

Edge Martial Arts Competition Team

2023-2024 Team Tryout Application

(Please return this form via email no later than Thursday, September 21, 2023)

Student's Name: _____

Student's Age: _____

Student's Belt Rank: _____

Previous years on competition team, if any (check mark) and level of competition (**B**EGinner, **N**OVice, **I**NTermediate, **A**DVanced, **E**LITE), if known:

- 2018 - 2019 _____ 2020 - 2021 _____ 2022 - 2023 _____
 2019 - 2020 _____ 2021 - 2022 _____

Which classes are you training in this fall?:

Team Trials Format and Requirements:

2023 Team Trials will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2022 from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Team Trials are conducted in a round-robin format tournament; each student will "compete" multiple times over the course of the day.

Blue, Yellow, and Green Belts should prepare **Gekisai dai Ichi** as their kata to perform. Blue Belts interested in joining Competition Team **who do not know Gekisai dai Ichi must speak to Sensei Ben prior to signing up for Team Trials.**

Purple, Brown, and Advanced Brown Belts should prepare any two kata from the following list:

- Gekisai dai Ichi
- Gekisai dai Ni
- Seiyunchin

Black Belts should prepare any three kata from the following list:

- Gekisai dai Ichi
- Gekisai dai Ni
- Seiyunchin
- Shisochin
- Sanseiru
- Seipai
- Kururunfa
- Seisan

Current team members may use any kata that they already compete with, even if it is not on the list above.

This registration form must be completed (and signed on the second page by both the student and a parent), and emailed back to Sensei Ben no later than Thursday, September 21st at 5:00pm. A \$20 fee to participate in Team Trials is due on or before Sunday, September 24th. **No same-day registration forms will be accepted under any circumstance.**

Please contact Sensei Ben with any questions.

Important Additional Information:

1. Competition Team training is held every Sunday, except on some holiday weekends. Our first Team Training will be Sunday, October 1st.
2. Our annual Parents' Meeting will be Sunday, October 1st at 4:30pm. We will conduct this meeting via Zoom. Please plan to attend, as we will go over a lot of important information for the season.
3. An email confirming whether you/your child has been accepted onto Competition Team, as well as group placement, will be sent out no later than Sunday, September 24th at 6:00pm. The email will also include the Zoom link for the Parents' Meeting.
4. All students on Competition Team must also be training in regular classes.
5. Students are expected to attend all team practices, barring health or family emergency. Although the occasional absence is inevitable, consistent attendance issues may result in students being placed on probation or removed from the team.
6. Students are expected to practice regularly at home. We use the **Google Classroom** platform as both a resource for reference materials and as an accountability tool for weekly at-home training requirements. Although the occasional busy week is inevitable, consistent lack of at-home practice may result in students being placed on probation or removed from the team.
7. Please read #6 again.
8. All team members must have a white competition gi, as well as competition belts. We are happy to help with the purchase of these, either by ordering for you from one of our suppliers, or by providing a list of acceptable brands and helping with correct sizing if you'd prefer to shop on your own.
9. Returning team members, please make sure your gi and belts are still in good condition and still fit, or plan to replace anything you've outgrown or has gotten too worn. We have a very limited inventory, but we are happy to try and arrange "hand-me-downs" when possible, to spare additional expense.
10. The training fee for Competition Team is \$475 for the season (September-June) and covers all regular training sessions. Registration fees for competitions are paid directly to the tournament organizer. Private lessons, special seminars, etc. are separate. No refunds are issued except in the case of severe medical reasons confirmed by a physician.
11. We are exceptionally fortunate that most USANKF-sanctioned competitions in the Northeast are right here in the New York Metro area, and require very little travel. Many teams throughout the Northeast must travel several hours to get to these events, which usually take us only 20-30 minutes. Having said that, occasionally we will include tournaments on our calendar that involve more travel – particularly the Junior International Open, the USA Open, and USA Nationals, but also regional events in New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. Although attendance at these events is not required, they are strongly encouraged – especially for intermediate, advanced, and elite level competitors. Please consider making the effort to attend these major events this season.

Parents and students, we ask that you please read through the above, and indicate your acknowledgement of the above information by signing below.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____