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A Word from the President

Greetings everyone,

I am very excited that for the first time in the history of the North American Freestyle Sambo Championships, our 7th annual tournament will be heading outside of the New York/New Jersey region to Austin, Texas! This marks a huge step for the ASA as we continue to gain momentum on a national scale. So far feedback has been incredible with teams expected from across the US.

I am also very excited to announce that the ASA will be receiving generous support from **M1-Global** this year! To find out how M1-Global will be helping with this year's event, keep reading this newsletter!

Be sure to join the "North American Freestyle Sambo Championships" event page on Facebook to keep up with event news, updates, etc.

Sincerely,
Stephen Koepfer
ASA President

7th Annual North American Freestyle Sambo™ Championships.

On Saturday, November 6th, 2010 the American Sambo Association will host the **Seventh Annual North American Freestyle Sambo Championships!**

This year's event will take place at the **Austin Sports Center** in Cedar Park, Texas (just outside of Austin).

The event will be jam packed with exciting Freestyle Sambo Competition!

As usual, we will host our OPEN Freestyle Sambo Championships, which is open to all Sambo, Judo, BJJ, Wrestling, and

Grappling athletes – regardless of political affiliation.

In addition, this year we will also be presenting our 2009 and 2010 Pioneer of American Sambo Awards!

This event grows each year and in accordance with ASA regulations, all medallists in the Sambo tournament will earn points towards our ASA National Sambo Rankings and the ASA “**Master Sportsman**” award. Be sure to check our website for information about these rankings and awards.

M1-Global



This year, M1-Global has been generous to donate 4 all access passes to their upcoming December 11th M1 Challenge XXII at Bally’s Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, NJ. Titles will be on the line as M1 Selection Champions from around the world will do battle for the M1 Challenge championship belts!

The ASA will award one all access pass to the following award winners at this years North American Freestyle Sambo Championships:

- 1) Fastest submission
- 2) Match of the day
- 3) Best throw
- 4) First technical victory



EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 6th, 2010

9am:

Registration, weigh-in and medical check

11am:

Officials meeting

11:30am:

Rules meeting for athletes

IF YOU HAVE NOT CHECKED IN BY THE RULES MEETING, YOU MAY NOT COMPETE

Noon:

Event begins

The tournament will proceed in the following order:

- Preliminary rounds
- Pioneer Award Presentation
- Freestyle Sambo B Division Finals
- Freestyle Sambo A Division Finals

Location, Travel, and Hotel

Tournament Location:

Austin Sports Center – Cedar Park

1420 Toro Grande Blvd

Cedar Park, TX 78613



Directions:

For directions to Austin Sports Center click here: [Mapquest](#)

or visit www.austinsportscenter.com

Event Hotels:

For hotels that participate in the **Austin Sport Center Partner Program** please visit: www.austinsportscenter.com and click the “Austin Partner Hotels” link in the menu. When booking a hotel for the tournament, make sure you mention that

you are booking for an event at Austin Sports Center. The Holiday Inn Express and the Candlewood are the closest hotels. The next closest would be the La Quinta.

Physicians for Human Rights

As many of you know each year the ASA chooses a charity to donate a portion of our annual tournament proceeds to a charity. This year we will make a donation to Physicians for Human Rights. The ASA has supported the Nobel Peace Prize winning organization in the past and we are please to do so again! Please take some time to visit their website:

www.physiciansforhumanrights.org

Sambo Kurtka

According to the ASA Freestyle Sambo Rules, all participants must wear a sambo kurtka. Judo Gis and JiuJitsu Gis will not be permitted. The ASA will have several loaner kurkti available at the event and a few for purchase as well. However, we recommend you purchase your own kurtka for the event. Quality kurtki are available to purchase on-line at:

www.clubkozak.com

Pre-Register On-Line

Pre-registration deadlines and fees are as follows:

- **Before October 15th: \$65**
- After October 15th for ASA members: \$65
- After October 15th for non-ASA members and same day registration: \$80

To pre-register on-line, visit

www.ecsmma.com where you can paypal you registration fee. Once you have paid your fee, please e-mail samboinfo@yahoo.com with the following bracket information:

Name:

Address:

Your gym:

Your Coach:

Date of Birth:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Men's Weight Division:

- 55kg (121lbs)
- 60kg (132lbs)
- 66kg (145.2lbs)
- 74kg (162.8lbs)
- 84kg (184.8lbs)
- 96kg (211.2lbs)
- +96kg (+211.2lbs – 249.9lbs)
- Superheavyweight (+250lbs)

Women's Weight Divisions:

Your weight? _____

Divisions will be decided based on registrations

Experience Division (You may not compete in both divisions):

- A Division Tournament
(Past NAFSC champions and coach level athletes. Any athlete may fight up to this division if they wish)
- B Division Tournament (the ASA has the right to move you to division A if we believe your skill level warrants it)

Sponsorships

We have several options suitable for individuals, small business, large business and more. Download our sponsor information packet at the link below. You can help bring Sambo into its rightful place as one of the greatest grappling sports out there while bringing the name of your business to a fresh new national and local (Texas) market.

[Sponsor Packet](#)

Pioneer Awards

This year the ASA will be announcing our 2009 and 2010 Pioneer of American Sambo Awards! ASA members, keep an eye out as your ballots will be arriving to you very shortly!

This year's nominees include James "Chico" Hernandez, Carlos Cummings, Greg Gibson, and Ron Tripp.

To learn more about the ASA's Pioneer of American Sambo Awards, please visit www.ussambo.com

Freestyle Sambo™ Rules

For complete rules and tournament information, please visit www.ussambo.com