

ATA REGION 117 BOARD BREAKING TOURNAMENT RULES



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Board Breaking Competition

In this Board Breaking Tournament competitors will use powerful, properly executed Martial Arts hand and foot techniques to break either 1/2" or 1" pine boards. All competitors are expected to display technical skill, proper technique, exceptional sportsmanship, and creativity.

Scoring

Technical Points

Points will be awarded for individual techniques according to the point schedule provided. ATA Tigers will be given multiple attempts to break a board. Karate Kid and Adult divisions will only be given two attempts. Breaking on the 1st attempt will be awarded *full points*. Breaking on the 2nd attempt will be awarded *half points*. An unsuccessful 2nd attempt will result in "0" technical points for that break. Judges will verify that all scores reflect what was actually performed as opposed to what was attempted.

Number of Additional Boards

A maximum of 3 boards may be broken at a station – 10 boards maximum per competitor. Partially completed/broken stations will not be permitted an additional attempt. Points will be awarded based on the number of boards broken (i.e., 3 boards at 1 station are attempted and only 2 break. The competitor will only receive additional points for the 2 boards that broke.).

Presentation Points

Points will be awarded to each competitor on a scale of 1 to 9. This score represents each judge's opinion of the creative presentation and execution. The following are some of the elements included in the judge's decision (in no particular order): Accuracy, Power, Rhythm, Balance, Confidence, Creativity, Kicking Height, Props, etc. As with ATA tournaments, 5 is the average.

**Each competitor's "Total Score" will include the Technical Points, Number of Additional Boards, and Presentation Points.*

Registration

Pre-paid registration is required for all competitors. Please see the tournament flyer for the final registration date. *Remember to purchase additional boards with your registration.*

The Tournament Staff will distribute all pre-ordered boards on the day of the tournament. Under no circumstances will competitors be allowed to provide their own boards.

Wooden Board Sizes

All 4-11 year olds (Color Belts and Black Belts) will break 1/2" pine boards

All 12+ year olds (Color Belts and Black Belts) will break 1" pine boards

Board Breaking Performance

NO MUSIC is allowed during any part of the competition.

The Tournament Director must approve ALL props. Competitors are responsible for their own props. Approved props include, but are not limited to, blindfolds, target shields, hand targets, etc. People may NOT be used as a prop in any way.

If a competitor misses a board, he/she should continue to the next station. After all stations have been attempted, he/she will be given the opportunity to reset any unbroken stations for his/her next attempt.

Stations

All Black Belts are required to have **4 stations** to compete

All Color Belts are required to have **3 stations** to compete

All ATA Tigers are required to have **2 stations** to compete

Board Holders

Board holders must wear all protective sparring gear while holding boards.

Board Breakers

Board breakers will NOT be allowed to wear any protective sparring gear or protective equipment of any kind during any portion of their competition.

Ring Size and Boundary Requirements

The ring size and competition area shall be square and will measure in the range of 14-16 feet per side. Competitors should attempt to stay in the ring during the entire demonstration.

Tie Breaker

In case of a tie, competitors will select a single board break to demonstrate. The order will be determined by who competed 1st. Judges will point to the winner. The Tournament Staff will provide each tied competitor with one board.

Divisions

ATA Tigers will participate in “Non-Competitive” Divisions.

Boys and girls may be combined. It is recommended that rings have no more than 13 competitors and that no more than 4 ranks be combined, for the ATA Tigers Division.

Suggested awards include the following:

Amazing Power	ATA Spirit	Best BB Attitude	Best Kicks
Coollest Creativity	Fantastic Focus	Fastest Moves	Incredible Control
Loudest Yells	Most Energetic	Strongest Strikes	Super Speed

Boys, Girls, Men, and Women will all participate in “Competitive” Divisions. It is recommended that rings have no more than 13 competitors. However, the Tournament Director reserves the right to combine or separate ranks, age groups, and/or genders at his/her discretion.

Boys Divisions and Girls Divisions are as follows:

8 and under	White-Yellow	Camo-Blue	Brown-1BR	1 st -3 rd Degree	
9-11 year olds	White-Yellow	Camo-Blue	Brown-1BR	1 st Degree	2 nd -3 rd Degree
12-14 year olds	White-Yellow	Camo-Blue	Brown-1BR	1 st Degree	2 nd -3 rd Degree
15-17 year olds	White-Yellow	Camo-Blue	Brown-1BR	1 st Degree	2 nd -3 rd Degree

Males Divisions and Females Divisions are as follows:

18-29 year olds	White-Yellow	Camo-Blue	Brown-1BR	1 st Degree	2 nd -3 rd Deg.	4 th -5 th Deg.
30-39 year olds	White-Yellow	Camo-Blue	Brown-1BR	1 st Degree	2 nd -3 rd Deg.	4 th -5 th Deg.
40-49 year olds	White-Yellow	Camo-Blue	Brown-1BR	1 st Degree	2 nd -3 rd Deg.	4 th -5 th Deg.
50-59 year olds	White-Yellow	Camo-Blue	Brown-1BR	1 st Degree	2 nd -3 rd Deg.	4 th -5 th Deg.
60+ year olds	White-Yellow	Camo-Blue	Brown-1BR	1 st -3 rd Deg.	4 th -5 th Deg.	

The current Master and Senior Master divisions are as follows:

27+ year olds (males and females)	6 th -7 th Degree Black Belts
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Awards

Medals will be awarded to competitors placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in their group/ring. “Competitor Award” medals will be awarded to competitors placing 4th and below.

Judges and Scorekeeper

There will be 3 judges (2 corner judges and 1 center judge) and 1 scorekeeper.

Injury and Disqualification

Any injury that renders a competitor unable to finish their selected board breaks/performance will result in a score of “0” for the breaks that were not completed/attempted (e.g., If a competitor completes the first 2 stations but has an injury that renders them unable to complete/attempt the last 2 stations, the competitor will receive scores for the first 2 stations and a score of “0” for the last 2 stations).

Any unsportsmanlike conduct by any competitor will disqualify the competitor from the competition.

Uniform and Belt Requirements

Competitors are only permitted to wear their traditional white ATA uniform at the Board Breaking Tournament. Competitors are required to wear the appropriate belt that they have been awarded, regardless as to how long they have possessed that rank.

Highest Total Score

At the conclusion of each Board Breaking Tournament the competitor with the highest total score will be placed in the rules for each year to come.

Year	Competitor Name	Total Score	Age Group
2015	ROBERT WANKER	60 POINTS	15-17
2016	CODY GUZZO	60 POINTS	18-29
2016	WYATT SASEK	60 POINTS	15-17
2018	TBD	TBD	TBD

*All rules and regulations are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director.