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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

Dear Members,

On behalf of the IMMAF board, I am excited to be able to invite members from the Pan Americas to take part in our first Championships on the continent in three years – the 2022 IMMAF Pan American Championships in Monterrey, Mexico from 21–24 June.

Hosted by the Mexican Federation of Mixed Martial Arts (FAMM) at the Gimnasio Nuevo León Independiente, the tournament will provide the long-awaited opportunity for Pan American amateurs to test and showcase their talent on the IMMAF platform close to home. IMMAF's return to events in Europe and the Middle East over the past year has demonstrated our athletes' and federations' hunger and commitment to the sport in the face of the pandemic, with a tangible increase shown in competitiveness and skill level.

Since IMMAF's last Pan American Championship in 2019, we have welcomed new members from across the continent representing Argentina, Aruba, Barbados, Bolivia, Cayman Islands, Guatemala, Guyana, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, St. Martin, St. Lucia, Uruguay, and Venezuela. And so, we can also expect an expansion in talent and styles to provide a further boost to the level of competition. The Americas continue to be a region of strong focus for us as we have been working to facilitate the relaunch of the USA federation and to foster sports development in Brazil in particular.

It is right that FAMM should host our Pan American Championships as one of our strongest federations internationally in terms of youth and athlete development and their national competition circuit. The federation has a track record of producing world-level medalists', such as Sara Cova, Nadia Vera, Daniela Hernandez, Valeria Gomez and Diego Torres, while the Mexican team is known for its energy and bringing the party to IMMAF events, and so we expect a spirited competition atmosphere in Monterrey.

With everything to gain from taking part in terms of development and experience, athletes and teams will also earn ranking points for IMMAF's World Amateur MMA Rankings that see top-performing athletes seeded for the 2022 IMMAF World Championships.

I urge you not to miss out. Join the IMMAF family in reigniting international amateur MMA competition in Pan America, as the USA prepares to host the 2028 Olympics and we continue our journey towards Olympic recognition.

Yours in MMA,

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HOST FEDERATION'S WELCOME



We are very happy and proud that Mexico is hosting this great IMMAF Pan American Championship, our commitment is great, but we are sure that it will be a high quality event.

Our commitment is to offer you an unparalleled event and that all the participants and also the attending public live a great experience. We will be happy that you can come and get to know our first world sports infrastructure, in addition to our natural beauties and beautiful city, I am sure that you will love Mexico.

Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico will welcome you all with open arms.

WE ARE WAITING FOR YOU!

PROF. UBALDO MARROQUÍN PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OF MIXED MARTIAL ARTS — MEXICO.





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Monday 20th June - Team Arrivals All day

Tuesday 21st June – Check in, registration and draw 10:00am to 4:00pm - Registration 4:30pm to 5:00pm - Rules Briefing and House Keeping 5:15pm to 5:45pm - Tournament Draw

Wednesday 22nd June – Day 1 of competition (quarter finals) 7:00am to 8:00am - weigh in and pre fight medicals (at the official hotel) 9:30am competing athletes arrive at the venue 11:00am - Competition starts

Thursday 23rd June – Day 2 of competition (semi-finals)
7:00am to 8:00am - weigh in and pre fight medicals (at the official hotel)
9:30am competing athletes arrive at the venue
11:00am - Competition starts

Friday 24th June - Day 3 of competition (finals)
7:00am to 8:00am - weigh in and pre fight medicals (at the official hotel)
9:30am competing athletes arrive at the venue
11:00am - Competition starts

*Attention: The schedule may be modified according to the total number of entries and circumstances of competition.





COMPETITION PLACE

Venue Name

Gimnasio Nuevo León Independiente

Venue address

Av. Manuel L. Barragán # 1000 Col. Regina Monterrey, Nuevo León <u>https://goo.gl/maps/SYLd7tdrizSsfGRb8</u>



Official Hotel

Crowne Plaza Monterrey Av. Constitucion Oriente : 300 Col. Centro, Monterrey 64000 | Mexico + 52-81-83196000 <u>https://goo.gl/maps/N45nprBbQuRsm2mP9</u>

Website -<u>https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels</u> /us/en/monterrey/mtypl/hoteldetail





ELIGIBILITY

Please see the document for athlete eligibility found here – <u>https://mynextmatch.com/tournament/189/details</u>

ATHLETE SPONSOR GUIDLINES

Please see the document for athlete sponsor guidelines found here – <u>https://mynextmatch.com/tournament/189/details</u>

ATHLETE SCREENING

Please see <u>https://mynextmatch.com/tournament/189/details</u> for the Athlete screening process document.

If any professional records are detected by IMMAF after the registration deadline without prior notification, the National Federation will incur a fine of £100 for each athlete who is listed as professional, regardless of website error.

PARTICIPATION

This Pan American Open Championships is for all IMMAF Member Federations. There is a limit of 8 participants for each weight category and host federation to enter up to 2 entries per weight category. All other countries can enter 1 athlete per weight division (first come, first served basis).

If there are any spaces left in a bracket, then countries can enter up to a maximum of 2 athletes per weight division, (first come, first served basis).

The competitors must be of the same nationality as the National Federation, which enters them.

The Pan American Open Championships are for 18 years plus with no upper age limit.

1. It is mandatory that competitors participating in IMMAF Championship events are nationals of the country whose team they are representing. For the avoidance of doubt, nationals are classed according to the passport(s) they hold.

2. A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent any one of them. However, after having represented one country in IMMAF competitions, he/she may not represent another country unless he / she meets the conditions set forth in paragraph 3 below which applies to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality. 3. A competitor, who has represented one country in IMMAF Championship events and who has changed his / her nationality or acquired a new nationality, may represent his/her new country in IMMAF Championship events provided that at least twelve (12) months have passed since the competitor last represented his / her former country. This period may be reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the National Federation from which the competitor is moving. IMMAF CEO retains the right to make a case by case decision in unique circumstances regarding citizenship that might arise.

4. Passport validity minimum timeframe required 2 year cooling off period.

Every delegate of the 2022 Pan American Open Senior Championships will have to become an Affiliate Member of their National Federation on My Next Match to the minimum of \$6 Admin Fee. Email malik@immaf.org for information on how to register as a member of your national federation.





AGE BANDING CRITERIA

Seniors 18 years old and above.

The athlete must be 18 years of age by the 1st day of competition. There is no upper age limit.

All registrations are to be completed via this link - <u>https://mynextmatch.com/tournament/189/details</u>



WEIGHT CLASSES

Women	Men		
Atomweight – 105lbs (-47.6kg)	Strawweight - 115lbs (-52.2kgs)		
Strawweight -115lbs (-52.1kgs)	Flyweight -125lbs (-56.7kgs)		
Flyweight -125lbs (-56.7kgs)	Bantamweight -135lbs (61.2kgs)		
Bantamweight -135lbs (-61.2kgs)	Featherweight -145lbs (65.8kgs)		
Featherweight -145lbs (-65.8kgs)	Lightweight -155lbs (-70.3kgs)		
Lightweight -155lbs (-70.3kgs)	Welterweight -170lbs (-77.1kgs)		
	Middleweight -185lbs (-83.9kgs)		
	Light Heavyweight -205lbs (-93.0kgs)		
	Heavyweight -265lbs (-120.2kgs)		
	Super Heavyweight +265lbs (+120.2kgs)		





ACCREDITATION & CONTROL OF NATIONALITY

At least one (1) team official and a maximum of two (2) must attend the registration on Tuesday 21st June 2022 from 09:00 to 16:00 in order to confirm the delegation.



Failure to do this will result in a nation not being entered into the draw and will be disqualified from the competition.

Passports or photocopies of passports from all competitors must be available on request (National ID Card showing nationality and date of birth or a copy is also accepted).

An IMMAF accreditation card with a photograph will be issued to competitors and officials.

IMMAF PRE-REGISTRATION ONLINE

All participants and delegates must be pre-registered for the event using the IMMAF Online Registration System. <u>https://mynextmatch.com/tournament/189/details</u>

Note to Media:

Any team officials registering on MyNextMatch who would like media access and permissions, must complete the Media Form which can downloaded at <u>https://mynextmatch.com/tournament/189/details</u> for accreditation and email to isobel.carnwath@immaf.org by Monday June 6th 2022. Please note that registration on MyNextMatch does not grant media permissions.

Deadline for Pre-Registration is Friday May 20th 2022.

After the deadline only athletes replacing a competitor who is medically diagnosed as unfit to compete can be entered into the competition. An official letter from the injured athletes GP or registered team Doctor will need to be submitted to IMMAF's independent Medical Partner for verification at safemma@immaf.org





KEY DEADLINES

Team Registration including participation fee payment – Friday May 20th 2022

Media accreditation applications to isobel.carnwath@immaf.org - Monday June 6th 2022

Pre-Registration of Injury Replacements – Wednesday 8th June 2022

Medical Clearance – Wednesday 8th June 2022



TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN

Each team enters a check-in location strictly according to the previously allocated time slot accompanied by at least one team leader.

Athletes' appropriate documents (athlete waiver, media release form) have to be uploaded onto MNM beforehand.

Every athlete's passport/ID is controlled and thereafter an accreditation is issued.

Coaches and team staff receive their accreditations at the check-in too.

COMPETITION MODE

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the latest IMMAF Amateur rules, (See https://immaf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/IMMAF-Rules-Document-as-of-Jan-2021.pdf).

There is only one uniform competition system for all IMMAF official events – an elimination system with no repechage.







WEIGH-INS & PRE FIGHT MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Wednesday 22nd June 2022 to Friday 24th June 2022 – Competition days 1 to 3 – All competitors to make weight with no allowance. Any competitor that fails to make weight will be out of the competition at this stage.

There will be no option for late annual medical examination or blood tests.

Following this the official weigh-in & pre fight medical for each weight category is held each morning of competition (See 2 program. Athletes must present their IMMAF accreditation card and his/her passport (National ID Cards showing nationality and date of birth are also accepted).

Only athletes that are set to compete on that day must attend that competition day weigh in. Competitors with byes are not expected to weigh in.

Any athlete who does not show up within the designated weigh in times or fails to make weight will be excluded from competition. Athletes will only have one chance at making weight on the official scales.

A set of test scales will be available for one hour before the official weigh in. This is to facilitate athletes who wish to check their pre-fight weight before stepping onto the official weigh in scales.

Outside of the official weigh in times test scales available on the same morning and a set of scales will be made accessible throughout the competition.

Athletes must present their accreditation card and passport or National ID Card showing nationality and date of birth.

Weigh in allowance policy can be found here – *https://mynextmatch.com/tournament/189/details*

REFEREES & JUDGES

Each federation may put forward recommended competition officials through the IMMAF NTO (National technical Officials) application process.

The organizing federation (FAMM) may enter officials as required for the realization of the tournament if a sufficient number cannot be sourced



The requirement for officiating can be found in the "Officials Selection Procedure Form" at <u>https://mynextmatch.com/tournament/189/details</u>





DRAW

The draw will take place on Tuesday 21st June 2022 at 16:30hrs @ the official hotel, Crowne Plaza Monterrey.



The top four (4) from the entered competitors in each weight category will be seeded according to the current IMMAF World Amateur MMA Ranking List.

For all divisions the competitors will be divided into a bracket by means of a "draw", and a single elimination system will be used to produce two (2) Finalists, who will compete for the gold medal. Competitors from the same Nation can not meet in the final (unless it's a bracket of 2). Competitors from the same Nation will meet in the semi-finals provided they were victorious in previous elimination bouts.

A bronze medal will be awarded to both losing semi-finalists, even if the bronze medalist hasn't won a bout to reach the semi-finals, (for clarification, a bye is classed as a win). There will be no placement points awarded for a losing semi-finalist that has not won a bout to reach the semi-finals.

If there are only two (2) competitors in a bracket, then this will be a gold and silver medal match with the loser receiving a medal. No placement ranking points will be awarded for the loser however.

Full ranking points will be issued if there are twenty (20) or more countries competing at the event. If there are under twenty (20) countries competing, then only half of the ranking points will be issued. Please see this link for how ranking points are earned. *https://immaf.org/athletes/rankings/*

All competitors must make weight each day they are scheduled to compete. Once a competitor loses a bout they are then out of the competition from that stage. If a competitor wins their bout but is medically suspended, they are out of the competition from that time. Please note, competitors that have byes are not required to weigh-in. Only competitors scheduled to compete on any given day must weigh in and make weight. If the competitor fails to make weight for the official weigh in, then they will be out of the competition from this time and their opponent will advance to the next round via a bye. If both opponents fail to make weight then no one advances.





All team delegates must fully adhere to the dress code outlined for the draw and for the duration of the competition.

Dress Code for Draw: suit, with jacket and tie or national team tracksuit

Competition Days : National team tracksuit/uniform, NO caps, NO shorts OR flip flops.

ACCOMODATION

Official Hotel

Teams are to book and pay for their own accommodation directly with the hotel.

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https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/monterrey/mtypl/hoteldetail









EQUIPMENT

The gloves, and shin guards will be provided by the brand GreenHill for all competitors. Teams must provide their own national federation branded rash guards and shorts to their athletes. See examples below.



IMMAF Championships Attire, Sponsorship and Branding Guidelines must be adhered to at all times.

Hand wraps will be provided by IMMAF and applied by the official IMMAF cut-man team.

Competitors are responsible for providing their own mouth and groin guard.

Guidelines to Affix Sponsors' Logos to Competition Shorts

- Four (4) logos can be placed on the athlete's IMMAF competition shorts, as per the diagram on the right.
- The diameter of the logos cannot be more than 3 inches (7.62cm).
- Federations should request sticker logos from sponsors, which can be applied to fabric (this is the preferred method to affix logos)
- IMMAF Attire, Sponsorship and Branding Guidelines could be found <u>here.</u>





PARTICIPATION FEE & REFUND POLICY

A participation fee of \$100 USD per competitor, team leader, team affiliates and team coaches is payable to IMMAF at pre-registration.

The cost of the competition at the 2022 Pan American Open Championships is \$100 USD per competitor, team leader, team affiliates and team coaches and the fee includes the following.

Accreditation will not be issued where entry fees have not been paid by the preregistration deadline.

Any athlete that has not paid their participation fee by Friday May 20th 2022 will not be included in the draw. If payment has not been received and the team registered in my next match, Teams will forfeit their priority privileges.

Payment has to be made by each member federation for its whole team. Payment will be by bank wire transfer. Instructions can be downloaded here - <u>https://mynextmatch.com/tournament/189/details</u>

For clarification.

. a) Registration via online tournament system; My Next Match. (No participation fee payment will be asked for during this part of the registration).

- . b) Participation Fees to be bank transferred to IMMAF.
- . c) When parts A + B have been done, reconciled and confirmed by IMMAF, only then will your team be officially approved and entered into the tournament.

Only registered participants who have paid the participation fee will get access to official IMMAF transportation, credentialed areas at the official hotel and the competition venue. This is for security and practical reasons. If there are persons traveling with the federation who are not needed in the arena, who don't have a key role in the team and who won't need assistance from the IMMAF, then they are welcome to attend the Pan American Championships and not pay the participation fee. They can then purchase tickets (if available) for the competition at the competition venue respectively and book their own accommodation.

The fee is a combined fee that covers some but not all of the costs that IMMAF, which is a non-profit entity, incurs for the participants. The reason that accommodation is included is that there are a lot of practical, financial and safety benefits to having all participants in the same place.

Refund policy for registered teams can be be downloaded here - <u>https://mynextmatch.com/tournament/189/details</u>





ANTI-DOPING



Anti-doping controls will be conducted in accordance with the IMMAF Anti-Doping Rules and the World Anti-Doping Agency Code.

IMMAF will be responsible for planning and implementing the necessary procedures.

All participants (athletes, coaches and officials) should ensure they comply with the Anti-Doping Rules -

https://immaf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/IMMAF-Anti-Doping-Rules-2022-FINAL.pdf.

The IMMAF Anti-Doping Rules adopt the WADA Prohibited List of Substances and Methods <u>WADA Prohibited List 2022</u>.

Athletes should check all medications to ensure any substances used are permitted.

TUE application details are available on IMMAF's website - *https://immaf.org/integrity/anti-doping/therapeutic-use-exemptions/#apply-tue.*

NOTE: IMMAF operates a zero tolerance on the use of needles for any purpose without medical justification.









MEDICAL CLEARANCE

Competitors need to ensure that their annual medical examination is in good standing as per IMMAF's competition medical requirements.

The cut-off date for submission of all correctly completed AND correctly submitted medical forms is Wednesday 8th **June 2022.**

In order to be medically cleared to compete in the 2022 Pan American Championships, each athlete must provide:

a) a completed Annual Medical Examination form, dated within one year of the final day of competition - so on or after 25th June 2021.

b) a copy of the testing laboratory result form showing clear blood test results for Hepatitis B (HBsAg), Hepatitis C (Anti-HCV) and HIV (p24 antigen and HIV 1+2 antibodies), all dated within 6 months of the final day of competition - so on or after 25th December 2021.

c) a doctor's review of blood test results, documented in either the Annual Medical Examination form or the Blood Test Review form.

*Please Note: this review does not need to be duplicated on both forms (the one page Blood Test Review form is only needed if blood test results are not being reviewed during the course of the annual medical examination!)

d) all documentation must be sent as an email attachment in PDF form (ideally one complete PDF per athlete) through the team Medical Safety Lead (*see Note 1 below) to: immaf@safemma.org

*Please Note: we strongly recommend submitting all forms at least one week in advance of the deadline so that any mistakes or omissions can be addressed before the cut-off date, thus avoiding any Late admin fees (*see Note 2 below)

e) there is no need to resubmit forms previously received and accepted by SAFE MMA

The most current versions of forms and further information can be found here: <u>https://safemma.org/immaf/</u>







MEDICAL CLEARANCE

Note 1: MEDICAL SAFETY LEAD

Each team must nominate a Medical Safety Lead. Your MSL acts as the single point of contact through whom we expect to receive all medical documentation, and with whom we share important updates.

The role is purely administrative - no prior medical knowledge or experience is required. Please let us know if you require details of your MSL, or wish to nominate someone new to the role.

Note 2: ADMINISTRATION FEES FOR LATE SUBMISSIONS

The cut-off date for submission of all CORRECTLY COMPLETED and CORRECTLY SUBMITTED medical forms and blood work is Wednesday 8th June 2022.

Please ensure forms are submitted at least one week in advance of this so that any mistakes or omissions can be addressed before the cut-off date. Forms must be received through the nominated MSL, ideally as one complete PDF per athlete.

- a £20 Late admin fee will be payable direct to SAFE MMA by or for any athlete whose correct & complete documentation has not been received by the cut-off date of Wednesday 8th June 2022 (2359hrs UTC)

- a £40 Late admin fee will be payable direct to SAFE MMA by or for any athlete whose correct & complete documentation has not been received one week after the cut-off date, so by Wednesday 15th June 2022 (2359hrs UTC)

- an £80 Late admin fee will be payable direct to SAFE MMA by or for any athlete whose correct & complete documentation has not been received more than 2 days before the start of competition, so by Sunday 19th June 2022 (2359hrs UTC).







MEDICAL CLEARANCE

Important information:

- Other than in exceptional cases (such as with late injury replacements) the Late admin fees detailed above WILL be strictly enforced WITHOUT exception.

- If a Late admin fee is due, no documentation will be reviewed, or even considered as having been received, until that fee has been paid.

- If a Late admin fee is due and not received before a further deadline has been passed, the higher fee will be payable in order for that athlete's documentation to be reviewed.

- The review of any documentation received after the cut-off date is subject to the availability of resources, and at the discretion of SAFE MMA and the IMMAF Medical Commission.

For the record, late admin fees are not intended to raise revenue. They have solely been introduced to focus attention on the importance of complying with deadlines so that we can continue doing the work we do effectively with the resources we have - the alternatives being raising fees for everyone or removing athletes from the tournament. We would be delighted if not a single late admin fee was ever incurred! Please work with us to achieve this, and get your athletes' documentation arranged in good time. If you have any comments, issues or questions regarding this, or any medical matter, please email us at: immaf@safemma.org.





INSURANCE OF COMPETITORS

The competitor competes under the full responsibility of their National Federations Insurance.

Each national federation is responsible for insuring its competitors against "injury and third party risk (public liability)" during the period of the event.

The International Mixed Martial Arts Federation and the FAMM decline all responsibility.

It is the responsibility of the National Federation to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any COVID-19related costs.

The organiser of the event and the IMMAF accept no liability for any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to COVID-19 or medical costs for any COVID-19 related illness that may affect a National Federation delegation member during the event.

MEDIA

Journalists can apply for media accreditation by sending their requests directly to the organizer at **isobel.carnwath@immaf.org**.

When journalists are traveling as part of a National Federation Team please indicate this, so they may be treated as part of your party.





ATHLETE MEDIA OBLIGATIONS

a) Television

It is a mandatory obligation for all athletes to complete television interviews and photograph sessions for IMMAF's production team, if requested. Team Leaders or the athlete themself will be notified in advance if an athlete's attendance is required.

For official interviews and photographs (which are used for TV graphics), athletes will need their Greenhill competition wear and also their national team t-shirt.

Official television interview will be in English, so please arrange for a person to translate for your athlete if needed.

b) IMMAF Media Team

Every day after a match, some competitors will be escorted for a short interview with the IMMAF Media Team following their post-fight medical examination. The interview will be for use on IMMAF media and social media channels.

On days where Anti-doping testing takes place, such interviews will be conducted following the post-fight medical and before the Anti-doping testing.

An IMMAF official will be responsible for notifying competitors of IMMAF interview requests and escorting competitors from the competition area to their post-fight medical and onto their media interview.

Competitors may wear their own sponsor apparel for the media interviews.

MEDALS CEREMONY

During the Finals, competition medalists will participate in a podium medals ceremony.

The Dress Code for competitors during the medal's ceremony is as follows:

- 1.National Team competition rash guard and shorts or National Team uniform
- 2. The only flags or banners that may be carried are National Flags. **No religious or political symbols are allowed.**

Casual or street wear will not be permitted on the podium.

Athletes will also be required to be in the designated seating for medalists at least five minutes before their medal presentation.





VISA

For competitors requiring supporting documentation for VISA applications to enter Mexico please email, tatiana.klimenko@immaf.org for details of what information each federation is required to send. No queries will be reviewed without the attached filled roaster:

				Passport			
Sr.No.	Full Name	Date of Birth DD/MM/YYYY	Role	Country	Number	Issued Date	Expiry Date
1			coach				
2			Athlete				
3							

Please note that all procedures, including rule sets, weight categories and allowance are subject to approval from IMMAF. Competition venues may change subject to contractual agreements.







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