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Dear Muay Thai Community,

The organizing committee of the U.S. Muay Thai Open™ is proud to announce that the 2018 U.S. Muay Thai Open West Championships will take place from April 26-29, in sunny Phoenix Arizona! USMTO will feature amateur athletes from all over the world, who will test their skills against some of the most skillful athletes in the world.

The USMTO West will feature digital tournament management, real-time scoring and judging, instant bracketing, team management, and ranking software, all developed by [Rsportz](#). Rsportz is the official technology provider for the [International Federation of Muaythai Amateur \(IFMA\)](#), which is the largest global Muay Thai Federation in the world. The International Olympic Committee recently recognized IFMA and the sport of Muay Thai and is considering including **Muay Thai as a full Olympic sport!**

The USMTO West is open to athletes from all over the world and athlete registrations have already begun! All U.S. athletes will receive an automatic membership to the [United States Muaythai Federation \(USMF\)](#), which is sole U.S. Federation recognized by IFMA and will be automatically placed in the U.S. national ranking system. [Register early](#) to take advantage of the lowest price.

The USMTO Organizing Committee looks forward to your athlete's participation in this historic event. We wish all competitors the best of luck at the 2018 U.S. Muay Thai Open West Championships!

Best Regards,

USMTO Organizing Committee

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1. **ORGANIZER:** **SIAM FIGHT PRODUCTIONS, LLC**
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2. **VENUE:** **Sheraton Crescent Hotel**
 2620 West Dunlap Ave
 Phoenix, Arizona 85021

For lodging accommodations, visit www.usmuaythaiopen.com/location

Each participant is responsible for their round-trip airfare and accommodation at the official hotel.

3. **QUALIFICATIONS:** In accordance with § 2 of the [U.S. Muay Thai Open Official Rules](#)

ELIGIBILITY: International amateur athletes ages eight (8) years and up are eligible to participate in the USMTO.

An Amateur is defined as: An athlete who has **never competed for any money prize or a prize that exceeds the value of thirty-five dollars**, or teaches, pursues, or assists in the practice of boxing or mixed martial arts as a means of obtaining a livelihood or financial gain.

See the official rules for more information.

4. **EXPERIENCE**
 CLASS:

DEFINITION: **Bout:** Participation in any event or contest, sanctioned or otherwise, in which people compete in Muay Thai, Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), kickboxing, San Shou, or boxing

NOVICE CLASS (C): Athletes who have competed in zero (0) to three (3) bouts

INTERMEDIATE CLASS (B): Athletes who have competed in four (4) to nine (9) bouts

OPEN CLASS (A): Athletes who have competed in ten (10) or more bouts

5. **CLASSES AND DIVISIONS:**

Visit www.usmuaythaiopen.com/rules for the list of weight divisions

6. **TEAM MEMBERS**

DEFINITION: **Coach:** A person who has registered with the USMTO and is involved in instructing the Competitor during competition

TEAM OFFICIALS: There is no limit to the number of team officials, however, only registered officials will have access to the competition area.

ATHLETE LIMIT: There is no limit to the number of athletes in each team

COACH LIMIT: There is no limit to the number of coaches who may attend; however, the number of coaches allowed ringside is limited to two (2).



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7. ONLINE REGISTRATION

Athletes must apply to compete in the USMTO online at <http://www.usmuaythaiopen.com/register>. Applicants will not become official registrants until they pay the registration fee in full

8. ENTRY FEES

The USMTO will collect entry fees in **USD\$** from participating athletes and coaches. Athletes may not compete without first submitting a successful payment to the USMTO.

Entry fees will vary according the timing of the submission of payment. Please carefully read the following guidelines.

Launch Special – Register By NOV 12, 2017 - \$60.00

Round One – Register by December 31, 2017 - \$75.00

Round Two – Register by January 31, 2018 - \$100.00

Round Three – Register by February 28, 2018 - \$140.00

Round Four – Register by March 31, 2018 - \$180.00

Round Five – Register by April 15, 2018 - \$200.00

Last Call – Registration APRIL 26, 2018 - \$250.00

9. AWARDS

1st PLACE:	CHAMPIONSHIP BELT
2nd PLACE:	SILVER MEDAL
3rd PLACE:	BRONZE MEDAL



EVENT SCHEDULE

Subject to change

26
Apr

ATHLETE WEIGH-IN & COACH CHECK-IN

12 PM - 5 PM
(12:00 - 17:00) CRESCENT
BALLROOM

26
Apr

ORIENTATION & RULES MEETING

7 PM - 8 PM
(19:00 - 20:00) CRESCENT
BALLROOM

27
Apr

1st ELIMINATION SERIES

11 AM - 8 PM
(11:00 - 20:00) CRESCENT
BALLROOM

28
Apr

2nd ELIMINATION SERIES

9 AM - 9 PM
(09:00 - 21:00) CRESCENT
BALLROOM

29
Apr

2nd WEIGH-IN

7 AM - 9 AM
(07:00 - 09:00) CRESCENT
BALLROOM

29
Apr

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

12 PM - 6 PM
(12:00 - 18:00) CRESCENT
BALLROOM

MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE (-7 GMT) – SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE