OFFICIAL EVENT INFORMATION
PBJJF PITTSBURGH SPRING INTERNATIONAL OPEN 2027

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Gi and NoGi - Kids, Adults and Masters - Absolute Gi Divisions Cash Prizes - Live on FloGrappling

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See Cash Prizes

Location: ALL AMERICAN+ Field House - 1 Racquet Ln, Monroeville, PA 15146, United States

Doors open at 8:00am
Event starts at 9:00am

PBJJF RULES BOOK

FORMAT - DOUBLE ELIMINATION (Except Adult & Master Purple, Brown and Black Divisions)

All divisions follow a double elimination format, except for the Adult and Master Purple, Brown and Black Belt divisions (male and female), which are single elimination.

- In the double elimination format, winners advance in the main bracket. Athletes who lose a match move to a secondary bracket, giving them the opportunity to compete for third place.
- In this system, the athlete who wins all matches receives the gold medal, the finalist earns silver medal, and the winner of the secondary bracket earns bronze medal.
- Please note that the double elimination format is guaranteed only if all athletes in the bracket attend and compete. PBJJF cannot ensure the attendance of all registered athletes.
- For the Adult and Master Purple, Brown and Black Belt divisions (male and female), the format is single elimination only.

THE TOURNAMENT IS PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY.

We do not take late registrations or registrations at the event!

Early Registration - $99

Per Absolute Division – $20

Normal Registration – $109

Per Absolute Division – $25

Late Registration – $129

Late Per Absolute Division – $30

Spectator fee -- $20 (Please note that payment for spectator fees will **only be accepted via card.**Cash payments will not be available at the event. Be sure to bring a valid debit or credit card to ensure smooth entry).

REGISTRATION:

- We strive to ensure that our events can comfortably host as many participants as possible. However, to maintain a high standard of quality, there is a maximum capacity.
- PBJJF reserves the right to close registration either when full capacity is reached or by the specified registration deadline, whichever occurs first.
- Providing false information during registration, including but not limited to date of birth, can result in immediate disqualification. Such actions may lead to suspension or even permanent exclusion from future PBJJF events.

REFUND POLICY

- The registration fee is not refundable. PBJJF cannot assure that all athletes will attend the tournament. Consequently, PBJJF will not provide refunds to athletes who are left without a match due to their opponent's absence.
- The registration fee is non-refundable. However, athletes who cancel their registration before the deadline will receive a coupon code equivalent to the registration fee. This coupon can be used as a credit for any future PBJJF tournament. Cancellation requests made after the deadline will not be eligible for a coupon code.

ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES AND SCHEDULE

- Athletes are responsible for understanding and adhering to the sport's rules and guidelines. Please refer to the schedule section to determine when you need to be at the event, prepared to compete, and in the warm-up area.
- Competitors should be at the venue and ready to compete at least one hour before their division’s scheduled start time, as the tournament may run ahead of schedule. The posted start times in the event’s schedule are approximate and can vary throughout the day due to factors beyond our control.

MEDALS AND TROPHIES

- Athletes who place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in their division will receive a medal at the event. All medals must be collected at the event's podium. PBJJF does not mail out unclaimed or lost medals after the tournaments.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A STAFF MEMBER WITH PBJJF DURING THE EVENTS, PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM. CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW:

CLICK HERE

Absolute Gi Division Prizes

Male

• White Belt – Adult : PBJJF Gi

• Blue Belt – Adult: $400

• Purple Belt – Adult: $500

• Brown & Black Belt – Adult: $1,000

• Brown & Black Belt – Master: $1,000

Female

• White Belt – PBJJF Gi

• Blue Belt – Adult: $400

• Purple Belt – Adult: $500

• Brown & Black Belt – Adult: $1,000

• Brown & Black Belt – Master: $1,000

Prize Validity Criteria

• 9 athletes or more in the bracket → full prize amount is paid.

• 5 to 8 athletes in the bracket → 50% of the prize amount is paid.

• 4 athletes or fewer in the bracket → medals only, no cash prize.

• WO (Walkover) → only athletes who actually fought are counted. Victories without a fight are not considered for prize purposes.

Penalty for False Information

Any athlete found providing false information in their registration (such as belt rank) will be immediately disqualified from the event, lose any right to prizes, and will not receive a refund of the registration fee.

This rule applies to all divisions.

Uniform Rules

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RULES:

1. GI / UNIFORM

1.1 Only white, royal blue, and black Gis are allowed.

1.2 Gi with two colors will not be allowed. No Gi's will be accepted with different colored jackets or pants, nor will we allow the use of Gis with different colored collars.

1.3 The Gi should be completely white, royal blue or black. No Gi's will be accepted with different colored jackets or pants nor will we allow the use of Gis with different colored collars.

1.3 If necessary, your Gi will be checked, and you will be required to change it.

1.4 It will not be allowed to wear casual shirt under the Gi and rash guard for male athletes. Female athletes will be allowed to compete wearing only rash guard or sports bras under the Gi.

1.5 Gis may not exhibit mending or tears, be wet or dirty or emanate unpleasant odors.

1.6 For male divisions, wearing pants of any kind under the Gi pants is prohibited. For female divisions, it is permitted for the use of elastic fabric pants (that clings to the body) under the Gi pants, as long as they are shorter than the Gi pants.

1.7 During the weight in, the inspector will verify that the specifications of the uniform meet regulations.

1.8 After the weight in and uniform inspection, athletes may not change their uniform under penalty of disqualification.

2. NOGI / UNIFORM

2.1 For **Adults NoGi** both genders must wear a shirt of elastic material (skin tight) long enough to cover the torso all the way to the waistband of the shorts, colored black, white, or black and white, and with at least 10% of the rank color(belt) to which the athlete belongs. Shirts 100% the color of the athlete's rank (belt) are also permitted.

2.2 For **Kids NoGi** both genders must wear a shirt of elastic material (skin tight) long enough to cover the torso all the way to the waistband of the shorts, colored black, white, or black and white.

Note: For black belts a small red area will be tolerated, but must not decharacterize the athlete's rank color.

2.3 **SHORTS FOR KIDS, MEN AND WOMEN**: Board shorts colored black, white, black and white, without pockets or with the pockets stitched completely shut, without buttons, exposed drawstrings, zippers or any form of plastic or metal that could present a risk to the opponent, long enough to cover at least halfway down the thigh, and no longer than the knee.

Also permitted are compression shorts or leggings under the shorts made of elastic material (skin tight) worn beneath the shorts, in the colors black, white, black and white.

For more information about NoGi uniform check the following:

NOGI KIDS

NOGI ADULTS

3. Hygiene Rules:

3.1 Athletes' finger and toenails should be trimmed and short.

3.2 Long hair should be tied up so as not to cause opponents any discomfort.

3.3 Athletes should use footwear up to the match area and wherever their use is permitted.

4. General Requirements:

4.1 Athletes are allowed to weigh in without knee or elbow braces, but they will have to be wearing them at the time of the Gi inspection.

4.2 The athlete cannot step on the scale with shoes or any item besides his/her regular uniform and equipment permitted for use during matches.

4.3 Use of any foot gear, headgear, hair pins, jewelry, cups (genital protectors), or any other protector fashioned of hard material that may cause harm to an opponent or the athlete him/herself is forbidden. Also forbidden is the use of eyes protectors, even if they are made for sports practices.

4.4 The use of joint protectors (knee, elbow braces, etc.) that increase body volume to the point of making it harder for an opponent to grip the Gi are also forbidden.

4.5 It is mandatory that athletes wear undergarments for all competitions, regardless if it is a Gi or No-Gi event. The undergarment should be “brief-type” only. Failure to follow this rule will result in disqualification of the athlete.

Weigh in

1. The official weigh-in occurs immediately before the first fight, with competitors having only one chance to meet the weight requirement.
2. Weight measurements for this event are in kilograms.
3. Athletes competing in both Gi and NoGi divisions will weigh in twice: once with the Gi and once without.
4. Uniforms will be inspected during the weigh-in. Athletes must ensure their uniforms comply with tournament policies.
5. Athletes will check their weight with the Gi on before their first fight. There is only one opportunity to meet the weight requirement. Failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification. Ensure you are in the correct weight division.
6. Division changes are not allowed if an athlete does not make their designated division. No changes will be accepted on the tournament day, and no refunds will be issued.
7. Athletes will be disqualified if they weigh in heavier than the weight listed for their registered division.

Weight Divisions

The weight division described bellow corresponds to the maximum weight allowed in each division.

The athletes will be able to change their weight until the registration deadline.

In order to change your weightclass check the following instruction:

CLICK HERE

Fight Time table

RulesBook

Illegal Moves