

An Exclusive Invitation to Compete

2019 WAKO North American Kickboxing Tournament

at the
Miller Theater
August, GA

May 2-4, 2019



Official Member Country of
World Association of Kickboxing Organizations



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 WAKO World Championships later this year.

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



Letter from the US President

Dear WAKO Member,

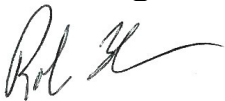
We are pleased to extend this exclusive invitation to compete at the 2019 WAKO North American Open Kickboxing Championship Tournament. This year's championship will take place at the Miller Theater in Augusta, Georgia from May 2nd through May 4th, 2019. This tournament is very exciting for us as we have just received our Olympic Recognition and athletes will be able to compete for a spot on Team USA Kickboxing for the 2021 World Games in Birmingham, Alabama.

In our efforts to create a memorable experience for all of our fighters and participants at this year's tournament, there will be a nighttime main event featuring:

USA vs. Canada vs. Mexico.

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

Best Regards,



Rob Zbilski
WAKO USA President
Team USA Kickboxing



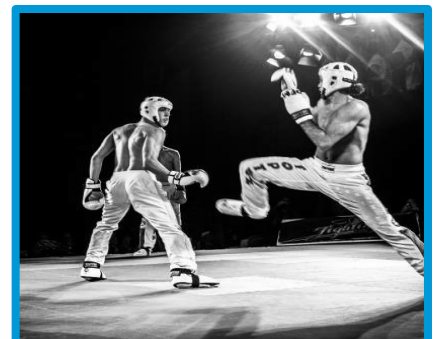
About WAKO Team USA

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 kickboxing organization with IOC (International Olympic Committee) recognition.



Ring Sports Schedule

Thursday, May 2, 2019 – Saturday, May 4, 2019
Miller Theatre - AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

THURSDAY, May 2nd, 2019

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

FRIDAY, May 3rd, 2019

8 : 0 0 a m Fighter Check-in
9 : 0 0 a m Competition Begins
4:00pm Competition Ends

SATURDAY, May 4th, 2019

8:00am Fighter Check-in
9:00am Competition Begins
4:00pm Competition Ends
7:30pm **Nighttime Main Event: USA vs.
Canada vs. Mexico**

OFFICIAL WEIGH-INS

Thursday, May 2nd, 2019 from 1:00pm until 6:00pm

SHERATON AUGUSTA

1069 Stevens Creek Road
Augusta, Georgia, USA, 30907

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 Kickboxing

TO REGISTER:

<https://wakokickboxing2019.myuventex.com>

Athlete 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.
- 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.

RULES

The competition will be governed by WAKO IF rules and can be found [here](#).

SAFETY

Athletes must have completed this medical exam completed. The state of Georgia requires all fighters to have hepatitis B & C and HIV blood tests completed, as well as an eye exam within 6 months of the tournament date. The eye exam can be found [here](#) and the medical exam can be found here.

REGISTRATION FEES

\$60 USD until March 1st

\$75 USD until April 1st

\$100 USD until April 15th

\$125 USD until April 28th

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Athlete Information, Continued

DIVISIONS

1. Beginner: 5 fights or less
2. Intermediate: 6 – 20 fights
3. Advanced: 20 fights or more or unpaid professional

TWO STYLES

1. Low Kick
2. K1

PRIZES

- Athletes will receive a bronze, silver or gold medal
- All winners will be considered for a spot on Team USA Kickboxing

BOUT DETAILS

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

PARTICIPATION

According to WAKO IF Rules and Regulations, **participation in the 2019 WAKO North American Open is exclusive to WAKO members and National Teams.**

Note: If you are interested in participate, get in touch with the WAKO Representative in your country.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

Your division is determined by your current age as of **May 2nd, 2019** (the day of weigh-ins).

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 13 - 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)

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Venue Information

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

On the banks of the Savannah River, you'll find a mix of Southern charm and city fun that blends together culture, shopping, and amazing food. Experience the dynamic recreation around Augusta's River Region and charming Downtown Augusta.

Miller Theater

Recently renovated, Miller Theater is in the heart of downtown Augusta on Broad Street. It is the perfect location for an event like the Stars & Stripes tournament.

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION:

[https://
wakokickboxing2019.myuventex.com](https://wakokickboxing2019.myuventex.com)



Hotel Reservations

Special pricing has been pre-negotiated for all fighters, coaches, and guests at the Host Hotels:

HOTEL DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS

05/02/19	\$99.00
05/03/19	\$99.00
05/04/19	\$99.00
05/05/19	\$99.00

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS – AUGUSTA NORTH

1073 Stevens Creek Rd
Augusta, GA 30907

[Book your hotel here](#)

SHERATON AUGUSTA

1069 Stevens Creek Road
Augusta, Georgia, USA, 30907

[Book your hotel here](#)

****Fighters are REQUIRED to stay at either of the host hotels. It is mandatory that you stay at either hotel or you will not be allowed to compete.**



Sponsorship

The success of WAKO Team USA Kickboxing depends on our dedicated athletes and the support from our sponsors. WAKO Team USA Kickboxing is the only recognized governing body representing the United States in the 2017 World Games. Our athletes are ambassadors for the sport of Kickboxing and for our Sponsors.

Sponsorship can be achieved through apparel, media, print, or ring recognition, as well as experiential marketing. As a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization, WAKO Team USA depends on sponsorship for funding necessary expenses such as, travel, training, apparel and equipment for all Team USA athletes.

For more information on Sponsoring WAKO Team USA Kickboxing please contact:

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