I win the money?

Sparring: All first place winners will compete in the Grand Championship for the prize money. The first fights of the championship will be determined by lottery. During this time, different weapons stylists will be able to compete against each other to determine the best of the best. First through fourth winners of the grand championship will receive money prizes.

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Kata/Forms: All first place winners will compete in the Grand Championship for the prizes. Order of competition will be determined by lottery. During this time different weapons stylist will compete against each other. First thru fourth winners of the Grand Championship will receive hand-made blades. There is no cash prize for Kata/Forms.

see also: How do I win my fight?

How is Kata/Forms judged?

How will judging be kept fair?

Judges will be volunteers trained at an earlier date in the rules and point system of the tournament. Judges will not be competing in any division of this tournament nor will they have students competing. Judges will be chosen based on their knowledge and ability and will not be influenced by organizational affiliations.

What about safety?

Head with full face gear; torso protection; elbow and knee pads, if not covered by other; gloves; and groin protectors for the males must be worn but you may wear as much added padding as you desire.

All techniques should exhibit control. Control means contact without damage. (A stinging or slight bruising is an acceptable risk but drawing blood or breaking bones are not. Judges maintain the right to determine what acceptable contact is.)

Due to the possibility of great damage with minimal contact, controlled strikes to the head will be strictly enforced. (i.e. Drawing blood, causing a concussion or loss of consciousness or other such excessive contact to the head are grounds for disqualification. Judges determine excessive contact.)

Competitors or judges may call a time out if they observe any safety issues in the ring.

see also: How do I win my fight?

What is Open Sparring?

What are Intramural Seminars?

Intramural Seminars are taught by volunteer instructors of various styles. Instructors may or may not be entered in the competition. Seminars are not required to be on weapons from the tournament divisions. Each instructor will choose the subject, length, and number of students they will take. Instructors may conclude the seminars with the opportunity to schedule other, longer, seminars with those who are interested in learning more.

Information on seminars, if available, will be posted on the web site but additional seminars may be added on the day of the event. *Those who are interested in teaching a short seminar are encouraged to contact us with their name, style, and rank.*

What is Open Sparring?

Open Sparring is a non-competition event where martial artists can hone their skills through sparring, either with other styles or their own. Each participant chooses his or her sparring partner and there is no limit on the number of times a participant may use the sparring ring. Time limits will be set by the ring monitor, based on volume of demand, in order to allow each person a chance to test his or

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her skills. Safety rules will be enforced with input from the persons sparring and the ring monitor having final authority on safety issues.

see also: What about safety?

What is the entry fee?

Pre-registration entry fee is \$80, non-refundable, payable via mailed check or money order, or credit/debit through the online registration form. Registration at the gate is \$100, cash only. The entry fee is a flat rate, no matter how many divisions you enter and includes participation in all tournament events: Competition, Intramural Seminars, and Open Sparring. A portion of each entry fee will go into the prize money: more entries mean more prize money!

The cost of entry into the Intramural Seminars only is \$50, non-refundable. (Seminars free with entry in the tournament competition.) Payment forms and deadlines are the same as competition entry.

Deadline for pre-registration is March 27, 2010.

see also: I'm in! Where can I send...

Can I just come watch?

Sure, but why let everyone else have all the fun? All that is required to observe is a ticket to Four Winds Faire (available at the gate or online, <http://www.fourwindsfaire.com>)

Do you have any travel info?

Travel info is available in the downloadable registration packet.

I'm in! Where can I send my registration?

Registration forms are available online. www.battlefieldweaponstournament.com Pre-registration deadline is March 27, 2010. Register online or send forms with payment to:

Adams Martial Arts
Attn: Battlefield Weapons Tournament
907 Sherrill St
Winnsboro, TX 75494

I have more questions.

Contact me for answers.
Charles or Sarah Adams
tarnshadowhawk@yahoo.com
903-342-0217

I have a suggestion!

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This tournament welcomes all comments and suggestions. Many martial artists of many styles have contributed to its details. If you have an idea to make it better, please contact us. All submissions will be considered property of Battlefield Weapons Tournament and may be implemented in future tournaments.

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Travel Information

Tyler, TX is the nearby city, about 20 minutes from the tourney site. It has over 100,000 people and all of the amenities one expects from a town that size. The website for the Tourism Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce can be found through <http://www.tylertexas.com>. Any Texas travel information location of decent size has flyers for Tyler that have coupons of many kinds, for you budget conscious travelers.

AIRPORTS & CAR RENTAL

There is a regional airport on the edge of the city (airport code TYR) with car rental available. National, Avis, Enterprise, Budget, Alamo are located at the airport and Hertz is a few miles down the road. Advantage also has a location in the city. Optionally, one could fly into Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) or Dallas Love Field (DAL) and rent a car; it would be about a 2 hour drive.

LODGING

There are around 50 hotels/motels/BnBs in Tyler and more in the surrounding areas. Ramada, Holiday Inn, La Quinta, Best Western, Comfort Suites, Hilton, Motel 6, Marriott, Sheraton, and several lesser known brands (including several budget-type motels) have locations in Tyler. If you prefer bed and breakfast lodgings there are several in the historical district and we recommend Rosevine Inn. I will be attempting to get a "conference rate" with one of the local hotels. If any of them will agree you will find the information posted on the homepage after it is arranged.

CAMPING

Camping (with hot showers!) is available within walking distance (maybe a quarter mile) of the tourney site. Limited RV slots with water and electricity are available with a dumping station at the campgrounds. Tent camping can be either near the bathhouse in the family camping area or back in the primitive "party" area. For further information, including prices, see the Camping and Lodging section of <http://www.fourwindsfaire.com>.

DINING

For dining, Tyler has a full complement of familiar chain restaurants. For everyone who, like me, prefers an independent, I recommend Little Italy (on Broadway Ave) or Joe's (on 5th St) for Italian food, Gilbert's El Charo on 5th for Mexican, and China Cafe (on Loop 323 near Old Jacksonville Hwy) for Asian. For the best burger, try Jucys (on 5th St,) voted #1 in the Tyler Paper Reader's Choice Awards.

Any local should be able to direct you to any of those locations.

ON SITE AMENITIES

The tourney is located between the communities of Whitehouse and Troup. There is fast food and a couple of restaurants in each but no hotels. There is a grocery store about 5 minutes away and decent concessions will be sold on site. This venue does not permit outside food on site, however you are welcome to eat a sack lunch at your car if you are on a medically restricted diet. There are vegetarian options at the concession stand but vegan entrée choices are currently not available.

For those who will travel with little ones, never fear. There are flush toilets and changing tables at the tourney site!

I hope this has answered any questions you might have. If not, ask away and I will do my best to provide you with the information you require.

Sarah Adams
Business Manager, Adams Martial Arts



PRESENTS

Battlefield Weapons Tournament And Intramural Seminars April 10 & 11, 2010

A black-belt level, weapons-only tournament for practitioners of all styles

Prize Money for Grand Championship winner in Sparring

A portion of every entry fee goes into the prize money.

Custom made sword for Grand Champion winner in Kata/Forms

"The greater the entries, the greater the prize."

One entry fee no matter how many divisions you enter!

No age, rank, or gender divisions. Everyone competes together to determine the best of the best.

Divisions Include:

- Single Longsword & Broadsword (over 28")
- Single Curved Swords (saber, cutlass, etc)
- Single Short Sword (under 28")
- Bo/Staff & Other Non-Bladed/Tipped Weapons
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- Pole Arms (naginata, pike, spear, etc)

Visit the website for rules and registration information.

www.battlefieldweaponstournament.com

Join the mailing list for automatic tournament updates!

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