

# 2026 Grand Nationals

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## U.S. Association of Martial Artists

**USAMA Five Star \*\*\*\*\* Event**

**March 6 – 8, 2026**

***Location: Isleta Resort & Casino***

*just south of Albuquerque, New Mexico*

**\* OPEN TO ALL SCHOOLS AND STYLES \***

Competition – Saturday & Sunday:

Forms, Weapons, Point Sparring

Chanbara, & Take Down Sparring (TDS)

**\*Friday – Aware & Prepared Seminar:**

**Active Threat Basics by Jeff Crothers!\***

**\*Friday Evening – Annual National Awards Banquet\***

**\* Sunday Evening - FINALS (Special Black Belt Kata Grand Champion Competition!)\***



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# 2026 USAMA Grand Nationals Tournament & Seminar Symposium

## *Schedule of Events*



*All Events will take place at the Isleta Resort & Casino*

### **Thursday, March 5th**

7:00 pm **Hawkes International Society Meeting – Rio Grande Room**

### **Friday, March 6th**

#### **USAMA BOARD MEETINGS**

*Rio Grande Room*

11:30 am – 12:30 pm **State Representatives Meeting**

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm **Rules Committee Meeting**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Executive Board Meeting**

#### **USAMA SEMINARS**

11:30 am – 12:30 pm **USAMA Judges & Referee Seminar – Ron White & Cassandra Shults**

*Rio Grande Room*

(Certification Available \$10) – Open to 16 year olds & up Brown & Black Belts

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm **USAMA Scorekeepers Seminar – Open to 16 year olds & up – Boardroom**

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm **Aware & Prepared Seminar: Active Threat Basics – Jeff Crothers - Manzano Room**  
(Open to everyone 13 years old & up) (Not just martial artists)

#### **USAMA ANNUAL NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET**

5:30 pm **Social Gathering – Outside Grand Ballroom A**

6:00 pm – 9:30 pm **National Awards Banquet (Dressy Attire) Grand Ballroom A**

*\*Cash Bar Available\**

### **Saturday, March 7th**

8:30 am - 1:00 pm **Tournament Registration – Outside Grand Ballroom**

9:15 am **Referees/Judges/Scorekeepers Meeting & Ring Assignments - Rio Grande Room**

9:30 am **Medical Team Meeting – Bosque Room**

10:00 am **Forms, Weapons, & Take Down Sparring Competition – Grand Ballroom**

### **Sunday, March 8th**

8:30 am – 11:30 am **Tournament Registration - Outside Grand Ballroom**

9:15am **Referees/Judges/Scorekeepers Meeting & Ring Assignments – Rio Grande Room**

10:00am – 5:00pm **Sparring & Chanbara Competition – Grand Ballroom**

6:30 pm **Doors Open for Seating for Finals**

**Finalists** - Report Outside Ballroom to lineup

7:00 pm **Finals Begin – March in of Champions!**

Finals Include 10 Grand Champion Rounds of competition:

*Black Belt Kata\*\*, Black Belt Men Sparring, Black Belt Women Sparring,*

*Black Belt Weapons, Adult Kyu Weapons & Kata, Youth Weapons, and Beginning,*

*Intermediate, & Advanced Youth Kata Divisions!*

\*\*The Adult Black Belt Kata Grand Champion competitors will perform three different katas to determine the winner.



# USAMA Grand Nationals Information!



## Competitor Equipment/Attire:

**Mandatory Forms & Weapons Attire:** Must wear uniform which is **traditional** with respect to his/her style.

**Mandatory Sparring Equipment & Attire:** Martial arts uniform (No T-Shirts or Sleeveless uniforms), Soft dipped Foam or USNKF (or similar) Headgear & Handgear, & Footgear, Mouthpiece (Double mouthpiece for those with braces), & Groin Protection (All males).

**Mandatory TDS Equipment:** Mouthpiece, Open Hand padded gloves, Shin Guards, & Caged Head Gear (A few Head Gear will be on hand to borrow, if needed.) Uniform, or mid-thigh shorts or longer, MMA shorts, or yoga pant; and Rash Guard or T-shirt. Women must also wear sport bra. Men must wear groin protection.

**Prohibited items in Sparring, Chanbara, or Take Down Sparring:** For the safety of our competitors -

**No Regular eyeglasses (Safety Glasses Only),** **No** metal or hard plastic joint braces, plaster or fiberglass casts will be allowed. Medical devices must be approved by our medical personnel and Chief Referee.

**Disqualification:** A competitor may be disqualified for excessive contact, illegal techniques, & unsportsmanlike conduct and may not be allowed to fight in any further events that day and will not be entitled to a refund. Coaches' and Spectators' unsportsmanlike conduct may also be cause for a competitor's disqualification.

**Reminder: No Coaching!** Cheer on your competitor, but no coaching while they are competing!

## Judges & Officials Attire for Tournament:

**Judges and officials,** please wear either your traditional martial arts uniform, or dress pants/skirt with white shirt and blue sports jacket during the competition. We appreciate your **professionalism**.

## Grand Champion Competition at Finals on Sunday evening at 7:00 pm:

**Black Belt Weapons, Adult Kyu Weapons & Kata, Youth Weapons, and Beginning, Intermediate, & Advanced Youth Kata Divisions:** All First Place Kata and Weapons winners qualify to compete for their respective Grand Champion honors at the Finals.

**Black Belt Kata:** All First Place Adult Black Belt Kata winners qualify to compete for Black Belt Kata Grand Champion honors at the Finals. The Adult Black Belt Kata Grand Champion competitors will perform **three different katas** to determine the winner.

**Black Belt Men Sparring & Black Belt Women Sparring:** All First Place Adult Black Belt Sparring winners qualify to compete for their respective Grand Champion honors at the Finals.

## Annual National Points & Awards Banquet:

**Congratulations! to our top ten 2025 USAMA National Point Winners!**

Those in attendance will receive special personalized plaques at the banquet on **Friday, March 6th, at 6:00 pm** (5:30 pm social gathering) in the **Grand Ballroom!** **Our first place point winners will be asked to say a few words upon acceptance of their award.** We will also be recognizing our top ten Teams of the Year and Instructors of the Year! **Be sure to be there and help your team celebrate! Banquet Tickets must be purchased by February 21st\* in order to secure your seat at the banquet. No tickets available at door. If you have **food allergies or dietary restrictions,** please E-mail us at [points@usamartialartists.org](mailto:points@usamartialartists.org) by February 21st, and we will arrange for your meal. The attire for the banquet is **dressy**. We look forward to seeing everyone there!**

*"I can't wait to attend the banquet and see everyone dressed up! I always like the awards. Since you took 1<sup>st</sup> place, what are you going to say for your acceptance speech?"*

**USAMA's Annual National Awards Banquet**

**\*Friday, March 6, 2026\***

**Social Gathering – 5:30 pm \* Banquet – 6:00 pm**

**(Be sure to purchase Banquet Tickets by February 21st!) Cash Bar Is Cash Only**

# 2026 USAMA SEMINAR SYMPOSIUM



**FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026**

**Time: 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm**

(Open to Everyone 13 years old and over; not just martial artists)

*Location: Manzano Room*

**JEFF CROTHERS**

**Topic: Aware & Prepared**

**The Defender's Mindset \* Home Defense Basics**

**Protect your home.**

**Protect your family.**

**Protect yourself.**

## **What you'll learn:**

- How to think like a defender under pressure
- Real-world home-defense tactics that anyone can apply
- Early threat recognition & situational awareness
- A step-by-step plan to keep your loved ones safe
- Responsible, practical firearms principles

## **Who it's for:**

- Martial Artists
- Parents & Families
- Anyone seeking real-world safety skills

## **About the seminar instructor:**

- Lifelong martial artist & defensive tactics instructor
- 6<sup>th</sup> degree black belt
- National & International executive protective agent
- Specializes in awareness, family protection, and real-world response training
- 15 times National & World Karate Champion; 3 Times World Grand Champion

Walk away with confidence, clarity, and a practical strategy you can use immediately.

**AWARE & PREPARED SEMINAR BY JEFF CROTHERS**

**Location: Isleta Resort & Casino - Rio Grande Room**

**Date & Time: Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Seminar Fee Pre-Registered: \$45; Seminar Fee At Door: \$50**



# U.S. Association of Martial Artists

## Grand Nationals Tournament Divisions



### March 7-8, 2026

#### FORMS (KATA) DIVISIONS

Black Belt Men Masters (6th Dan & up)\*  
 Black Belt Men Executives (40 & over)  
 Black Belt Men (2 div)\*\*  
 Black Belt Women Executives (40 & over)  
 Black Belt Women  
 Adult Kyu Executives  
 (40 & over) (2 div)\*\*  
 Brown Belt Men  
 Brown Belt Women  
 Intermediate Men  
 Intermediate Women  
 Beg. Men (1<sup>st</sup> Three Belts)  
 Beg. Women (1<sup>st</sup> Three Belts)  
 16-17 Yr. old Beg, Int & Adv  
 14-15 Yr. old Beg, Int & Adv  
 12-13 Yr. old Beg, Int & Adv  
 10-11 Yr. old Beg, Int & Adv  
 8-9 Yr. old Beg, Int & Adv  
 6-7 Yr. old Beg & Adv  
 5 Yr. olds & under

#### SPECIAL NEEDS FORMS (KATA) DIVISIONS

*(Non-Point Division)*  
 Adults (18 Yr. olds & up)  
 14-17 Yr. olds  
 10-13 Yr. olds  
 9 Yr. olds & under

#### SPARRING (KUMITE) DIVISIONS

Black Belt Men (Masters, Exec., Lt Wt.,  
 Mid Wt., & Hvy Wt.)  
 Black Belt Women (2 div)\*\*  
 Adult Kyu Executive Men  
 (40 & over) (2 div)\*\*  
 Adult Kyu Executive Women  
 (40 & over) (2 div)\*\*  
 Brown Belt Men  
 Brown Belt Women  
 Intermediate Men  
 Intermediate Women  
 Beg. Men (1<sup>st</sup> Three Belts)  
 Beg. Women (1<sup>st</sup> Three Belts)  
 16-17 Yr. old Males Beg, Int & Adv  
 16-17 Yr. old Females Beg, Int & Adv  
 14-15 Yr. old Males Beg, Int & Adv  
 14-15 Yr. old Females Beg, Int & Adv  
 12-13 Yr. old Males Beg, Int & Adv  
 12-13 Yr. old Females Beg, Int & Adv  
 10-11 Yr. old Males Beg, Int & Adv  
 10-11 Yr. old Females Beg, Int & Adv  
 8-9 Yr. old Males Beg & Adv  
 8-9 Yr. old Females Beg & Adv  
 6-7 Yr. old Beg & Adv  
 5 Yr. olds & under

#### WEAPONS (KOBUDO) DIVISIONS

Black Belt Men (Masters, + 2 div)\*\*  
 Black Belt Women (2 div)\*\*  
 Adult Kyu (2 div)\*\*  
 14-17 Yr. olds (Beg., Int., & Adv)  
 10-13 Yr. olds (Beg., Int., & Adv.)  
 9 Yr. olds & under (Beg. & Adv.)

#### CHANBARA DIVISIONS

(Equipment provided)

Black Belt Men  
 Black Belt Women  
 Adult Kyu Men  
 Adult Kyu Women  
 14-17 Yr. olds (Males) (2 div)\*\*  
 14-17 Yr. olds (Females)  
 10-13 Yr. olds (Males) (2 div)\*\*  
 10-13 Yr. olds (Females)  
 8-9 Yr. olds (2 div)\*\*  
 7 Yr. olds & under

#### TAKE DOWN SPARRING (TDS) DIVISIONS \*\*\*

Black Belt Men (Lt, Mid, Hvy)  
 Adult Kyu Men (Lt, Mid, Hvy)  
 Adult Women (Lt, Mid, Hvy)  
 14-17 Yr. olds (Males) (2 div)\*\*  
 14-17 Yr. olds (Females)  
 10-13 Yr. olds (Males) (2 div)\*\*  
 10-13 Yr. olds (Females)  
 9 Yr. olds & under (Lt, Mid, Hvy)

#### Notes:

\* Minimum of 3 competitors to make a division.

\*\*\* These divisions are determined by age, weight, size, and/or belt level upon discretion of promoter.

Adult Kyus are Competitors 18 years or older and under the rank of Black Belt.

#### FINALS COMPETITORS WILL CONSIST OF:

Winners will be competing for **10 Beautiful Grand Champion Awards!**

All 1st Place Forms Winners; All 1st Place Weapons Winners

1st Place Adult Black Belt Men Sparring & 1st Place Adult Black Belt Women Sparring.

Adult Black Belt Forms 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners will perform three (3) different katas to determine winner!

Sanctioned by:



5 ★★★★★ *Star*  
**USAMA**  
*National Points*



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## Grand Nationals Tournament & Seminar Symposium

March 7 - 8, 2026 \*\* Albuquerque, New Mexico



### “At Door” Entry Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age on 3/7/2026 \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ APT \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TIME IN MARTIAL ARTS: \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS \_\_\_\_\_ MONTHS \_\_\_\_\_ SEX M / F PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*USAMA MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_ BELT RANK (Color, or Dan Level, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ INSTRUCTOR \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Register me for the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Forms (Kata)      Special Needs?

\_\_\_\_\_ Sparring (Kumite)

\_\_\_\_\_ Weapons (Kobudo)

\_\_\_\_\_ Chanbara

\_\_\_\_\_ TDS (Take Down Sparring)

**COMPETITOR EVENTS:**

Pre-Registered Postmarked by Feb. 21st	At Door
One or Two Events \$129	\$145
Three or Four Events \$139	\$155
Five Events \$149	\$165



**Total for Individual Events: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Waiver:** I understand that karate is a contact sport. I am aware that I am participating in an activity which involves physical contact and injuries may occur which may potentially involve Covid & other virus contact, bodily harm or even death and do so at my own risk. I waive any claim or cause of action I may have against the promoters of the tournament, Sue Hawkes, the Isleta Resort & Casino, the judges, tournament personnel, other competitors, seminar instructors, and the U.S. Association of Martial Artists Inc. that may arise out of my participation in this tournament and/or seminars. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the promoter, Sue Hawkes, the Isleta Resort & Casino, the judges, tournament personnel, seminar instructors, and the U.S. Association of Martial Artists Inc., for any injuries, sickness, Covid & other viruses, or damages which may arise due to my participation in the tournament and/or seminars. I state that I do not suffer from Covid or any virus symptoms, and/or physical and/or mental conditions which may affect my participation in this tournament. I further agree to conduct myself in a sportsmanlike and safe manner and understand if I fail to do so, I may be disqualified from the tournament and not entitled to a refund. I also hereby give permission to medical personnel to administer First Aid or Emergency Treatment if, in their opinion, it becomes necessary. I hereby grant the U.S. Association of Martial Artists, Inc. (“USAMA”) permission to use my likeness in a photograph, video, or other digital media (“photos”) in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration. I understand and agree that all photos will become the property of the USAMA. I agree to comply with the local public health orders. I understand that the event schedule is subject to change to comply with public health orders. I realize no refunds will be given for this event.

Competitor’s Waiver Signature \*\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\* (Parent or guardian must sign if under 18)

Total for Individual Competitor Events ..... Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

USAMA Members:..... <Discount> ..... \*Current USAMA Member Competitor Discount **(-\$10.00)** Less: \$ - \_\_\_\_\_

Number of **One Day** Spectator Passes (4 to 9 yrs.) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00 Circle One: **Sat.** or **Sun.** ..... Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of **One Day** Spectator Passes (10 yrs. & up) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 Circle One: **Sat.** or **Sun.** ..... Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of **Two Day** Spectator Passes (4 to 9 yrs.) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 ..... Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of **Two Day** Spectator Passes (10 yrs. & up) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 ..... Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of **Two Day Video Passes** (Includes Spectator Fee) (Allows Limited Ring-Side Access Except During Finals) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$45.00 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Seminar Fee **Jeff Crothers: Aware & Prepared.** ... (Pre-Registered \$45) .... (\$50 At Door)..... X \$50.00 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Enclosed: (Make Check or Money Order Payable to "USAMA") ... (No Checks at Door) ..... **Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**



\* Credit Card Payments\* & Registrations Accepted Online for security at [www.usamartialartists.org](http://www.usamartialartists.org)