

FREESTYLE RULES WWB Modifications v6 (basic short form 2014 USA Wrestling/FILA rules)

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A. Gender/Age/Weight Categories (WWB Modification):

The same age/weight/gender categories as the WWB Grappling apply:

1. Separate Male and Female categories (requires legal proof like a Passport or Driver's License)

2. **OPEN** 35 and under as of date of competition weigh-in

3. **MASTERS** 36 – 49 as of date of competition weigh-in

4. **VETERANS** 50 and over as of date of competition weigh-in

5. Kilograms: 48 52 57 62 68 74 82 90 100 130 corresponds to
Pounds: 105.5 114.5 125.5 136.5 149.5 163 180.5 198 220 286

6. Tournament Pairers will handle exhibition bouts in the event there is not at least a 3 person Round Robin per bracket.

B. Skill Categories:

n/a There is no skill level separation or seeding other than what is inherent in the gender/age/weight categories.

C. Skin Checks & Blood Rule (WWB Modification):

1. The standard USA Wrestling/FILA skin checks by a dermatologist will occur at the common weigh-in with the Grapplers on Monday August 11th.

2. The standard USA Wrestling/FILA blood rule will apply... i.e... match will be stopped when there is blood, and resumed when the blood is cleaned up and when the bleeding is stopped.

D. Required Gear (WWB Modification):

1. Required Red and Blue Singlets (reversible fine/*preferred*)

2. Wrestling shoes

3. No earrings or piercings

** 4. Headgear permitted if BOTH competitors agree to it *in either Grappling or FreeStyle*

E. Maximum Duration of the match: 2 periods 1 rest period (WWB Modification):

OPEN 3 - 1 - 3 minutes

MASTERS 3 - 2 - 3 minutes

VETERANS 2 - 2 - 2 minutes

F. Starting Position:

G. Technical Points:

1. StepOut/PushOut without danger 1pt

2. TakeDown without danger 2pts

3. Gand Amplitude 4pts (no more 3pt TDs)

4. Technical Superiority differential of 10 pts

H. Situations:

I: Passivity:

J: Illegal Techniques:

K. Overtime:

Notes:

These WWB Modifications to the standard FILA Rules were done with extensive input and evaluation of FILA USA wrestling, as well as overriding deference to SAFETY and the GayGames standard of **Inclusion, Participation, and Personal Best**. . This working group included direct and indirect input from many qualified wrestlers, officials, and instructors with exceptional gravitas. The strong consensus reached balanced a lot of factors and was reassuring to WWB which has taken on the difficult task of finally keeping this very popular important FreeStyle event in the GayGames under WWB aegis. This was the criteria that WWB used:

1. FILA is the sanctioning body for the GayGames Wrestling and Grappling event because they have supplied the basic rules, insurance, and officials as a package deal through their local organizations since 1982.
2. All competitors in Freestyle and Grappling will be required to obtain the **-same-** FILA local affiliate membership card (~\$50 in the United States and Canada). Serious competitors should already have them if they are in FILA affiliated clubs. This is normal procedure for getting medical and liability insurance coverage for practices and tournaments. Competitor cards can be obtained at <http://themat.com>. This 'common licensing' permits competitors to compete in BOTH FreeStyle and Grappling events under a single sanctioning umbrella.
3. WWB appreciates that NAGA is more widespread and popular for Grappling in the United States and Canada, while FILA is more European focused. However the rule differences **for the competitor** were considered negligible. This decision does not preclude revisiting this FILA/NAGA sanctioning issue in the future, where it is the hope that more grappling oriented people will step up in WWB and manage this grappling section of the WWB/GayGames RedBook.
4. FILA through their local affiliates (like New South Wales Wrestling in 2002) have been receptive to WWB Modifications in the GayGames RedBook that enhance SAFETY and **Inclusion, Participation, and Personal Best**. The expanded current FILA Grappling Rules are not up to the standards of their current Olympic FreeStyle and GRECO rules, and reflect an older deference to the more militaristic SAMBO, especially around health and safety, hence the WWB Modifications around HIV/HEP 'Blood rule' and the implied drug testing.
5. It was deemed too burdensome at this time to evaluate and procure a separate NAGA Sanctioning for Grappling given WWB has no LGBT history with them.