

Transform Martial Arts – Operation Odyssey Team Sparring Tryout Information!

We invite you to try out for our **2026–2027 Operation Odyssey Team Sparring Program** on
Saturday, August 8th at 9am at the Sarasota location!

Please read through the entirety of this page & send any questions you may have to
info@TransformMA.com

Requirements to Try Out

Rank: Brown Belt or higher

Age: All ages welcome

Gear: Must own and bring complete ATA-approved sparring gear in good working condition, including: ATA Headgear with face shield, Chest protector, Boots and Gloves, Mouthpiece, Male sports cup (for male students), and an ATA-approved foam combat weapon for Combat Sparring

Experience: Must be familiar with ATA sparring rules for both Traditional and Combat Weapons Sparring.

Uniform for Tryouts: ATA white uniform pants, ATA-approved t-shirt, and belt.

ATA Team Sparring & Combat Sparring Divisions

Teams are divided by **age** and **gender** according to the ATA competition rules:

9–10 Year Olds Bantams – Boys Team / Girls Team

11–12 Year Olds Rookies – Boys Team / Girls Team

13–14 Year Olds Junior Varsity – Boys Team / Girls Team

15–17 Year Olds Varsity – Boys Team / Girls Team

18+ Year Olds Elite – Men's Team / Women's Team

There will be a different team for Sparring and Combat for each age division

1 Girl & 2 Boys as Starters

2 Alternates (either 1 Boy & 1 Girl, or 2 Boys)

Starters & Alternates will be chosen based on **performance during tryouts**, teamwork, and overall fit for the team.

Be Prepared for the Following at Tryouts

Drills & Fitness – Agility, endurance, and reaction time assessments.

Technical Skill Drills – Footwork, timing, accuracy, and control exercises.

Sparring Rounds – Multiple rounds in both Traditional Sparring and Combat Weapons Sparring.

Coach Evaluation – Performance, sportsmanship, and ability to work within a team.

Commitment to the Operation Odyssey Team

Enrollment Requirement:

Students selected for the Sparring Team must be enrolled in the Odyssey Competition Class, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the **Sarasota location**. (This is our competition class and costs \$60/month.)

Minimum Weekly Attendance:

Athletes must attend at least one Odyssey Competition Class per week **in addition to** the Saturday team sparring training at the **Sarasota location**. (*Sparring Team members only*)

Additional Team Sparring Training:

- Team Sparring requires extra training hours beyond the regular Odyssey Competition classes.
- Sparring-specific training sessions take place on two selected Saturdays per month.
- Athletes must attend at least one Saturday session each month to remain eligible for the team.

Tuition:

- The Odyssey Competition Class is \$60/month.
- Joining a team adds **\$20/month per division** on top of that.
 - Example: If you are only on the Sparring Team, it is **\$60 + \$20 = \$75/month**.
 - If you are on both the Sparring Team and the Combat Team, it is **\$60 + \$20 + \$20 = \$100/month**.
- All students on Operation Odyssey Teams will be required to purchase a black team uniform that has their name on the back of it. Cost is \$215 +tax (subject to change to adjust to current ATA pricing)

This tuition covers Odyssey classes (if enrolled), Saturday team training, and team registration fees for all regional tournaments during the season. (National events, Districts and Worlds will be a separate registration fee) If the teams want to compete in tournaments outside of the region, the registration fees will be split among the team.

Tournament Requirements:

- **Registration fees for individual competition events at tournaments are not included**
- **Tournament Attendance** is required at **all regional tournaments** during the **2026–2027 season** (Suncoast Championships September 18+19, SoFlo Tournament November 6+7, FC United February 12+13 and possibly a Tampa Tournament in April). Tournament Attendance is required for both inter school tournaments as well (8/24 + 3/27).
- Additional Tournaments: Fall Nationals Oct 9+10 Pittsburgh, Spring Nationals Fort Worth, TX March 19+20 and any tournaments outside of the Region on the ATA Events Schedule

Season Length: August 2026 through **July 2027**, depending on qualification for **District Championships** and **World Championships**.

Training: Maintain active participation in your regular martial arts classes in addition to team practices.

Team Practice Dates- Saturdays

(Possible changes as more tournaments are announced)

- 8/8- Team Tryouts
- 8/29- 1st Saturday Team Training 3hrs- Outside/Inside 8:30- Outside Conditioning, 9:30 Combat 10:30 Sparring 11:30 Bow Out
- 9/12- Combat Teams 8:30-9:15 Sparring Teams 9:15-10
- 10/3- Combat Teams 8:30-9:15 Sparring Teams 9:15-10
- 10/24- Picture Day and Team Training- Schedule TBD
- 11/21- Combat Teams 8:30-9:15 Sparring Teams 9:15-10
- 12/19- Combat Teams 8:30-9:15 Sparring Teams 9:15-10
- 1/23- Outside/Inside 8:30- Outside Conditioning, 9:30 Combat 10:30 Sparring 11:30 Bow Out
- 2/6- Combat Teams 8:30-9:15 Sparring Teams 9:15-10
- 2/27- Combat Teams 8:30-9:15 Sparring Teams 9:15-10
- 3/13- Combat Teams 8:30-9:15 Sparring Teams 9:15-10
- 4/10- Combat Teams 8:30-9:15 Sparring Teams 9:15-10
- 4/24- Combat Teams 8:30-9:15 Sparring Teams 9:15-10 (Round Robbins Will Happen for Districts and Worlds Final Rosters)
- 5/8- Combat Teams 8:30-9:15 Sparring Teams 9:15-10
- 5/22- Outside/Inside 8:30- Outside Conditioning, 9:30 Combat 10:30 Sparring 11:30 Bow Out

Mindset: Arrive prepared, work hard, and support your teammates.

Additional Information

Tryouts and all team practices will be held **at the Sarasota location**.

All selections are final for the season unless a replacement is needed.

Alternates may be called to compete if a starter is unavailable.

We're looking for students who are ready to push their limits, represent Transform Martial Arts, and compete at the highest level in both Traditional and Combat Sparring! This is your opportunity to join a team that strives for excellence on and off the mat.