

Grappling/Freestyle Preliminary Report Gay Games 9 Cleveland 11th.-13th. August 2014 - Gene Dermody

*(Gene has competed, medaled, coached, and organized at all of the 9 Gay Games Wrestling since 1982. This is his personal assessment/historical perspective as co-tournament director with Chris Lorefice. The **formal** report to the Federation of Gay Games (FGG) will be done by Carlin Yetts and Chris Lorefice. WWB will conduct a survey of our GGs9 wrestlers/grapplers after we collect some more empirical observations/suggestions.)*

Grappling EXH+UME:

1. Tan WBI Saunders	NL+2
2. Gloss SB Pezzoli	BOS+3
3. Malone SB Fuhrman	SF+3
4. Gloss SB Hom	BOS+3
5. Fuhrman SB McDuffie	SF+3
6. Brinschwitz WBD Parillo 2-1 OT	AU+2
7. Pezzoli SB Hom	LA+3
8. Gloor SB Fernandis	CH+3
9. Zalesky SB Farrell	AKR+3
10. Brinschwitz WBSD Rarey 16-1	AU+3
11. Edwards SB Ascher	NY+3
12. Capdeville WBD Fernandis 2-0	SF+2
13. Malone WBD McDuffie 9-7	SF+2
14. Scott SB Sammons	DC+3
15. Fuhrman SB Brinschwitz	SF+3
16. Capdeville WBD Gloor 5-2	SF+2
17. Tan WBD Ward 6-5	NL+2
18. Rarey WBD Parillo 6-1	LA+2
19. Tan WBD Ward 10-4	NL+2
20. Fuhrman SB Rarey	SF+3
21. Paul SB Sammons	CHI+3
22. Scott SB Petkovich	DC+3
23. Petkovich WBD Paul 2-1	SF+2
24. Petkovich WBSD Sammons 11-0	SF+3
25. Paul WBD Scott 3-0	CHI+2

FreeStyle EXH + UME:

1. Ward WBD Lubarsky 9-7	EXH	SF+2
2. Yunes WBSD Soper 10-0	EXH	SF+3
3. Hom WBSD Soper 12-1	EXH	SF+3
4. Edwards WBF Ascher	EXH	NY+3
5. Edwards WBF Kochman	EXH	NY+3
6. Yunes WBF Lubarsky	EXH	SF+3
7. Lorefice WBF Morf	UME	LA+3
8. Lorefice WBSD Pezzoli 10-0	UME	LA+3
9. Pezzoli WBSD Morf 10-0	UME	LA+3
10. Lubarsky WBSD Wells 14-9	UME	FTL+3
11. Wells WBF Saunders	UME	AU+3
12. Lubarsky WBI Saunders	UME	FTL+3
13. Fernandis WBF Yunes	UME	AU+3
14. Cruickshank WBSD Fernandis13-2	UME	LA+3
15. McNally WBF Mendez	UME	MN+3
16. Serrano WBF Scheerbaum	UME	AU+3
17. Serrano WBF Mendez	UME	AU+3
18. LaCroix WBF McNally	UME	NJ+3
19. LaCroix WBSD Serrano 10-0	UME	NJ+3
20. Mendez WBSD 14-2 Scheerbaum	UME	CH+3



FreeStyle EXH + UME (continued):

21. LaCroix WBF Scheerbaum	UME	NJ+3
22. Serrano WBF McNally	UME	AU+3
23. LaCroix WBSD Mendez 11-1	UME	NJ+3
24. McNally WBI Scheerbaum	UME	MN+3
25. Tan WBSD Horvath 10-0	UME	NL+3
26. Wilson WBF Sammons	UME	SF+3
27. Yetts WBF Pickup	UME	COL+3
28. Paesano WBSD Pickup 12-0	UME	AU+3
29. Yetts WBF Paesano	UME	COL+3
30. Gloor WBF Ruiz	UME	CH+3
31. Gloor WBF Parillo	UME	CH+3
32. Rarey WBSD Ruiz 10-0	UME	LA+3
33. Ruiz WBSD Parillo	UME	SF+3
34. Rarey WBF Parillo	UME	LA+3
35. Dermody WBI Webb	UME	SF+3
36. Malone WBF Preston	UME	SF+3
37. Watkins WBF Brinschwitz	UME	SF+3
38. Gatian WBF Chapman	UME	CLE+3
39. Gatian WBF Stremel	UME	CLE+3
40. Stremel WBF Chapman	UME	CHI+3
41. Galluzzo WBSD Kochman 17-6	UME	AU+3
42. McDuffie WBF Farrell	UME	COL+3
43. Franklin WBSD Farrell 10-0	UME	AU+3
44. McDuffie WBF Franklin	UME	COL+3
45. Rarey WBSD Gloor 12-0	UME	LA+3
46. Rarey WBI Gerken 0-8	UME	LA+3
47. Seely WBI Wilson 8-8	UME	SF+3
48. Seely WBF Sammons	UME	SF+3
49. Wilson WBF Sammons	UME	SF+3
50. Paesano WBF Rarey	EXH	AU+3
51. Capdeville WBSD Areggar 10-0	EXH	SF+3
52. Yetts WBD Areggar 8-4	EXH	COL+2
53. Hom WBF Herger	EXH	SF+3
54. Yunes WBSD Herger 10-0	EXH	SF+3

Team Standings Grappling Points:

G 01 23 SanFrancisco: 23
G 02 06 Boston: 6
G 02 06 NetherLands: 6
G 02 06 WashingtonDC: 6
G 03 05 Australia: 5
G 03 05 Chicago: 5
G 03 05 LosAngeles: 5
G 04 03 Akron:3
G 04 03 NewYork: 3
G 04 03 Switzerland: 3

Team Standings FreeStyle Points:

F 01 44 SanFrancisco: 44
F 02 27 Australia: 27
F 03 21 LosAngeles: 21
F 04 11 Columbus: 11
F 05 09 Switzerland: 9
F 05 09 NetherLands: 9
F 05 09 NewJersey: 9
F 06 06 Cleveland: 6
F 06 06 FortLauderdale: 6
F 06 06 Minnesota: 6
F 06 06 NewYork: 6
F 07 03 Chicago: 3

Team Standings Raw OverAll Points:

O 01 67 SanFrancisco: 67
O 02 33 Australia: 33
O 03 27 LosAngeles: 27
O 04 15 NetherLands: 15
O 05 12 Switzerland: 12
O 06 11 Columbus: 11
O 07 09 NewJersey: 9
O 07 09 NewYork: 9
O 08 08 Chicago: 8
O 09 06 Boston: 6
O 09 06 Cleveland: 6
O 09 06 Minnesota: 6
O 09 06 WashingtonDC: 6
O 10 03 Akron: 3



Grappling Medals Collapsed Age/Weight Divisions actually contested (UME+EXH):

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>GOLD</u>	<u>SILVER</u>	<u>BRONZE</u>	<u>STEEL</u>
HVYWT#1	Andrew Zalesky(CLE)	Andrew Farrell(AU)		
MDLWT#1	Dick Scott (DC)	David Paul (CHI)	Frank Petkovich(SF)	Mike Sammons(UK)
HVYWT#2	Calvin Malone(SF)	Mike Fuhrman(SF)	Johnnie McDuffie(COL)	
LTWT#1	Jeroen Tan(NL)	Ron Ward(SF)		
LTWT#2	Ross Capdeville(SF)	Philippe Gloor(CH)	Scott Fernandis(AU)	
HVWT#3	Ron Edwards(NY)	John Ascher(SF)		
LTWT#3	Harry Gloss(BOS)	Steve Pizzaoli(LA)	Erika Hom(SF)	
MDLWT#2	Brinschwitz(AU)	Eli Rarey(LA)	Jim Parillo(NY)	

FreeStyle Medals Divisions (UME before EXH collapsing):

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>GOLD</u>	<u>SILVER</u>	<u>BRONZE</u>	<u>STEEL</u>
M 57	Tobias Heger(CH)			
V 57	Roger Brigham(SF)			
O 62 F	Robyn Soper(AU)			
M 62	Chris Lorefice(LA)	Steve Pizzaoli(LA)	Marcel Morf(CH)	
V 62	Bob Lubarsky(FTL)	Anthony Wells(AU)	Jim Saunders(RI)	
O 58	Scott Fernandis(AU)	Jason Cruickshack(LA)	Jeff Yunes(SF)	
M 68 F	Erika Hom(SF)			
M 68	Tristan LaCroix(NJ)	Jose Serrano(SF)	Mark McNally(MN)	Arnold Mendez(CH)
V 68	Jeroen Tan(NL)	Dave Horvath(CLE)	Ron Ward(SF)	
O 74	Ross Capdeville(SF)			
M 74	Bruno Areggar(CH)			
V 74	Rod Seely(SF)	Lanford Wilson(NY)	Mike Sammons(UK)	
O 82	Carlin Yetts(COL)	Christian Paesano(AU)	Duncan Pickup(AU)	
M 82	Eli Rarey(LA)	Philippe Gloor(CH)	Jesus Ruiz(SF)	

V 82	Gene Dermody(SF)	Barry Webb(AU)	
O 90	Calvin Malone(SF)	Nick Preston(AU)	
M 90	Josh Watkins(SF)	Kurt Brinschwitz(AU)	
V 90	David Gatian(CLE)	Matt Stremel(CHI)	Joe Chapman(NL)
M 100	Ron Edwards(NY)		
V 100	Anthony Galuzzo(AU)	Scott Kochman(NY)	
O 130	Johnnie McDuffie(COL)	Neil Franklin(AU)	Andrew Farrell (AU)
V 130	John Ascher(SF)		
O 130+	Andrew Zalesky(AKR)		

Raw Data: There were 56 unique competitors across both FreeStyle/Grappling styles. This puts Cleveland up there ahead of **San Francisco '82/'86, Amsterdam '98, and Cologne '10**, behind the top **Sydney'02, NY'94, Chicago'06**, and on a par with **Vancouver'90**. Of the 56 competitors, 54 Freestyle bouts; 25 Grappling bouts, **~30% non-American; ~20% non Caucasian**, ~5% female, ~10% STR8. Given the overall smaller scaled **GGs9**, this is significant positive growth for our sport. It absolutely cements Grappling into the **WWB/GGs9** event for the future. Work is always needed in getting the numbers up for women, but the glaring absence is youth, and that is an economic mission **WWB** must address (the average age of the competitors was ~38 !).

Rules: While the Freestyle rules have pretty much been solid since 2002, it was the new Grappling rules that were on trial because of the angst of the Grapplers who felt that they were too FreeStyle oriented. These original short form Grappling rules were cobbled from **FILA & NAGA**, and the input of many elite BJJ grapplers and officials. We lucked out with the choice of the officials from **USA Sports JuJitsu** who were superb. They **liked** our short form rules, our insistence on **FILA** insurance cards, and they gave us some guidelines for pairings that were very much philosophically in line with standard **WWB** FreeStyle small tournament pairings. While the pairings with the officials delayed the Wednesday start from 10am-11:30am, it was worth the wait, since the officials did the rules clinic for us! We now have experience and hopefully a partner with **USA Sports JuJitsu...**

Pairings: The modifications to the FreeStyle **Unique Medal Event (UME)** and **Exhibition (EXH)** method worked out with **USA Sports Jujitsu** worked fine in the new Grappling. What this does is to allow us to take another step towards standardizing/formalizing the pairing method across FreeStyle and Grappling... This along with the common weight/age groups and FILA insurance requirement, will allow us to collapse yet another set of common documentation: the *Pairings Process*.

This is very important in terms of our WWB and GGs Mission of 'Participation Inclusion, and Personal Best', our GGs 'Terms and Conditions' legal requirement for non collapsed UMEs from registration, and our very diverse competitor base who are accustomed to such diverse sanctioning body styles/rules (e.g.. FILA, USAW, NAGA, GayGames, etc..).

Competition Schedule: Obviously cost and vacation time drive registrations. Would a more collapsed schedule help registration #s? E.g... instead of scheduling Monday Clinic/Weigh-Ins, Tuesday Freestyle, and Wednesday Grappling (which impinges on 3 working days), we went Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. I know there is interest in collapsing to a single day of competition. But it would not be possible to run both styles in one day if we continue to allow crossovers (which IMHO is still needed to support Grappling until it can stand on its own).

DeCoupling WWB Tournament from GayGames: This is obviously a complex proposal that needs to be discussed with the **Federation (FGG)** because it impinges on the GayGames host license agreement. The total registration for a wrestler/grappler is ~\$300, which includes the general registration (\$190), the specific sport registration (~\$60), and the FILA Card (for Americans ~\$50). For our demographic, this is very steep, and it limits our registration to older more established competitors. It includes the perks like free transportation, tickets to Opening/Closing ceremonies and parties, and most importantly the right to earn a legitimate **Gold/Silver/Bronze Unique Medal Event (UME)** award. If WWB is ever to address the problem of women, youth, and low registration #s, we must seriously address this very rigid coupling of the GayGames experience with our **WWB GGs** tournament. We need to be creative in thinking outside the box here, as the **FGG** and **Paris GGsX** will not look favorably at this. However if we are to be true to the Mission of **WWB** and **GGs**, we **MUST** look at this. We are a minority sport within many minority communities. We cannot do it alone. IMHO it is possible to have a parallel 'frill free' cheap registration option like ~\$60 instead of ~\$300 in the **GGs** event that does not give perks or **UME** rights, but does includes them in **EXH** brackets. This will make the tournament far more robust, interesting, marketable, and **TRUER** to our Mission.



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