



MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL 2023

RULES BOOK

GENERAL RULES:

- To participate in any stage of MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL, all athletes (individuals/team) must agree and abide to all the rules and policies, including, without limitation, the assumption of risk, and publicity release, all of which are incorporated by reference, and to the decisions of MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL, which are final and binding in all respects.
- All athletes are required to have completed and abide by the appropriate waivers and documentation as outlined by MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL, paid and validly registered for entry, completed an online and/or on-site check-in process, and must be wearing official event identification and/or credentials where specified.
- MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL has, and may, delegate to an On-site Director, the absolute authority on any final ruling including, without limitation, disqualification of an athlete, removal of spectator(s), or dismissal of any attendee.
- It is the sole responsibility of the winners and/or compensated athletes to present valid identification when requested.
- Photography and footage: non-professional, non-flash photography, and video cameras are permitted at the events for personal use only. All cameras (video and still) must be handheld with a telephoto lens no longer than 12.7 cm (5 inches) in length. Monopods, tripods, and cameras with telephoto or interchangeable lenses greater than 12.7 cm (5 inches) in length (professional photography equipment) are not permitted.
- Your registration to the event indicates that you have read the rules and WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL and its partners from any and all liability, including but not limited to, liability arising from the negligence or fault of the entities or persons released, for my disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to you. I INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND WILL NOT SUE the entity and/or persons organizing this event and waive them from any and all liabilities or claims made as a result of participation in this activity or event, whether caused by the negligence of release or otherwise.

SPORTSMANLIKE:

- A sportsmanlike manner should be followed by all athletes and their supervisors.
- Athletes are not allowed to assault the judges or organizers verbally or physically at any time and if any athlete is facing any problem should report to the head of judges and wait for his/her decision, and in case the athlete did not follow the procedures, the athlete may be grounds for penalty, suspension, disqualification, removal from the event, disqualification from future events or legal action.
- Athletes are not allowed to interfere or harass other participants during their workouts, and in case any athlete was involved in deliberately harming other participants, he/she will be considered disqualified from the competition.
- In case the athlete's coach or friend interfered or harassed other participants or assaulted any of the judges or organizers verbally or physically at any time, this athlete will be disqualified immediately.
- In case any huge issue occurred with any of the athletes; individuals or teams, that the head of judges couldn't take the best decision, the On-site Director can interfere and has absolute authority to take the decision that best suits the situation.
- Any action that prevents another athlete from having a fair opportunity to compete (e.g., abuse, alteration of equipment, or refusal to follow instruction) or that interferes with an athlete's and event judge's communication (e.g., external noise devices, bull horns, air horns, etc.), or is generally disruptive to the event, is not allowed.
- All information provided, either in registration submissions, video submissions, scores, times, or reps or rounds completed, must be the complete truth. A lack of integrity, or any actions that evince an intent to cheat or circumvent the rules or intent of the rules of MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL, including lying (as one example) will result in disqualification.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Any athlete meeting MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL age and eligibility requirements may register to compete in the online qualifiers. Any athlete wishing to participate in the online qualifiers must complete the registration process in time to be eligible to compete in the first online qualifiers workout of the season.
- MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL reserves the exclusive right to allow or deny the participation of any athlete. MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL also reserves the exclusive right to validate or invalidate any athlete's scores submitted for the purpose of qualifying for MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL Finals. MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL will make such participation and scoring decisions to preserve the integrity of the competition.
- MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to invite guest athletes, teams, or others to participate in any stage of the competition.
- All registrations are final. No refunds or transfers will be permitted, regardless of reason (injury, illness, change in work schedule, deployment, pregnancy, etc.). Teams may substitute an athlete for a fee of \$20 up to 1 week before the event, the substitution must submit all requested information.
- All athletes must validly and truthfully register online at the official registration and scoring platform Competition Corner and it is the athlete's sole responsibility to provide current, valid, and truthful information, including an e-mail address.
- Athletes must be at least 16 years old at the time they compete. All athletes younger than 18 years old must provide additional parental consent during the on-site check-in and a parent or guardian must be available onsite.

DIVISIONS:

- All divisions will have to go through Online Qualifiers.
- MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL 1 divisions – 2 Categories:

1. Men’s Teams (2M)
2. Women’s Teams (2W)

If the number of registrants in any of the online qualifications 'categories didn't exceed the number of their spots in the finals, we will qualify a percentage of the registered athletes in this category.

REGISTRATION:

- It is the athlete’s sole responsibility to provide valid, up-to-date, and truthful information in creating their account including, and not limited to their date of birth, e-mail address, mobile number & nationality.
- All divisions are required to complete the Online Qualifier.
- Registration will open for the online qualifiers on Tuesday August 1st, 2023.
- Registration will close on Thursday August 31st, 2023, at 22:00 GMT.

ONLINE QUALIFIERS REGISTRATION FEES*

Online Qualifiers Registration prices are listed below. All payments are final. No refunds or transfers will be permitted, regardless of reason (injury, illness, change in work schedule, deployment, pregnancy, etc.)

Division	ONLINE QUALIFIERS	
	Early Bird Till 21 Aug 2023	Late 22nd Aug – 31st Aug 2023
Men’s Teams (2M)	\$20	\$40
Women’s Teams (2W)	\$20	\$40

*** All prices are excluding 3rd party processing fees***

ONLINE QUALIFIERS:

- All divisions 'competitors announced above will have to go through the online qualifiers to qualify to MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL 2023.
- The online qualifiers will be held from August 1st till August 31st, 2023.
- EQ23.1 a, b, c will be announced on Thursday, August 3rd, 2023; and the deadline to submit the score is Thursday, August 31st, 2023, at 20:00 GMT.
- Teams who want to qualify for MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL 2023 must submit a valid video with their score submission via Competition Corner official event page before the announced deadlines.
- While scores are being validated through your facility, MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL holds the right to use video submissions for revalidation prior to sending out the invitations to the athletes.
- It is the sole responsibility of the team to ensure the timely and successful submission of their workout each week. Submissions that are incomplete or not verified will not be accepted.
- To find out more about Score & Video Submissions Refer to Online Submission Guidelines BELOW.

TEAMS ROASTER & SCORE SUBMISSION:

TEAMS ROASTER:

- At the completion of the Online Qualifier, the team will put forward their final roaster competing at the finals in Nairobi.

TEAMS SCORE SUBMISSION:

Team members will complete the online workouts together. The overall team score will be work done by the pair at the end of the workout.

ONLINE QUALIFIERS LEADERBOARD:

- All divisions Leaderboard will be officially announced on Monday September 11th, 2023, after validating all scores.
- Teams will be ranked based on their performance against other Teams 'scores.
- Points will be awarded based on placement in a workout—1 point for first place, 2 points for second place, and so on, Lower points wins.
- The total points will be ranked in the overall ranking list and the winner will be the Team that has accumulated the fewest points after all workouts have been completed.

QUALIFYING TO THE FINALS:

The Following Teams from the online qualifiers overall leaderboard will qualify to MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL 2023 held in Nairobi on the 20th of October 2023

Men's Team: The top 30 Teams

Women's Team: The top 30 Teams

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Division	Fees
Men's Teams (2M)	\$20
Women's Team (2W)	\$20

***All prices are excluding 3rd party processing fees.**

QUALIFIED ATHLETE'S INVITES:

- Qualified Teams will receive an official invitation to the final event via e-mail.
- Teams will have 48 hours to accept their invitation and register for the final event (paying the
- Finals 'registration fees), if the athlete don't confirm by registering for the finals within 48 hours from receiving the finals invitation; their spot will be given to the next Team in the ranking list. They will also have 48 hours to accept and register before contacting the next Team. This process will continue until each category capacity is reached.

INVITATIONS SEND OUT DATES:

- September 13th: Qualified invitations send out round 1.
- September 16th: Qualified invitations send out round 2.
- September 19th: Qualified invitations send out round 3.

ONLINE SUBMISSION GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- Teams who want to qualify for MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL 2023 must submit a valid video with their score submission via Competition Corner official event page before the announced deadline.
- MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL 2023 team will evaluate your video if your score is potentially in the top of the leaderboard. MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL 2023 team reserves the right to correct the scores if needed.
- Videos must be uploaded on a public platform (i.e., YouTube or Google Drive ...etc.), athletes will have to provide the link to the video while submitting their score.
- It is the sole responsibility of the team to ensure the timely and successful submission of their workout. Submissions that are incomplete or not verified will not be accepted, including but not limited to: video being available and public, wrong video submitted video, wrong motions, wrong weights, etc.)
- Any athlete/team that feels that their video submission may be delayed due to issues with the uploading should send an email to mashujaafitnessfestival@gmail.com notifying MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL team of these difficulties. MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL team must receive this email notification PRIOR to the score submission deadline announced. Once the deadline closes athletes will not be able to adjust or resubmit any score.
- While scores are being validated through your facility owner/manager MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL judging team holds the right to review any or all videos submitted, as part of this video review process, the posted score may be accepted, modified, or invalidated without warning, and after the close of the competition.
- Teams may complete the workouts for the online qualifier as many times as they desire and resubmit new scores until each workout submission deadline.
- Teams submitting videos are advised to have someone strictly watching their movement to ensure each repetition meets standards, and that the camera captures the movement clearly. Penalties may be assessed due to an athlete not meeting the movement standard

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or due to improper camera angles that do not permit the judge to determine if the standard is being met.

- The athlete is responsible for making sure they perform the workout as prescribed, including performing all the required movements to the described standard, counting, and completing all the required reps, using the required equipment and loads, meeting the required time and meeting all submission requirements.
- Before starting each workout, the athlete must do the following:
 - Athlete must state their name, division, workout name and judge name.
- All equipment used must be clearly displayed and measured (Weights, Tapeline etc.) DURING THE WORKOUT, make sure that:
 - Video must be taken from an angle that shows full profile of the athlete to ensure that full motion standards are met.
- Videos CAN NOT BE EDITED in any way. The video needs to be ongoing. Cutting the video will result in immediate disqualification.
- Both the athlete and the judge need to be in the video at all times during the workout.
- The timer must always be in clear sight throughout the video. (A tablet can be used).
- The equipment needs to be in the video at all times.
- The judge must not touch or move the equipment, except for activating the rower's display which is allowed or when there's a serious risk of injury for judge or the athlete.
- The qualification process is a competition environment. Have a judge in your video ready and able to give and show no-reps. Additional no-reps given at video reviewal will result in penalties and/or rejection of the video.

VIDEO QUICK TIPS:

- Videos CAN NOT BE EDITED in any way. The video needs to be ongoing. Cutting the video will result in immediate disqualification.
- YouTube allows uploads longer than 15 minutes.
- Upload videos with plenty of time to spare, uploading large video files can take a long time.
- If you're using a phone, set it to airplane mode to avoid unwanted interruptions during filming.
- Ensure your filming device has enough battery life to film the entire WOD, and enough memory.

SCORING PENALTIES

- Prior to submitting a video, athletes should review the video to ensure their reps meet the required standards, the camera angle permits the judge to determine if the movement standards are being met or not and determine if there are any technical problems with the video itself.
- Videos that show a discrepancy between the score submitted and the score displayed in the video will undergo the following penalties:

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- If it's a 'For Time' workout: Every no rep that is counted will add three seconds to the score.
- If it's an 'AMRAP' workout: Every no rep that is counted will be deducted from the score.

ONLINE QUALIFIERS APPEALS

For all inquiries/appeals during MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL online qualifier, the following process will be used:

- The competing athlete immediately notifies MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL Judging Team at mashujaafitnessfestival@gmail.com about the results in question by relating their name and reason for protest. Please note, inquiries will be answered in the order they are received. Scoring protests/appeals made by anonymous individuals regarding another athlete's performance will not be accepted.
- MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL staff and athlete will communicate to fact find and define the issue in protest.
- Meeting submission requirements and deadlines is the responsibility of the athlete.

FINALS ON-SITE RULES:

Athletes log-in/check-in:

- Log in & Briefing will be held on Friday October 20th 2023, log in schedule will be shared with via social media after the leaderboard announcement.
- All Teams must complete an on-site check-in process which is mandatory.
- Any athletes not checked-in on that day is not guaranteed event access and can be disqualified from competition.
- Athletes will need to have a printout of their confirmation e-mail as well as a proof of age, and residency is required
(Can be in the form of a passport, birth certificate, driving license or National Kenyan ID for Kenyan athletes)
- All athletes will receive their competition ID, participation kit in addition to sponsors' giveaways upon availability.
- Athletes/teams may be granted a late check-in, in case of special circumstances only.

On Site General Rules:

- Athletes are handed identification cards/bracelets that should be kept with them at all times, and should be shown upon request, if at any time the athlete does not show the identification card or has lost it, they will be subjected to the risk of disqualification.
- Each athlete/team will be given a coach bracelet during their check in which allows one coach per athlete/team in the warm-up area.

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- The coach access bracelet is only used to allow the coach to enter the warmup area and the athletes/coaches 'bleachers area.
- At all times, the coach must present the required event pass and/or credentials to enter this area. Coaches are not allowed to enter the competition area or the athletes 'area at any time.
- If a team member is injured, the team may continue competing until such time that they are unable to complete the workout as prescribed. At this point, the team MIGHT not advance in the competition.
- Personal therapy providers, photographer/videographers or athlete entourage are considered general admission spectators and will not be allowed access to competition arenas, warm-up areas or restricted athlete-only areas.
- Athlete rehabilitative medical staff (soft tissue and body care providers) will be provided by MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL to all athletes in a designated restricted access area. Any athletes requesting the use of their own personal therapy providers (massage, chiropractic, etc.) must do so in designated locations within general admission access area.

Competition Schedule:

- The schedule and workouts will be released before the competition begins. The date, location, and travel information for MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL will be distributed on MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL website and/or through e-mail to each competing athlete.
- It is the responsibility of each competing athlete and team to meet all required travel and scheduling commitments. This includes, but is not limited to, all event briefings, competition schedules and non- competition appearances. Athletes are required to designate a point of communication with MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL at the athlete registration and maintain this through the entire duration of the event.

ATHLETES BRIEFING:

- The defined method in which the athlete shall meet the range of motion standard will be announced by MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL. Delivery can be in the form of online media, written document, or athlete briefing either with or without demonstration. Regardless of delivery method, the athlete is required to meet or exceed the event's movement standard's requirements during all competition. (Example: If a squat snatch is prescribed as the event's movement standard, a power snatch will not meet the standard, unless otherwise stated).
- Delivery of the event's movement standard and required range of motion to all participating athletes & teams will occur during an athlete briefing just prior the event. This briefing will typically be delivered by the technical director or any of the head judges, with or without visual demonstration.
- There will be an opportunity for athletes to have questions answered at the briefing. Athletes ' Attendance is mandatory.
- MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL reserves the right to make changes to the date, time and location of athlete briefings based on changes to the event schedule. Any such changes will be properly communicated with all athletes in advance. Athletes and teams who are absent from these briefings may be subject to the loss of protest rights during the competition and may also be disqualified from further competition

- Demonstration of the event's movement standard applying the acceptable range of motion, or demonstration of unacceptable range of motion is not required and will be used as needed.

FINALS SCORING SYSTEM & GENERAL RULES:

MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL detailed scoring system for all categories will be announced before the event during the briefing

- Teams will complete multiple workouts on the day. Details will be released prior to the start of any workout and will be consistent for all eligible athletes at the time of release. The athlete and team that stands on top of the leaderboard in their competitive category at the end of the competition will earn 1st place in that division at MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL.
- On-site judges will validate scores for each workout a team performs.
- At each round teams will be ranked on their performance in each workout. Based on their relative rank, they will be assigned points. Their total points will be ranked on the overall ranking list. The top teams on the overall ranking list will advance or win the competition.
- The scoring system as well as the tie breaker rule in case of any score ties will be announced in briefing.
- Some workouts may have a minimum amount of time, repetitions, weight or rounds required in order to advance. Any such minimums will be announced as part of the workout format. Failure to reach a minimum may result in the team not advancing to the next workout, regardless of overall rank.
- If a team does not advance to the next workout for any reason (DNF, injury, disqualification, etc.), they will be ranked below all competitors who started that workout.

JUDGING & APPEALS:

- Judges are instructed not to touch competition equipment or move equipment during a workout unless the equipment will interfere with another athlete's performance or if there is a legitimate safety concern.
- Judges' calls made during the workout are final and are not negotiable or subject to change or modification.
- Event judges & on-site directors have the authority to stop or suspend an athlete at any point in competition if he or she feels that the athlete is at risk of serious injury to himself/herself or others.
- Physical limitations in range of motion from prior physical defects or temporary or permanent injuries that are obvious and clearly definable by demonstration and are brought to the attention of a Head judge or MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL prior to the beginning of the competition

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may be granted an exception at the sole discretion of MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL sole discretion. These cases are very rare and will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Appeals:

- On-site appeals process and regulations will be shared with all qualified athletes before the event.

Attire:

- Proper attire is required at all events.
- No attire shall interfere with event judging and the ability to see the event's movements ' standards or range of motion.
- Subject to MASHUJAA FITNESS FESTIVAL prior approval, joint sleeves, gloves, belts, and common fitness wear may be allowed during competition. However, no grip assistance or weight support may be derived from any device worn. In general, gear is allowed that improves safety and/or comfort but does not confer advantage.
- Once an athlete enters the competition surface, they may not receive any outside material assistance (water bottle, tape, chalk, jumping rope etc.) from spectators or coaches.

PRIZES:

- Prizes will be in Kenyan shillings.

Kenyan Winning Teams:

- Will be able to collect their prize money checks up to a week after the event .
- All Checks will be due after 2 – 4 weeks of the event

All other Nationalities Winning Teams:

- Prize money will be wired to their bank account 2 - 4 weeks after the event.