

ATA 4/20th Atlanta Staging Schedule

Round	Time to Report	Division/Rank Grouping	Age	Gender	Staging Assignment
SITE OPENS	7:00 AM	TOURNAMENT SITE OPENS			
Jiu Jitsu	7:15 AM	Jiu Jitsu - ALL Ranks	ALL Ages	Boys, Girls, Men & Women	Ring 30 - Stage & Compete Immediately
BB Meeting BB Adult Competitor Staging & Judging Assignments	7:15 AM	1. ADULT BB 1st - 5th Degree Competitor Staging & Registration Collection ALL ADULT Black Belts MUST Report at this Time and will compete throughout the Day 2. ADULT BB Judging Assignments	18+	Men & Women	Black Belt Adults MUST be at Tournament by 7:15am for BB Meeting, Staging & to Assist throughout Tournament Day (time keep, score keep, etc. Bring Your Competition Forms to BB Meeting & place in correct Division Folders or you will forfeit your competition.
SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT BB Jr. Creative & XMA	BB Junior Division Rings will Compete in Traditional Competition 1st. Before Each Junior (under 17) Black Belt Traditional Ring has completed, we should inform competitors of Creative & Xtreme Divisions where to report for next competition.				
Round 1	8:00 AM	Special Abilities - ALL Ranks	ALL Ages	Boys, Girls, Men & Women	Ring 1 Stage Before OC , may or may not start to Compete Before OC & Pause during OC , if able.
SPECIAL NOTE	ROUND 1 Divisions Below will Stage @ 8AM then immediately compete when <u>Opening Ceremonies</u> Ends				
Round 1	8:00 AM	BB 1st Degree	15 - 17	Boys & Girls	Boys Ring 5 / Girls Ring 6
Round 1	8:00 AM	BB 2nd-3rd Degree	15 - 17	Boys & Girls	Boys Ring 7 / Girls Ring 8
Round 1	8:00 AM	BB 1st Degree	13 - 14	Boys & Girls	Boys Ring 9 / Girls Ring 10
Round 1	8:00 AM	BB 2nd-3rd Degree	13 - 14	Boys & Girls	Boys Ring 11 / Girls Ring 12
Round 1	8:00 AM	Color Belt Creative & XMA	13 - 17	Boys & Girls	Boys Ring 13 / Girls Ring 14
OPENING CEREMONIES	8:30 AM	OPENING CEREMONIES (OC for short)			
Round 2	When OC Ends Approx. 9:00AM	ATA Tigers - ALL Ranks	ALL Tigers	Boys & Girls	Ring 2 - Stage Right After OC approximately 9:00am
Round 3	9:30 AM	Color Belt Creative & XMA Jrs COMPETITIVE ONLY (Novice perform this in their Traditional Comp Ring)	12 & Under (0-14)	Boys & Girls	Staging Area
Round 4	10:00 AM	Color Belts ALL RANKS TRAD	15 - 17	Boys & Girls	Staging Area
Round 5	10:30 AM	Color Belts ALL RANKS TRAD	13 - 14	Boys & Girls	Staging Area
Round 6	11:00 AM	BB 1st - 3rd Degree	9 - 12	Boys & Girls	Staging Area
Round 7	11:30 AM	Color Belts ALL RANKS	11 - 12	Boys & Girls	Staging Area
Round 7	11:30 AM	BB 1st Degree - 3rd Degree	8 & Under	Boys & Girls	Staging Area
Round 8	12:00 PM	ADULT ALL Color Belts Creative & XMA ONLY	18+	Men & Women	Staging Area
Round 9	12:30 PM	Color Belts ALL RANKS TRAD	9 - 10	Boys & Girls	Staging Area
Round 10	1:15 PM	Color Belts ALL RANKS TRAD	8 & Under	Boys	Staging Area
Round 11	2:00 PM	Color Belts ALL RANKS TRAD	8 & Under	Girls	Staging Area
Round 12	To Be Announced Anytime from about 2:00pm or later	ADULT Color Belts	18+	Men & Women	TO BE ANNOUNCED

READ THIS 1st: IMPORTANT Information for EVERYONE to READ!!

1. **Make sure all Competitors (especially Children) know if they are NOVICE or COMPETITIVE Division.** This will speed up the Staging Process and make certain students are in the correct Competition Division. Please ASK YOUR INSTRUCTOR Weeks Before the Tournament if you are unsure.
2. **Make certain that Students are also in the Correct Age Division for Competition. A Student's COMPETITION Age may be different than their ACTUAL AGE.** It is determined by what the student's age is as of the end of the day on December 31st of the Tournament Season (Summer to Summer), **currently 12/31/18.**
 1. If a competitor is 10 years old at a Tournament in September but will be 11 before 12/31st, that competitor **MUST COMPETE** with the 11 & 12 Year Old division.
 2. If a competitor is at a Tournament in February & turned 13 on 1/1st, the competitor still competes with the 11 & 12 Division because he/she was 12 years old on 12/31st of the Tournament Season.
3. **Tournament Staff are not liable if you show up at a different time than the printed Staging Schedule for the event. Make sure you review Staging Schedule, and ARRIVE at least 30 minutes before stated time. Staff are not liable if a competitor shows up in the wrong Age or Rank Group for competition. That responsibility lies with the student, parent & student's Instructor who prepares them for this event.**
4. **ALL TIMES ARE STAGING TIMES (Not Competition Times) unless otherwise stated.** GROUPS WILL NEVER BE CALLED EARLY, BUT TIMES COULD RUN LATE DEPENDING ON SIZE OF THE TOURNAMENT. Please don't make any other plans on the day of the Tournament as it can take many, many hours. **MAKE SURE to get a copy of the Staging Times from your Instructor/Online before you leave town** in order to know what time/times you/your children are expected to Stage. It is best to make sure your calendar is clear of any other obligations for the full day. If you plan on flying back somewhere on a Tournament Day, it is recommended that you only do so for the next day as there is no guarantee on the time a competitor will start & finish competition. ***Competition could occur anywhere from 15 mins to 2 hours or more after a group has been staged.***
5. **Please be prepared for the Tournament to be a very long day.** The event can run long for many different reasons. The number of competitors & the number of judges are the 2 biggest factors, however, there are many more. Due to this, the tournament could be quick or it **can be extremely long. Please have or be able to provide snacks/drinks to your children as they could be at the Tournament for well over 4 hours.** Most Tournament sites have concessions of some type available, but not necessarily ALL Tournaments. **Students may have bottled water/sports drinks and snacks while at the competition ring ONLY if allowed by facility to have such snacks & drinks.**
6. **Please send your child/children to the Staging area ONLY WITH their Registration Forms.** If possible, due to maturity of child, you can send him/her to staging & keep at a distance so that competitors & Tournament Staff may enter & leave the area easily. There is usually only 1 path out of Staging & 1 Group out at a time (in a single file line) so you can watch as a Group leaves the Staging Area to see what Ring they are going to.
7. **Please understand that the Staging area can only move as fast as the Tournament is moving.** If there are not any Rings for the competitors to go to, competitors could be stuck in staging for some time. They also could be "On Deck" at a ring waiting for the previous competition to end for quite some time too. Always inform a judge if a competitor has to go to restroom during his/her competition or when they are "On Deck" before they leave for any reason and report back immediately. Make sure to do so between competitors exhibitions so as not to distract the competitor or judges. Good to have snacks & drinks in their gear bag if site allows.
8. **We ask that Instructors please send your students to the Tournament fully informed of these items above as well as all the Tournament Rules such as the ALLOWED WEAPONS FOR COMPETITION and the "No Coaching" Rule (No one may coach a competitor when a ring has been bowed in, until they have been bowed out & dismissed. Competitors can be penalized, even disqualified if it continues.)** This will help set your students and parents up for success. By making students & parents fully aware of what is involved with tournament participation it will help make the Tournaments run more efficiently & with less issues. Educate them so there is not a "I wasn't told that" moment. Thank you Instructors. Please Read the Tournament Rules at ATARules.com before attending and ask your Instructor for clarification or to better understand.

Thank You For Supporting Our Event! Good Luck & Have Fun!!