

# Why Join the Ontario Grappling Association?

Amateur grappling, pankration/sport mma and mma (Combat Sports) offers a tremendous number of benefits to athletes who participate, including fun, fitness, healthy living, and an opportunity to achieve excellence. It is a combo of sports that is accessible to all, regardless of race, gender, size or ability. Combat Sports develops physical parameters such as endurance, coordination, strength, speed, agility, balance, and flexibility. Psychological advantages nurtured include discipline, self-confidence, goal-setting, achievement and camaraderie. Combat Sports instills good sportsmanship - each match begins and ends with a handshake.

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## Requirements for Clubs joining the Ontario Grappling Association

Any clubs/teams that are interested in joining Ontario Grappling Association must:

- Submit a Criminal reference check
- Have a qualified coach
- Athletes must join through a program, and may join up to a maximum number of two clubs.

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## 2016-17 OGA Membership Fee Structure

OGA is dedicated to developing Amateur MMA, Pankration, & Grappling (Hereinafter SPORTS) in Ontario. Our goal is to facilitate growth of the SPORTS through raising participation and the level of competition while providing training and certification opportunities for Officials, Coaches, and Athletes under the OGA safety guidelines.

OGA Sanctioning entails two primary segments of SPORTS regulation and conduct of events related to the SPORTS. Firstly, OGA provides Third Party Liability coverage for Clubs, Instructors, Competitors, Convenors, Athletic Facilities, Referees, Promoters, and Volunteers. Secondly, OGA provides guidelines with established safety standards for execution of Competitive Events.

In addition to the Sanctioning criteria, OGA has a strict policy of courtesy and respect to colleagues and fellow athletes as the OGA Code of Conduct. Harassment of any Competitor, Coach, Official, Volunteer, Promoter, Spectator, or Staff will not be tolerated, in person or online. OGA will not tolerate Cyber-bullying!

Following are the Sanctioning and Membership Fees for hosting events with OGA:

**Please note:** Club Title and Personnel Memberships are valid for a FULL CALENDAR YEAR.

## 1. Amateur MMA

**a. Clubs:** Are required to obtain a Title Membership with OGA. This form of membership includes one (1) Head Instructor (who may be a corner at an event), Corner man and Club practice for the SPORTS. Cost of Club Title Membership is \$185. These fees can be paid at or prior to a given event. For mail-in submissions please contact us first at [membership@grapplingontario.com](mailto:membership@grapplingontario.com). Starting Feb 2015, an online Club account management interface will be provided for obtaining and maintaining memberships through the OGA website. Competitors from a registered Member Club are eligible for the **Fight Scholarship**.

**b. Competitors:** Are required to obtain a full year membership.

Grappling and Sport AMMA memberships- \$35 per year

AMMA- \$50

All Competitors must obtain Blood Work (Hep B, Hep C, and HIV) prior to a striking event. As of February 2015, **NO late submissions** of blood work or secondary doctors notes will be accepted.

**c. Promoters:** Promoters are required to purchase a license prior to hosting a Striking event. Following is a breakdown of the costs:

- i) License with no Liquor (per 500 spectators) \$800
- ii) Licence with Liquor (per 500 spectators) \$1200 - A pay-duty-officer must be present at events with Liquor licensing
- iii) Any out-of-pocket expenses must be covered for staff working at the event including (Loss of wages per diem, Gas, Accommodations, Food, etc.)

## 2. Grappling, Sport AMMA (Tournament Style)

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**b. Competitors:** May choose to obtain a full year membership or a day pass. Our fees for a full year membership per athlete is \$35. One day pass is \$10.

**c. Promoters:** There is no licensing cost to Promoters or Clubs hosting a non-striking event.

**3. Referees:** All events will use OGA certified referee's and officials.

**4. Medical Staff:** All AMMA events must have a ringside doctor and paramedics.

All Grappling and Sport AMMA events must have paramedics.