Authorization for Credit Card Transactions

Department of Homeland Security

Form G-1450

How To Fill Out Form G-1450

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2. Complete the "**Applicant's/Petitioner's/Requester's Information**," "**Credit Card Billing Information**," and "**Credit Card Information**" sections and sign the authorization. **NOTE:** The credit card must be issued by a U.S. bank.
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Applicant's/Petitioner's/Requester's Information (Full Legal Name)		
Given Name (First Name) Salua	Middle Name (if any)	Family Name (Last Name) SILVA BORGES
Credit Card Billing Information (Credit Card Holder's Name as it Appears on the Card)		
Given Name (First Name) Otavio	Middle Name (if any) H	Family Name (Last Name) SILVA
Credit Card Holder's Billing Address:		
Street Number and Name 5051 La Jolla Blvd	Apt. Ste. Flr. ☒ ☐ ☐	Number 202
City or Town San Diego	State CA	ZIP Code 92109
Credit Card Holder's Signature and Contact Information:		
Credit Card Holder's Signature		
Credit Card Holder's Daytime Telephone Number 5102419336	Credit Card Holder's Email Address otavio@yousalaw.com	

Credit Card Information		
Credit Card Number	**Credit Card Type:** ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover	Authorized Payment Amount $ 800.00
Credit Card Expiration Date (mm/yyyy) CVV Code		

Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative

Department of Homeland Security

DHS Form G-28
OMB No. 1615-0105
Expires 05/31/2021

Part 1. Information About Attorney or Accredited Representative

1. USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

► 0 0 7 4 9 2 6 2 5 4 3 8

Name of Attorney or Accredited Representative

2.a. Family Name (Last Name): HAVERROTH SILVA

2.b. Given Name (First Name): Otavio

2.c. Middle Name: N/A

Address of Attorney or Accredited Representative

3.a. Street Number and Name: PO Box 90487

3.b. ☐ Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr. N/A

3.c. City or Town: San Diego

3.d. State: CA **3.e.** ZIP Code: 92169
(USPS ZIP Code Lookup)

3.f. Province: N/A

3.g. Postal Code: N/A

3.h. Country: USA

Contact Information of Attorney or Accredited Representative

4. Daytime Telephone Number: 5102419336

5. Mobile Telephone Number (if any): 5102419336

6. Email Address (if any): otavio@legalhs.com

7. Fax Number (if any): N/A

Part 2. Eligibility Information for Attorney or Accredited Representative

Select **all applicable** items.

1.a. ☒ I am an attorney eligible to practice law in, and a member in good standing of, the bar of the highest courts of the following states, possessions, territories, commonwealths, or the District of Columbia. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 6. Additional Information**.

Licensing Authority: California

1.b. Bar Number (if applicable): 343486

1.c. I (select **only one** box) ☒ am not ☐ am subject to any order suspending, enjoining, restraining, disbarring, or otherwise restricting me in the practice of law. If you are subject to any orders, use the space provided in **Part 6. Additional Information** to provide an explanation.

1.d. Name of Law Firm or Organization (if applicable): HS Law Corp

2.a. ☐ I am an accredited representative of the following qualified nonprofit religious, charitable, social service, or similar organization established in the United States and recognized by the Department of Justice in accordance with 8 CFR part 1292.

2.b. Name of Recognized Organization: N/A

2.c. Date of Accreditation (mm/dd/yyyy): N/A

3. ☐ I am associated with N/A, the attorney or accredited representative of record who previously filed Form G-28 in this case, and my appearance as an attorney or accredited representative for a limited purpose is at his or her request.

4.a. ☐ I am a law student or law graduate working under the direct supervision of the attorney or accredited representative of record on this form in accordance with the requirements in 8 CFR 292.1(a)(2).

4.b. Name of Law Student or Law Graduate: N/A

Part 3. Notice of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative

If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 6. Additional Information**.

This appearance relates to immigration matters before (select **only one** box):

1.a. ☒ U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

1.b. List the form numbers or specific matter in which appearance is entered.

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2.a. ☐ U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

2.b. List the specific matter in which appearance is entered.

N/A

3.a. ☐ U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

3.b. List the specific matter in which appearance is entered.

N/A

4. Receipt Number (if any)

► N/A

5. I enter my appearance as an attorney or accredited representative at the request of the (select **only one** box):

☐ Applicant ☒ Petitioner ☐ Requestor
☐ Beneficiary/Derivative ☐ Respondent (ICE, CBP)

Information About Client (Applicant, Petitioner, Requestor, Beneficiary or Derivative, Respondent, or Authorized Signatory for an Entity)

6.a. Family Name (Last Name): SILVA BORGES

6.b. Given Name (First Name): SALUA

6.c. Middle Name: N/A

7.a. Name of Entity (if applicable)

N/A

7.b. Title of Authorized Signatory for Entity (if applicable)

N/A

8. Client's USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

► N/A

9. Client's Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)

► A- 2 4 2 1 9 3 0 2 7

Client's Contact Information

10. Daytime Telephone Number

+1 702 582 3233

11. Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

+1 702 582 3233

12. Email Address (if any)

saluasborges@gmail.com

Mailing Address of Client

NOTE: Provide the client's mailing address. **Do not** provide the business mailing address of the attorney or accredited representative **unless** it serves as the safe mailing address on the application or petition being filed with this Form G-28.

13.a. Street Number and Name: PO Box 90487

13.b. ☐ Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr. N/A

13.c. City or Town: San Diego

13.d. State: CA **13.e.** ZIP Code: 92169

13.f. Province: N/A

13.g. Postal Code: N/A

13.h. Country

USA

Part 4. Client's Consent to Representation and Signature

Consent to Representation and Release of Information

I have requested the representation of and consented to being represented by the attorney or accredited representative named in **Part 1.** of this form. According to the Privacy Act of 1974 and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) policy, I also consent to the disclosure to the named attorney or accredited representative of any records pertaining to me that appear in any system of records of USCIS, ICE, or CBP.

Part 4. Client's Consent to Representation and Signature (continued)

Options Regarding Receipt of USCIS Notices and Documents

USCIS will send notices to both a represented party (the client) and his, her, or its attorney or accredited representative either through mail or electronic delivery. USCIS will send all secure identity documents and Travel Documents to the client's U.S. mailing address.

If you want to have notices and/or secure identity documents sent to your attorney or accredited representative of record rather than to you, please select **all applicable** items below. You may change these elections through written notice to USCIS.

1.a. ☒ I request that USCIS send original notices on an application or petition to the business address of my attorney or accredited representative as listed in this form.

1.b. ☒ I request that USCIS send any secure identity document (Permanent Resident Card, Employment Authorization Document, or Travel Document) that I receive to the U.S. business address of my attorney or accredited representative (or to a designated military or diplomatic address in a foreign country (if permitted)).

NOTE: If your notice contains Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record, USCIS will send the notice to the U.S. business address of your attorney or accredited representative. If you would rather have your Form I-94 sent directly to you, select **Item Number 1.c.**

1.c. ☐ I request that USCIS send my notice containing Form I-94 to me at my U.S. mailing address.

Signature of Client or Authorized Signatory for an Entity

2.a. Signature of Client or Authorized Signatory for an Entity

➡ [signature]

2.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) 07/14/2026

Part 5. Signature of Attorney or Accredited Representative

I have read and understand the regulations and conditions contained in 8 CFR 103.2 and 292 governing appearances and representation before DHS. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the information I have provided on this form is true and correct.

1. a. Signature of Attorney or Accredited Representative

[signature]

1.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) 07/14/2026

2.a. Signature of Law Student or Law Graduate

2.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) N/A

Part 6. Additional Information

If you need extra space to provide any additional information within this form, use the space below. If you need more space than what is provided, you may make copies of this page to complete and file with this form or attach a separate sheet of paper. Type or print your name at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

1.a Family Name (Last Name): SILVA BORGES

1.b. Given Name (First Name): SALUA

1.c. Middle Name: N/A

2.a. Page Number: N/A **2.b.** Part Number: N/A **2.c.** Item Number: N/A

2.d. N/A

3.a. Page Number: N/A **3.b.** Part Number: N/A **3.c.** Item Number: N/A

3.d. N/A

4.a. Page Number: N/A **4.b.** Part Number: N/A **4.c.** Item Number: N/A

4.d. N/A

5.a. Page Number: N/A **5.b.** Part Number: N/A **5.c.** Item Number: N/A

5.d. N/A

6.a. Page Number: N/A **6.b.** Part Number: N/A **6.c.** Item Number: N/A

6.d. N/A

Notice of Appeal or Motion

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS
Form I-290B
OMB No. 1615-0095
Expires 03/31/2027

For USCIS Use Only	Returned	Reloc Sent	Receipt	Remarks
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To be completed by an attorney or accredited representative (if any).	☒ Select this box if Form G-28 is attached.	Attorney State Bar Number (if applicable)	Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS Online Account Number (if any)
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Please visit www.uscis.gov/i-290b/eligibility for information on the immigration benefit types that are eligible for an appeal or motion using this form.

► **START HERE - Type or print in black ink.**

If you do not properly complete this form or fail to submit required documents listed in the Instructions, we may dismiss or reject your appeal or motion.

Part 1. Information About the Applicant or Petitioner

If a business or organization is filing this appeal or motion, skip to **Item Number 3.** and do not complete **Item Numbers 1.** or **2.**

1.a. Family Name (Last Name): SILVA BORGES

1.b. Given Name (First Name): Salua

1.c. Middle Name: N/A

2. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 06/07/1986

3. Business or Organization Name (if applicable): N/A

4. Alien Registration Number (A-Number, if any): ► A- 242193027

5. USCIS Online Account Number (if any): ► N/A

Mailing Address (*Safe or Alternate Address, if applicable*)

(USPS ZIP Code Lookup)

6.a. In Care Of Name (if any): Otavio Haverroth Silva

6.b. Street Number and Name: PO Box 90487

6.c. ☐ Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr.: N/A

6.d. City or Town: San Diego

6.e. State: CA **6.f.** ZIP Code: 92169

6.g. Province: N/A

6.h. Postal Code: N/A

6.i. Country: USA

Part 2. Information About the Appeal or Motion

Please indicate whether you are filing an appeal to the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) or a motion. You cannot file both an appeal and a motion on a single form. **If you select both an appeal and a motion, we may dismiss or reject your filing.**

NOTE: DO NOT use this form to file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). You must instead use Form EOIR-29.

I am filing an **appeal** to the AAO.

1.a. ☐ I have attached a brief and/or additional evidence.

1.b. ☐ I will submit a brief and/or additional evidence directly to the AAO within 30 calendar days of filing this appeal.

1.c. ☐ I will not be submitting any brief or additional evidence in support of this appeal.

I am filing a **motion**.

2.a. ☐ I am filing a **motion to reopen**. I have attached a brief and/or additional evidence.

2.b. ☐ I am filing a **motion to reconsider**. I have attached a brief.

2.c. ☒ I am filing a **motion to reopen** and a **motion to reconsider**. I have attached a brief and/or additional evidence.

3. Immigration Form That is the Subject of This Appeal or Motion (for example, Form I-140, I-360, I-129, I-485, I-601, I-730, I-131) (list **only one** form number)

I-140

4. Receipt Number for the Application, Petition, or Other Request (list **only one** Receipt Number)

IOE0926804209

5. Requested Immigrant or Nonimmigrant Classification (for example, H-1B, R-1, O-1, EB-1, EB-2, RE-2, AS-2) (if applicable)

EB-1

6. Date of the Unfavorable Decision (mm/dd/yyyy)

06/17/2026

7. Office That Issued the Unfavorable Decision

Texas Service Center (SRC)

Part 3. Basis for the Appeal or Motion

You must provide a statement regarding the basis for your appeal or motion in the space provided on the next page. If you need additional space to provide your explanation, use **Part 7. Additional Information** or a separate sheet of paper.

Appeal: Provide a statement that specifically identifies an erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact in the decision you are appealing. **You MUST provide this information with your Form I-290B even if you intend to submit a brief later.**

NOTE: Your appeal must address all grounds of ineligibility identified in the unfavorable decision. If you do not address an issue in a statement on this form or in a supporting brief, we may deem it waived for the appeal. A waived ground of ineligibility may be the sole basis for a dismissed appeal.

Motion to Reopen: A motion to reopen must state new facts and must be supported by documentary evidence demonstrating eligibility for the requested immigration benefit at the time you filed the application or petition.

Motion to Reconsider: A motion to reconsider must state the reasons for reconsideration and must be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions to establish that the decision was based on an incorrect application of law or service policy, if applicable. A motion to reconsider must also establish that the decision was incorrect based on the evidence of record at the time of the decision.

Petitioner submits this combined Motion to Reopen and Reconsider the denial of her EB-1A Form I-140. Reconsideration is warranted because USCIS mischaracterized and failed to individually evaluate published-media evidence already in the record, incorrectly concluding that 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3)(iii) was not satisfied. Reopening is warranted because new evidence establishes pre-filing facts concerning Petitioner⩗s critical role for Zenith BJJ and Zenith⩗s distinguished reputation under 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3)(viii). As USCIS recognized awards and judging, Petitioner requests final-merits review and approval. See attached brief and evidence.

Part 4. Applicant's or Petitioner's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

Applicant's or Petitioner's Contact Information

Provide your daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number (if any), and email address (if any).

1. Applicant's or Petitioner's Daytime Telephone Number

7025823233

2. Applicant's or Petitioner's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

7025823233

3. Applicant's or Petitioner's Email Address (if any)

saluasborges@gmail.com

Applicant's or Petitioner's Certification and Signature

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I provided or authorized all of the responses and information contained in and submitted with my appeal or motion, I read and understand or, if interpreted to me in a language in which I am fluent by the interpreter listed in **Part 5.**, understood, all of the responses and information contained in, and submitted with, my appeal/motion, and that all of the responses and the information are complete, true, and correct. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from any and all of my records that USCIS may need to determine my eligibility for an immigration request and to other entities and persons where necessary for the administration and enforcement of U.S. immigration law.

4. Applicant's or Petitioner's Signature

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) 07/13/2026

Part 5. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

Interpreter's Full Name

1. Interpreter's Family Name (Last Name)

N/A

Interpreter's Given Name (First Name)

N/A

2. Interpreter's Business or Organization Name

N/A

Interpreter's Contact Information

3. Interpreter's Daytime Telephone Number

N/A

4. Interpreter's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

N/A

5. Interpreter's Email Address (if any)

N/A

Interpreter's Certification and Signature

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I am fluent in English and N/A, and I have interpreted every question on the appeal/motion, and Instructions and interpreted the applicant's answers to the questions in that language, and the applicant/petitioner informed me that they understood every instruction, question, and answer on the appeal/motion.

6. Interpreter's Signature

N/A

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) N/A

Part 6. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing This Appeal/Motion, if Other Than the Applicant or Petitioner

Preparer's Full Name

1. Preparer's Family Name (Last Name)

HAVERROTH SILVA

Preparer's Given Name (First Name)

Otavio

2. Preparer's Business or Organization Name (if any)

HS Law Corp

Preparer's Contact Information

3. Preparer's Daytime Telephone Number

5102419336

4. Preparer's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

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5. Preparer's Email Address (if any)

otavio@legalhs.com

Part 6. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing This Appeal/ Motion, if Other Than the Applicant or Petitioner (continued)

Preparer's Certification and Signature

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this appeal or motion for the applicant or petitioner at their request and with express consent and that all of the responses and information contained in and submitted with the appeal or motion are complete, true, and correct and reflects only information provided by the applicant or petitioner. The applicant or petitioner reviewed the responses and information and informed me that they understand the responses and information in or submitted with the appeal or motion.

6. Preparer's Signature

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) 07/13/2026

Part 7. Additional Information

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1.a. Family Name (Last Name): SILVA BORGES

1.b. Given Name (First Name): Salua

1.c. Middle Name: N/A

2. A-Number (if any) ► A- 242193027

3.a. Page Number: N/A **3.b.** Part Number: N/A **3.c.** Item Number: N/A

3.d. N/A

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6.d. N/A

7.a. Page Number: N/A **7.b.** Part Number: N/A **7.c.** Item Number: N/A

7.d. N/A

July 15, 2026.
FedEx, UPS, and DHL deliveries:
USCIS
Attn: I-290B (Box 21100)
2108 E. Elliot Rd.
Tempe, AZ 85284-1806

Self-Petitioner / Beneficiary: SALUA SILVA BORGES
Underlying Form: I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker
Classification Sought: E11 / EB-1A
Receipt Number: IOE0926804209
A-Number: A242-193-027
Petition Filing Date: July 18, 2024
Decision Date: June 17, 2026

PETITIONER'S COMBINED MOTION TO REOPEN AND RECONSIDER THE DENIAL OF HER EB-1A IMMIGRANT PETITION

Dear Immigration Officer,

Please note that our firm represents Ms. Salua Silva Borges (hereinafter "Ms. Borges" or the "Self-Petitioner") in connection with this combined Motion to Reopen and Reconsider the June 17, 2026 denial of her Form I-140 self-petition for classification as an individual of extraordinary ability in athletics under section 203(b)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h).

The denial was served by mail and advised that any motion must be filed within 33 calendar days. **This Motion is submitted on July 15, 2026, within the applicable filing period, and is therefore timely under 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i).**

Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 103.5, the Self-Petitioner submits this brief in support of her Form I-290B. The request for reopening is supported by new facts, declarations, and objective documentary evidence under 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(2). The request for reconsideration is based on the evidence already contained in the record and the incorrect application of the governing evidentiary standards under 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(3). This is the first motion filed concerning the June 17, 2026 denial of this Form I-140.

I. MOTION FILING FEE AND PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

The required nonrefundable Form I-290B filing fee of **$800** is tendered through the enclosed Form G-1450. No additional fee is required for a combined motion to reopen and reconsider. A properly executed Form G-28 is also enclosed.

Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(iii)(C), the Self-Petitioner further states that **the validity of the unfavorable decision has not been and is not presently the subject of any judicial proceeding.**

Accordingly, this filing satisfies the applicable requirements concerning form, signature, representation, filing fee, timeliness, supporting brief and evidence, and the required statement regarding judicial proceedings.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND GROUNDS FOR THE MOTION

On July 18, 2024, Ms. Borges filed Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker, receipt number IOE0926804209, seeking E11 classification as an individual of extraordinary ability in athletics based on her achievements and professional work in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

On March 5, 2026, USCIS issued a Request for Evidence concerning several of the regulatory criteria claimed in the petition. USCIS received the Self-Petitioner's response on June 3, 2026. On June 17, 2026, USCIS denied the petition.

The denial found that Ms. Borges satisfied two regulatory criteria: nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards under 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3)(i), and participation as a judge of the work of others under 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3)(iv). USCIS nevertheless denied the petition because it found that she had not established a third criterion and therefore did not conduct a final merits determination.

Reconsideration is warranted because the denial mischaracterized and failed to evaluate individually the published-media evidence already contained in the record. The existing record included published material identifying the publication, title, date, author or editorial byline, and content relating directly to Ms. Borges's work in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

Reopening is independently warranted based on new declarations and objective documentary evidence concerning Ms. Borges's pre-filing role at Zenith Jiu-Jitsu Academy. USCIS stated that the Zenith letter established the leadership role described by its CEO but found insufficient independent evidence of Zenith's distinguished reputation. The evidence submitted with this Motion directly addresses that evidentiary deficiency and further corroborates the nature and significance of Ms. Borges's role.

Although the declarations were executed after the decision, they document conduct, responsibilities, observations, and institutional conditions that existed before the petition was filed. The Motion does not rely on post-filing achievements to create eligibility.

Accordingly, the Self-Petitioner respectfully requests that USCIS reconsider the published-material determination; reopen the proceeding to consider the new evidence concerning her leading or critical role and Zenith's distinguished reputation; recognize that at least three regulatory criteria are satisfied; conduct the required final merits determination; and approve the Form I-140. Alternatively, she requests reopening and re-adjudication under the correct legal and evidentiary standards.

III. LEGAL STANDARD

We respectfully note that this combined Motion to Reopen and Reconsider presents **two distinct grounds for administrative review under 8 C.F.R. § 103.5.** A motion to reopen must state new facts and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(2). A motion to reconsider must state the reasons for reconsideration and demonstrate that the prior decision resulted from an incorrect application of law or USCIS policy and was incorrect based on the evidence contained in the record at the time of the decision. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(3).

Accordingly, **the request for reconsideration concerning published material relies exclusively on evidence already contained in the record** when USCIS issued its decision. The request for reopening is separately supported by **new declarations and objective documentary evidence concerning pre-filing facts**, including Ms. Borges's responsibilities, the significance of her role, and Zenith Jiu-Jitsu Academy's reputation before July 18, 2024.

Eligibility must exist when the underlying petition is filed. 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(1); *Matter of Katigbak*, 14 I&N Dec. 45, 49 (Reg'l Comm'r 1971). Nevertheless, declarations and records created after filing may document responsibilities, observations, institutional conditions, and other historical facts that already existed during the relevant pre-filing period. **Such evidence does not create post-filing eligibility when it is offered to establish facts that existed as of the filing date.**

Under section 203(b)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h), a petitioner seeking EB-1A classification must demonstrate extraordinary ability through sustained national or international acclaim. **Extraordinary ability means a level of expertise indicating that the individual is among the small percentage who have risen to the very top of the field.** 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(2).

Where the petitioner has not received a one-time major internationally recognized award, **the petitioner must satisfy at least three of the evidentiary criteria listed in 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3).** Under the two-step framework described in *Kazarian v. USCIS*, 596 F.3d 1115, 1119-22 (9th Cir. 2010), USCIS must first determine whether the evidence satisfies the plain language of at least three regulatory criteria. If that threshold is met, **USCIS must then evaluate the evidence in its totality** to determine whether the petitioner has demonstrated sustained national or international acclaim and has risen to the top of the field.

The applicable standard of proof is the preponderance of the evidence. Under this standard, the petitioner must demonstrate that the claimed facts are more likely true than not. *Matter of Chawathe*, 25 I&N Dec. 369, 375-76 (AAO 2010). The preponderance standard does not require proof beyond a reasonable doubt or clear and convincing evidence. Rather, USCIS must assess the relevance, probative value, and credibility of the evidence, both individually and within the context of the complete record.

USCIS has already determined that Ms. Borges satisfies the awards and judging criteria. Recognition of either disputed criterion would therefore establish the required third criterion and require USCIS to proceed to the final merits determination.

IV. USCIS SHOULD RECONSIDER THE PUBLISHED-MATERIAL DETERMINATION BECAUSE THE DECISION'S DISPOSITIVE DESCRIPTION IS CONTRADICTED BY THE RECORD

A. The Initial Record Contained Articles Bearing the Required Identifying Information

The denial rejected the published-material criterion because, in its words, the articles "do not include the publication and/or author and/or date." That collective statement does not accurately describe several articles contained in the initial record. At least the following materials visibly contained the required information and were devoted to Ms. Borges's work in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu:

Outlet	Title / Subject	Author	Date	Record Location
Tatame	Four titles at the American National and next competitive steps	Diogo Santarém	July 24, 2023	Initial Filing PDF pp. 267–270
RedeTV	Brazilian athlete stands out in Jiu-Jitsu tournaments	RedeTV Editorial Staff	April 2, 2019	Initial Filing PDF pp. 236–239
Extra	In great form, Salua Borges projects upcoming competitions	Combate Extra	April 3, 2019	Initial Filing PDF pp. 224–226
SportBuzz	Salua Borges wins four gold medals at the American National	Angelo Peterson	July 28, 2023	Initial Filing PDF pp. 265–266

The Tatame article is the clearest example. The original page visibly identifies Tatame, the title, the author "Diogo Santarém," the date "July 24th, 2023," and the Jiu-Jitsu section. Its content is

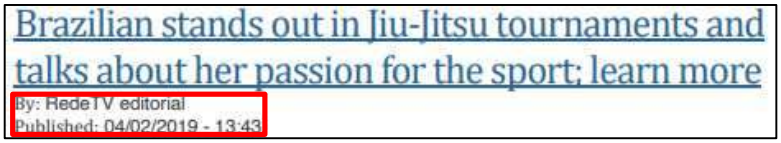
about Ms. Borges: her four gold medals at the IBJJF American National, her career, her ranking objectives, her training, and her work as a Zenith athlete. The translated page conveyed the same title, author, date, and substance. This evidence satisfies the identifying-information component of 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3)(iii).

Brazilian brown belt shines with 4 titles at the American National of Jiu-Jitsu and analyzes next steps

Salua Borges was one of the highlights of the IBJJF American National, held in early July in Las Vegas (USA).

BY DIOGO SANTARÉM JULY 24TH 2023 IN JIU-JITSU

The RedeTV material likewise identifies the publication, title, editorial author, and publication date. It is an extended profile of Ms. Borges's work, training history, titles, professional transition to Jiu-Jitsu, and experience as a female athlete. The Extra and SportBuzz materials supply additional coverage with their own titles, dates, authorship information, and detailed discussion of Ms. Borges's competitive work.


Brazilian stands out in Jiu-Jitsu tournaments and talks about her passion for the sport; learn more

By: RedeTV editorial
Published: 04/02/2019 - 13:43

The decision's use of "and/or" did not identify which element was supposedly absent from which article. More importantly, it did not explain why the Tatame and RedeTV materials, whose identifying information appears on the face of the record, failed the regulation. Reconsideration is warranted because the decision must be correct based on the evidence of record at the time of decision. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(3).

B. The Materials Were About Ms. Borges and Related Directly to Her Work

The articles were not passing references, employer profiles, advertisements, or unevaluated index listings. They focused on Ms. Borges herself: her national and international titles, four-gold performance at the American National, competitive preparation, rankings, career development, technical approach, and objectives in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. The Tatame article opens by identifying Ms. Borges as one of the highlights of the IBJJF American National and then evaluates the rarity and consistency of her accomplishments. RedeTV describes her as a leading Brazilian athlete in her category and presents an extensive interview about her career and the growth of women's Jiu-Jitsu. Extra and SportBuzz similarly devote their coverage to her competitive work.

Thus, the content-related element was not genuinely disputed by the record. The denial focused on identifying information and publisher proof. Once the record is accurately described and evaluated article by article, the subject-matter element is plainly satisfied.

C. The Record Contained Evidence Relevant to the Professional or Major-Media Nature of the Outlets

The initial record did not consist solely of copies of the published articles. It also included evidence describing the intended audience, editorial specialization, institutional reach, readership, and prominence of the corresponding publications. Specifically, the record documented Grupo Globo's extensive national reach, RedeTV's operation as a national Brazilian television network, and Tatame's longstanding specialization in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and combat-sports journalism. **See Initial Filing PDF, pp. 37–39 and 227–249, and Exhibit B.**

That evidence corresponded directly to the articles contained elsewhere in the same filing. The Extra article appeared in a publication associated with Grupo Globo; the RedeTV article visibly identified RedeTV as its publisher; and the Tatame article visibly identified Tatame, its Jiu-Jitsu section, its author, and its publication date. **See Initial Filing PDF, pp. 224–226, 236–239, and 267–270, and Exhibit B.**

The denial declined to consider the SimilarWeb evidence because USCIS concluded that the publishers of the corresponding articles had not been identified. However, several article pages visibly identified their publications on the face of the record. Once each article is matched with the corresponding outlet evidence already submitted, the record demonstrates that Tatame qualifies as a professional publication directed to the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and combat-sports community, while RedeTV and Extra qualify as major media based on their national reach and established media operations.

USCIS should therefore have evaluated the evidence article by article and considered the submitted information concerning each identified outlet. At minimum, the collective conclusion that the articles lacked the publication "and/or" author "and/or" date does not explain why the Tatame, RedeTV, and Extra articles failed, even though the required identifying information appears on the face of the submitted pages and the record separately addressed the nature and reach of their publishers.

D. The Denial Incorrectly Stated That the RFE Response Submitted No Additional Evidence or Argument

The RFE response included a section specifically titled "Criterion 3. Published material about the beneficiary," a reorganized table identifying the publications and content, discussion of FloGrappling as a professional platform, discussion of the IBJJF website and Brazilian media, Google search results, and FloGrappling and Social Blade audience data. The record therefore does not support the decision's categorical statement that the Petitioner "did not submit additional evidence in support of this criterion."

The RFE response acknowledged a perceived deficiency in the organization and presentation of the originally submitted materials and attempted to reorganize them in direct response to USCIS's concerns. **That acknowledgment did not alter the objective contents of the original record.** The originally submitted pages themselves visibly contained publication names, titles, dates, authors or editorial bylines, translations, and material directly concerning Ms. Borges's work.

The organization of the RFE response may not have perfectly matched its narrative, but that circumstance did not permit USCIS to disregard the published-material discussion or the evidence already contained in the complete record. The adjudication should have considered the initial filing and RFE response together and evaluated each article individually under the plain language of 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3)(iii).

That error was material because the absence of a third criterion was the sole reason USCIS declined to conduct a final merits determination. This is not a request to use new evidence in reconsideration. It is a request to reconsider the decision based on an accurate description and individualized application of the evidence already present when USCIS decided the case.

E. Correct Application of the Regulation Establishes Published Material

The existing record demonstrates: (1) published material; (2) about Ms. Borges and relating directly to her work in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu; (3) bearing the required title, date, author or editorial byline, and necessary translations; and (4) appearing in professional publications, major trade publications, or other major media.

Tatame provides a particularly strong example of a specialized professional publication directed to the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and combat-sports community. RedeTV and Extra provide published coverage through established Brazilian media organizations with substantial national reach. SportBuzz further corroborates the breadth of the coverage to the extent its publication and identifying information are established in the record.

Accordingly, when the articles are evaluated individually and matched with the outlet evidence already contained in the filing, the record satisfies the plain language of 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3)(iii). USCIS should therefore reconsider and recognize the published-material criterion.

V. USCIS SHOULD REOPEN THE PROCEEDING BECAUSE NEW EVIDENCE ESTABLISHES THAT MS. BORGES PERFORMED A CRITICAL ROLE FOR ZENITH, AN ORGANIZATION WITH A DISTINGUISHED REPUTATION

A. USCIS Already Found That the Zenith Letter Established Ms. Borges's Leadership Role

Both the RFE and denial recognized that Robert Drysdale's letter established Ms. Borges's leadership role. That favorable finding materially narrows the issue. The Motion need not prove anew that she performed a role for Zenith or that the role carried leadership responsibilities. The only stated deficiency was independent evidence of Zenith's distinguished reputation.

> The letter from Zenith Jiu-Jitsu Academy establishes the leadership role which the CEO states the petitioner has held, however, aside from the CEO's statement there was no evidence of the organization's distinguished reputation.

Nevertheless, the new evidence also corroborates her role from multiple independent perspectives. It demonstrates that the original letter was not an unsupported title created for immigration

purposes, but an accurate description of responsibilities personally observed by elite athletes, instructors, parents, and combat-sports professionals before the filing date.

B. The Declarations Document Pre-Filing Facts

The declarations were signed after the denial because USCIS identified a specific evidentiary gap. Their contents, however, concern pre-filing conduct and conditions. The relevant witnesses describe competition preparation in 2021 and 2023, coaching relationships beginning in 2022, Ms. Borges's established authority in the training room, and Zenith's reputation developed over years before July 18, 2024. They do not assert that she acquired a new position after filing.

Several declarants are retired from active competition. That fact does not diminish their competency. Their probative value arises from championship-level experience, direct contact with Zenith or Ms. Borges, and the ability to compare Zenith's training environment with other elite combat-sports institutions. Retirement does not erase a UFC championship, Hall of Fame induction, world title, black-belt expertise, or firsthand observation.

C. The New Evidence Demonstrates the Significance of Ms. Borges's Role

1. Robert Drysdale Establishes Delegated Authority and Institutional Significance

Robert Drysdale, Zenith's founder and an IBJJF World Champion and ADCC Absolute World Champion, explains that Ms. Borges was not merely a competitor using Zenith's name. Before the filing date she served as an instructor, competition-team coach, senior athlete, mentor, and technical reference. He trusted her to lead training sessions and guide athletes when he traveled or handled other responsibilities. That delegation is significant in a high-level academy whose reputation depends on technical quality and the development of competitors.

Mr. Drysdale further explains that Ms. Borges contributed to Zenith's core functions: instruction, technical correction, competition preparation, athlete development, representation at national and international events, development of women and younger athletes, and adaptation of instruction for students requiring individualized attention. Her importance was therefore operational, technical, competitive, and reputational. See **Exhibit C**.

2. Amy Campo Provides Championship-Level, Firsthand Corroboration

Amy Scot Campo, an ADCC World Champion, IBJJF World Champion, black belt, and professional grappler, trained with Zenith for years and worked directly with Ms. Borges. She describes a 2021 IBJJF Pan preparation in which Ms. Borges took charge of part of the training, organized drills, and corrected open-guard transitions, grips, pressure, inversions, and

repositioning. Ms. Campo also states that Ms. Borges corrected side-control details that she later used in international competition.

This declaration is highly probative for two reasons. It provides a specific pre-filing event rather than general praise, and it demonstrates that Ms. Borges's technical guidance mattered even to an athlete operating at the highest levels of the sport. Ms. Campo's present affiliation elsewhere reinforces that her declaration is independent of Zenith's current institutional interests. See **Exhibit C**.

3. Nicklas Hartman Connects Ms. Borges's Coaching to Athlete Development and Team Results

Nicklas Christopher Vinso Hartman, a Zenith athlete and instructor with more than one hundred medals, describes years of direct training with Ms. Borges. He states that she corrected his guard-passing posture and No-Gi single-leg defense, and that those corrections formed part of his competitive development. He further describes Ms. Borges leading competition training before the 2023 American Nationals, correcting technical details, and helping athletes prepare for their matches.

Contemporaneous Zenith publications reinforce his account. A December 2023 publication celebrated three world champions from Zenith headquarters and expressly referred to Ms. Borges as "coach Salua." That pre-filing institutional usage is objective evidence that her coaching role was recognized contemporaneously and was not invented after the denial. See **Exhibits C and D**.

4. Frank Mir Independently Observed Ms. Borges's Work Within Zenith's Technical Routine

Frank Mir, a former UFC Heavyweight Champion and Interim UFC Heavyweight Champion, trained under Robert Drysdale during major UFC fight camps and later observed Zenith as the parent of an athlete who trained there. He personally observed Ms. Borges leading classes, correcting technical details, guiding students, communicating clearly, and maintaining respect in the room. He also observed her adapting exercises for children and students needing additional attention.

Mr. Mir's evidence is not based solely on reputation. It connects his knowledge of Mr. Drysdale's elite technical standards to his own observations of how Ms. Borges functioned inside the academy. It corroborates that she helped maintain the daily technical culture on which Zenith's results and reputation depended. See **Exhibit C**.

5. Parents and Students Corroborate Ms. Borges's Broader Institutional Impact

Red Vitug explains that Ms. Borges coached her son at Zenith beginning in 2022 and contributed to his technique, discipline, confidence, focus, mental strength, and competitive development. The declaration from the parent of a student requiring a more individualized approach similarly documents Ms. Borges's ability to adapt instruction and produce meaningful progress. These declarations are not offered as proof of an original contribution of major significance to the entire field. They are offered for the narrower and better-supported proposition that Ms. Borges's role was important to Zenith's instructional mission across multiple student populations. See **Exhibit C**.

D. Ms. Borges's Role Was Critical Under the Regulatory Standard

The criterion is written in the alternative: leading or critical. Even if USCIS were to distinguish formal hierarchy from functional significance, the evidence demonstrates a critical role. Ms. Borges affected the outcome of Zenith's core activities by preparing competitors, correcting advanced athletes, leading classes, developing students, representing the academy through championship results, maintaining technical standards when the founder was absent, and expanding the academy's capacity to serve women, youth, beginners, and students needing individualized instruction.

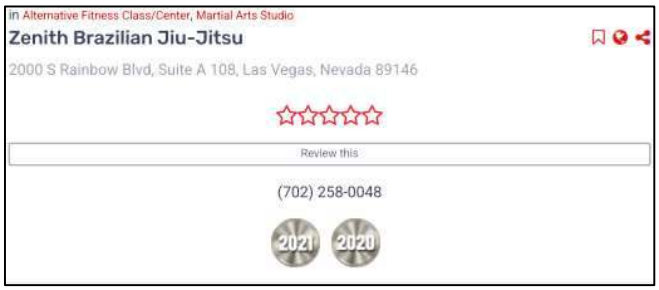
Her role was not merely beneficial in the abstract. The declarations identify specific training sessions, technical corrections, competition preparations, delegated responsibilities, and students affected. Together with contemporaneous use of the title "Coach Salua," the evidence establishes by a preponderance that she performed a role of significant importance to Zenith's instructional, competitive, and reputational outcomes. **See Exhibits C and D.**

E. Independent Evidence Establishes Zenith's Distinguished Reputation

1. Community Recognition in Las Vegas

Zenith received Silver recognition in the 2020 and 2021 Best of Las Vegas program in the Best Martial Arts Studio category. The official Best of Las Vegas marketing site explains that the program is presented by the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Inc. to engage the community in recognizing outstanding establishments, professionals, restaurants, and local businesses in Las Vegas and the surrounding areas. Members of the public nominate eligible establishments, which are then placed on an official ballot for online voting.

The program is promoted through ReviewJournal.com, BestofLasVegas.com, the Review-Journal newspaper, billboards, digital advertising, and social media. The Petitioner accurately presents this as a community-based recognition supported and promoted by the Las Vegas Review-Journal, rather than as an editorial award issued by its newsroom. Zenith's repeated Silver recognition nevertheless demonstrates that the academy had achieved meaningful local distinction, visibility, and community support in Las Vegas years before the filing date. **See Exhibit E.**



2. Longstanding Competitive Activity and Scale

BJJ Metrics documents Zenith's participation in the IBJJF competitive circuit dating back to 2011 and compiles extensive historical information concerning the team's athletes, tournament participation, and medal results. **The Petitioner relies specifically on the historical entries and**

competitive results predating July 18, 2024. Although the profile was accessed after the filing date, those entries document competitions and results that had already occurred and therefore provide later-created evidence of preexisting historical facts. **See Exhibit E.**

The database currently attributes approximately 1,490 competitors to Zenith across its recorded history. The Petitioner does not contend that every entry in that current total predates the filing date. Rather, the overall dataset provides context for Zenith's longstanding competitive scale, while the pre-filing entries independently demonstrate years of participation, championship results, accomplished athletes, and institutional activity before July 18, 2024.

3. Multiple World Champions and Contemporaneous Team Publications

Zenith's own dated publications provide contemporaneous evidence of competitive outcomes. A December 2022 publication celebrated four No-Gi world champions from the team, including Amy Campo, Kris Olivo, Salua Borges, and Don McGregor. A December 2023 publication celebrated three world champions from Zenith headquarters: Don, Nick, and "coach Salua." A January 2023 publication recognized Nick Hartman's gold medal at an IBJJF tournament. These records demonstrate that Zenith's reputation rested on repeated team-level results, not solely on the biography of its founder. **See Exhibit E.**

4. Independent Media and Elite-Athlete Recognition

Independent combat-sports media identifies Zenith athletes as elite competitors. Graciemag, for example, described Amy Campo as a "Zenith star" when reporting her world-title performance. FloGrappling devoted professional coverage to Zenith athletes and championship performances. Such evidence demonstrates that the team and its athletes were recognized within the specialized professional audience of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

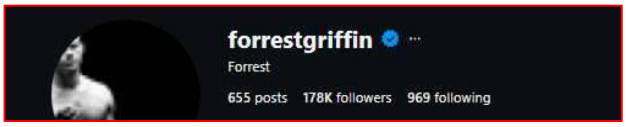
Current ADCC champion in the over 60kg category, Amy Campo reigned supreme in the middleweight division. In the final, the American submitted Melissa Stricker with a rear-naked choke. The Zenith star won gold in her first No-Gi World Championship as a black belt. In the heavyweight division, Andressa Cintra, from Gracie Barra, took first place by submitting Thalyta Lima with a heel hook. Luciana Mota and Letícia Cardozo closed out the super heavyweight final.

Zenith's Newest Black Belt, Amy Campo Submitted Her Way To Double Gold At Worlds

View All 2021 World Jiu-Jitsu IBJJF Championship

Dec 10, 2021 by Corey Stockton

Forrest Griffin provides particularly important independent testimony. Mr. Griffin is a former UFC Light Heavyweight Champion, the winner of the first season of The Ultimate Fighter, a UFC Hall of Fame member, a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belt under Robert Drysdale, and an experienced athlete-development executive. Based on his long relationship with Mr. Drysdale and knowledge of elite training environments, he explains that Zenith developed a reputation through technical standards, competitive athletes, quality instruction, longevity in Las Vegas, and its relevance to both Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and MMA.

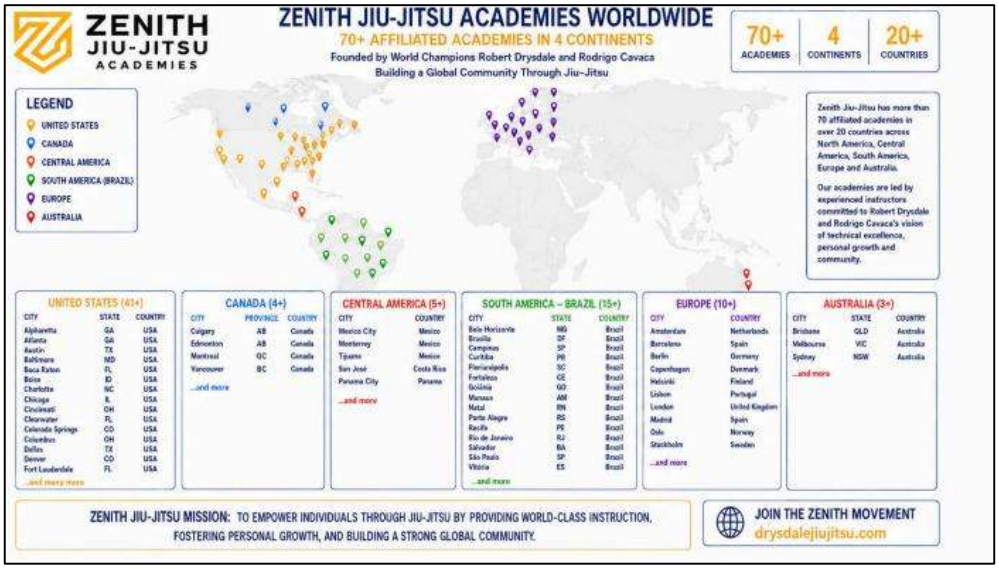


Frank Mir likewise explains that Zenith was a serious competitive room whose standards he knew both through his own UFC preparation under Mr. Drysdale and through his daughter's training at the academy. Amy Campo and Nicklas Hartman provide the complementary perspective of championship-level athletes who experienced the room from within. **See Exhibits C and E.**

5. International Footprint and Institutional Identity

The evidence concerning Zenith's affiliated academies and locations in the United States and abroad supports its reach beyond a single local training facility. Robert Drysdale explains that, before the petition was filed, Zenith had developed an institutional identity through affiliated academies, competitors, instructors, seminars, and a shared technical culture. **See Exhibits C and E.**

The Petitioner relies on documentary evidence of affiliated locations only to the extent it corroborates relationships, locations, and institutional activity existing on or before July 18, 2024. Current online listings are not offered, standing alone, to establish that every presently identified location was already affiliated with Zenith by the filing date. Instead, they corroborate Mr. Drysdale's sworn explanation of the network and institutional structure that Zenith had developed during the relevant pre-filing period.



6. The Evidence Establishes Zenith's Reputation Independently of Robert Drysdale's Personal Fame

USCIS's concern was that the earlier record established Mr. Drysdale's reputation but not necessarily Zenith's. The new record directly addresses that distinction. Mr. Drysdale's achievements provide relevant historical context, but the Motion does not stop there. Zenith's own reputation is demonstrated by its 2021 community recognition, history on the IBJJF circuit, approximately 1,490 competitors reflected in third-party data, repeated world champions, professional-media coverage, international affiliates, long-standing Las Vegas presence, and independent testimony from UFC champions and world-class grapplers.

Considering the declarations, contemporaneous publications, pre-filing competition results, community recognition, professional-media coverage, and evidence of Zenith's established institutional activity together, **it is more likely than not that Zenith possessed a distinguished reputation on or before July 18, 2024**. See Exhibits C, D, and E. **The sole deficiency identified in the RFE and denial has therefore been cured**, and the already-recognized leadership role satisfies 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3)(viii).

VI. RECOGNITION OF EITHER DISPUTED CRITERION REQUIRES A FINAL MERITS DETERMINATION

A. The Petitioner Satisfies the Antecedent Evidentiary Threshold

USCIS has already recognized awards and judging. Recognition of either published material or leading or critical role therefore establishes at least three regulatory criteria. Recognition of both provides an even stronger evidentiary basis. Under the two-step framework, USCIS must then evaluate all evidence together to determine whether Ms. Borges has sustained national or international acclaim and has risen to the top of her field.

B. The Totality Demonstrates Sustained Acclaim Rather Than an Isolated Achievement

Ms. Borges's record reflects sustained excellence across years, belt levels, and major events. Before the filing date she had accumulated repeated podium finishes and championships in IBJJF World No-Gi, World Master, Pan, American National, Brazilian, South American, and international open competitions. USCIS has already found that her prizes satisfy the awards criterion. Her record is therefore not based on local participation awards or a single favorable season.

The judging finding adds a different form of recognition: Zenith trusted her to evaluate the work of other competitors and athletes. The published material demonstrates public recognition beyond tournament results. Her critical role at Zenith shows that her expertise was relied upon to develop other athletes, lead training, maintain technical standards, and represent an established organization. These are mutually reinforcing indicators of acclaim.

C. Recognition by Accomplished Figures Is Consistent with the Objective Record

The declarations are not substitutes for objective evidence; they explain its significance. Robert Drysdale, Amy Campo, Nicklas Hartman, Frank Mir, and Forrest Griffin describe Ms. Borges or Zenith from distinct perspectives grounded in championship-level experience. Their accounts are corroborated by dated publications, competition results, BJJ Metrics data, Best of Las Vegas recognition, media coverage, and the USCIS findings already made in awards and judging.

The declarants' current retirement or change of affiliation does not diminish the probative value of their pre-filing observations. In several instances it strengthens independence: they are not merely present subordinates repeating an employer's position. Their careers establish the expertise necessary to understand the significance of elite training, coaching, competition preparation, and institutional reputation in combat sports.

D. Ms. Borges's Acclaim Was Sustained as of the Filing Date

The Motion grounds eligibility in facts existing by July 18, 2024. Earlier titles, published profiles, 2021 and 2023 training examples, coaching relationships beginning in 2022, 2022 and 2023 team championship publications, the 2021 Best of Las Vegas recognition, and years of Zenith competitive activity establish the relevant pre-filing foundation. Later-created declarations and

database captures document those facts. To the extent the record reflects later competitive success, it may corroborate continuity, but the Petitioner does not depend on later achievements to create eligibility on the filing date.

E. The Preponderance Standard Is Satisfied

At minimum, the complete record makes it more likely than not that Ms. Borges had sustained national and international recognition, belonged to the small percentage of athletes who had risen to the top of competitive Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, and was relied upon as a technical leader within an academy possessing a distinguished reputation. **See Exhibits B through E.** *Matter of Chawathe* requires no greater showing. The evidence is consistent across independent witnesses, contemporaneous publications, objective competition data, media coverage, and USCIS's own favorable findings.

VII. CONCLUSION AND REQUESTED RELIEF

For the foregoing reasons, the Petitioner respectfully requests that USCIS:

1. grant the Motion to Reconsider the published-material determination;
2. grant the Motion to Reopen to consider the new declarations and documentary evidence of preexisting facts;
3. recognize that the Petitioner satisfies 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3)(iii) and/or 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3)(viii);
4. determine that the Petitioner satisfies at least three antecedent evidentiary criteria;
5. conduct the final merits determination based on the complete record; and
6. approve the Form I-140, or, in the alternative, reopen the proceeding and issue a new decision after considering the record and motion evidence under the correct legal standards.

The Petitioner does not ask USCIS to create eligibility from later events. She asks USCIS to correct its analysis of evidence that was already in the record and to consider new documentation of facts that existed when the petition was filed. Those two independent bases satisfy 8 C.F.R. § 103.5 and warrant reopening, reconsideration, and approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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June 17, 2026

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RE: SALUA SILVA BORGES
I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker

PREMIUM PROCESSING

Your Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker, has been denied for the following reason(s):

See Attachment

If you disagree with this decision, you may appeal to the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) by filing a Notice of Appeal or Motion (Form I-290B) within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter, 33 calendar days if this letter is mailed.

Alternatively, you may use Form I-290B to submit a motion to reopen or reconsider. For the latest information on filing location, fee, and other requirements, please review the Form I-290B instructions at http://www.uscis.gov/forms, call our USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283, or visit your local USCIS office. If USCIS does not receive a properly filed appeal or motion, this decision will become final.

This decision does not prevent you from filing any petition or application in the future.

Sincerely,

Carrie M. Selby
Associate Director, Service Center Operations

ATTACHMENT

Reference is made to this Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker, seeking E11 immigrant classification as an individual of extraordinary ability for Salua Silva Borges (petitioner/beneficiary), filed on her own behalf on July 18, 2024. After a review of the petition and all of the supporting evidence, it is the decision of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to deny Form I-140.

The beneficiary intends to work as Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu competitor in the field of Athletics.

INA Section 203(b)(1)(A) defines an "alien with extraordinary ability" in the following terms:

> --An alien is described in this subparagraph if-
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> i. The alien has extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics which has been demonstrated by sustained national or international acclaim and whose achievements have been recognized in the field through extensive documentation,
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> ii. The alien seeks to enter the United States to continue work in the area of extraordinary ability, and
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> iii. The alien's entry into the United States will substantially benefit prospectively the United States.

Title 8, Code of Federal Regulations (8 CFR), Section 204.5(h)(2) defines "extraordinary ability" as:

> A level of expertise indicating that the individual is one of that small percentage who has risen to the very top of the field of endeavor.

USCIS and the legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) have consistently recognized that Congress intended to limit the classification to individuals seeking immigrant visas in the extraordinary ability classification. See 56 Federal Register 60897, 69898-99 (Nov. 29, 1991).

Title 8 CFR, Section 204.5(h)(3) indicates that an individual can establish sustained national or international acclaim through evidence of a one-time achievement (that is, a major, internationally recognized award). Barring the individual's receipt of such an award, the regulation outlines ten criteria, at least three of which must be satisfied for an individual to establish the sustained acclaim necessary to qualify as an individual of extraordinary ability. The criteria are outlined below.

> (i) Documentation of the alien's receipt of lesser nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards for excellence in the field of endeavor;
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> (ii) Documentation of the alien's membership in associations in the field for which classification is sought, which require outstanding achievements of their members, as judged by recognized national or international experts in their disciplines or fields;
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> (iii) Published material about the alien in professional or major trade publications or other major media, relating to the alien's work in the field for which classification is sought. Such evidence shall include the title, date, and author of the material, and any necessary translation;
>
> (iv) Evidence of the alien's participation, either individually or on a panel, as a judge of the work of others in the same or an allied field of specialization for which classification is

sought;

(v) Evidence of the alien's original scientific, scholarly, artistic, athletic, or business-related contributions of major significance in the field;

(vi) Evidence of the alien's authorship of scholarly articles in the field, in professional or major trade publications or other major media;

(vii) Evidence of the display of the alien's work in the field at artistic exhibitions or showcases;

(viii) Evidence that the alien has performed in a leading or critical role for organizations or establishments that have a distinguished reputation;

(ix) Evidence that the alien has commanded a high salary or other significantly high remuneration for services, in relation to others in the field; or

(x) Evidence of commercial successes in the performing arts, as shown by box office receipts or record, cassette, compact disk, or video sales.

Additionally, 8 CFR 204.5(h)(4) states, "If the above standards do not readily apply to the beneficiary's occupation, the petitioner may submit comparable evidence to establish the beneficiary's eligibility."

In reviewing this petition, USCIS will first consider the evidence in relation to the plain language of the above criteria. If the individual has received a one-time achievement (a major internationally recognized award) or meets at least three criteria, USCIS will then consider the evidence in the context of a final merits determination. However, the fact that an individual meets the minimum requirement of providing required initial evidence does not, in itself, establish that the individual is one of the small percentage who have risen to the very top of the field of endeavor, and that the beneficiary has sustained national or international acclaim in the field. See *Kazarian v. USCIS*, 596 F. 3d 1115 (9th Cir. 2010).

The petitioner has provided documentation under the following regulatory areas:

- Receipt of lesser nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards for excellence in the field of endeavor.
- Membership in associations in the field for which classification is sought. The association must require outstanding achievements of their members, as judged by recognized national or international experts in their disciplines or fields.
- Published material about the alien in professional, major trade publications-or major media, relating to their work for which classification is sought. Must include the title, date, and author of the material.
- Participation, either individually or on a panel, as a judge of the work of others in the same or an allied field of specialization for which classification is sought.
- Original scientific, scholarly, artistic, athletic, or business-related contributions of major significance in the field.
- Performed in a leading or critical role for organizations or establishments that have a distinguished reputation.

On March 5, 2026, USCIS issued a Request For Evidence ("RFE") seeking further documentation of issues noted on the RFE. The petitioner's response was received on June 3, 2026, and has been added to the record.

I. Analysis of Criteria

The evidence does not show that the beneficiary has received a major, internationally recognized prize or award. As a result, the evidence must demonstrate that the beneficiary has fulfilled at least three of the ten criteria listed in the regulations. USCIS will analyze the evidence that was submitted under each criterion below. (Note: The petitioner does not claim that the beneficiary meets the regulatory criteria not discussed in this decision.)

Evidence of the beneficiary's receipt of lesser nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards for excellence in the field of endeavor

The petitioner submitted:

- List of tournament placements – name of athlete is not shown;
- Certificate of receiving black belt;
- IBJJ letter;
- Photos with the awards

Both the IBJJ letter and the photos show the petitioner's most current wins at the: 2nd place - 2022 World IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu No-Gi Championship; 1st place – 2023 American National IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship (Super Heavy); 1st place – 2023 American National IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship (Open Class); 1st place - 2023 American National IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu No-Fi Championship (Super heavy); 1st place - 2023 American National IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu No-Fi Championship (Open Class); 1st place - 2022 American National IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu No-Fi Championship (Super heavy); Other awards won in 2018 / 2019 / 2020 / 2021;

The plain language of this criterion requires evidence (1) of the beneficiary's receipt of a prize or award, (2) that the prize or award is in beneficiary's field, (3) that the prize or award is recognized nationally or internationally, and (4) that the award or prize is for excellence in the field of endeavor. The petitioner must satisfy all of these elements to meet the plain language requirements of this criterion.

The evidence submitted demonstrate the petitioner's receipt of numerous awards, however, the there is no objective evidence to determine the awards are nationally/internationally recognized outside of the IBJJ organization.

The plain language of this criterion has not been met.

In response to the RFE the petitioner submitted:

- A Top 3 Master 1-7 NO-GI Rankings 2024 – 2025: Master Female Black Belt Overall the petitioner is ranked under Master 2 as 1st of 3.
- IBJJ profile page – there is not name noted, an unclear photo of what is probably the page

owner is shown;

- IBJJF letter which states the petitioner has won:
    - 2025, World IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu No-Gi Championship – 1st place in Master 2, Black Belt;
    - 2024, World IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu No-Gi Championship – 1st place in Master 2, Black Belt, Open class;
    - 2024, World IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu No-Gi Championship – 1st place in Master 2, Black Belt, Super Hvy;
    - 2023, World IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu No-Gi Championship – 1st place in Master 2, Black Belt, Super Hvy;
    - Several 1st – 3rd place awards won in the World IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu No-Gi Championship as a purple and brown belt between 2018 and 2023;
    - 2025, American National IBJJ Jiu-Jitsu Championship – 1st place in Master 2, Black Belt, Super Hvy;
    - 2025, American National IBJJ Jiu-Jitsu Championship – 2nd place in Master 2, Black Belt, Open Class;
    - 2025, American National IBJJ Jiu-Jitsu No-Gi Championship – 1st place in Master 2, Black Belt, Open Class;
    - 2025, American National IBJJ Jiu-Jitsu No-Gi Championship – 1st place in Master 2, Black Belt, Super Hvy;
    - Several 1st – 3rd place awards won in the American National IBJJ Jiu-Jitsu as a purple and brown belt between 2018 and 2023;

Marcio Antonio Pires Junior, Head Coach, Alicate BJJ – indicates he has trained alongside the petitioner and states her championship record constitutes nationally and internationally recognized prizes for excellence in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

The plain language of this criterion has been met.

Documentation of the beneficiary's membership in associations in the field for which classification is sought, which require outstanding achievements of their members, as judged by recognized national or international experts in their disciplines or fields

The petitioner submitted:

- IBJJ membership;
- USBJJF membership;

The plain language of this criterion requires evidence (1) of membership in associations, (2) that the associations are in the beneficiary's field, (3) that the associations require outstanding achievements of their members, and (4) that membership eligibility is judged by recognized national or international

experts in their field.

Evidence must demonstrate that the association requires outstanding achievement as an essential condition for admission to membership. Requirements that only include employment or activity in a given field; minimum education, experience, or achievement; recommendations by colleagues or current members; or payment of dues do not satisfy this criterion since these requirements do not constitute outstanding achievements.

The plain language of this criterion has not been met.

The petitioner did not submit additional evidence in support of this criterion, a public search found that membership requires payment and allows for one year of membership; participation in official events; and athlete and competition history.

The plain language of this criterion has not been met.

Published material about the beneficiary in professional or major trade publications or other major media, relating to the beneficiary's work in the field for which classification is sought. Such evidence shall include the title, date, and author of the material, and any necessary translation

The petitioner submitted:

- Articles which do not include the publication, name of author, and/or date of article;
- SimilarWeb information about extra.globo.com; uol.com.br; terra.com.br;
- Rede TV information source unknown;

The plain language of this criterion requires evidence (1) of published material, (2) that the published material contains the title, date, and author of the material, and any necessary translation, (3) that the published material is about the beneficiary relating to the beneficiary's work in the field, and (4) that the published material qualifies as professional or major trade publications or other major media. The petitioner must satisfy all of these elements to meet the plain language requirements of this criterion.

In evaluating whether a submitted publication is a professional publication, major trade publication, or major media, relevant factors include the intended audience (for professional and major trade publications) and the relative circulation, readership, or viewership (for major trade publications and other major media).

The articles submitted do not include the publication and/or author and/or date of article as required in the plain language of this criterion. SimilarWeb information was submitted as indicated, however, as the articles publisher is not shown, the information is not considered at this time.

The plain language of this criterion has not been met.

The petitioner did not submit additional evidence in support of this criterion

Evidence of the beneficiary's participation, either individually or on a panel, as a judge of the work of others in the same or allied field

The petitioner submitted a letter:

Robert Drysdale, CEO and Founder, Zenith Jiu-Jitsu Academy:

The letter from the CEO indicates the petitioner has participated as a judge in some Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu competitions which he indicates they are beyond her duties as coach. The petitioner states the petitioner's 'plays an essential role in selecting athletes for competitions' and goes on to state her 'judgement is crucial in preparing our team for success in both national and international events'.

He indicates the petitioner also serves as a judge in the in-house tournaments hosted by Zenith, 'Salua Borges' judgment during these tournaments is informed by her intimate knowledge of each athlete's strength, weaknesses, and technical capabilities'. The author indicates the petitioner evaluates and provides constructive feedback to athletes. The letter goes on to stated the petitioner has been invited to judge at various regional and national Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu competitions outside of the IBJJF circuit.'

The plain language of this criterion requires evidence (1) of the beneficiary's participation, either individually or on a panel (official capacity) as a judge, and (2) that the beneficiary judge the work of others in the same or an allied field. The petitioner must satisfy all of these elements to meet the plain language requirements of this criterion.

Simply going on record without substantive evidence to support assertions, is not sufficient. See Matter of Treasure Craft of California, 14 I&N Dec. 190 (BIA 1972). Furthermore, you did not provide independent and objective evidence to verify that you participated either individually or on a panel, as a judge of the work of others in the same or an allied field of endeavor.

The plain language of this criterion has not been met.

The petitioner did not submit additional evidence in support of this criterion, however, further

review finds the petitioner has served as a judge for the tournaments hosted by Zenith.

The plain language of this criterion has been met.

Evidence of the beneficiary's original scientific, scholarly, artistic, athletic, or business-related contributions of major significance in the field

The petitioner's statement states her original contributions are:

- Revolutionized training methods;
- Tailored technique Jiu-Jitsu special needs children;
- Mastery of guard passing technique;
- Letter from Zenith Jiu-Jitsu Academy,
- Other Letters;

Robert Drysdale, CEO and Founder, Zenith Jiu-Jitsu Academy:

The letter from the CEO indicates the petitioner 'developed a comprehensive curriculum specifically designed to cater to the sensory, cognitive, and social needs of children with ASD'. He indicates the petitioner developed and oversees all aspects of the implementation.

An independent search of the academy at https://drysdalejiujitsu.com/programs, found no information

about the special needs program within the academy.

Sarah Cook, Caregiver, Nanny's to Granny's:

The author indicates she is the caregiver for a young boy diagnosed with severe autism and was nonverbal. The caregiver indicates that once his training with the petitioner started they saw 'incredible and transformative changes' in his development. The caregiver indicates the petitioner's unique approach to coaching provides an 'unexpected but profoundly effective means of therapy and development' for the child.

Luciana Rodrigues de Oliveria, Mother of student:

The author indicates the petitioner coaches her son who has been diagnosed with ADHD. The letter states that through the petitioner's training sessions, her son's self-esteem has improved and he has learned to direct his attention better which helped in school and daily life.

Letters of this kind can help to explain the nature of your contributions but, should be supported with corroborating documentary evidence to establish the major significance of those contributions. The record does not show that the writers' views represent the consensus within that field.

The letters from Ricardo Liborio and Roberto Godoi, Jiu-Jitsu fighters and coach/instructor, speak on the petitioner's accomplishments as a competitor in Jiu-Jitsu sports. The letter does not provide specific detail examples of how the beneficiary's contributions have been of major significance to the field.

The letter from Marcelo Glorenco Nunes, shows the signature page appears different than the rest of the letter.

The plain language of this criterion requires evidence (1) of the beneficiary's contributions related to scientific, scholarly, artistic or business fields, (2) that the beneficiary's contribution is original, and (3) that the beneficiary's original contribution has been of major significance. The petitioner must satisfy all of these elements to meet the plain language requirements of this criterion.

According to the petitioner's statement she revolutionized training methods and tailored her technique for special needs children. The evidence does not detail her revolutionized training method, additionally, there was no evidence to show her adjustment of technique when working with the special needs children is original.

Furthermore, the contributions must rise to the level of major significance in the field as a whole, rather than to a project or to an organization. Major significance in the field may be shown through evidence that your work has been widely accepted and implemented throughout the field, have remarkably impacted or influenced the field, or have otherwise risen to a level of major significance in the

The plain language of this criterion has not been met.

The petitioner did not submit additional evidence in support of this criterion.

Evidence that the beneficiary has performed in a leading or critical role for organizations or

establishments that have a distinguished reputation

The petitioner submitted:

Robert Drysdale, CEO and Founder, Zenith Jiu-Jitsu Academy:

The letter from the CEO indicates the petitioner's leadership is 'integral to maintaining our institution's esteemed reputation within the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu community'. The petitioner's leadership extends beyond her individual accomplishments as an athlete to encompass her role as mentor and coach'.

The plain language of this criterion requires evidence (1) that the beneficiary performed a role for an organization or establishment (2) that the role beneficiary role is/was leading or critical, and (3) that the beneficiary's leading or critical role is/was for an organization or establishment with a distinguished reputation. The petitioner must satisfy all of these elements to meet the plain language requirements of this criterion.

The letter from Zenith Jiu-Jitsu Academy establishes the leadership role which the CEO states the petitioner has held, however, aside from the CEO's statement there was no evidence of the organization's distinguished reputation.

The plain language of this criterion has not been met.

The petitioner did not submit additional evidence in support of this criterion.

II. Final Merits Analysis

Upon review, USCIS finds that the beneficiary has not received a one-time achievement (a major internationally recognized award) or does not meet at least three of the ten criteria. Since the petitioner has not established by a preponderance of the evidence that the beneficiary meets at least three of the antecedent evidentiary prongs, USCIS will not conduct a final merits determination to determine whether the beneficiary has reached a level of expertise indicating that the beneficiary is one of that small percentage who have risen to the top of the field of endeavor, and whether the beneficiary has sustained acclaim.

Therefore, USCIS does not find the beneficiary to be an individual of extraordinary ability.

Pursuant to Section 291 of the INA, whenever any person makes an application for an immigration benefit, they shall bear the burden of proof to establish eligibility. Accordingly, the petitioner must prove by a preponderance of the evidence, in other words, that it is more likely than not, that the beneficiary is fully qualified for the benefit sought. See *Matter of E-M-*, 20 I&N Dec. 77 (Comm'r. 1989). After a careful review and analysis of all evidence within the record, USCIS finds that the petitioner has not established eligibility for the benefit sought. As a result, USCIS is denying this Form I-140 petition.

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Exhibit B — Published-Material Evidence Previously Submitted

After 4 gold medals at the American National of Jiu-Jitsu, Brazilian aims for new challenges

Salua Borges was champion of the North American event in 2019, 2021, 2022 and 2023
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A brown belt from the Zenith BJJ team, Brazilian Salua Borges was one of the highlights of the IBJJF American National of Jiu-Jitsu, held in early July in Las Vegas (USA). With a gala performance, Salua secured four gold medals, winning weight category and absolute division (Gi & No-Gi) in master 2, increasing her collection of titles.

The achievement, however, was not a first for her, who for the fourth year in a row (2019, 2021, 2022 and 2023), won all four golds in the event. Excited for the next steps, Salua Borges praised her dedication, determination and technique in the pursuit of more positive results.

"I feel grateful. This success is the result of my dedication to training since childhood. In addition, it is necessary to prepare physically and mentally to compete in several categories, quite a challenge. Therefore, the mind is decisive to win, dealing with pressure and overcoming difficulties, turning them into fuel."

In addition to training, the master 2 brown belt - who has been standing out in the IBJJF rankings - mentioned the importance of the support of her team, Zenith BJJ, to continue evolving within Jiu-Jitsu and, soon, reach the desired black belt.

"Winning four American National titles in a row is a rare thing. For me the secret is to constantly evolve, improve my competition game, put myself in challenging situations in training, strengthen my ability to adapt to the unexpected. Keeping focus and confidence is also key, "said Salua Borges, who added:

"The American National was just the beginning. I want to stay at the top of the IBJJF No-Gi ranking and rise to the top of the kimono ranking (I'm sixth). I still plan to compete in the World Masters in August and the Pan No-Gi in September. I will show all Jiu-Jitsu practitioners that with dedication, determination and technique it is possible to achieve success in such a competitive sport."

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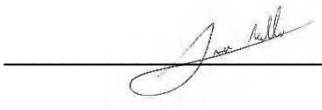

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Salua Borges domina sua categoria no American National — Foto: Arquivo pessoal/Salua Borges

Faixa-marrom da equipe Zenith BJJ, a brasileira Salua Borges foi um dos grandes destaques do American National de Jiu-Jitsu da IBJJF, realizado no início de julho, em Las Vegas (EUA). Com uma atuação de gala, Salua garantiu quatro medalhas de ouro, vencendo peso e absoluto (Gi & No-Gi) no master 2, aumentando sua coleção de títulos.

O feito, porém, não foi inédito para ela, que pelo quarto ano seguido (2019, 2021, 2022 e 2023), conquistou os quatro ouros no evento. Animada para os próximos passos, Salua Borges exaltou sua dedicação, determinação e técnica na busca por mais resultados positivos.

"Me sinto grata. Esse sucesso é fruto da minha dedicação em treinos

desde a infância. Além disso, é preciso se preparar fisicamente e mentalmente para competir em várias categorias, um desafio e tanto. Por isso, a parte mental é decisiva para vencer, lidando com a pressão e superando dificuldades, transformando elas em combustível".

Além dos treinamentos, a faixa-marrom master 2 - que vem se destacando nos rankings da IBJJF - citou a importância do apoia da sua equipe, Zenith BJJ, para seguir evoluindo dentro do Jiu-Jitsu e, em breve, alcançar a cobiçada faixa preta.

"Conquistar quatro títulos no American National de forma consecutiva é uma raridade. Pra mim o segredo é evoluir constantemente, aprimorar meu jogo de competição, me colocar em situações desafiadoras nos treinos, fortalecer minha habilidade de adaptação ao inesperado. Ter foco e confiança também é fundamental", disse Salua Borges, que completou:

"O American National foi apenas o começo. Quero me manter no topo do ranking No-Gi da IBJJF e ascender ao primeiro lugar do ranking de quimono (sou a sexta). Ainda projeto competir o Mundial Master, em agosto, e o Pan No-Gi, em setembro. Vou mostrar para todos os praticantes de Jiu-Jitsu que com dedicação, determinação e técnica é possível alcançar o sucesso em um esporte tão competitivo".

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In great phase in Jiu-Jitsu, Salua Borges projects upcoming competitions; learn more

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With participation in the most important international and national Jiu-Jitsu tournaments, the fighter Salua Borges, current Pan American champion in her category, collects titles, but does not stop dedicating herself to the gentle art and has been training hard for the next challenges, as she tells Next.

"My training routine is quite heavy. I practice in three shifts, in the morning and evening the technical part, and in the afternoon the physical preparation. I can't relax. Whenever I enter a competition it is to do my best. In the USA there is a better structure, a much higher level of training, and since I started training here, I've evolved a lot technically."

The USA hosts the biggest Jiu-Jitsu competitions in the world today. For Salua, being close to the main events is key for the continuity of her career.

"This year I will compete in the Adult and Master categories of the World Championship, the Pan American tournament and in some Catch Weight fights, and in international events that I have already been invited to. It will be a year full of challenges and I will be prepared", she concluded.

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Com participação nos mais importantes torneios de Jiu-Jitsu internacionais e nacionais, a lutadora Salua Borges, atual campeã Pan Americana em sua categoria, coleciona títulos, mas não para de se dedicar à arte suave e vem treinando forte para os próximos desafios, como conta a seguir.

"Minha rotina de treino é bastante pesada. Treino em três turnos, de manhã e à noite a parte técnica e à tarde a preparação física. Não posso relaxar. Sempre que entro em uma competição, é para dar o meu melhor. Nos EUA eu tenho mais estrutura, um nível bem superior de treinos, desde que comecei a treinar aqui, evoluí muito tecnicamente.

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Nos EUA acontecem as maiores competições de Jiu-Jitsu do mundo atualmente. Para Salua, estar perto dos principais eventos é fundamental para a continuidade da carreira.

"Esse ano vou competir no Mundial Adulto e Master, Pan-Americano e em algumas lutas casadas, em eventos internacionais que já tenho o convite. Vai ser um ano repleto de desafios e vou estar preparada", finalizou.

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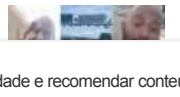

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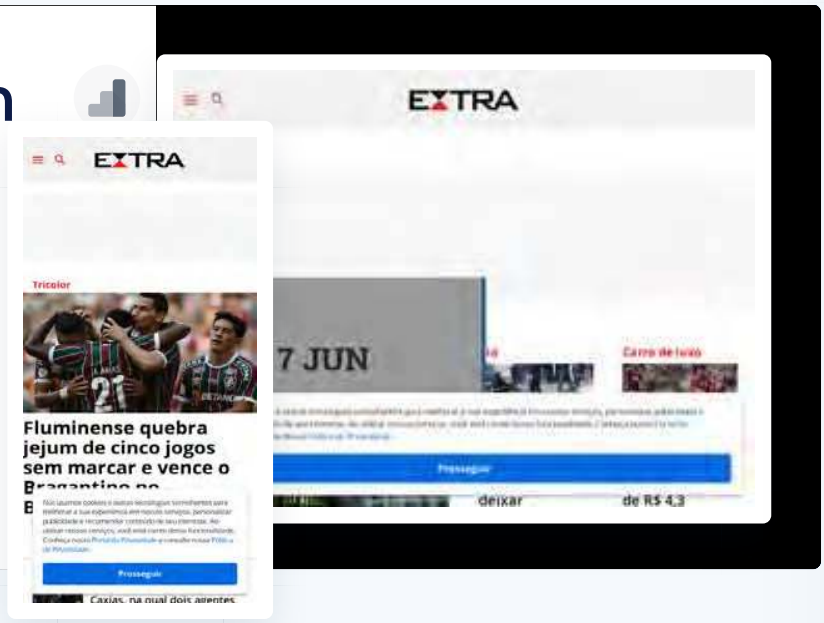

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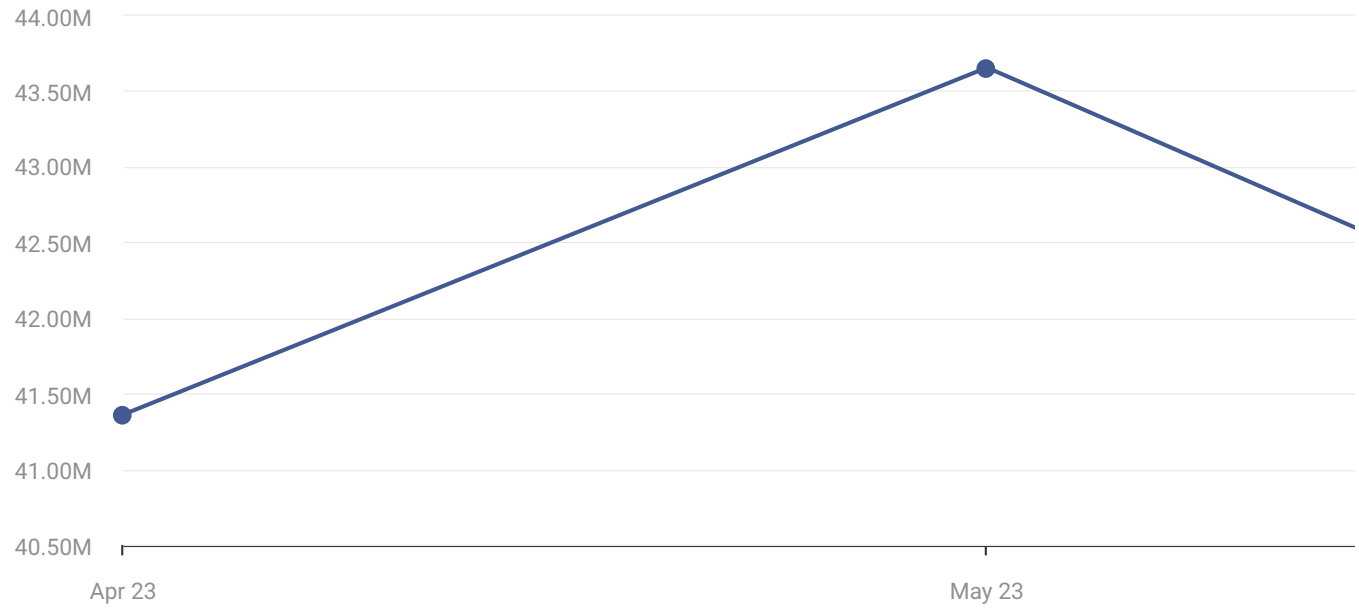

Geography

Top countries

Apr 2023 - Jun 2023 All traffic

Country	Traffic Share	Change
Brazil	95.64%	↓ 5.54%
United States	1.13%	↓ 11.81%
India	0.65%	↓ 27.23%
Portugal	0.44%	↓ 28.94%
Japan	0.20%	↑ 32.50%

Marketing Channels

Channels overview

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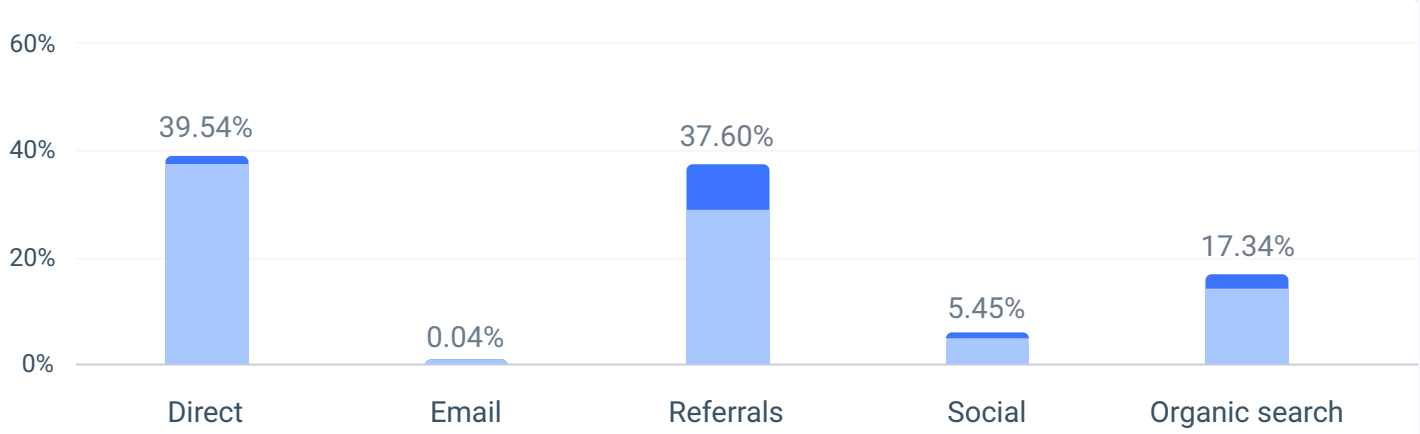

Organic Search

Organic search makes up **20.86%** of website traffic

Branded vs. non-branded

Apr 2023 - Jun 2023 Worldwide Desktop

Top organic search terms

Apr 2023 - Jun 2023 Worldwide Desktop

jornal extra	5.32%	↓ 13.7
neymar	1.57%	↑ 654.8
extra jornal	0.51%	↑ 14.8

Paid Search

Paid search makes up **<1%** of website traffic

Top search ads

Jun 2023 Worldwide Desktop

Top paid search terms

Apr 2023 - Jun 2023 Worldwide Desktop

grid.upgrade	61.33%	↓ 100.0
grid.upgrade	34.12%	↓ 100.0

Referrals

Referrals makes up **64.57%** of website traffic

Top referring websites

Apr 2023 - Jun 2023 Worldwide Desktop

Domain	Share	Change
globo.com	99.78%	↓ 12.06%
wikipedia.org	0.05%	↓ 62.96%
extranet.cservi...	0.01%	-
knewin.com	0.01%	-
bandab.com.br	0.01%	100.00%

Top referring industries

Apr 2023 - Jun 2023 Worldwide Desktop

Website Categories	Traffic Share
News and Media	99.64%
Banking Credit and Lending	0.14%
Dictionaries and Encyclopedias	0.05%
Cooking and Recipes	0.03%
Online Marketing	0.02%

Outgoing Traffic

Top link destinations

Apr 2023 - Jun 2023 | Worldwide | Desktop

Domain	Share	Change
globo.com	83.54%	↓ 21.73%
twitter.com	5.07%	↑ 12.29%
glbimg.com	1.77%	↓ 0.50%
google.com	1.36%	↑ 15.03%
terra.com.br	0.89%	↓ 91.31%

Outgoing Ads

Top ad destinations

Apr 2023 - Jun 2023 | Worldwide | Desktop

Domain	Share	Change
globo.com	31.12%	↓ 12.82%
netshoes.com.br	11.27%	↑ 30.33%
magazineluiza....	5.06%	1,479.17%
tracker.adtools...	2.58%	-
dafiti.com.br	2.53%	-

Social

Social makes up **1.73%** of website traffic

Social traffic

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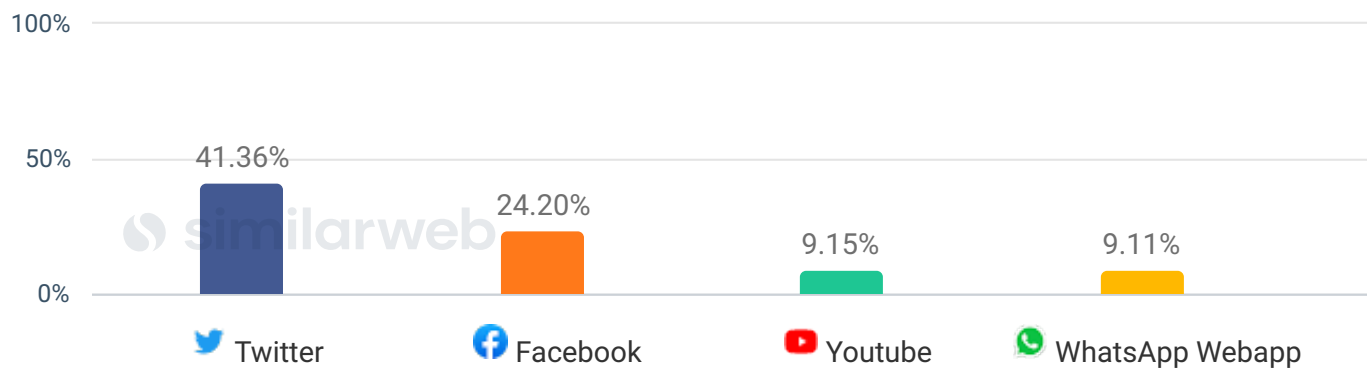

Display Advertising

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Display ad network

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Top publishers

Apr 2023 - Jun 2023 Worldwide Desktop

Publisher	Share	Change
l.facebook.com	68.73%	-
youtube.com	15.72%	-
placar.uol.co...	7.77%	-
bet365.com	7.77%	-

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By: RedeTV editorial
Published: 04/02/2019 - 13:43

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Date: July 27th, 2023

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Total visits

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1.518B

↑ 3.71% from last month

Device distribution

Mar 2023 - May 2023 Worldwide

Desktop 21.57

Mobile Web 78

Global rank	#78
Country rank Brazil	#8
Industry rank News_and_Media	#9

Engagement overview

Mar 2023 - May 2023 Worldwide All Traffic

Monthly visits	506.3M	Visit Duration	00:05:29
Monthly Unique Visitors	82.26M	Pages / Visit	3.65
Deduplicated audience BETA		Bounce Rate	47.62%

Visits over time

Mar 2023 - May 2023 Worldwide All traffic

uol.com.br

1.518B

VS.

terra.com.br	globo.com	estadao.com.br	metropoles.com
243.9M	2.136B	92.53M	196.0M

Geography

Top countries

Mar 2023 - May 2023 All traffic

Country	Traffic Share	Change
Brazil	94.41%	↑ 3.58%
United States	2.19%	↑ 6.60%
Portugal	1.32%	↑ 8.05%
Japan	0.20%	↓ 20.67%
Canada	0.18%	↓ 30.54%

Marketing Channels

Channels overview

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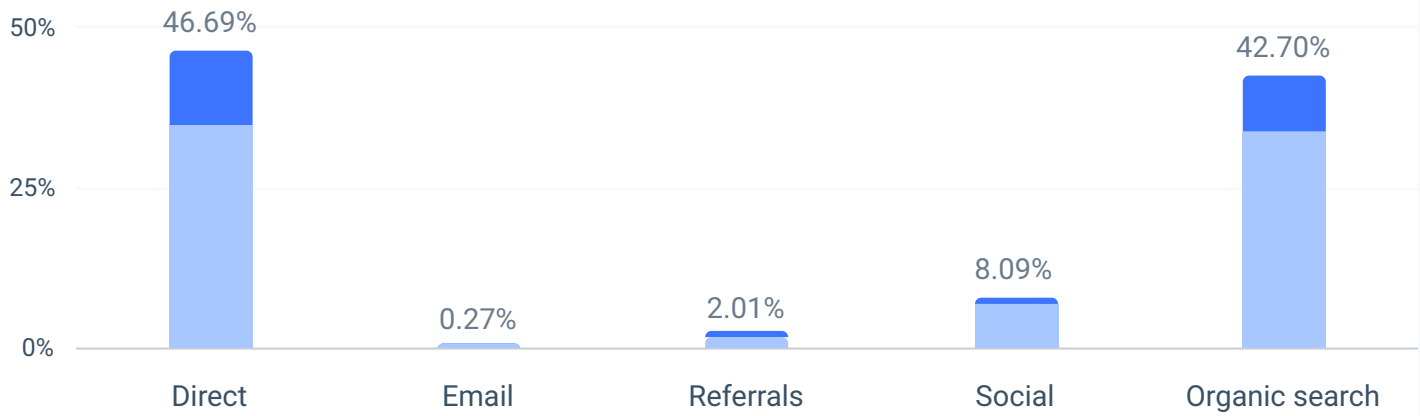

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Top organic search terms

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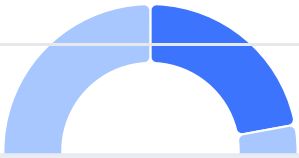

Branded

uol	4.45%	↑ 6.4
pagseguro	0.59%	↑ 6.0
bol	0.56%	↑ 26.0

Paid Search

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Top search ads

May 2023 Worldwide Desktop

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Top paid search terms

Mar 2023 - May 2023 Worldwide Desktop

pagbank	10.42%	↓ 31.4
uol host	5.38%	↓ 3.6
uolhost	4.42%	↑ 92.1
bate papo uol	4.05%	↓ 45.4
batepapo uol	0.55%	↓ 100.0

Referrals

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Top referring websites

Mar 2023 - May 2023 Worldwide Desktop

Domain	Share	Change
email.uolhost.co...	8.35%	↓ 29.65%
pt.wikipedia.org	4.76%	↓ 23.11%
www2.aquidauan...	3.82%	↓ 15.60%
extranet.cservice...	3.47%	↑ 48.25%
info4.com.br	2.61%	↑ 25.07%

Top referring industries

Mar 2023 - May 2023 Worldwide Desktop

Website Categories	Traffic Share
News and Media	13.13%
Search Engines	9.95%
Computers Electronics and Techn	7.47%
Online Marketing	6.67%
Dictionaries and Encyclopedias	5.52%

Outgoing Traffic

Top link destinations

Mar 2023 - May 2023 | Worldwide | Desktop

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email.uolhost.c...	27.45%	↑ 19.41%
instagram.com	7.83%	↑ 13.25%
folha.com.br	6.39%	↓ 6.76%
band.com.br	5.45%	↓ 35.94%
twitter.com	4.93%	↓ 13.34%

Outgoing Ads

Top ad destinations

Mar 2023 - May 2023 | Worldwide | Desktop

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campaign.aliexpr...	10.24%	↑ 30.10%
magazineluiza.co...	7.41%	↓ 27.52%
netshoes.com.br	7.02%	↑ 55.67%
quintoandar.com....	3.62%	↑ 4.06%
produto.mercado...	2.04%	281.50%

Social

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Social traffic

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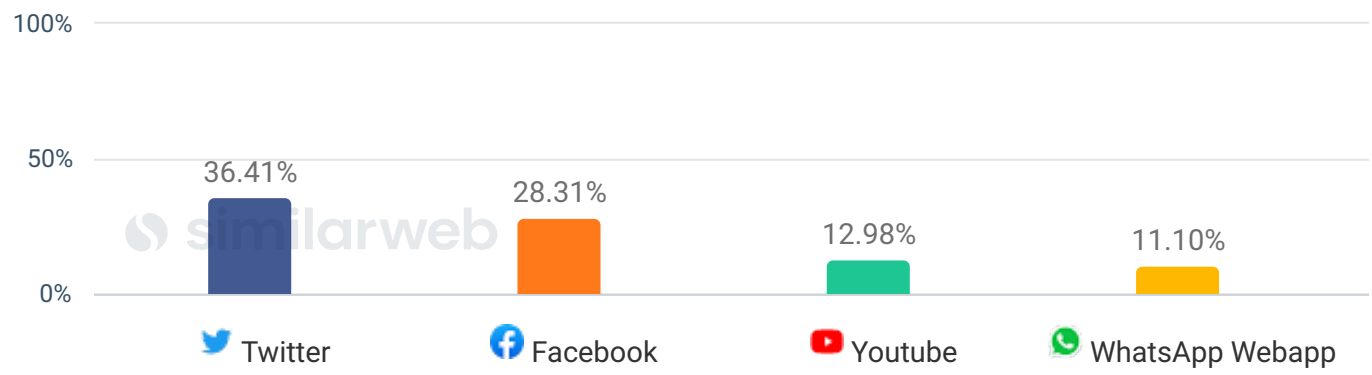

Display Advertising

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Display ad network

Mar 2023 - May 2023 Worldwide Desktop

Top publishers

Mar 2023 - May 2023 Worldwide Desktop

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gastronomiabra...	11.49%	↓ 81.02%
carrinho.ingress...	9.03%	340.26%
shinbhu.net	3.80%	↓ 94.20%
outlook.live.com	3.34%	↓ 14.79%

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By: **TATAME**

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Salua Borges foi campeã em sua categoria na disputa do Pan-Americano da IBJJF (Foto: Arquivo Pessoal)

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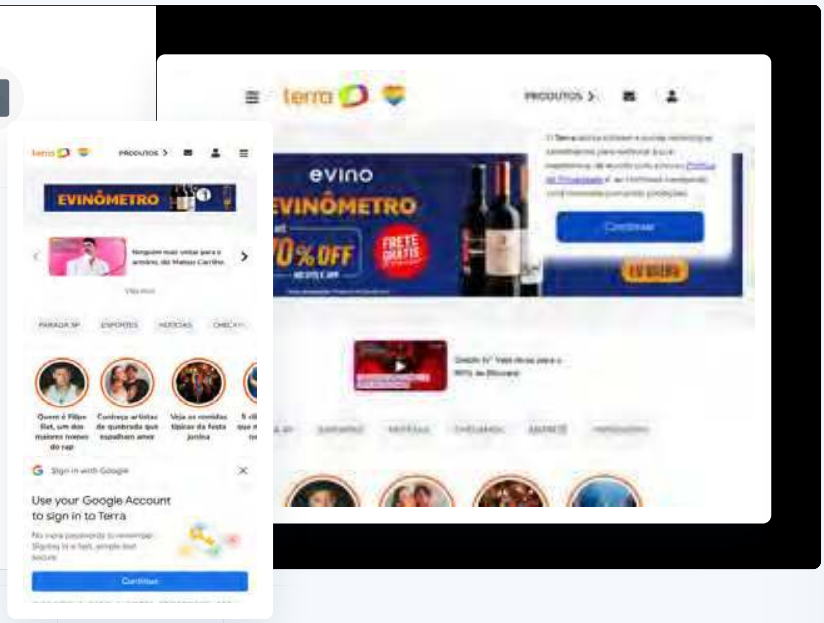

Traffic & Engagement

Total visits

Mar 2023 - May 2023 Worldwide

243.9M

↑ 0.45% from last month

Device distribution

Mar 2023 - May 2023 Worldwide

Desktop 13.77

Mobile Web 8(

Global rank	#707
Country rank Brazil	#34
Industry rank News_and_Media	#111

Engagement overview

Mar 2023 - May 2023 Worldwide All Traffic

Monthly visits	81.31M	Visit Duration	00:03:53
Monthly Unique Visitors	29.78M	Pages / Visit	2.33
Deduplicated audience BETA		Bounce Rate	53.19%

Visits over time

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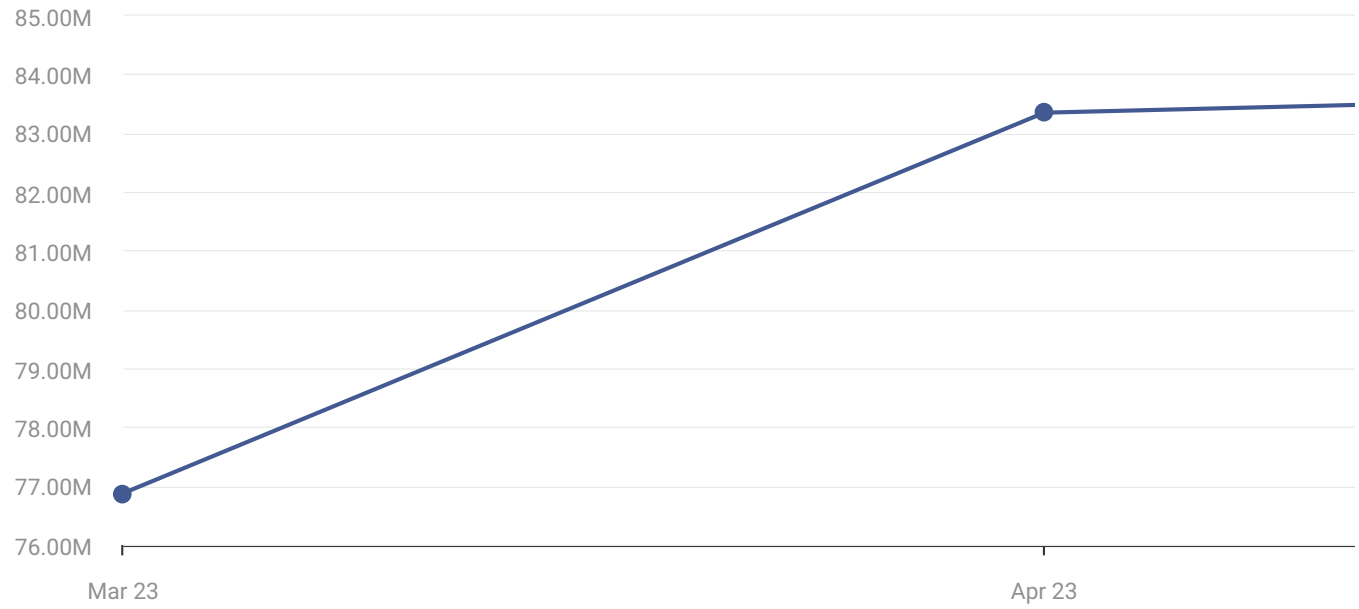

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Top countries

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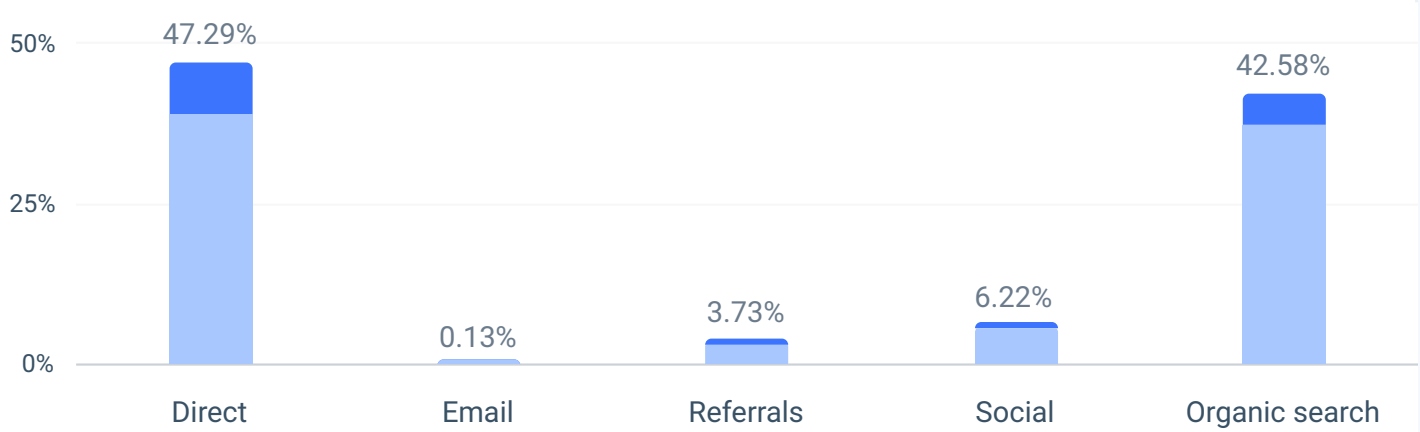

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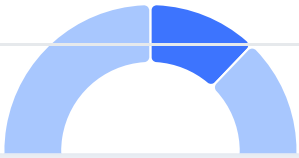

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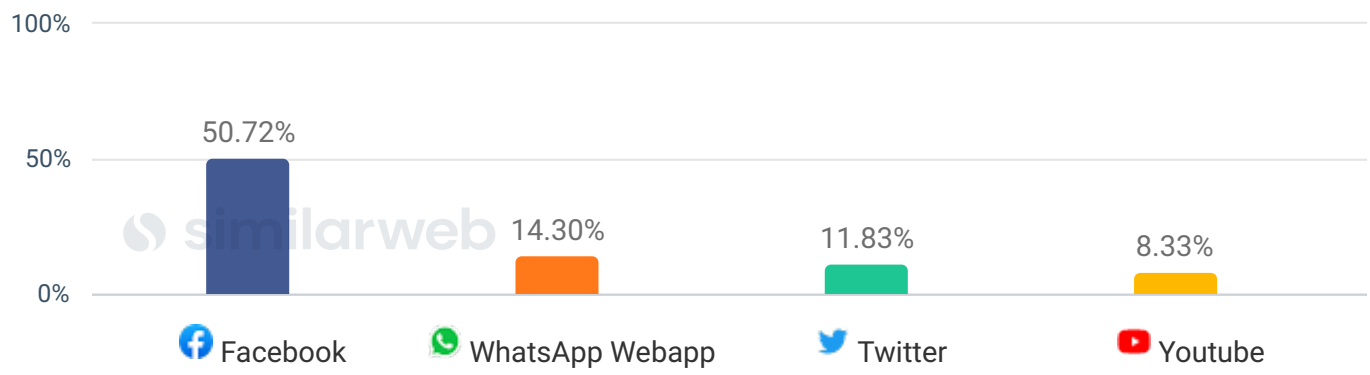

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Salua Borges: Jiu Jitsu Super Athlete Wins Four Gold Medals at the American National

By Angelo Peterson Published July 28th 2023

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Meet the fighter's story and her secrets to success on the mat

In the competitive world of Jiu Jitsu, few athletes manage to stand out as much as Salua Borges. Her most recent achievement is living proof that dedication, persistence, and talent can lead to priceless results.

At the American National, a renowned event in the grappling scene, Salua shone by winning four gold medals for the fourth consecutive time. In this article, we will unveil the secrets of this super athlete and learn about the challenges faced in her brilliant career.

How do you feel about winning four gold medals at the American National for the fourth consecutive time? What were the main challenges you faced to achieve this impressive achievement?

"I feel very happy because I know I am reaping everything I have sown in my life.

There have been many hours of dedication on the mats, ever since I was a child. Technique tends to overcome everything!"

Becoming a champion in four different categories is something extraordinary. How do you prepare yourself physically and mentally to compete in so many categories and maintain high performance in all of them?

"Competition is something that demands a lot from your inner self, from your mindset. I usually say that the mental aspect triumphs over the physical. And I strive to work on both; I have even taken courses for it, but, personally speaking, I have always been good at handling the pressure of competition."

Throughout your career at the American National, there have certainly been moments of adversity. How do you deal with the pressure of high-level competitions, and what motivates you to persist even in the most difficult moments?

"I always remember what got me there and everything I've been through. That boosts me to do my best. After all, difficulties have to serve some purpose LOL."

Winning four consecutive titles is a rare achievement in the world of Jiu-Jitsu.

What are the key aspects of your training and support team that have contributed to your continuous success?

"I always try to work on techniques that can help me in my competition game. I put myself in difficult situations and evolve the position."

During the American National, you must have faced highly skilled opponents. How do you stay focused on your strategy and maintain confidence during crucial matches?

"When I enter a competition, I go to win, I give my best. I keep the focus on myself before and during the competition. I trust in my Jiu-Jitsu and all the work I have done so far with the team."

In addition to the American National, what are your next goals and challenges in the world of Jiu-Jitsu? Is there any specific tournament or objective that you still want to achieve in your career?

"My next challenges are: Maintaining 1st place in the NOGI ranking and reaching 1st place in the kimono ranking, where I am currently 6th. Winning the World Master on August 31st and the Pan NOGI in September of this year."

With a champion's mindset and unmatched dedication, Salua Borges continues to shine in the Jiu-Jitsu scene. Her inspiring story teaches us that with determination and passion for the sport, there is no limit to what one can achieve on the mat. The Jiu-Jitsu community eagerly awaits to see Salua shine in her future competitions and achieve new glories in her promising career.

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Brazilian brown belt shines with 4 titles at the American National of Jiu-Jitsu and analyzes next steps

Salua Borges was one of the highlights of the IBJJF American National, held in early July in Las Vegas (USA).

BY DIOGO SANTARÉM JULY 24TH 2023 IN JIU-JITSU

A brown belt from the Zenith BJJ team, Brazilian **Salua Borges** was one of the highlights of the **IBJJF** American National of **Jiu-Jitsu**, held in early July in Las Vegas (USA). With a gala performance, Salua secured four gold medals, winning weight category and absolute division (Gi & No-Gi) in master 2, increasing her collection of titles.

The achievement, however, was not a first for her, who for the fourth year in a row (2019, 2021, 2022 and 2023), won all four golds in the event. Excited for the next steps, Salua Borges praised her dedication, determination and technique in the pursuit of more positive results.

"I feel grateful. This success is the result of my dedication to training since childhood. In addition, it is necessary to prepare physically and mentally to compete in several categories, quite a challenge. Therefore, the mind is decisive to win, dealing with pressure and overcoming difficulties, turning them into fuel."

In addition to training, the master 2 brown belt - who has been standing out in the IBJJF rankings - mentioned the importance of the support of her team, Zenith BJJ, to continue evolving within Jiu-Jitsu and, soon, reach the desired black belt.

"Winning four American National titles in a row is a rare thing. For me the secret is to constantly evolve, improve my competition game, put myself in challenging situations in training, strengthen my ability to adapt to the unexpected. Keeping focus and confidence is also key, "said Salua Borges, who added:

"The American National was just the beginning. I want to stay at the top of the IBJJF No-Gi ranking and rise to the top of the kimono ranking (I'm sixth). I still plan to compete in the World Masters in August and the Pan No-Gi in September. I will show all Jiu-Jitsu practitioners that with dedication, determination and technique it is possible to achieve success in such a competitive sport."

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POR **DIOGO SANTARÉM** — 24 de julho de 2023 em Jiu-Jitsu

Salua Borges foi um dos destaques do American National na faixa-marrom master 2 (Foto IBJJF)

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Faixa-marrom da equipe Zenith BJJ, a brasileira **Salua Borges** foi um dos grandes destaques do American National de **Jiu-Jitsu** da **IBJJF**, realizado no início de julho, em Las Vegas (EUA). Com uma atuação de gala, Salua garantiu quatro medalhas de ouro, vencendo peso e absoluto (Gi & No-Gi) no master 2, aumentando sua coleção de títulos.

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O feito, porém, não foi inédito para ela, que pelo quarto ano seguido (2019, 2021, 2022 e 2023), conquistou os quatro ouros no evento. Animada para os próximos passos, Salua Borges exaltou sua dedicação, determinação e técnica na busca por mais resultados positivos.

"Me sinto grata. Esse sucesso é fruto da minha dedicação em treinos desde a infância. Além disso, é preciso se preparar fisicamente e mentalmente para competir em várias categorias, um desafio e tanto. Por isso, a parte mental é decisiva para vencer, lidando com a pressão e superando dificuldades, transformando elas em combustível".

Hoje faixa-marrom, Salua soma 16 títulos do American National de Jiu-Jitsu (Foto IBJJF)

Além dos treinamentos, a faixa-marrom master 2 – que vem se destacando nos rankings da IBJJF – citou a importância do apoia da sua equipe, Zenith BJJ, para seguir evoluindo dentro do Jiu-Jitsu e, em breve, alcançar a cobiçada faixa preta.

“Conquistar quatro títulos no American National de forma consecutiva é uma raridade. Pra mim o segredo é evoluir constantemente, aprimorar meu jogo de competição, me colocar em situações desafiadoras nos treinos, fortalecer minha habilidade de adaptação ao inesperado. Ter foco e confiança também é fundamental”, disse Salua Borges, que completou:

“O American National foi apenas o começo. Quero me manter no topo do ranking No-Gi da IBJJF e ascender ao primeiro lugar do ranking de quimono (sou a sexta). Ainda projeto competir o Mundial Master, em agosto, e o Pan No-Gi, em setembro. Vou mostrar para todos os praticantes de Jiu-Jitsu que com dedicação, determinação e técnica é possível alcançar o sucesso em um esporte tão competitivo”.

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Standout in international competitions, athlete praises her passion for Jiu-Jitsu; learn more

BY **VITOR TRAFEGO** APRIL 2ND 2019 IN JIU-JITSU

Salua Borges is, today, one of the top Brazilian fighters in her category. The São Paulo native started Jiu-Jitsu at the age of 13 and, after a break to dedicate herself to her studies and work, she has seen her life change completely since she started dedicating herself entirely to the sport.

"Today Jiu-Jitsu is my life, training absorbs almost all my day, I love to compete," said the fighter, who has dozens of national and international titles, including two Brazilian Championships, one South American, a vice World Championship, a World Master, one Pan American, among others.

Currently, Salua Borges is dedicated to Jiu-Jitsu competitions. A member of the Zenith team, led by the tuff Robert Drysdale, she is training in the United States.

Learn more about the fighter's story:

- Beginning in Jiu-Jitsu

I started Jiu-Jitsu through a friend, Wilson Reis (who is now a UFC fighter) and we trained Judo together for three years, and every time we practiced the Judo ground skills, he always had more submissions, more moves, and one day I asked him what technique that was, and he told me: 'that's Jiu-Jitsu'. I said I wanted that for myself (laughs). He took me to a jiu-jitsu academy, and I started training in São Paulo where I stayed for four years. In a short time I fell in love and started competing. My greatest challenge was absorbing everything I wanted and executing it. I got beaten up a lot at the beginning (laughs), because I was still young and there were more adults in the academy, which helped me a lot in terms of experience.

- The importance of Jiu-jitsu

Jiu-Jitsu brought me self-confidence, the willpower to lose weight, self-love and gave me back my life, gave me back my body. Jiu-Jitsu provides this for people. I've lost 26kg since I came back to Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, but it's important to stress that BJJ has improved my physical appearance, my mood. It's the simple fact that at 100kg, I couldn't run in the park with my son, so that's something that really changed, because in those 15 years, I set up a professional life. I worked in big companies, in multinationals, and I gave up everything for Jiu-Jitsu.

- Women's Jiu-Jitsu growth

Women's Jiu-Jitsu has more relevance these days. I feel that women are more united. More women are practicing and competing in this sport compared to when I started and I see that they are providing better and better fights. The support and encouragement have improved, but there are still many competitions that pay more for men than for women, and this is something we are trying to 'get around' so that we can earn the same and this is already happening in some tournaments.

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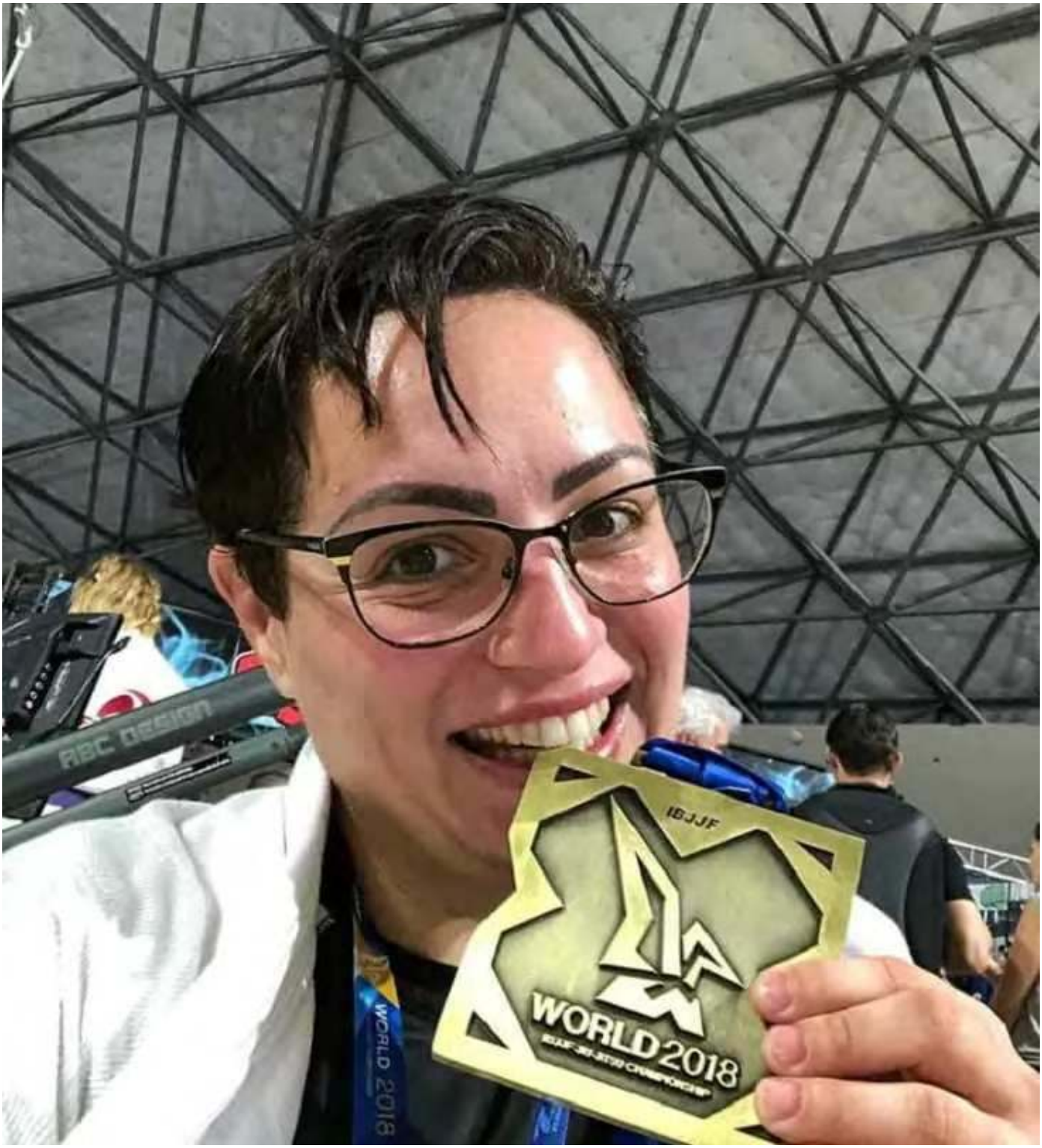

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Salua Borges é, hoje, uma das principais lutadoras brasileiras de sua categoria. A paulista começou no Jiu-Jitsu com 13 anos e, após uma pausa para se dedicar aos estudos e ao trabalho, viu sua vida mudar completamente desde que passou a se dedicar integralmente ao esporte.

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"Hoje o Jiu-Jitsu é minha vida, os treinamentos absorvem quase todo meu dia, amo competir", contou a lutadora, que tem dezenas de títulos nacionais e internacionais, entre eles o bicampeonato Brasileiro, Sul-Americano, vice Mundial, Mundial Master, Pan-Americano entre outros.

Atualmente, Salua Borges se dedica às competições de Jiu-Jitsu. Integrante da equipe Zenith, liderada pelo casca-grossa Robert Drysdale, está treinando nos Estados Unidos.

Conheça mais sobre a história da lutadora:

– Início no Jiu-Jitsu

Eu iniciei no Jiu-Jitsu através de um amigo, o Wilson Reis (que hoje é lutador do UFC) e nós fazíamos Judô juntos há três anos, e toda vez que nós fazíamos a parte do chão do Judô, ele sempre tinha mais finalizações, mais movimentação, e um dia eu cheguei para perguntar o que era aquilo, e ele me disse: 'isso é Jiu-Jitsu'. Eu disse que queria aquilo para mim (risos). Ele me levou para uma academia, iniciei meus treinamentos em São Paulo e fiquei por lá durante quatro anos. Em pouco tempo eu me apaixonei e a competir. Minha maior dificuldade era absorver tudo o que eu queria e executar. Eu apanhei muito no início (risos), porque eu ainda era juvenil e tinham mais adultos na academia, o que me ajudou muito na questão da experiência.

– A importância do Jiu-jitsu

O Jiu-Jitsu trouxe para mim uma autoconfiança, força de vontade de emagrecer, o amor próprio e devolveu a minha vida, devolveu o meu corpo. O Jiu-Jitsu proporciona isso para as pessoas. Eu cheguei a perder 26kg desde que voltei ao Jiu-Jitsu, mas é importante frisar que o Jiu-Jitsu melhorou minha aparência física, minha disposição. É o simples fato de que com 100kg, eu não conseguia correr no parque com o meu filho, então isso é algo que realmente mudou, porque nesses 15 anos, eu montei uma vida profissional. Trabalhei em grandes empresas, em multinacionais, e eu abri mão de tudo pelo Jiu-Jitsu.

Salua Borges também coleciona medalhas em disputas do Mundial de Jiu-Jitsu (Foto: arquivo pessoal)

– Crescimento do Jiu-Jitsu feminino

O Jiu-Jitsu feminino tem mais força atualmente. Sinto que as mulheres estão mais unidas. Existem mais mulheres praticando e competindo o esporte em relação à época que comecei e vejo que estão proporcionando lutas cada vez melhores. O apoio e incentivo melhoraram, só que ainda existem muitas competições que pagam mais para os homens do que para as mulheres, e isso é algo que estamos tentando 'driblar' para que nós possamos receber o mesmo e já existe isso em alguns campeonatos.

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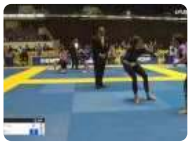

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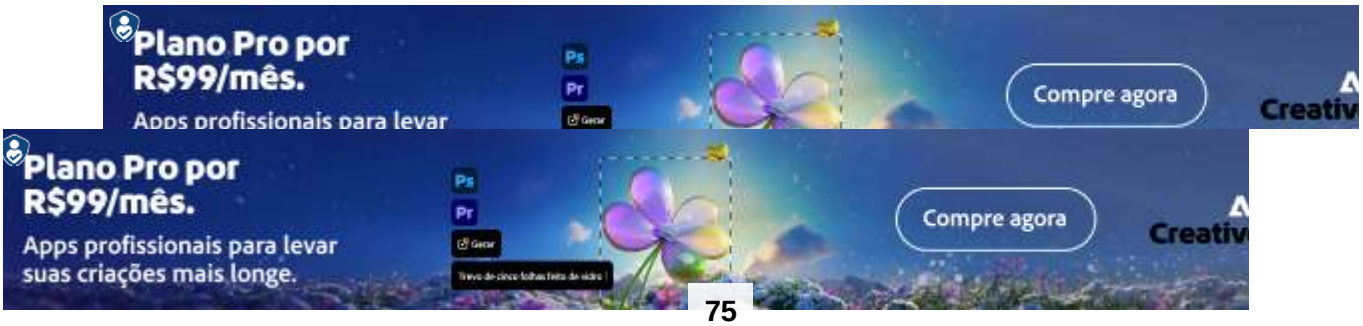

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Last 14 Days

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Sun	2026-05-17	--	719K	+87,066	304,452,157	--	5,351	$22 - $348
Mon	2026-05-18	--	719K	+79,125	304,531,282	+1	5,352	$20 - $317
Tue	2026-05-19	--	719K	+70,858	304,602,140	--	5,352	$18 - $283
Wed	2026-05-20	--	719K	--	304,602,140	+4	5,356	$0 - $0
Thu	2026-05-21	--	719K	+100,401	304,702,541	+1	5,357	$25 - $402
Fri	2026-05-22	+1K	720K	+139,225	304,841,766	+2	5,359	$35 - $557
Sat	2026-05-23	--	720K	+42,353	304,884,119	+1	5,360	$11 - $169
Sun	2026-05-24	--	720K	+139,219	305,023,338	+1	5,361	$35 - $557
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Weekly Average		+143		+97,686		+1		$171 - $2.7K
Last 30 Days		+4K		+3,392,360		+105		$848 - $14K
Last 14 Days		+1K		+1,187,940		+17		$297 - $4.8K

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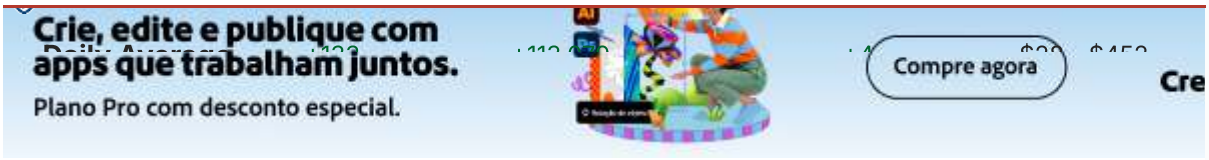

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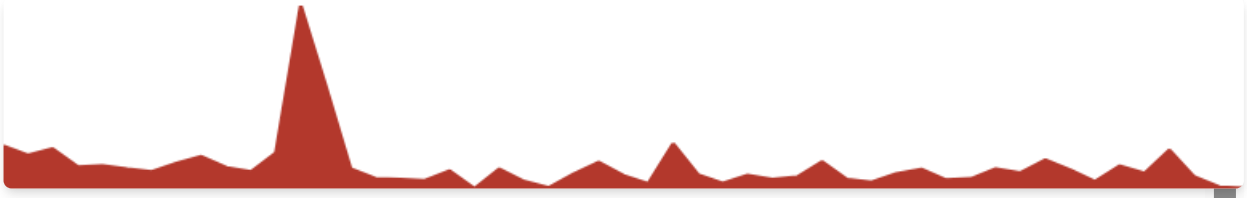

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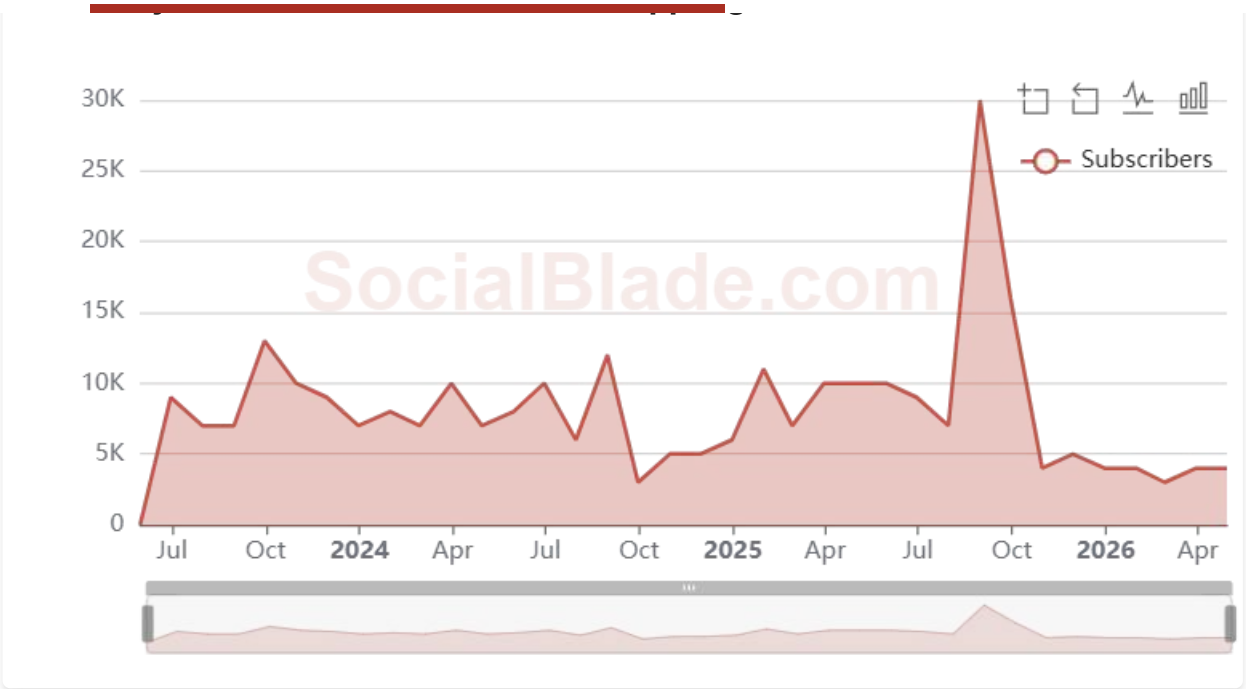

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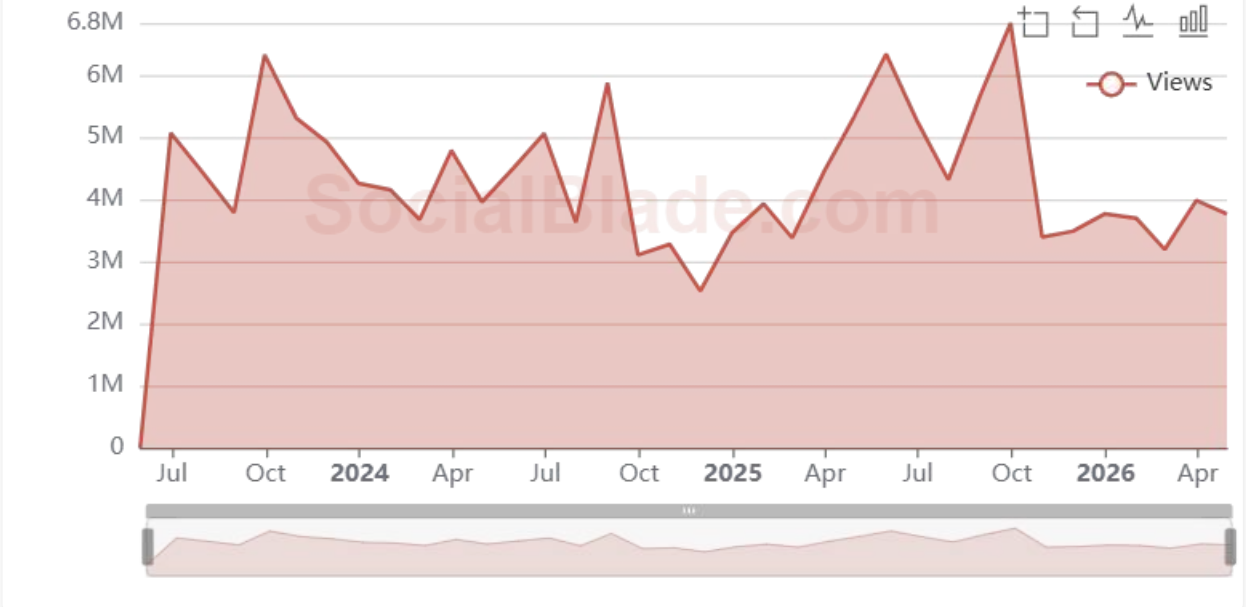

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Exhibit C — Declarations Concerning Critical Role and Zenith’s Reputation

ZENITH
JIU JITSU BY ROBERT DRYSDALE

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Robert Drysdale. I am a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belt, IBJJF World Champion, ADCC Absolute World Champion, founder of Zenith Jiu-Jitsu Academy in Las Vegas, and co-founder of Zenith BJJ.

Throughout my career, I have competed, taught, and coached at the highest levels of Jiu-Jitsu, grappling, and MMA. I have worked with elite athletes, UFC fighters, world-class grapplers, and competitors from different generations of combat sports. Because of that experience, I know what it takes to build a serious training room and to recognize people who can help carry that standard.

I am writing this letter in support of Salua Silva Borges, with respect and pride for the role she has inside Zenith Jiu-Jitsu Academy.

I founded Zenith with the goal of building something bigger than a regular academy. Zenith was created to be a high-level Jiu-Jitsu team, a school, and a community. Over the years, it has grown into an international organization with affiliated academies in many countries, competitive athletes, qualified instructors, and a technical culture recognized in the Jiu-Jitsu world.

I am proud of my career, but Zenith's reputation does not depend only on my name. Zenith has built its own identity through years of collective work, competition results, athlete development, teaching programs, seminars, international affiliates, and the daily work of people who carry our standard on the mats.

Zenith Las Vegas is the headquarters of that structure. It is a strong training room, with serious athletes, high technical standards, and a culture built around improvement. But Zenith does not exist only to create champions. We also develop people. We teach discipline, confidence, respect, resilience, and responsibility.

That is important to me. Zenith is respected not only because of its competition results or international growth, but also because it is a place of learning, support, and personal development. We work with professional athletes, competitors, adult beginners, women, children, and students who need a more careful approach, including children with focus, coordination, or special needs.

That is the environment where Salua has such an important role.

Salua is not just an athlete who represents Zenith in competition. She is part of our technical structure and our culture. She is an elite athlete, a multiple-time champion in major competitions, an instructor, a competition team coach, and a technical reference inside the academy.

Her competition results speak for themselves. Salua has won major titles while representing Zenith, especially in No-Gi, including multiple world titles, Pan-American No-Gi titles, and many American National titles. Those results brought visibility, respect, and credibility to the team. But for me, Salua's value is not only in her medals. Her real value is in what she brings to the mats every day.

ZENITH
JIU JITSU BY ROBERT DRYSDALE

I know the standard Zenith requires. I know what it takes to guide competitors, teach students, and earn respect in a strong training room. Salua has that standard. She has technical knowledge, competition experience, presence, communication, and leadership.

She leads training, corrects technical details, helps prepare competitors, guides advanced students, supports beginners, and represents Zenith in national and international competitions. In competition training, she can quickly identify what an athlete needs to adjust, whether it is guard work, passing, submissions, defense, transitions, or match strategy.

I also trust Salua to lead training sessions and guide athletes when I am traveling, teaching seminars, or handling responsibilities outside the academy. I would not give that responsibility to someone who was only a good competitor. To take that role at Zenith, a person must understand Jiu-Jitsu, know how to teach, and represent the culture of the team properly.

One reason I am proud to have Salua at Zenith is her ability to move between high-performance training and sensitive teaching. She can correct small technical details for an advanced competitor and, in the same academy, adapt a class for a child who needs more patience, structure, and individual attention. That is rare, and it shows that her value to Zenith is technical, human, and educational.

Salua also has a special importance for the women in the academy. She shows, by example, that a woman can compete at a high level, teach, lead, and be respected in a strong training room. That has a real impact on the women and young female athletes who train with us.

In my opinion, Salua Borges has a critical role inside Zenith Jiu-Jitsu Academy. She contributes to the academy's technical standard, to the preparation of competitors, to the development of students, and to the reputation of the team. She is not just another athlete in our group. She is part of the structure that helps keep Zenith respected in Jiu-Jitsu.

I am proud of Zenith, and I am proud to have people like Salua representing this team. She carries what we try to build every day: technical excellence, discipline, competitive courage, the ability to teach, and a commitment to helping students grow.

For all these reasons, I can say with full confidence that Salua Borges has a real, important, and continuing role inside Zenith Jiu-Jitsu Academy.

Sincerely,

June 13, 2026

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Robert Drysdale

Robert Lewis Drysdale[1] (born October 5, 1981) is a Brazilian-American Brazilian jiu-jitsu 4th degree black belt under Léo Vieira, a retired undefeated mixed martial artist and an instructor at his own BJJ academy. Having won multiple World Championships, he was referred to by *Vice* magazine as "America's jiu-jitsu superhero",[2] regarded by *BJJ Heroes* as "the most accomplished American grappler of his generation"[3] and as the best Submission Wrestler in the World by *Gracie Magazine*.[4]

Drysdale is one of only two Americans (with Rafael Lovato Jr.) to have won Mundials in the gi at 94 kg and up. Drysdale is one of only four Americans to have won the ADCC absolute division; at the 2007 ADCC he submitted grappling legend Marcelo Garcia in just over two minutes.[5]

Robert Drysdale

Born	Robert Lewis Drysdale October 5, 1981 Provo, Utah, U.S.
Nationality	American and Brazilian
Height	6 ft 3 in (1.91 m)
Weight	205 lb (93 kg; 14.6 st)
Division	Light heavyweight
Style	Brazilian jiu-jitsu
Team	Zenith BJJ/Drysdale JJ
Rank	Fourth degree black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu under Léo Vieira

Early life

Born in Utah, the United States to a Brazilian mother and American father, he moved to Brazil with his family in 1987 at the age of six. Robert Drysdale spent much of his childhood in Brazil.

He was introduced to Brazilian jiu-jitsu during his late teens (17) at the Quatro Tempos Academy in the city of Itú, state of São Paulo, Brazil in 1998. Drysdale moved back to the US to pursue his academic studies in Las Vegas in 2008. He continued training with instructor Steve da Silva until with his instructor's encouragement, Robert decided to move back to Brazil where the sport was gaining popularity and had more competition opportunities.

Career

Brazilian jiu jitsu

Beginning in the early 1990s, jiu-jitsu began growing in popularity worldwide and Brazil was quickly becoming the Mecca for jiu-jitsu. Robert returned to Brazil in 2002 to dedicate himself entirely to training and competing in Brazilian jiu-jitsu. Over the years he has trained continually, initially with Maromba Club and eventually team Brasa Jiu-Jitsu Club in São Paulo, Brazil.

While training and competing for Brasa Club he received his Black Belt in 2004 from the famed Léo Vieira.

In Brazil, he went on to win multiple national and world titles, becoming the 2nd US national to win an IBJJF black belt World title (2005), after BJ Penn.

In 2007 he won the prestigious ADCC Submission Wrestling World Championship – Open Division ADCC, submitting Marcelo Garcia in just over two minutes, a feat considered to be the equivalent of "out-swimming" Michael Phelps.[5]

In early 2008, he returned to the US where he trained (http://xtremecouture.wordpress.com/2008/02/19/robert-drysdale-joins-xtreme-couture/) with former UFC Champion, Randy Couture and former Pride Champion Wanderlei Silva. That same year he opened Drysdale Jiu-Jitsu in Las Vegas, still in operation today.

He has competed and taught in various countries around the world, including Germany, Denmark, Poland, France, Sweden, Finland, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand Canada, Cuba, Brazil, Norway, Ireland, Holland, Belgium, Greece, Serbia, Spain, Turkey, Russia, England, Scotland, Japan, Bulgaria and Austria; while teaching and hosting seminars in cities across the United States.

In 2012 Drysdale joined forces with Rodrigo Cavaca to form a new grappling team – Zenith BJJ, which became a big player in the sport.

Mixed martial arts

Robert Drysdale made his amateur MMA debut with Tuff-N-Uff in 2008, winning his fight.[6] In 2010 Drysdale made a successful professional MMA debut defeating Bastien Huveneers via arm triangle choke.[7] In his next fight, Drysdale faced Clay Davidson, a King of the Cage veteran who entered the contest riding a six-fight win streak. Drysdale won via armbar in the first round.[8]

Years active	2008–2019 (MMA)
Mixed martial arts record	
Total	8
Wins	7
By submission	7
Losses	0
No contests	1
Other information	
Notable students	Forrest Griffin, Frank Mir, Randy Couture, Dan Hardy, Evan Dunham, Brad Tavares, Michelle Nicolini, Joanna Jędrzejczyk, Vitor Belfort, Wanderlei Silva, Kevin Randleman, Phil Baroni, Kevin Lee, James McSweeney, Joe Stevenson, Jay Hieron.
Website	Drysdalejiujitsu.com DrysdaleBJJ.com

Mixed martial arts record (http://www.sherdog.com/fightfinder/fightfinder.asp?fighterID=67894) from Sherdog

Robert Drysdale

Medal record
Representing United States
Grappling
ADCC Submission Wrestling World Championship

B	2007 New Jersey, US	-99 kg
G	2007 New Jersey, US	Absolute
	Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu	
	World Jiu-Jitsu Championship	
G	2005 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	-94 kg
S	2006 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	-94 kg
S	2007 Los Angeles, US	-94 kg
B	2007 Los Angeles, US	Absolute

It was announced on February 16, 2012 that Drysdale has signed a multi-fight deal with Legacy Fighting Championship.[9] Drysdale eventually made his debut at Legacy Fighting Championships 12 and went on to defeat Isaac Villanueva, Chris Reed and D.J. Linderman under the Legacy FC banner all by submission in the first round.[10] Drysdale's rampant MMA career brought him to the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) in 2013.

Drysdale was expected to make his promotional debut against Ednaldo Oliveira on August 3, 2013 at UFC 163.[11] However, Drysdale pulled out of the bout in mid-July citing a lingering staph infection.[12]

Drysdale's debut was rescheduled for UFC 167, where he was slated to meet Cody Donovan. However, after failing an out-of-competition drug test, with a 19.4/1 T/E ratio, the Nevada State Athletic Commission ultimately declined to license him.[13]

Drysdale eventually made his debut on July 6, 2014 against promotion newcomer Keith Berish at The Ultimate Fighter 19 finale.[14] He won the fight via submission in the first round. However, the win was later overturned and changed to a no contest, after it was reveled that Drysdale had failed a post-fight drug test for an elevated testosterone-to-epitestosterone ratio. After failing his second drug test, Drysdale was released by the UFC.[15]

After he served his suspension, Drysdale returned to pro MMA and became the Legacy Fighting Championship Light Heavyweight Champion by second-round rear-naked choke against future UFC fighter Ryan Spann at Legacy FC 58 in July 2016.

In late 2019, Drysdale revealed that he had retired from mixed martial arts.[16]

MMA coach

Alongside his BJJ and MMA careers, Drysdale also cultivated a successful coach career, having trained many UFC and BJJ champions: Forrest Griffin, Frank Mir, Randy Couture, Dan Hardy, Evan Dunham, Brad Tavares, Michelle Nicolini, Joanna Jędrzejczyk, Vitor Belfort, Wanderlei Silva, Kevin Randleman, Phil Baroni, Kevin Lee, James McSweeney, Joe Stevenson, Jay Hieron

He was introduced on *Countdown to UFC 101* as the BJJ coach of former UFC light heavyweight champion Forrest Griffin.

In 2008 Drysdale was brought in as an assistant coach to Frank Mir at *The Ultimate Fighter* Season 8. Again in 2013 as assistant coach to team Miesha Tate Season 18. was invited to be an assistant coach to Joe Benavidez on *The Ultimate Fighter* Season 24 and again as the grappling coach for Joanna Jędrzejczyk's team on *The Ultimate Fighter* season 23.

In June 2020, Drysdale elicited controversy after he refused to call off a fight involving his fighter Max Rohskopf vs. Austin Hubbard at UFC on ESPN: Blaydes vs. Volkov on June 20, despite Rohskopf telling him nine times between the second and third rounds to "call it." Eventually, a Nevada State Athletic Commission official intervened and called in the referee and doctor to check on Rohskopf, at which point the fight was stopped after Rohskopf expressed his unwillingness to continue.

NSAC executive director Bob Bennett indicated that Drysdale may face disciplinary action. "That's something we will take a look at," Bennett told ESPN. "We might want to take disciplinary action on them. That doesn't sound like they are looking out for a fighter. Obviously, he didn't want to come out."

Drysdale defended his actions, stating that "He wasn't seriously hurt." "I know he was not in harm's way. He was just frustrated. I was trying to give him a push so he overcame that frustration. I still believe he could have won the fight."[17] After the fight, Rohskopf was cut from the UFC.[18]

Sports commentator

On February 7, 2016, Drysdale made his debut as a sports commentator for WSOF-Global (WSOF Global Championship 2: Japan)

Drysdale has also worked for PFL/DAZN, FloSports and ACBJJ and FloGrappling.com in both English and Portuguese.

Media

In March 2018, Drysdale announced that he was involved in a documentary production titled "Closed Guard: The Origins of Jiu-Jitsu in Brazil". The film is primarily about the history of Brazilian jiu-jitsu and Vale-Tudo (later rebranded "MMA") from Japanese immigrants to the Amazonian Jungle and from there to the world.

The film will explain how the art of Brazilian jiu-jitsu developed from the first Japanese immigrants onward. According to Drysdale, the goal of the film was to tell a complete account about how Brazilian jiu-jitsu drifted away from its Kodokan roots and became such a unique art. Additionally, the purpose of the film is to give credit to many forgotten names that made Brazilian jiu-jitsu possible, as well as acknowledge other already accredited names. The film, currently in production, has no release date yet.

In September 2020 Drysdale published the book "Opening Closed Guard: The Origins of Jiu-Jitsu in Brazil: The Story behind the Film", in which he describes the process that led up to and the production of the documentary, including full transcripts of the interviews conducted in the process of filming the documentary. The book includes interviews with many luminaries of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, including Carlos Gracie, Jr., João Alberto Barreto, Robson Gracie, Hélio Fadda, Armando Wriedt, Flávio Behring, Royce Gracie, the Valente Brothers, and others. The book was a #1 Amazon best-seller, and has been translated into Polish and Portuguese.[19]

Alongside his experience as a producer, Drysdale also gave a TEDTalk at TedXTenayaPaseo, entitled "What is the point of winning?"[20]

Grappling credentials

2007 (Black Belt)

- 1st place in the Abu-Dhabi Submission Wrestling World Championships – Open Division (ADCC)
- 3rd place in the Abu-Dhabi Submission Wrestling World Championships – -99 kg Division (ADCC)
- 2nd place in the BJJ World Championships (IBJJF/CBJJ)
- 3rd place in the BJJ World Championships – Open Division (IBJJF/CB)

2005 (Black Belt)

- 3x times BJJ World Champion (IBJJF/CBJJ)
- 1st place Black Belt World Championships (CBJJO)

2004 (Brown/Black Belt)

- 2x National Brazilian National Champion (IBJJF/CBJJ)
- 1st place in the Brazilian National Championship open division (IBJJF/CBJJ)
- 3rd place World Championship (IBJJf/CBJJ)
- 1st place in the Scandinavian open
- 1st place in the Scandinavian open absolute division

Mixed martial arts record

Professional record breakdown

8 matches	7 wins	0 losses
By submission	7	0
No contests	1	

Res.	Record	Opponent	Method	Event	Date	Round	Time	Location	Notes
Win	7–0 (1)	Ryan Spann	Submission (rear-naked choke)	Legacy FC 58	July 22, 2016	2	2:58	Lake Charles, Louisiana, United States	Won the Legacy FC Light Heavyweight Championship.
NC	6–0 (1)	Keith Berish	NC (overturned by NSAC)	The Ultimate Fighter: Team Edgar vs. Team Penn Finale	July 6, 2014	1	2:03	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	Submission (rear-naked choke) win overturned to NC; Drysdale tested positive for elevated testosterone.
Win	6–0	D.J. Linderman	Submission (rear-naked choke)	Legacy FC 19	April 12, 2013	1	1:48	Dallas, Texas, United States	
Win	5–0	Chris Reed	Submission (armbar)	Legacy FC 15	November 16, 2012	1	1:15	Houston, Texas, United States	
Win	4–0	Ike Villanueva	Submission (armbar)	Legacy FC 12	July 13, 2012	1	1:27	Houston, Texas, United States	
Win	3–0	Mike Nickels	Submission (guillotine choke)	AFC 6: Conviction	June 18, 2011	1	1:04	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	
Win	2–0	Clay Davidson	Submission (armbar)	AFC 4: Revelation	November 6, 2010	1	2:54	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	
Win	1–0	Bastien Huveneers	Submission (arm-triangle choke)	AFC 3: Evolution	July 17, 2010	1	1:12	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	

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June 25, 2026
To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Amy Scot Campo. I am a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belt, professional grappler, ADCC World Champion, and IBJJF World Champion. I have competed in some of the most important international tournaments in the sport, including IBJJF Worlds, Pan Ams, American Nationals, ADCC Trials, and the ADCC World Championship.

I am writing this letter in support of Salua Silva Borges, based on what I personally saw and experienced during my time training with the Zenith team.

I trained with Zenith for several years and had direct contact with Salua in advanced training, competition preparation, and technical classes. My relationship with her was very natural on the mats: two high-level athletes training hard, exchanging technical adjustments, and preparing to compete.

Zenith is a respected academy because it is not just a place where people train casually. It is a serious competition room, led by Robert Drysdale, one of the most technical and influential names in Jiu-Jitsu. Zenith brings together strong athletes, serious competitors, and a training culture focused on improvement.

In a room like that, respect does not come easily. Athletes quickly recognize who truly understands the game, who can help, and who has a real presence on the mats. That is what I see in Salua.

Salua is one of the technical references inside the academy, especially in No-Gi, which is a form of grappling without the kimono. She has a very good understanding of transitions, control, pressure, attacks, and strategic adjustments. She is not just an athlete representing the team. She is part of the academy's technical routine and helps raise the level of training.

I remember a preparation for the 2021 IBJJF Pan where we were working on open guard transitions. Salua took charge of part of the training, organized the drills, corrected details involving grips, pressure, inversions, and repositioning, and helped athletes understand how to adapt their game to different styles. It was a strong and productive training session, and her leadership showed naturally.

Salua also helped me technically. She helped me adjust details in side control that I later used in international competitions. What stands out to me is how practical her corrections are. She does not give generic advice. She sees the problem, explains it clearly, and shows how to apply the correction in live training.

I also see Salua helping other athletes with grappling transitions, guillotine attacks, guard work, sweeps, posture, base, and match strategy. She has a quick technical reading and communicates well with athletes at different levels.

For women in Jiu-Jitsu and grappling, Salua's presence carries even more weight. It is not common to see a woman compete at a high level, teach, correct athletes, and be heard in a strong room. Salua occupies that space naturally because she has results, knowledge, and presence.

She is a real reference for other women on the team. Not only because of her titles, but because of the way she trains, teaches, and carries herself in a competitive environment. In combat sports, that matters a lot. A female athlete who competes, teaches, and has respect on the mats helps other women believe they can also occupy that space.

Salua's achievements representing Zenith also help the academy's reputation. When an athlete wins important titles, especially in No-Gi and grappling, it brings recognition, respect, and credibility to the team. Her results show that Zenith does not only attract strong athletes, but also has an environment capable of developing and supporting high-performance competitors.

I also see Salua working with students who need a different approach, including children. She is patient, adapts exercises, and keeps students engaged. That shows she is not only useful for advanced athletes. She also knows how to teach people at different stages of learning.

In my opinion, Salua Borges has an important role inside Zenith. She contributes to the technical level of the academy, helps competitors prepare, supports women and younger athletes, represents the team in important competitions, and helps maintain a high-performance culture on the mats.

Zenith is respected because of its leadership, its athletes, its training culture, and its results. Salua is part of that structure. From what I personally saw, she is not just another athlete on the team. She is a technical reference and an important part of the academy's competitive environment.

Sincerely,

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AMY CAMPO WEAVER

BLACK BELT - 1ST DEGREE

I started training when I was 13 years old. Despite not having very much money and thanks to a generous Father, I got signed up for Brazilian Jiu jitsu, Kickboxing, and MMA at the same gym as my older brother Ryder. I took to it quite naturally as I have a strong ability to learn. Jiu jitsu became my first platform for self discovery and discipline, something productive and practical I could apply myself to, and a much needed outlet from homelife and school. My coach Eduardo Mori took me under his wing, on and off the mats, and trained me to fight in the largest Jiu Jitsu World Tournaments. I went on to win 6 World titles across the two most prestigious world tournaments, namely; ADCC and IBJJF. Fighting both in the Gi and No-Gi, I had the opportunity to compete and find additional successes as a 10x American National Champion, 2x Pan American Champion, and became the first American Woman to win my division in ADCC, in an open weight bracket. After competing and teaching seminars internationally, I got married and moved to Savannah, Georgia, where I now continue to grow my skills and share my knowledge of Jiu Jitsu at Victory Academy.

Lineage: Carlos Gracie > George Gracie > Octávio de Almeida > Roberto Lage > Eduardo Mori > Amy Campo

Main Achievements:

1st Place ADCC (2022)

1st Place IBJJF World Championship (2023)

1st Place IBJJF World Championship NOGI (2022)

Main Achievements (Colored Belts):

1st Place IBJJF World Championship (2021** brown)

1st Place IBJJF World Championship NOGI (2018 purple)

1st Place IBJJF Pan Championship NOGI (2021** brown)

1st Place IBJJF American Nationals NOGI (2019** purple, 2020**/2021** brown)

Main Achievements (Juvenile):

1st Place IBJJF American Nationals (2017)

**Weight & Absolute

July 10, 2026
To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Nicklas Christopher Vinso Hartman. I am a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belt, an adult ultra-heavy competitor, and an athlete and instructor at Zenith Jiu-Jitsu Academy in Las Vegas. I have trained Jiu-Jitsu since 2016 and have been part of Zenith since 2019.

I have competed for many years in national and international tournaments. Throughout my career, I have won more than 100 medals, including more than 60 gold medals. In 2023, I became an IBJJF No-Gi World Champion representing Zenith headquarters. In 2025, I again won the World IBJJF No-Gi Championship in the adult brown belt ultra-heavy division, representing Zenith BJJ Las Vegas. More recently, I also took 1st place at the American National IBJJF No-Gi 2026 in the adult black belt ultra-heavy division.

My competitive record is listed on BJJ Metrics, a platform that tracks results, rankings, and performance data for Jiu-Jitsu athletes. According to that platform, I am ranked among approximately the top 1% of competitors.

I am writing this letter because I know Salua Silva Borges well. I have trained directly with her for several years at Zenith, both in regular classes and in competition training. I have seen her teach, train, coach, and help athletes improve.

Zenith is a serious academy. It is connected to Robert Drysdale, one of the most respected names in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, a world champion, and an ADCC absolute champion. People in the sport know what Zenith represents. It is a high-level room with strong athletes, hard training, and a real competition culture.

A good example of Zenith's level was the 2023 IBJJF No-Gi World Championship. Zenith headquarters had three world champions that year: Don, Salua, and myself. That result was important for the team and showed the level of the room. In the academy's own announcement, Salua was referred to as "coach Salua," which reflects how she was seen inside the team. She was not just another athlete competing for Zenith. She was part of the technical structure of the academy.

I trained with Salua for years and personally saw the role she had on the mats. She taught classes, corrected positions, helped beginners, helped advanced students, and worked with competitors. She had respect because she knew Jiu-Jitsu and knew how to explain it.

I personally benefited from her coaching. Salua helped me fix my posture while passing guard and helped me improve details in my No-Gi single-leg defense. Those corrections were important for my development as a competitor. She does not give generic advice. She sees the exact problem and explains how to fix it in a real training or match situation.

The training environment at Zenith, together with Salua's technical guidance, helped me grow as an athlete. Her corrections were part of the technical progress that helped me achieve major results, including my World No-Gi titles and my American National No-Gi title.

I have also seen Salua help other competitors. She helps with attacks, defenses, guard work, sweeps, transitions, and match strategy. During preparation for the American Nationals in 2023, for example, she helped lead competition training, corrected technical details, and helped athletes prepare for their matches.

Salua is also important for beginners, women, and kids at the academy. For many women, she is a strong example. She shows that a woman can compete at a high level, teach, and be respected in a tough training room. For new students, she makes Jiu-Jitsu easier to understand and helps them feel more confident.

I have also seen her work with kids who need more attention, including students with ASD and ADHD. She is patient, adapts exercises, explains things clearly, and gives individual attention when needed. That matters because Zenith is not only a competition academy. It is also a place where different types of students can learn.

Salua's competition results also help Zenith's reputation. When she wins important titles, especially in No-Gi, it brings attention and respect to the team. Having an athlete and instructor like her representing Zenith is good for the academy and for everyone who trains there.

In my opinion, Salua Borges has an important role at Zenith. She helps students improve, helps competitors prepare, represents the team at a high level, and raises the standard in the room. She is a real technical reference at Zenith, not just another team member.

Sincerely,

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Nicholas Meregali

Nicholas Meregali (born 27 May 1994) is a Brazilian submission grappler and Brazilian jiu-jitsu (BJJ) black belt competitor. A multiple time world, Pan, European and Brazilian champion at colored belts, Meregali is a 3x IBJJF black belt World Champion and a 2x ADCC World medallist.

Early career

Nicholas de Barcellos Meregali was born on 27 May 1994, in Santo Antônio in the Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul. Meregali began training when he was 16 years old at the ACJJ academy in Santo Antônio da Patrulha.[1] Considered one of the best coloured belts in the world, Meregali won every IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship at purple belt; he then won at brown belt two double gold world titles making him a five-time world champion. Reis promoted Meregali to black belt after his 2016 world title.[8]

Black belt career

During his first year as black belt Meregali won the 2017 World Jiu-Jitsu Championship by beating division favourite Leandro Lo, one of the greatest BJJ competitors of all time, 2–0 in the final.[9] The next year, Meregali won gold medal in the Super Heavyweight division of the Brazilian National Jiu-Jitsu Championship, submitting his opponent from the back in the final. In 2019, Meregali won the Brazilian national title again and added the open weight class title to earn "double gold." In 2019 he became world champion again in the Super Heavyweight division.

Nicholas Meregali

Born	27 May 1994[1] Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
Nickname	Alemão
Height	6 ft 3 in (1.91 m)[2]
Division	Super-heavyweight -100.5 kilograms (222 lb)
Team	New Wave Jiu Jitsu Dream Art Alliance Jiu Jitsu
Rank	Black belt in *BJJ*

Medal record

Representing Brazil

Submission Grappling

ADCC World Championship

B	2022	Nevada, USA	-99kg
S	2022	Nevada, USA	Absolute

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu[3]

World Championship

S	2022	California, USA	-100kg
G	2022	California, USA	Absolute
G	2019	California, USA	-100kg
B	2018	California, USA	-100kg
B	2018	California, USA	Absolute

G	2017 California, USA	-94kg[4]
Brazilian National Championship[3]		
G	2022 Sao Paulo, Brazil	-100kg
G	2019 Sao Paulo, Brazil	-100kg[5]
G	2019 Sao Paulo, Brazil	Absolute[6]
G	2018 Sao Paulo, Brazil	-100kg[7]

2021

Before the 2021 World Championship, Meregali left Alliance to join the Dream Art Project. After showing his middle finger to a spectator who was heckling him, Meregali was disqualified from the 2021 World Championship halfway through the ultra-heavyweight semi-final match,[10] before the disqualification, he was considered to be on track to win both gold at his weight division and in Absolute.[11]

2022

At the 2022 World Jiu-Jitsu Championship Meregali won the title for the third time in Absolute and Silver in his division.[12]

In interviews he has described himself as a perfectionist.[13] Meregali has been described as having a "complete game," and he is known for his outstanding guard, especially his innovative use of the De La Riva position, and chokes from the back.[14][1]

Meregali transitioned to no gi competition in 2022, making his debut against Arnaldo Maidana at Who's Number One and winning by armbar.[15] In preparation for his first attempt at the ADCC world championships,[16] Meregali started training No-Gi at the New Wave Jiu Jitsu academy in Austin, Texas, under head coach John Danaher. Meregali won a bronze medal in the under 99kg division of the 2022 ADCC World Championship, losing to Craig Jones in the semifinal,[17] and won silver in the openweight division, defeating Tye Ruotolo in the semi-final before losing to Yuri Simões in the final.[18]

2023

A rematch between Meregali and Jones was scheduled for February 2023 at Who's Number One but was postponed indefinitely when Jones was unable to compete due to other commitments.[19] Meregali then returned to gi competition at the IBJJF Pan Championship 2023.[20] He won a gold medal in both the ultra-heavyweight division, and in the absolute division.[21]

Meregali was booked to compete in the main event of Who's Number One 18 on May 18, 2023, against Pedro Marinho in the promotion's first ever gi match.[22] During the build-up to the match, Meregali announced his decision to no longer compete in IBJJF events.[23] Meregali won the match, submitting Marinho with a mounted triangle choke.[24]

Meregali was scheduled to compete against Roberto "Cyborg" Abreu at UFC Fight Pass Invitational 4 on June 29, 2023.[25] He won the match by armbar in EBI overtime.[26]

Meregali competed in the main event of Who's Number One 19 against Kaynan Duarte in the fifth match between them on August 10, 2023.[27] He won the match by submission, with an arm-triangle choke.[28]

Meregali was invited to compete in the IBJJF Absolute Grand Prix 2023 for the grand prize of $40,000 on September 1, 2023.[29] He defeated three opponents and won the tournament.[30]

Meregali competed against Felipe Pena in the co-main event of UFC Fight Pass Invitational 5 on December 9, 2023.[31] He won the match by submission with a rear-naked choke.[32]

Meregali won 'Male Grappler of the Year (Gi)' at the JitsMagazine BJJ Awards 2023.[33]

2024

Meregali faced Matheus Diniz in a superfight at UFC Fight Pass Invitational 6 on March 2, 2024.[34] He won the match by submission.[35]

Meregali faced Vagner Rocha in the main event of Who's Number One 23 on May 10, 2024.[36] He won the match by submission.[37]

Meregali was invited to compete in the under 99kg division at the 2024 ADCC World Championship.[38] He submitted Marcin Maciulewicz in the opening round and was submitted by Michael Pixley in the quarter-final,[39] dislocating his shoulder in the process and marking the first time he was submitted as a black belt.[40] He later confirmed that the injury required surgery and he could not compete for at least 5 months.[41]

Brazilian jiu-jitsu competitive summary

Main achievements (black belt):[1]

- IBJJF World Champion (2017 / 2019 / 2022[a])
- CBJJ Brazilian Nationals Champion (2018 / 2019[b] / 2022[42])
- BJJ Stars Grand Prix winner (2019)
- Best throw at ADCC World Championship (2022)[43]
- 2nd Place IBJJF World Championship (2022)
- 2nd Place ADCC World Championship Absolute (2022)[44]
- 3rd Place IBJJF World Championship (2018[b])
- 3rd Place IBJJF Pan American Championship (2017[a])

- 3rd Place ADCC World Championship -99KG (2022)[45]

Main achievements (coloured belts):[1]

- IBJJF World Champion (2016[b] brown, 2015[b]/2014 purple)
- UAEJJF Abu Dhabi Pro winner (2016/2015[b] brown, 2014[b] purple)
- IBJJF European Open Champion (2016[a] brown, 2014[b] purple)
- IBJJF Pan Champions (2016[b] brown, 2015/2014[b] purple)
- CBJJ Brazilian Nationals Champion (2015/2014[b] purple, 2013 blue)
- 2nd Place CBJJ Brazilian Nationals (2013[a] blue)
- 2nd Place IBJJF World Championship (2014[a] purple)
- 2nd Place IBJJF European Open (2016 brown)
- 3rd Place IBJJF World Championship (2013[b] blue)

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a. Absolute
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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Frank Mir. I am a former professional mixed martial artist, former UFC Heavyweight Champion, and former Interim UFC Heavyweight Champion. I competed at the highest level of the sport for many years, and Jiu-Jitsu was always an important part of my career.

During my UFC career, Robert Drysdale was one of my main Jiu-Jitsu and grappling coaches. I trained with him during important fight camps, including preparations for fights against Brock Lesnar and Antônio Rodrigo "Minotauro" Nogueira. When you fight at that level, small details make a difference. Robert always understood that.

Robert is one of the most respected names in world Jiu-Jitsu. He is a Jiu-Jitsu world champion, an ADCC absolute champion, and someone who built a strong career as an athlete, coach, and developer of competitors. Anyone who knows the sport understands the weight his name carries.

That is why, when I speak about Zenith Jiu-Jitsu Academy, I am not speaking as someone looking from the outside. I know Robert's technical standard, I know the level he expects, and I saw that standard reflected in the academy he built in Las Vegas.

I also came to know Zenith as a father. My daughter, Bella Mir, trained Jiu-Jitsu at the academy, and taking her to training allowed me to see the quality of the room, the instructors, and the work being done with developing athletes. That environment produced results. Bella grew as an athlete, achieved important results in wrestling, and built her own professional MMA career.

Zenith is a serious academy. It is a tough room, with hard training, competitive athletes, and a culture built around improvement. It is not a regular academy. It is a place where athletes truly train, where the technical standard is high, and where respect on the mats has to be earned.

That is where I observed the work of Salua Silva Borges.

I saw Salua working within the academy's technical routine, leading classes, correcting details, and guiding students. She communicated clearly, kept the room focused, and had respect on the mats. In an academy like Zenith, that means a lot, because no one earns that place by accident.

I also observed that Salua could work with different types of students, including children and students who needed more attention. She was patient, adapted exercises, and kept students involved in training. That kind of skill matters in any serious academy, because developing athletes and students is not only about teaching technique; it is also about understanding how each person learns.

In my opinion, the main point is this: Zenith is a high-level academy because it has a strong technical structure built by Robert Drysdale, and because it has people on the mats who help maintain that standard every day. Salua was part of that work.

The role of Zenith, Robert Drysdale, and instructors like Salua Borges is important in developing standout athletes in Jiu-Jitsu, MMA, and combat sports. Talent matters, but talent alone does not build a high-level athlete. An athlete needs a strong room, good coaches, good training partners, and people who can correct, teach, and raise the level every day.

From what I saw, Salua contributes to that environment. She is part of Zenith's technical culture and part of the daily work that helps students and competitors improve. For that reason, I am glad to support this letter on her behalf.

Sincerely, **July 15, 2026**

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Frank Mir

Frank Mir (born **Francisco Santos Miranda III**)[4] (/ˈmɪər/) (born May 24, 1979), is an American former mixed martial artist. He competed in the heavyweight division of the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) throughout the 2000s and 2010s, before finishing his pro MMA career in Bellator MMA in 2019. A former UFC Heavyweight Champion, he holds the record for the most submission victories in UFC Heavyweight history. A 27-fight UFC veteran, Mir formerly possessed the longest uninterrupted tenure of any fighter in the promotion's history, as he was under UFC contract from November 2001 until July 2017.[5][6] He was the first man to knock out and the first to submit Antônio Rodrigo Nogueira.[7]

Background

Born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada, Mir began training and competing in American Kenpo at a school owned by his parents, earning his black belt as a teenager.[8][9] Mir's father played a major role in convincing him to begin wrestling on the basis that it could help him avoid submissions. Mir joined the wrestling team at Bonanza High School during his junior year and lost his first nine matches.[10] During his senior year (1998) he went 44–1 and won the state championship.[10] Mir played fullback and defensive end on the school's football team, which reached the Southern Zone semifinals in 1997. He also competed in track and field; his discus throw of 177 feet 10 inches (54.20 meters) is still a Sunset Regional record.[10]

Career

Mir met UFC matchmaker Joe Silva at a Brazilian jiu-jitsu (BJJ) school. Silva saw potential in Mir and suggested that he compete in mixed martial arts. Mir made his professional debut against Jerome Smith at *HOOKnSHOOT: Showdown* on July 14, 2001. Mir won the bout by unanimous decision after two rounds. He won his second fight by triangle choke in the first round, against Dan Quinn at *IFC Warriors Challenge 15* on August 31, 2001.

Ultimate Fighting Championship

On November 2, 2001, at *UFC 34: High Voltage,* Mir made his UFC debut against 6th degree BJJ black belt Roberto Traven. Traven had previously competed in the UFC (at *UFC 11*) and was the 1999 ADCC Submission Wrestling World Championship open class champion.[11] Mir defeated Traven by armbar at 1:05 of round one, earning "Tapout of the Night" in the process. Mir's next UFC match was against Lion's Den fighter and eight-time UFC veteran Pete Williams at *UFC 36: Worlds Collide* on March 22, 2002. Mir submitted Williams in 46 seconds with an inside shoulder lock that has since been named after himself.[12] It was the only submission loss of Williams' career.[13]

Frank Mir

Mir in April 2019

Born	Francisco Santos Miranda III May 24, 1979 Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.
Height	6 ft 3 in (191 cm)
Weight	262 lb (119 kg; 18 st 10 lb)
Division	Heavyweight
Reach	79 in (201 cm)
Style	Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu
Stance	Southpaw
Fighting out of	Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.
Team	Syndicate MMA
Trainer	John Wood[1] Carl Prince[1] Robert Drysdale
Rank	Black belt in American Kenpo[2] Black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu under Ricardo Pires
Years active	2001–2019 (MMA) 2021 (Boxing)
Professional boxing record	
Total	2
Wins	0
Losses	2
By knockout	1
Mixed martial arts record	
Total	32
Wins	19
By knockout	5

Mir faced Ian Freeman in London, England, at *UFC 38: Brawl at the Hall* on July 13, 2002. Despite several leglock attempts by Mir, Freeman achieved side control four minutes into the first round and landed numerous punches and elbows to Mir's head. A time out was called due to a cut on Mir's face. After Freeman separated, the referee signaled to Mir to stand back up and stopped the fight after Mir struggled to do so.

Mir then faced Tank Abbott at UFC 41 on February 28, 2003. Mir submitted Abbott with a toe hold in 46 seconds. On June 26, 2003, Mir fought Wes Sims at *UFC 43: Meltdown*. Mir won by disqualification at 2:55 of the first round after Sims stomped on Mir's jaw following a slam escape of an armbar attempt by Mir. They would rematch at *UFC 46: Supernatural* on January 31, 2004. Mir won by knockout at 4:21 of the second round.

By submission	9
By decision	4
By disqualification	1
Losses	13
By knockout	10
By decision	3
Other information	
Spouse	Jennifer (m. 2004)
Children	4
Notable school	Bonanza High School [2]

Mixed martial arts record (http://www.sherdog.com/fightfinder/fightfinder.asp?fighterID=2329) from Sherdog

Medal record

Representing United States

Brazilian jiu-jitsu

Pan American Jiu-Jitsu Championships

G	2001 California	+100 kg (Blue)[3]

Heavyweight championship

On June 19, 2004, Mir faced Tim Sylvia for the vacant UFC Heavyweight Championship at *UFC 48: Payback*.[14] Referee Herb Dean stopped the fight 50 seconds into the first round after Mir broke Sylvia's right forearm with a straight armbar. Sylvia initially protested the call but relented following a replay of the break.[15] He was taken to a nearby hospital where an x-ray showed that his arm was broken in four places, two in both the radius and ulna bones of his right forearm. Sylvia underwent surgery later that week.[15] Mir earned his BJJ black belt from Ricardo Pires following this performance.[16]

Motorcycle injury

On September 17, 2004, Mir was knocked off his motorcycle by a car. The accident caused two breaks in Mir's femur and tore all the ligaments in his knee.[17] An Interim Heavyweight Championship was created while Mir recovered from surgery, which Andrei Arlovski won by defeating Tim Sylvia via first round submission.[18] On August 12, 2005, the UFC learned that Mir would not be able to face Andrei Arlovski in October as scheduled and stripped him of the title after 14 months, promoting Arlovski to undisputed UFC Heavyweight Champion.[19] In 2010, Mir told FIGHT! Magazine that he was grateful for the accident as it gave him time to be with his wife.[20]

Return to the UFC

In his first bout since the accident, Mir fought 4th degree BJJ black belt and six-time Mundials champion Márcio Cruz at *UFC 57: Liddell vs. Couture 3* on February 4, 2006.[21] In a shocking upset, Mir was defeated by first-round TKO. He returned to the octagon on July 8, 2006, at *UFC 61: Bitter Rivals* against Dan Christison.[22] Mir won by unanimous decision when all three judges scored the bout 29–28.[23] Mir was widely criticized following the bout due to his sloppy appearance and inability to finish a seemingly mismatched opponent. Despite the criticism, Mir was subsequently matched with Brandon Vera at *UFC 65: Bad Intentions* to determine the number one contender.[24] Mir showed improved striking ability but was quickly stunned by a straight right from Vera,[25] who then dropped him with knees from the Muay Thai clinch. Vera then secured side control and delivered a number of punches and elbows, forcing the referee to stop the fight at 1:09 of the first round. While preparing for UFC 140, Mir attributed his poor performance in his initial return bouts to lingering health issues following the accident.[26]

Rise back to title contention

Mir was scheduled to fight kickboxer Antoni Hardonk at *UFC Fight Night 9* on April 5, 2007, but had to drop out due to a shoulder injury.[27] He faced Hardonk at *UFC 74* and won via kimura at 1:17 of the first round.[28] At the end of the bout, Mir walked to the cameras pointing at himself saying "I'm back!". Frank's wife Jennifer was shown on the replay screaming and crying with joy when Frank secured the kimura and the fight was stopped.

On February 2, 2008, at *UFC 81,* Mir welcomed former WWE wrestler Brock Lesnar to the octagon for Lesnar's highly anticipated debut. It took Lesnar less than 10 seconds to shoot for a takedown and muscle Mir to the mat. However, seconds after Lesnar began to unload strikes from Mir's half guard, referee Steve Mazzagatti controversially deemed that there were some illegal punches landed to the back of Mir's head, drawing a foul and a one-point deduction.[29][30] The fighters were ordered to stand up, and Mir was given a brief recovery period. As the fight resumed, Mir was almost

instantly dropped with a big punch from Lesnar. Lesnar continued to land punches on Mir and shucked off Mir's armbar attempt before moving to a stacked guard. It was here that Mir caught Lesnar with a kneebar, causing Lesnar to tap out at 1:30 of the first round.[31] Mir was awarded with *Submission of the Night* honors.[32]

The Ultimate Fighter season 8

Spike TV announced on May 12, 2008, that former UFC champion Frank Mir would face off with the current UFC Interim Heavyweight Champion and former PRIDE Heavyweight Champion Antônio Rodrigo Nogueira as the coaches for the eighth season of The Ultimate Fighter.[33] The season, which premiered on Spike TV on September 17, returned to the two weight class format. It featured Light heavyweight and Lightweight fighters.[34] Production on season eight began in late May, with the entire cast announced in September, and concluded in December.[34]

Second heavyweight championship

Mir fought his fellow Ultimate Fighter coach, Antônio Rodrigo Nogueira, at UFC 92 for the Interim UFC Heavyweight Championship.[35] This bout was part of a mini-Heavyweight tournament, often hyped by UFC president Dana White. The winner of this fight would then face the winner of the match between the Heavyweight Champion Randy Couture and Brock Lesnar. Lesnar defeated Couture by TKO in the second round, earning him the Heavyweight Championship belt in the process and setting him up to face the winner of Nogueira/Mir to unify the belts.[36]

In the fight with Nogueira, Mir showcased vastly improved striking, particularly his boxing, knocking him down twice in the first round and once in the second.[37][38] Herb Dean stopped the match at 1:54 of the second round, declaring Mir the winner.[38] Nogueira's loss marked the first time he had lost a fight due to strikes.[39] In a post-fight interview, Mir credited his improved striking to a drastic improvement in conditioning.[40]

> "I wish I could make the statement that 'the odds were against me, but you never quit.' It was not true. I wanted to give up."
>
> —Frank Mir, talking about his career ups and downs.[37]

Two days after the fight, Dana White revealed in an interview that "Nogueira had just gotten over a Staph infection."[41] Nogueira himself verified this fact several months later in his own interview, stating that he had a staph infection "20 days before the fight, [requiring] 5 days in the hospital." When asked if this infection affected his fight, he answered, "For sure." In addition to this illness, his knee was injured during training, for which he had surgery in February 2009. Despite these handicaps, Nogueira offered strong praise for Mir's performance, with particular credit given to Mir's ability to maintain "very good distance."[42]

Heavyweight championship unification

Mir's victory over Nogueira set in place a re-match with the UFC Heavyweight Champion Brock Lesnar for the UFC Heavyweight Championship.[43] However, Mir stated, that in his opinion, holding victories over former UFC Interim Heavyweight Champion Antônio Rodrigo Nogueira at *UFC 92* and current UFC Heavyweight Champion Brock Lesnar at *UFC 81* is enough to recognize him as the owner of the "real belt."[44] Mir was originally scheduled to fight Lesnar at UFC 98 On May 23, 2009, in Las Vegas, Nevada, however, he sustained a knee injury during training which required arthroscopic surgery and the removal of bone chips from his knee. The rematch against Lesnar was therefore rescheduled for UFC 100 on July 11, 2009. The show would break many UFC records in terms of PPV sales and is in the top 3 best selling UFC PPV of all time.[45]

At UFC 100, Mir was lively on his feet but proved unable to counter Lesnar's wrestling and positional dominance. Lesnar dominated the first round with superior wrestling. In the second round, after being allowed to stand up, Mir landed a combination, ending with a turning right elbow which forced Lesnar to look for a clinch. Mir took this opportunity to attempt a jumping right knee, which landed, but ultimately resulted in Lesnar securing another takedown. After a short period of recovery from the knee, Lesnar pinned Mir up against the cage and delivered multiple unanswered heavy blows to his face, forcing referee Herb Dean to stop the fight via TKO at 1:48 in the second round. With the win, Lesnar became the undisputed UFC Heavyweight Champion.[46]

> "A lot of individuals are so worried about being politically correct. I'd rather go ahead and say what's on my mind than to sit there and come up with some PC 'Oh, the guy is a great fighter, and I have a lot of respect for him.' If I don't mean it, why is it even

Mir vs. Kongo

Mir had his next fight against Cheick Kongo on December 12, 2009, at UFC 107. Two months prior to this fight, Mir replaced his striking coach Ken Hahn with boxing trainer Jimmy Gifford. Mir was expected to weigh 20 to 25 lbs heavier than usual, due to the

> coming out of my mouth? ... I want to fight Lesnar. I hate who he is as a person. I want to break his neck in the ring. I want him to be the first person that dies due to Octagon-related injuries. That's what's going through my mind."
>
> —Frank Mir after UFC 107.[47]

strength and conditioning program that he had undertaken to improve his muscular frame. As expected, Mir weighed in for his fight against Kongo at 264.5 lbs. At the weigh-ins, Kongo refused to face Mir during the traditional stare-down before the fight. During the fight, Mir stunned Kongo with an overhand left early, dropping him and swarming to secure a guillotine choke victory at 1:12 in the first round. Kongo refused to tap and was rendered unconscious by the choke.[48] In the post-fight press conference, Mir expressed his desire to fight a rubber match with Brock Lesnar.[49] Mir later created controversy after commenting that he wanted to break Lesnar's neck, so that he would become the first mixed martial artist to die in competition.[50] Mir later made an apology for his comments after being admonished by Dana White.[51]

Interim Heavyweight Championship bout

Mir faced Shane Carwin for the UFC Interim Heavyweight Championship on March 27, 2010, at UFC 111.[52] After a brief standup exchange, Carwin pushed Mir against the cage, where he delivered several short uppercuts to Mir's chin. Mir lost the fight via knockout at 3:48 of the first round.[53]

Second rise back to title contention

At a UFC Fan Expo, Mir said he briefly considered dropping down to the Light heavyweight division, although he later confirmed he would remain at Heavyweight.[54] He was expected to face Antônio Rodrigo Nogueira on September 25, 2010, at UFC 119 in a rematch of the Interim Championship bout which Mir won via TKO at UFC 92.[55] Nogueira pulled out of this fight due to knee surgery and was replaced by Mirko Cro Cop.[56] Mir defeated Mirko Cro Cop via third-round knockout, earning the win with a knee from the clinch in a largely uneventful fight in which neither fighter was able to deliver any significant offense.[57]

Mir faced former IFL Heavyweight Champion Roy Nelson on May 28, 2011, at UFC 130. He won via unanimous decision (30–27, 30–27, and 30–26) by using superior control and constant pressure. Mir showed improved wrestling by pushing Nelson against the cage, completing a Judo hip throw and securing several takedowns in the third round. Mir landed several hard knees and elbows from the Muay Thai clinch throughout the bout but was unable to finish the durable Nelson.[58][59]

A rematch with Antônio Rodrigo Nogueira took place on December 10, 2011, at UFC 140.[61] In the bout, Mir was dropped during the first round by a punch from Nogueira, and the bout was nearly stopped. Mir quickly recovered and gained superior positioning, defeating Nogueira by kimura at 3:38 of round 1, snapping Nogueira's arm in the process, as Nogueira refused to tap.[62] Along with being the first fighter to have finished Nogueira via knockout, Mir became the first fighter to have defeated Nogueira via submission in mixed martial arts.[63] The victory also earned Mir a $75,000 *Submission of the Night* honor award.[64][65] UFC President Dana White called it the "submission of the century" at the post-fight press conference.[60]

> "I had a strong inclination that he Nogueira was not going to tap, so I took a deep breath and you guys saw what happened. I was being a little too reactionary. When he caught me with the right hand, at that point, it turned into a war. I started to move around, and he wanted to play jiu-jitsu with me. I'm pretty good on the ground."
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> —Frank Mir at the UFC 140 post-fight press conference.[60]

Third title shot and beyond

Mir was expected to face Cain Velasquez on May 25, 2012, at UFC 146.[66] However, on April 20, 2012, Dana White announced that Mir would face Brazilian Junior dos Santos for the UFC Heavyweight Championship, replacing kickboxer Alistair Overeem. On May 11, 2012, UFC Primetime returned to promote the fight between Mir and dos Santos, and concluded on May 25.[67] In their fight, dos Santos was able to use superior foot work to strike in and out before Mir could mount any significant offense.[68] Mir lost the fight via TKO in the second round[68] and said he would have to go back to the drawing board to continue his career.

Later in 2012, the UFC announced that Mir had been given a one fight sabbatical to compete under the Strikeforce banner to challenge Strikeforce Heavyweight Grand Prix Tournament Champion Daniel Cormier.[69] The bout with Cormier was expected to take place on November 3, 2012, at Strikeforce: Cormier vs. Mir.[70] However, on September

19 it was revealed that Mir suffered an injury in training and was forced to pull out of the bout.[71] The bout with Cormier was rescheduled for April 20, 2013, at UFC on Fox 7.[72] Mir lost the fight by unanimous decision.[73]

Mir faced returning former UFC Heavyweight Champion Josh Barnett on August 31, 2013, at UFC 164.[74] Mir lost via TKO in the first round.[75]

Mir was scheduled to face Alistair Overeem on November 16, 2013, at UFC 167.[76] However, the pairing was moved to February 1, 2014, at UFC 169.[77] Mir lost the fight via unanimous decision.

Mir was expected to face Antônio Silva on February 28, 2015, at UFC 184.[78] However, the bout with Silva was moved up a week and served as the event headliner for UFC Fight Night 61.[79] Despite being the betting underdog, Mir won the fight via knockout in the first round, dropping Silva with a left hook and finishing him with a barrage of ground and pound.[80] Subsequently, Mir won a *Performance of the Night* bonus.[81]

Mir faced Todd Duffee at UFC Fight Night 71 on July 15, 2015.[82] He won the fight via knockout in the first round after dropping Duffee with a straight left. Referee "Big" John McCarthy immediately stepped in to stop the fight as Duffee face planted onto the mat. Mir earned his second consecutive *Performance of the Night* bonus.[83][84]

Mir faced Andrei Arlovski on September 5, 2015, at UFC 191.[85] He lost the back-and-forth fight via unanimous decision, although some, including UFC president Dana White, scored the fight in his favor.[86][87] 12 of 15 media outlets, however, scored the bout in favor of Arlovski.[88]

Mir faced Mark Hunt on March 20, 2016, at UFC Fight Night 85 in Brisbane, Australia.[89] He lost the fight via KO in the first round.[90] On April 7, 2016, Mir was notified by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) that the sample he submitted the day of the fight tested positive for oral turinabol metabolites. In a statement, Mir responded, "I don't know how that is possible as I do not take any performance enhancing drugs (PEDs)."[91] He was nonetheless suspended for two years.[92]

Speaking in early 2017 Frank Mir opened up to a radio show about retirement rumors indicating he was still interested in actively competing, and a potential comeback. Mir indicated interest in a third Brock Lesnar fight.[93]

On July 8, 2017, Mir announced that he had been granted his release from the UFC after nearly 16 years with the promotion, despite having six fights left on his contract.[94][95]

Bellator MMA

On August 16, 2017, it was announced that Mir had signed a multi-fight deal with Bellator MMA.[96]

In his debut fight for the promotion, Mir faced Fedor Emelianenko at Bellator 198 on April 28, 2018. The bout was part of the opening round of the Bellator Heavyweight Tournament.[97] He lost the fight via TKO in round one.[98]

In his second fight for the promotion, Mir faced Javy Ayala at Bellator 212 on December 14, 2018.[99] Mir successfully won the first round by taking Ayala down and controlling him on the ground. However, Ayala rallied in the second round and Mir eventually lost by TKO after tapping to punches that caused an alveolar ridge fracture.[100]

Mir faced Roy Nelson in a rematch of their 2011 UFC bout on October 25, 2019, in the main event of Bellator 231.[101] He won via unanimous decision.[102]

On April 1, 2020, Mir's contract with Bellator expired, making him a free agent.[103]

United Fight League

Mir is currently under a two fight contract for the UFL, where he also works for as an ambassador. Mir announced his intention to retire from MMA after he finished those two fights on his contract. He originally was scheduled to make his debut in August 2023, but it was cancelled.[104]

Professional wrestling

In January 2019, Josh Barnett announced via Twitter that Mir would be making his professional wrestling debut for Game Changer Wrestling's Bloodsport event, an independent wrestling event that features worked matches presented in an MMA style. Mir's debut coincided with WrestleMania 35 weekend on Thursday, April 4.[105] On March 17, it was

announced that Mir's debut match would be against former UFC Superfight Champion and former NWA World Heavyweight Champion Dan Severn.[106] Mir defeated Severn, and post-match called out former UFC rival Brock Lesnar.[107]

Professional boxing

On February 25, 2021, Mir announced he would be making his professional boxing debut against former multi-time light heavyweight and cruiserweight boxing champion Antonio Tarver on April 17 on the undercard of Jake Paul vs. Ben Askren.[108] However, on March 23, it was revealed that Tarver was pulled from the bout after failing to meet the requirements to compete put forth by the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission. Mir instead faced former IBF cruiserweight champion Steve Cunningham at the event, losing by unanimous decision.[109]

Triad Combat

On November 27, 2021, Mir faced Kubrat Pulev in the main event of a boxing vs MMA card promoted by Triller that featured other UFC veterans. Mir lost the fight via TKO in the 1st round.[110]

Global Fight League

On December 11, 2024, it was announced that Mir was signed by Global Fight League.[111]

Mir was scheduled to face Fabrício Werdum at a to be announced date and location.[112] However, the bout was cancelled in March 2025 as a result of Mir having to undergo an emergency surgery.[113] In turn, in April 2025, it was reported that all GFL events were cancelled indefinitely.[114]

Commentary and opinionist

Frank Mir was a color commentator for World Extreme Cagefighting until the 2010 WEC 47, when he was replaced by Stephan Bonnar.[115][116] In June 2012, Mir stated in an interview with *The Chronicle-Journal* that he wants to pursue commentary after he retires from fighting.[117] "I like analyzing fights, and I like doing color commentating," he said. "It's an opportunity I would take advantage of when I run into it. Hopefully it's something I can do full time".[118] Mir was appointed in 2015 the color commentator for Absolute Championship Berkut.[119]

Personal life

Mir and his wife Jennifer have three children together, and Jennifer has a son from a previous relationship whom Mir adopted.[120][121] Frank's oldest biological child, Bella Mir, is also a professional mixed martial artist.[122]

Mir is an atheist and a libertarian.[123] He followed a vegan diet for a year[124] but switched to a paleo diet due to lack of energy.[125] He suffers from low testosterone and underwent testosterone replacement therapy from 2012 until its banning from combat sports in 2014.[126]

Frank Mir's daughter, Bella Mir, has also embarked upon a professional MMA career, winning her debut in October, 2020 with her father in her corner.[127]

Mir worked as a bouncer at the Spearmint Rhino in Las Vegas before entering the UFC[128] and continued to work there as Director of Security while pursuing his UFC career.[129]

In January 2016, it was announced that Mir would be inducted into the Southern Nevada Sports Hall of Fame.[130][131]

Frank Mir is of Cuban heritage through his father.[132]

Championships and accomplishments

Mixed martial arts

- **Ultimate Fighting Championship**

- UFC Heavyweight Championship (One time)
- Interim UFC Heavyweight Championship (One time)
- Submission of the Night (Two times) vs. Brock Lesnar and Antônio Rodrigo Nogueira[32][65]
- Performance of the Night (Two times) vs. Antônio Silva and Todd Duffee[81][84]
- **UFC Encyclopedia Awards**
  - Fight of the Night (One time) vs. Ian Freeman[133]
  - Knockout of the Night (One time) vs. Wes Sims 2[134]
  - Submission of the Night (Four times) vs. Roberto Traven, Pete Williams, Tank Abbott and Tim Sylvia[135][136][137][138]
- Third most wins in UFC Heavyweight division history (16)[139]
- Third most fights in UFC Heavyweight division history (27)[140]
- Second most finishes in UFC heavyweight division history (13)[141]
  - Third most first-round finishes in UFC history (11)[142]
- Most submissions in UFC Heavyweight division history (8)[141]
  - Most submission attempts in UFC Heavyweight division history (21)[141]
  - Most submissions per 15 minute average in UFC Heavyweight division history (2.02)[141]
  - Fastest submission in UFC Heavyweight division (45 seconds)
  - Tied (Gunnar Nelson & Islam Makhachev) for eighth most submission wins in UFC history (8)[143]
- First and only toe hold finish in UFC history
- Fought five different UFC Heavyweight Champions
- Defeated three different UFC Heavyweight Champions
- **UFC.com Awards**
  - 2008: Upset of the Year vs. Antônio Rodrigo Nogueira 1,[144] Ranked #5 Fighter of the Year[145] & Ranked #2 Submission of the Year vs. Brock Lesnar[146]
  - 2009: Ranked #3 Submission of the Year vs. Cheick Kongo[147]
  - 2011: Submission of the Year vs. Antônio Rodrigo Nogueira 2[148]
- **FIGHT! Magazine**
  - 2008 Submission of the Year vs. Brock Lesnar on February 2[149]
- **Sherdog**
  - 2008 Comeback Fighter of the Year[150]
  - 2011 Submission of the Year vs. Antônio Rodrigo Nogueira on December 10[151]
  - 2011 All-Violence Second Team[152]
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- **ESPN**
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- **World MMA Awards**
  - 2011 Submission of the Year vs. Antônio Rodrigo Nogueira at UFC 140[155]
  - 2011 Comeback of the Year vs. Antônio Rodrigo Nogueira at UFC 140[155]
- **Rear Naked News**
  - 2008 Comeback of the Year[156]
- **MMA Fighting**
  - 2008 #6 Ranked UFC Submission of the Year vs. Brock Lesnar at UFC 81[157]

Submission grappling

- **Pan American Championships**
  - Blue Belt Pesadissimo: 1st place (2001)
- **North American Grappling Association**
  - NAGA Absolute Division Champion (2007)

Amateur wrestling

- **Nevada State Wrestling**
  - Nevada State Wrestling Champion (1998)

Mixed martial arts record

Professional record breakdown

32 matches	19 wins	13 losses
By knockout	5	10
By submission	9	0
By decision	4	3
By disqualification	1	0

Res.	Record	Opponent	Method	Event	Date	Round	Time	Location	Notes
Win	19–13	Roy Nelson	Decision (unanimous)	Bellator 231	October 25, 2019	3	5:00	Uncasville, Connecticut, United States	
Loss	18–13	Javy Ayala	TKO (submission to punches)	Bellator 212	December 14, 2018	2	4:30	Honolulu, Hawaii, United States	
Loss	18–12	Fedor Emelianenko	KO (punches)	Bellator 198	April 28, 2018	1	0:48	Rosemont, Illinois, United States	Bellator Heavyweight World Grand Prix Quarterfinal.
Loss	18–11	Mark Hunt	KO (punch)	UFC Fight Night: Hunt vs. Mir	March 20, 2016	1	3:01	Brisbane, Australia	Mir tested positive for a turinabol metabolite.
Loss	18–10	Andrei Arlovski	Decision (unanimous)	UFC 191	September 5, 2015	3	5:00	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	
Win	18–9	Todd Duffee	KO (punch)	UFC Fight Night: Mir vs. Duffee	July 15, 2015	1	1:13	San Diego, California, United States	Performance of the Night.
Win	17–9	Antônio Silva	KO (elbows)	UFC Fight Night: Bigfoot vs. Mir	February 22, 2015	1	1:40	Porto Alegre, Brazil	Performance of the Night.
Loss	16–9	Alistair Overeem	Decision (unanimous)	UFC 169	February 1, 2014	3	5:00	Newark, New Jersey, United States	
Loss	16–8	Josh Barnett	TKO (knee)	UFC 164	August 31, 2013	1	1:56	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States	
Loss	16–7	Daniel Cormier	Decision (unanimous)	UFC on Fox: Henderson vs. Melendez	April 20, 2013	3	5:00	San Jose, California, United States	
Loss	16–6	Junior dos Santos	TKO (punches)	UFC 146	May 26, 2012	2	3:04	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	For the UFC Heavyweight Championship.
Win	16–5	Antônio Rodrigo Nogueira	Technical Submission (kimura)	UFC 140	December 10, 2011	1	3:38	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Submission of the Night.
Win	15–5	Roy Nelson	Decision (unanimous)	UFC 130	May 28, 2011	3	5:00	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	
Win	14–5	Mirko Cro Cop	KO (knee)	UFC 119	September 25, 2010	3	4:02	Indianapolis, Indiana, United States	
Loss	13–5	Shane Carwin	KO (punches)	UFC 111	March 27, 2010	1	3:48	Newark, New Jersey, United States	For the interim UFC Heavyweight Championship.
Win	13–4	Cheick Kongo	Technical Submission (guillotine choke)	UFC 107	December 12, 2009	1	1:12	Memphis, Tennessee, United States	
Loss	12–4	Brock Lesnar	TKO (punches)	UFC 100	July 11, 2009	2	1:48	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	For the UFC Heavyweight Championship.

Win	12–3	Antônio Rodrigo Nogueira	TKO (punches)	UFC 92	December 27, 2008	2	1:57	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	Won the interim UFC Heavyweight Championship.
Win	11–3	Brock Lesnar	Submission (kneebar)	UFC 81	February 2, 2008	1	1:30	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	Lesnar was deducted one point in round 1 for strikes to the back of the head. Submission of the Night.
Win	10–3	Antoni Hardonk	Submission (kimura)	UFC 74	August 25, 2007	1	1:17	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	
Loss	9–3	Brandon Vera	TKO (punches)	UFC 65	November 18, 2006	1	1:09	Sacramento, California, United States	
Win	9–2	Dan Christison	Decision (unanimous)	UFC 61	July 8, 2006	3	5:00	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	
Loss	8–2	Márcio Cruz	TKO (punches and elbows)	UFC 57	February 4, 2006	1	4:10	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	
Win	8–1	Tim Sylvia	Technical Submission (armbar)	UFC 48	June 19, 2004	1	0:50	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	Won the vacant UFC Heavyweight Championship. Mir was stripped of the title on August 12, 2005 due to injury.
Win	7–1	Wes Sims	KO (punches)	UFC 46	January 31, 2004	2	4:21	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	
Win	6–1	Wes Sims	DQ (kicking a downed opponent)	UFC 43	June 6, 2003	1	2:55	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	
Win	5–1	Tank Abbott	Submission (toe hold)	UFC 41	February 28, 2003	1	0:45	Atlantic City, New Jersey, United States	
Loss	4–1	Ian Freeman	TKO (punches)	UFC 38	July 13, 2002	1	4:35	London, England	
Win	4–0	Pete Williams	Submission (inside shoulder lock)	UFC 36	March 22, 2002	1	0:46	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	
Win	3–0	Roberto Traven	Submission (armbar)	UFC 34	November 2, 2001	1	1:05	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	
Win	2–0	Dan Quinn	Submission (triangle choke)	IFC: Warriors Challenge 15	August 31, 2001	1	2:15	Oroville, California, United States	
Win	1–0	Jerome Smith	Decision (unanimous)	HOOKnSHOOT: Showdown	July 14, 2001	2	5:00	Evansville, Indiana, United States	Heavyweight debut.

Pay-per-view bouts

No	Event	Fight	Date	Venue	City	PPV buys
1.	UFC 100	**Lesnar** vs. **Mir 2**	July 11, 2009	Mandalay Bay Events Center	Las Vegas, Nevada	1,600,000
2.	UFC 119	**Mir** vs. **Cro Cop**	September 25, 2010	Conseco Fieldhouse	Indianapolis, Indiana	295,000
3.	UFC 146	**Dos Santos** vs **Mir**	May 26, 2012	MGM Grand Garden Arena	Las Vegas, Nevada	560,000[158]

Professional boxing record

1 fight	0 wins	1 loss
By decision	0	1

No.	Result	Record	Opponent	Type	Round, time	Date	Location	Notes
1	Loss	0–1	Steve Cunningham	UD	6	Apr 17, 2021	Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.	

Triad combat record

1 fight	0 wins	1 loss
By knockout	0	1

No.	Result	Record	Opponent	Type	Round, time	Date	Location	Notes
1	Loss	0–1	Kubrat Pulev	TKO	1 (9) 1:59	November 27, 2021 [159]	Globe Life Field, Arlington, Texas, U.S.	

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Forrest Griffin. I am a retired professional mixed martial artist, former UFC Light Heavyweight Champion, winner of the first season of *The Ultimate Fighter*, and a member of the UFC Hall of Fame. I currently serve as Vice President of Athlete Development at the UFC Performance Institute. I am also a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belt under Robert Drysdale.

I am writing this letter to speak about the reputation of Zenith Jiu-Jitsu Academy in Las Vegas and its relevance within Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, competitive grappling, MMA, and combat sports.

My relationship with Robert Drysdale goes back to my active UFC career. I trained Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and grappling with Robert for many years, and I received my Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belt from him in 2010. Robert was an important part of my development as a professional fighter, especially in the grappling side of the sport.

Robert Drysdale is one of the most respected names in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and submission grappling. He is a Jiu-Jitsu world champion and an ADCC absolute champion. Those accomplishments show his technical level and his standing within the sport.

Because of my long relationship with Robert, I became familiar with the training environment he built in Las Vegas. Over the years, Zenith Jiu-Jitsu Academy has become a serious and respected name in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, competitive grappling, and the training of athletes connected to combat sports.

In my experience, Zenith is not just a regular martial arts school. It is directly associated with Robert Drysdale and is known for maintaining a high technical standard, structured training, competitive athletes, and a strong presence within the Las Vegas martial arts community.

This kind of academy matters not only to Jiu-Jitsu competitors, but also to MMA athletes. High-level grappling is an essential part of modern MMA, and serious Jiu-Jitsu environments like Zenith help develop the technical foundation that fighters and competitors need. In my current work with athlete development at the UFC Performance Institute, I understand the importance of environments with strong coaching, qualified training partners, and a consistent technical culture.

A gym at this level does not build its reputation only through advertising or by having a well-known name attached to it. It builds reputation through consistent technical work, quality instruction, the development of students and competitors, the presence of experienced athletes, and the ability to maintain a serious training environment over time.

Zenith is also known for its connection with high-level athletes and combat sports professionals. Many MMA fighters, advanced grapplers, and Jiu-Jitsu competitors have trained with Robert or have been connected to the technical environment he created in Las Vegas. That history reinforces Zenith's position as a respected center for training and technical development.

Over the last decade, Zenith has represented a high-level environment within Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Its reputation is supported by Robert Drysdale's career, the quality of its team, the development of competitors, and the academy's relevance within the Jiu-Jitsu and MMA community.

I also understand that Salua Silva Borges was part of Zenith's technical and competitive environment. I was not Salua's student, and I did not personally follow her daily routine, so I do not want to overstate what I personally observed. However, I recall Robert Drysdale mentioning Salua in conversations about Zenith's classes and training environment. From those conversations, my understanding was that Salua was a high-level athlete and instructor who contributed positively to the academy.

I also heard consistent comments from athletes and instructors about her work at Zenith. She was described as technically strong, respected within that environment, and part of a high-level team. In an academy like Zenith, athletes and instructors who are trusted to teach, train, or support students are part of a demanding technical culture. That is not an ordinary opportunity; it is an environment where the standards are high and technical credibility matters.

Based on my experience in MMA, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, and athlete development, I can state that Zenith Jiu-Jitsu Academy has a distinguished reputation in the field of Jiu-Jitsu and combat sports. The academy is respected because of its connection to Robert Drysdale, its technical standard, its presence in Las Vegas, and its contribution to the development of practitioners and competitors.

Sincerely,

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Forrest Griffin

Forrest Griffin (born July 1, 1979) is an American retired mixed martial artist. He is a former UFC Light Heavyweight Champion and was inducted into the UFC Hall of Fame in 2013. He is now the Vice President of Athlete Development at the UFC Performance Institute. A former Georgia police officer, Griffin first rose to prominence after winning the first season of *The Ultimate Fighter*. In the tournament finals, he defeated Stephan Bonnar in a fight which is widely credited as sparking the success of the UFC.

Early life

Griffin, who is of Irish descent, graduated from Evans High School in Evans, Georgia, a suburb of Augusta, where he played football. He then attended the University of Georgia, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in political science.[2] Thereafter, Griffin served as a law enforcement officer for the Richmond County Sheriff's Office in Augusta, Georgia. He also served as a patrol officer with the University of Georgia police.[3]

He trained at The HardCore Gym (now SBG Athens) in Athens[4] for seven years under Adam and Rory Singer.[5] He later left law enforcement to pursue a career in professional mixed martial arts.[6] Griffin is also an MMA instructor at Throwdown Training Center and Robert Drysdale Brazilian jiu-jitsu in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Early mixed martial arts career

Before *The Ultimate Fighter*, he fought the likes of Jeff Monson, Jeremy Horn, Chael Sonnen and early UFC veteran Dan Severn in his first pro fight. Forrest Griffin is also known for a fight with Edson Paradeo, in which Edson broke Griffin's left arm with what appeared to be a badly blocked roundhouse kick aimed at the body. Forrest continued on to win the fight by knockout. As a result of the badly blocked body kick, he has a huge permanent lump on his left forearm.[7]

The Ultimate Fighter

Griffin first became well known by taking part in the first-season of Spike TV's *The Ultimate Fighter*, a mixed martial arts reality show. At the time, he had given up mixed martial arts and taken a job with the Augusta/Richmond County Sheriff's Department in Georgia, but he was persuaded by Dana White to take part in the show.

Griffin vs. Bonnar

Forrest Griffin

Griffin in 2010

Born	July 1, 1979 Columbus, Ohio, U.S.
Height	6 ft 3 in (191 cm)
Weight	205 lb (93 kg; 14 st 9 lb)
Division	Heavyweight (2001–2003) Light Heavyweight (2003–2012)
Reach	77 in (196 cm)
Stance	Orthodox
Fighting out of	Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.
Team	Throwdown Training Center Xtreme Couture
Rank	Black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu under Robert Drysdale[1]
Years active	2001–2012
Mixed martial arts record	
Total	26
Wins	19
By knockout	4
By submission	6
By decision	9
Losses	7
By knockout	5
By decision	2
Other information	
University	University of Georgia

Mixed martial arts record (http://www.sherdog.com/fightfinder/fightfinder.asp?fighterID=3526) from Sherdog

On the show, he reached the finals where he defeated Stephan Bonnar by unanimous decision. The fight was credited by Dana White as the "most important fight in UFC history"[8] and the fight that brought the UFC into the mainstream. For winning the competition he was given a six-figure professional contract to fight with the UFC.[5][9] The Stephan Bonnar fight was declared the #1 UFC fight of all time in the UFC Ultimate 100 Greatest Fights program.[10]

Rise to fame

Griffin vs. Ortiz

On April 15, 2006, Griffin fought former light heavyweight champion Tito Ortiz at *UFC 59*, in which he lost a controversial split decision. This fight earned him his first *Fight of the Night* award.[11]

Griffin vs. Bonnar II

At *UFC 62*, Griffin then fought Stephan Bonnar in a rematch from their earlier fight.[12] Griffin won by unanimous decision, sweeping all three rounds.[13]

Griffin vs. Jardine

Griffin was defeated by *Ultimate Fighter 2* semifinalist Keith Jardine at *UFC 66* by TKO at 4:41 of the first round. After the fight, Griffin sat in his corner crying. Moments later, he walked away from Joe Rogan's attempt to interview him, saying "I don't ev...Keith came in and he did exactly what I wanted to do and he knocked me the fuck out. Let's go home."[14]

Staph infection

Griffin was scheduled to fight at *UFC 70* against Lyoto Machida on April 21, 2007, but he was unable to fight due to a staph infection.[15]

Griffin vs. Ramirez

On June 16, 2007, Griffin defeated Hector Ramirez at *UFC 72* in Belfast, Northern Ireland via unanimous decision with all three judges scoring the fight 30–27 to Griffin. During the fight, Forrest was able to land 38 leg kicks breaking the UFC record for most leg kicks landed in three five-minute rounds.[16] This record has since been broken by Amir Sadollah, who landed 46 against Peter Sobotta at UFC 122.[17]

Griffin vs. Shogun

At *UFC 76*, Griffin fought against PRIDE Middleweight Grand Prix Champion Maurício Rua.[18] At the time, Shogun was ranked the number one light heavyweight fighter in the world by several MMA publications. Griffin won by rear naked choke at 4:45 of round three. Griffin required surgery after the fight due to a shoulder injury that was sustained before the bout. Griffin's shoulder has been a recurring problem since.[19] This fight earned him a $40,000 *Submission of the Night* award.[20]

Coaching *The Ultimate Fighter 7*

On *The Ultimate Fighter 6* finale, Dana White announced that Griffin was not only the number one contender for the Light Heavyweight title, but also one of the coaches for *The Ultimate Fighter 7* and would fight the other coach at the end of the series.[21] The other coach, Quinton "Rampage" Jackson was announced by Dana White on December 9 at Spike TV's Video Game Awards show.

On June 20, 2008, Griffin co-hosted the *25 Tuffest Moments in The Ultimate Fighter* with Stephan Bonnar and Dana White.[22]

Winning and losing the UFC Light Heavyweight Championship and rematches

Griffin vs. Jackson

On July 5, 2008 at UFC 86, Griffin fought the UFC Light Heavyweight Champion, Quinton "Rampage" Jackson. Viewed as a heavy underdog by many going into the fight,[23] Griffin faced Jackson in a hard-fought battle that earned him a $60,000 *Fight of the Night* award.[24][25] Griffin won a unanimous decision victory and became the new undisputed UFC Light Heavyweight Champion.

Griffin appeared to be in trouble in the first round after being dropped by an uppercut, but he rallied in the second round and landed a damaging leg kick early that severely wobbled Jackson. Griffin followed up with ground strikes and cemented his control, preventing Jackson from mounting any significant offense for the entire round. After three more back and forth rounds, Griffin would go on to win the fight by unanimous decision to capture the light heavyweight title.[26]

The decision was described as controversial by some commentators.[27][28][29] After the fight, Jackson's trainer Juanito Ibarra, unhappy with the judges scoring, expressed plans to protest the unanimous decision with the Nevada State Athletic Commission but never filed as it would not have changed the decision.[30]

Griffin's documented pay for the fight was $310,000. $100,000 to fight, win bonus of $150,000 and $60,000 for the Fight of the Night award.[31]

Griffin vs. Evans

Griffin's first title defense came at UFC 92: The Ultimate 2008, against undefeated challenger Rashad Evans.[32] After Griffin controlled most of the first two rounds with effective striking, Evans caught one of Griffin's kicks and took him down, defeating Griffin by TKO in the third round with ground and pound from inside the champion's guard.[33] The loss was Griffin's third loss since entering the UFC. During the fight Griffin broke his hand,[34] sidelining him for several months. This fight earned him another $60,000 *Fight of the Night* award.[35]

Griffin vs. Silva

After recovery, Griffin signed on to fight pound-for-pound stalwart Anderson Silva at UFC 101.[36] Griffin was slated to take on Brazilian Anderson Silva, but on April 28, 2009, UFC President Dana White confirmed that he would instead accommodate Anderson's return to the light heavyweight division following his middleweight title defense against Thales Leites at UFC 97. During the bout, Griffin was knocked down three times in the first round by Silva. Before the third knockdown, Griffin charged Silva with a flurry of punches, all of which were avoided by sways from Silva, who then countered with a compact right hand whilst retreating, knocking Griffin out.

After the fight, Griffin got up from the canvas, left the cage, and jogged out of the arena. It was initially suggested that Griffin was rushed to a hospital due to a dislocated jaw and trouble hearing in one ear.[37] However, it turned out there was no injury to Griffin's jaw.[38][39][40][41][42] Both fighters were awarded $60,000 as *Fight of the Night* bonuses and Silva received an additional $60,000 in bonus money for Knockout of the Night.[43]

Griffin vs. Ortiz II

When Mark Coleman got injured and had to drop out of his matchup against Tito Ortiz, Griffin accepted a rematch against Ortiz at UFC 106.[44] Griffin also wore white and black fight shorts instead of his trademark tan shorts for the fight. Griffin went on to win the gory battle by split decision, showing superior striking skills and a stronger ground game than in their previous fight. After the fight Griffin said, "Tito was a great fight for me to come back, we'll have to do a third that's 1–1 man." With a split decision in both of their fights, Griffin seemed more than

willing to get a rubber match put together with Ortiz to settle the score once and for all. "You could tell he was a guy getting ready for Mark Coleman, no offense, and he's a guy coming off back surgery. We'll do it again, I won't break my foot, he'll be in better shape," commented Griffin.[45]

Shoulder injury

Griffin was expected to face Antônio Rogério Nogueira on May 29, 2010, at UFC 114, but Griffin pulled out of the fight due to a shoulder injury.[46] He was replaced by Jason Brilz.[47]

Griffin vs. Franklin

Griffin faced former UFC Middleweight Champion Rich Franklin on February 5, 2011, at UFC 126.[48] Griffin controlled the majority of the fight: in the first round he took Franklin down and controlled him on the ground and in the second he used superior kicks and combinations to knock Franklin down. Griffin went on to win by unanimous decision.[49]

Griffin vs. Shogun II

A rematch with Maurício Rua took place on August 27, 2011, at UFC 134.[50] Griffin lost the bout via KO (punches) in the first round and would be out up to 6 months with possible right-foot and jaw injuries.[51] Before the fight, Griffin was updated that his wife had gone into labor. Dana White also voiced his support for Griffin, stating that he was very proud of him regardless of the loss.[52]

Griffin vs. Ortiz III

Griffin faced Tito Ortiz for a third time on July 7, 2012, at UFC 148. He won the fight via a 29–28 unanimous decision out-striking Ortiz 2:1 despite being knocked down by Ortiz as well as being taken down twice.[53] The fight also won *Fight of the Night* earning both Griffin and Ortiz a $75,000 fight bonus.[54]

This fight marked the third time in his career that he left the Octagon on unusual terms, simply walking out before the fight results were read. He later went back to the ring and gave Tito Ortiz an unexpected interview.[55]

MCL & ACL injury

Griffin was expected to fight Chael Sonnen in a rematch on December 29, 2012, at UFC 155. Instead Sonnen was pulled out of the fight to coach TUF season 17.[56] Griffin was then expected to face Phil Davis at the event.[57] However, on December 5 it was announced that Forrest was forced out of the bout due to an MCL tear and ACL strain.[58]

Griffin hoped to return from injury by the end of 2013.[59]

Retirement and UFC Hall of Fame

On May 26, 2013, it was announced at the post-event news conference for UFC 160 that Griffin had retired from MMA fighting, citing chronic injuries as the reason for his decision.[60] After the announcement of Griffin's retirement, Dana White announced that Griffin and Stephan Bonnar would be inducted into the UFC Hall of Fame on July 6.[61] Griffin has remained in the sport, and is currently working as the vice president of athlete development at the UFC Performance Institute.

Personal life

Griffin and his longtime girlfriend Jaime Logiudice were married on September 18, 2009.[62] The couple welcomed their first child, a daughter, in September 2011.[63] Forrest's wife was going into labor (nine days early) as he competed against Maurício "Shogun" Rua at UFC 134 on August 27, 2011.[64]

Championships and accomplishments

Mixed martial arts

- **Ultimate Fighting Championship**
  - UFC Hall of Fame (Modern Wing, Class of 2013) and (Fight Wing, Class of 2013) vs. Stephan Bonnar at The Ultimate Fighter 1 Finale
  - UFC Light Heavyweight Championship (One time)
  - The Ultimate Fighter: Light Heavyweight Tournament Winner
  - Fight of the Night (Five times) vs. Tito Ortiz 1 & 3, Quinton Jackson, Rashad Evans, and Anderson Silva[11][25][35][43][54]
  - Submission of the Night (One time) vs. Maurício Rua 1[20]
  - **UFC Encyclopedia Awards**
    - Fight of the Night (Two times) vs. Stephan Bonnar 1 and Elvis Sinosic[65][66]
  - **UFC.com Awards**
    - 2005: Fight of the Year vs. Stephan Bonnar 1[67]
    - 2006: Ranked #5 Fight of the Year vs. Tito Ortiz 1[68]
    - 2007: Submission of the Year vs. Mauricio Rua 1,[69] Ranked #2 Upset of the Year vs. Maurício Rua 1[70] & Ranked #6 Fighter of the Year[71]
    - 2008: Fight of the Year[67] & Ranked #5 Upset of the Year vs. Quinton Jackson[72]
- **Heavy Sports**
  - 2000s Fight of the Decade vs. Stephan Bonnar at The Ultimate Fighter 1 Finale[73]
- **Wrestling Observer Newsletter**
  - 2005 Fight of the Year vs. Stephan Bonnar 1 on April 9
  - 2008 Fight of the Year vs. Quinton Jackson on July 5
- **Fighting Spirit Magazine**
  - 2006 Fight of the Year vs. Tito Ortiz on April 15 [74]
- **Triumph United**
  - 2007 Upset of the Year vs. Maurício Rua on September 22
- **Southern Nevada Sports Hall of Fame**
  - Class of 2018[75]
- **International Sports Hall of Fame**
  - Class of 2020[76]

Mixed martial arts record

Professional record breakdown

26 matches	19 wins	7 losses
By knockout	4	5
By submission	6	0
By decision	9	2

Res.	Record	Opponent	Method	Event	Date	Round	Time	Location	Notes
Win	19–7	Tito Ortiz	Decision (unanimous)	UFC 148	July 7, 2012	3	5:00	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	Fight of the Night.
Loss	18–7	Maurício Rua	KO (punches)	UFC 134	August 27, 2011	1	1:53	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	
Win	18–6	Rich Franklin	Decision (unanimous)	UFC 126	February 5, 2011	3	5:00	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	
Win	17–6	Tito Ortiz	Decision (split)	UFC 106	November 21, 2009	3	5:00	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	
Loss	16–6	Anderson Silva	KO (punch)	UFC 101	August 8, 2009	1	3:23	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States	Fight of the Night. Griffin tested positive for Xanax.[77][78]
Loss	16–5	Rashad Evans	TKO (punches)	UFC 92	December 27, 2008	3	2:46	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	Lost the UFC Light Heavyweight Championship. Fight of the Night.
Win	16–4	Quinton Jackson	Decision (unanimous)	UFC 86	July 5, 2008	5	5:00	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	Won the UFC Light Heavyweight Championship. Fight of the Night.
Win	15–4	Maurício Rua	Submission (rear-naked choke)	UFC 76	September 22, 2007	3	4:45	Anaheim, California, United States	Submission of the Night.
Win	14–4	Hector Ramirez	Decision (unanimous)	UFC 72	June 16, 2007	3	5:00	Belfast, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom	
Loss	13–4	Keith Jardine	TKO (punches)	UFC 66	December 30, 2006	1	4:41	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	
Win	13–3	Stephan Bonnar	Decision (unanimous)	UFC 62	August 26, 2006	3	5:00	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	
Loss	12–3	Tito Ortiz	Decision (split)	UFC 59	April 15, 2006	3	5:00	Anaheim, California, United States	Fight of the Night.
Win	12–2	Elvis Sinosic	TKO (punches)	UFC 55	October 7, 2005	1	3:22	Uncasville, Connecticut, United States	
Win	11–2	Bill Mahood	Submission (rear-naked choke)	UFC 53	June 4, 2005	1	2:18	Atlantic City, New Jersey, United States	
Win	10–2	Stephan Bonnar	Decision (unanimous)	The Ultimate Fighter 1 Finale	April 9, 2005	3	5:00	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	Won The Ultimate Fighter 1: Light Heavyweight Tournament.
Win	9–2	Edson Paredao	KO (punch)	Heat FC 2: Evolution	December 18, 2003	1	1:04	Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil	Heavyweight bout.
Loss	8–2	Jeremy Horn	KO (head kick)	IFC: Global Domination	September 6, 2003	2	3:40	Denver, Colorado, United States	

Win	8–1	Chael Sonnen	Submission (triangle choke)	IFC: Global Domination	September 6, 2003	1	2:25	Denver, Colorado, United States	Light Heavyweight debut.
Win	7–1	Ebenezer Fontes Braga	Submission (rear-naked choke)	Heat FC 1: Genesis	July 31, 2003	1	N/A	Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil	
Win	6–1	Steve Sayegh	TKO (submission to punches)	KOTC 20: Crossroads	December 15, 2002	1	1:45	Bernalillo, New Mexico, United States	
Win	5–1	Travis Fulton	TKO (doctor stoppage)	CC 1: Halloween Heat, ISCF Sanctioned	October 26, 2002	1	5:00	Atlanta, Georgia, United States	
Win	4–1	Jeff Monson	Decision (unanimous)	WEFC 1: Bring It On, ISCF Sanctioned	June 29, 2002	4	4:00	Marietta, Georgia, United States	
Win	3–1	Kent Hensley	Submission (triangle choke)	Battle at the Brewery, ISCF Sanctioned	April 12, 2002	1	2:26	Atlanta, Georgia United States	
Win	2–1	Jason Braswell	Decision (split)	RSF 7: Animal Instinct	January 26, 2002	3	4:00	Lakeland, Florida, United States	
Win	1–1	Wiehan Lesh	Submission (rear-naked choke)	Pride and Honor	November 24, 2001	1	N/A	South Africa	
Loss	0–1	Dan Severn	Decision (unanimous)	RSF 5: New Blood Conflict, ISCF Sanctioned	October 27, 2001	3	4:00	Augusta, Georgia, United States	For the RSF Heavyweight Championship.

Mixed martial arts exhibition record

Exhibition record breakdown

Res.	Record	Opponent	Method	Event	Date	Round	Time	Location	Notes
Win	2–0	Sam Hoger	TKO (strikes)	The Ultimate Fighter 1	April 4, 2005 (airdate)	2	1:05	Las Vegas, Nevada	The Ultimate Fighter 1 Semi-final round.
Win	1–0	Alex Schoenauer	Submission (strikes)		March 14, 2005 (airdate)	1	1:20		The Ultimate Fighter 1 Quarterfinal round.

Pay-per-view bouts

No.	Event	Fight	Venue	City	PPV Buys
1.	UFC 86	**Jackson vs. Griffin**	Mandalay Bay Events Center	Las Vegas, Nevada	540,000[79]
2.	UFC 92	**The Ultimate 2008**	MGM Grand Garden Arena	Las Vegas, Nevada	1,050,000[80]
3.	UFC 106	**Ortiz vs. Griffin 2**	Mandalay Bay Events Center	Las Vegas, Nevada	375,000[81]

Books

Griffin is the author of two books, 2009's *Got Fight?: 50 Zen Principles of Hand-to-Face Combat* and 2010's *Be Ready When The Shit Goes Down: A Survival Guide to the Apocalypse*, which both received positive reviews.

Filmography

Films

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2009	*I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell*	Better Cop	
2010	*13*	Joey Blarro	
2010	*Unrivaled*	Landon 'The Brither' Popoff	[82]
2010	*Locked Down*	Mule	

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2007	*Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*	Mike Kona	Episode: "Fight"
2008	*The Ultimate Fighter*	Host	
2012	*The Roots of Fight*		2 episodes
2021	*Hell's Kitchen*	Himself	Episode: "Young Guns: If You Can't Stand the Heat..."

Video games

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2009	*UFC 2009 Undisputed*	Himself	Cover athlete
2010	*UFC Undisputed 2010*	Himself	
2012	*UFC Undisputed 3*	Himself	
2014	*EA Sports UFC*	Himself	
2016	*EA Sports UFC 2*	Himself	
2018	*EA Sports UFC 3*	Himself	
2020	*EA Sports UFC 4*	Himself	
2023	*EA Sports UFC 5*	Himself	

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July 7, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Red Vitug. I am the mother of Logan Amaya, and I am writing in support of Salua Borges because of the positive impact she has had on my son as his Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu coach at Team Zenith by Robert Drysdale since 2022.

As a mother, I have seen Logan grow a lot through his training with Salua. She has helped him improve his technique, discipline, confidence, focus, and mental strength as a young athlete.

What I value most is that Salua teaches more than Jiu-Jitsu. She teaches respect, humility, responsibility, perseverance, and sportsmanship. These lessons have helped Logan not only in competition, but also in school, at home, and in everyday life.

Salua knows how to push students while still caring for them. She corrects, encourages, and helps young athletes believe in themselves. Logan feels challenged by her coaching, but also supported.

Team Zenith is a respected academy under the leadership of Robert Drysdale, an ADCC World Champion, IBJJF World Champion, respected black belt, undefeated former professional MMA fighter, and internationally recognized coach. The academy provides a strong environment based on discipline, confidence, respect, health, and personal development.

Within that environment, Salua stands out as a coach and role model. She is a multiple-time World Champion and black belt, but what makes her special is her patience, humility, and genuine care for her students.

I have seen firsthand how Salua helps young athletes become stronger, more confident, and more disciplined. In my opinion, she plays an important role at Team Zenith and contributes to the development of young athletes and to the positive culture created by Robert Drysdale.

I am grateful for the role Salua has played in Logan's growth and I support this letter with full confidence.

Sincerely,

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Exhibit D — Contemporaneous Evidence of Salua’s Role at Zenith

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Wednesday 1/18/23 Kids Gi

Who says jiu-jitsu has to be so serious?? Tonights class was full of fun instruction thanks to Coach Gus, Coach Salua and Coach Faith.

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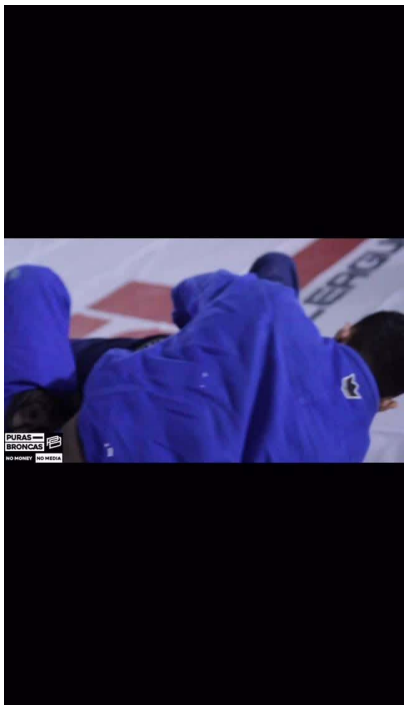

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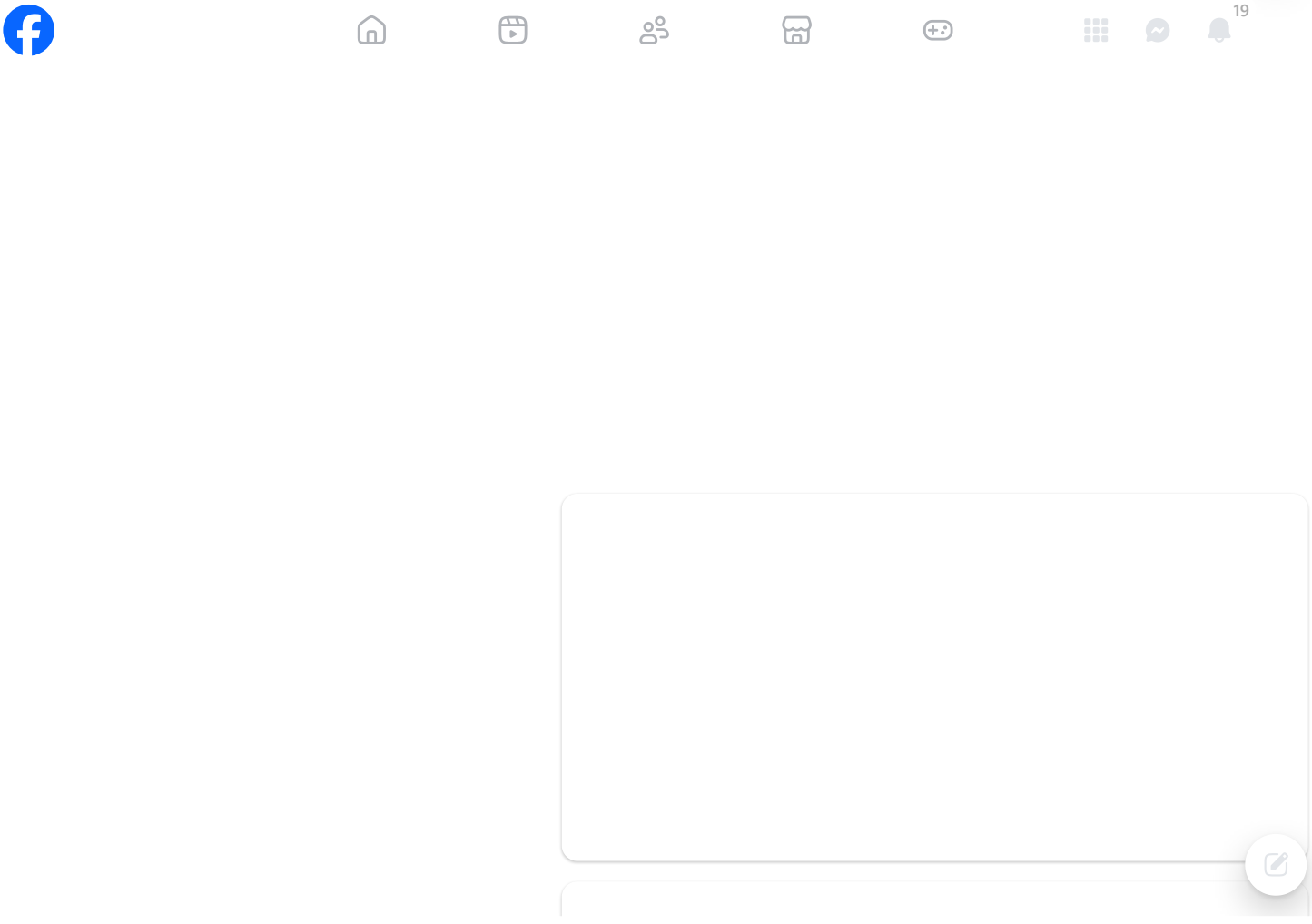
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Black Belt Major Titles

Gi Titles

World No-Gi	3x

Black Belt Other Titles

Gi Titles

American No-Gi	6x	American	2x

Coloured Belt Major Titles

Gi Titles

Pan	3x	World No-Gi	2x
Campeonato Brasileiro	2x		

Coloured Belt Other Titles

Gi Titles

American No-Gi	8x	American	8x
Dallas Spring No-Gi	2x	Dallas Spring	2x
Denver No-Gi	2x	San Diego Spring	2x
Denver	2x	Los Angeles BJJ Pro	1x
Campeonato Sul-Americano	1x		

Biggest Finals Win: Defeated Sa'Idah Zeinab Durkee (Elo: 1234) in World No-Gi 2024

Biggest Finals Upset: Lost to Sewar Sultan Abunuwar (Elo: 1037) despite being rated 1212 (+175) in American 2026

🎯 ELO Explorer -

Current ELO 1186

Rankings

#17	#13	#2.199
Division	Team	Overall
+15 ELO to overtake Ketra Bartek	+15 ELO to overtake Rachel Noelle Morrison	+1 ELO to overtake Isabele Gava Flores

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Competition	Division	Place	Team
American No-Gi 2026	Black / Master 2 / Female / Open Class	1	Zenith BJJ
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American 2026	Black / Master 2 / Female / Open Class	2	Zenith BJJ
American 2026	Black / Master 2 / Female / Super Heavy	2	Zenith BJJ
World No-Gi 2025	Black / Master 2 / Female / Super Heavy	1	Zenith BJJ Las Vegas
American No-Gi 2025	Black / Master 2 / Female / Open Class	1	Zenith BJJ
American No-Gi 2025	Black / Master 2 / Female / Super Heavy	1	Zenith BJJ
American 2025	Black / Master 2 / Female / Open Class	2	Zenith BJJ Las Vegas

Competition	Division	Place	Team
American 2025	Black / Master 2 / Female / Super Heavy	1	Zenith BJJ Las Vegas
World No-Gi 2024	Black / Master 2 / Female / Open Class	1	Zenith BJJ

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Results from all competitions (IBJJF, AJP, Smoothcomp) available on combined profile →

Finals Opponents Bubble Chart -

34 finals matches · 27 opponents

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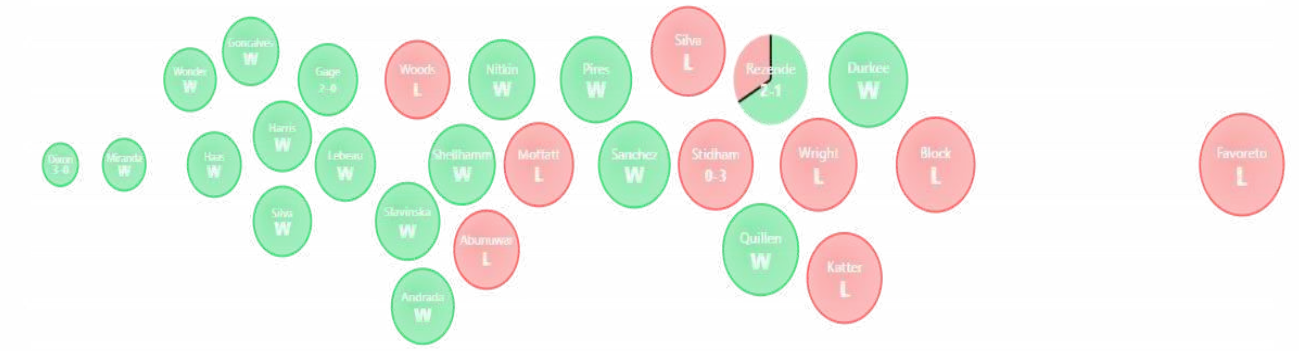

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Finals Match History -

Opponent Name	Elo	Competition	Division	Result
Karla Vanessa Shellhammer	1071	American No-Gi 2026	Black / Master 2 / Female / Open Class	Win
Sarah Rose Block	1236	American 2026	Black / Master 2 / Female / Open Class	Loss
Sewar Sultan Abunuwar	1060	American 2026	Black / Master 2 / Female / Super Heavy	Loss
Erin Nicole Quillen	1191	World No-Gi 2025	Black / Master 2 / Female / Super Heavy	Win
Amy Erin Harris	998	American No-Gi 2025	Black / Master 2 / Female / Open Class	Win
Talita Andrea Nogueira Rezende	1195	American No-Gi 2025	Black / Master 2 / Female / Super Heavy	Win
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Sa'Idah Zeinab Durkee	1234	World No-Gi 2024	Black / Master 2 / Female / Open Class	Win

Opponent Name	Elo	Competition	Division	Result
Jennifer Nicole Haas	970	American No-Gi 2024	Black / Master 2 / Female / Open Class	Win

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Note: Only finals matches are ranking matches and determine the athlete's ELO rating.

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Opponent Name	Elo	Competition	Division	Result
Karla Vanessa Shellhammer	1071	American No-Gi 2026	Black / Master 2 / Female / Open Class	Win

Opponent Name	Elo	Competition	Division	Result
Mary E Sanders	1081	American No-Gi 2026	Black / Master 2 / Female / Open Class	**Win**
Sewar Sultan Abunuwar	1060	American 2026	Black / Master 2 / Female / Super Heavy	**Loss**
Sarah Rose Block	1236	American 2026	Black / Master 2 / Female / Open Class	**Loss**
Celeste Rushell Cronin	1088	American 2026	Black / Master 2 / Female / Open Class	**Win**
Diosana Frigo	1322	American 2026	Black / Master 2 / Female / Open Class	**Win**

All (62) **2026 (6)** 2025 (11) 2024 (10) 2023 (11) 2022 (10) 2020 (2) 2018 (4) 2017 (6) 2016 (2)

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Medal Breakdown by Belt -

Belt Rank	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Total	46	12	6	64

Belt Rank	🥇 Gold	🥈 Silver	🥉 Bronze	Total
Blue	1	1	0	2
Purple	4	6	3	13
Brown	30	2	3	35
Black	11	3	0	14

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Division Leaders: -

Rank	Fighter	Elo	Team
1	Jennifer A Case	1987	Renato Tavares Association
2	Ginger K Hines	1606	Roberto Traven BJJ
3	Talita Andrea Nogueira	1497	Vilanova Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
4	Mayara Monteiro Custodio	1488	CheckMat Equipe 1
5	Violeta Sokolova Angelova	1437	LEAD BJJ
6	Niceli Gislaine Schwinden Guerino	1394	Gracie Barra
7	Danielle R Walker	1328	Takedown City Jiu Jitsu Academy
8	Vanessa Maria Varela Pereira	1295	Atma Jiu Jitsu

Rank	Fighter	Elo	Team
9	Rana Qubbaj	1292	Samy Al Jamal FIT Jiu Jitsu
10	Ana Paula Coelho De Oliveira	1281	Zenith BJJ

🔥💪 Longest Win Streaks in Division -

Rank	Fighter	Win Streak	Elo	Team
1	Jennifer A Case	21	1987	Renato Tavares Association
2	Mayara Monteiro Custodio	12	1488	CheckMat Equipe 1
3	Vanessa Maria Varela Pereira	7	1295	Atma Jiu Jitsu
4	Ketra Bartek	5	1200	Gracie Humaita
5	Sewar Sultan Abunuwar	5	1060	TAC Team BJJ

👁️🏆 Watchlist: Rivals & Champions -

Fighter	Elo	Competition	Division
Yekaterina V Shikhirina	972	Chicago Summer International Open IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026 (Aug 7)	Black / Master 2 / Female / Light
Yekaterina V Shikhirina	972	World Master IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026 (Sep 2)	Black / Master 2 / Female / Light
Amy Erin Harris	998	World Master IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026 (Sep 2)	Black / Master 2 / Female / Feather
Kimberly Ann Bowser	1212	World Master IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026 (Sep 2)	Black / Master 3 / Female / Heavy
Charize N Apostol	1002	World Master IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026 (Sep 2)	Black / Master 2 / Female / Light
Sarah Rose Block	1236	Dallas Summer International Open IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026 (Jul 31)	Black / Master 1 / Female / Light
Sarah Rose Block	1236	World Master IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026 (Sep 2)	Black / Master 2 / Female / Light
Talita Andrea Nogueira Rezende	1195	World Master IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026 (Sep 2)	Black / Master 3 / Female / Heavy
Mary E Sanders	1081	World Master IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026 (Sep 2)	Black / Master 2 / Female / Light
Sewar Sultan Abunuwar	1060	Virginia International Open IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026 (Jul 17)	Black / Master 1 / Female / Super-Heavy

Fighter	Elo	Competition	Division

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Zenith BJJ at American No-Gi 2026 -

Fighter	Elo	Division	Place
Shaun Donald Holmstrom	782	Black / Master 7 / Male / Heavy	1
Shaun Donald Holmstrom	782	Black / Master 7 / Male / Open Class	3
Almansor Vaz	1107	Black / Master 6 / Male / Medium Heavy	2
Almansor Vaz	1107	Black / Master 6 / Male / Open Class	1
Carly Michael Rangel	1218	Black / Master 3 / Female / Medium Heavy	2
Carly Michael Rangel	1218	Black / Master 3 / Female / Open Class	1
Barry Joseph Oglesby	983	Black / Master 4 / Male / Heavy	3
Luke Robert Harris	1280	Black / Master 4 / Male / Super Heavy	1
Luke Robert Harris	1280	Black / Master 4 / Male / Open Class	2
Ivan Garcia	1002	Blue / Master 1 / Male / Middle	3

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Relevant Upcoming Tournaments -

Tournament	Date	Location	Registrations
Pan Kids IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026	Jul 23, 2026	Silver Spurs Arena (Osceola Heritage Park), Kissimmee	2168
World Master IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026	Sep 2, 2026	Las Vegas Convention Center - Hall W1 - W3, Las Vegas	3203
Campeonato Sul-Americano De Jiu-Jitsu No-Gi 2026	Sep 10, 2026	Centro Esportivo Micimo Da Silva, Rio De Janeiro	346
Campeonato Brasileiro De Jiu-Jitsu Sem Kimono (Idade 04 A 15 Anos) 2026	Sep 11, 2026	Centro Esportivo Micimo Da Silva, Rio De Janeiro	346
Campeonato Sul-Americano De Jiu-Jitsu 2026	Sep 24, 2026	Ginsio Poliesportivo Jos Correa, Barueri	346
Pan IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu No-Gi Championship 2026	Oct 1, 2026	Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucus	258
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Pan Pacific IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026	Oct 16, 2026	Melbourne Sports And Aquatics Centre - Stadium 5, Melbourne	25
Pan Pacific Kids IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026	Oct 17, 2026	Melbourne Sports And Aquatics Centre - Stadium 5, Melbourne	28
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Fighter	Elo	Team
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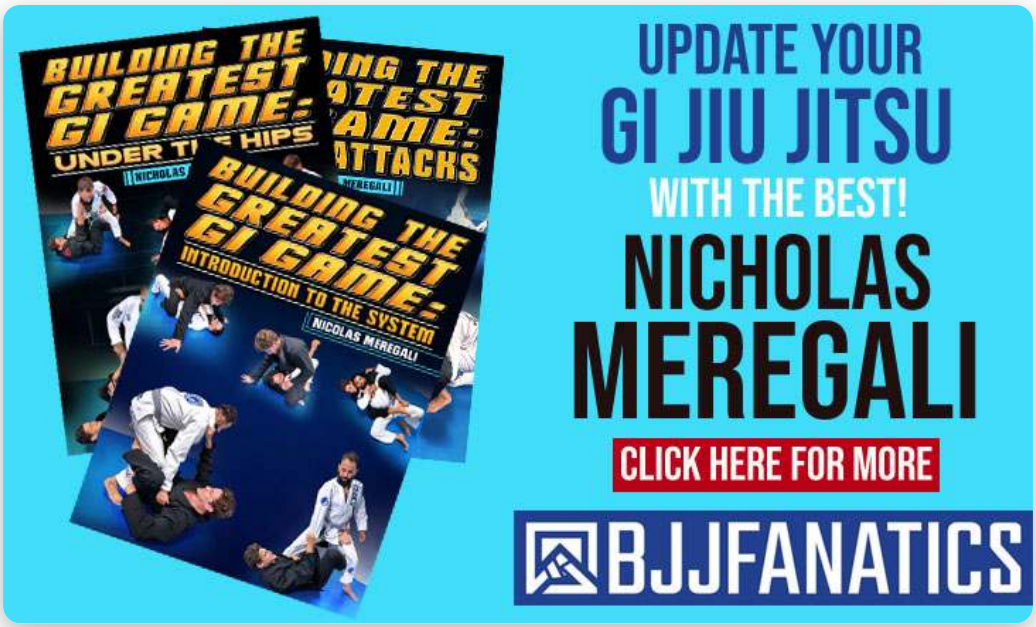
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♖♘ Top Fighters by ELO -

Rank	Fighter Name	ELO	World ELO Rank	Total Medals	Gold %
1	Fabiana Pereira Santos	1495	194	58	91.4%
2	Amy Scot Campo	1474	219	51	74.5%
3	Pedro Marcolino Sales Filho	1388	387	38	68.4%
4	Marius Gudas	1297	754	10	80%
5	Ana Paula Coelho De Oliveira	1281	849	52	63.5%
6	Rodrigo Henrique Cavaca	1261	1020	37	27%
7	Eliane Jesus Almeida Galvao	1253	1107	22	86.4%
8	Nicklas Christopher Vinso Hartman	1245	1190	118	55.1%
9	Nirvana Caroline Goes Costa	1226	1437	15	66.7%
10	Arin Adjamian	1210	1701	31	54.8%

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Rank	Fighter Name	🥇 Gold Medals	Total Medals	Gold %
1	Jose Marivan Alves Feitosa	9	19	47.4%
2	Emilio Alejandro Hernandez Rodriguez	8	19	42.1%
3	Ruan Talles De Deus Da Silva	7	15	46.7%
4	David Alan Torza	10	13	76.9%
5	Maxton Gray Hunt	4	9	44.4%
6	Harry Daniel Lamping	2	8	25.0%
7	Carly Michael Rangel	5	7	71.4%
8	Almansor Vaz	2	6	33.3%
9	Luke Robert Harris	1	6	16.7%
10	Radoslaw Piotr Senger	1	6	16.7%

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Rank	Fighter Name	Gold Medals	Division
1	Alessandra Souza Monteiro	3	Blue / Master 3 / Female / Middle
2	Camily Silva De Sousa	3	Yellow / Teen 3 / Female / Rooster

Rank	Fighter Name	Gold Medals	Division
3	Matheus Filipe Martins	3	White / Juvenile / Male / Light
4	James Edward Quance	3	White / Master 3 / Male / Ultra Heavy
5	Kielan Nainoa Nitta	3	Grey / Teen 3 / Male / Heavy
6	Carlos Eduardo Santos Oliveira	2	White / Juvenile / Male / Feather
7	Brandon W Evans	2	White / Master 1 / Male / Light
8	Bendy Casimir	2	Black / Master 2 / Male / Light Feather
9	Christina Marie Parkinson	2	White / Master 2 / Female / Medium Heavy
10	Thiago Cardoso Da Silva	2	White / Juvenile / Male / Light

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IBJJF Team Medal Statistics

Adult Black Belt

Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
161	127	182	470

Gold: 34.3%

↗ 0.5% above IBJJF avg (33.8%)

Masters Black Belt

Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
401	319	406	1126

Gold: 35.6%

↗ 1.5% above IBJJF avg (34.1%)

Adult All Belts

Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
732	567	836	2135

Gold: 34.3%

↘ 0.9% below IBJJF avg (35.2%)

Masters All Belts

Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1264	1001	1107	3372

Gold: 37.5%

↗ 2.3% above IBJJF avg (35.2%)

Kids/Juveniles

Gold	Silver
307	279

Male Competitors

Gold	Silver
1600	1364

322 Bronze
908 Total

Gold: 33.8%

↘ 1.4% below IBJJF avg (35.2%)

1761 Bronze
4725 Total

Gold: 33.9%

↘ 1.1% below IBJJF avg (35%)

Female Competitors

703 Gold
483 Silver
504 Bronze
1690 Total

Gold: 41.6%

↗ 5.5% above IBJJF avg (36.1%)

Team Total

2303 Gold
1847 Silver
2265 Bronze
6415 Total

Gold: 35.9%

↗ 0.7% above IBJJF avg (35.2%)

IBJJF Comparison Context

IBJJF Overall Average	Total IBJJF Teams	Avg Medals/Team
35.2% Gold	12.500	18

Medal Count by Belt -

Belt	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total	Gold %
Black	562	446	588	1596	35.2%
Brown	391	330	328	1049	37.3%
Purple	463	345	468	1276	36.3%

Belt	🥇 Gold	🥈 Silver	🥉 Bronze	Total	Gold %
Blue	544	456	544	1544	35.2%
White	178	113	152	443	40.2%
Grey	76	60	88	224	33.9%
Green	9	17	17	43	20.9%
Orange	22	23	19	64	34.4%
Yellow	58	57	61	176	33%

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🥇⚖️ Performance by Weight Class -

Weight Class	🥇 Gold	🥈 Silver	🥉 Bronze	Total	Gold %
Feather	200	167	235	602	33.2%
Heavy	211	176	212	599	35.2%
Light	271	220	275	766	35.4%
Light Feather	99	96	109	304	32.6%
Medium Heavy	214	204	212	630	34%
Middle	304	235	323	862	35.3%
Open Class	413	343	512	1268	32.6%
Open Class Heavy	14	24	15	53	26.4%

Weight Class	🥇 Gold	🥈 Silver	🥉 Bronze	Total	Gold %
Open Class Light	7	6	9	22	31.8%
Rooster	52	41	33	126	41.3%
Super Heavy	284	178	191	653	43.5%
Ultra Heavy	234	157	139	530	44.2%

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⌛🏅 Historical Medal Trends -

Year	🥇 Gold	🥈 Silver	🥉 Bronze	Total	Gold %
2026	122	102	120	344	35.5%
2025	224	149	173	546	41.0%
2024	266	199	232	697	38.2%
2023	239	229	231	699	34.2%
2022	196	151	217	564	34.8%
2021	123	105	110	338	36.4%
2020	57	40	58	155	36.8%
2019	247	159	203	609	40.6%
2018	210	145	190	545	38.5%
2017	216	174	229	619	34.9%

Year	🥇 Gold	🥈 Silver	🥉 Bronze	Total	Gold %

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🏅 Individual Medal Achievements -

Fighter	Competition	Category/Division	Place	Year
Mendel Emerick Lima Faria	Rio Summer No-Gi 2026	Purple / Master 2 / Male / Feather	1	2026
Jose Marivan Alves Feitosa	Rio Winter 2026	Black / Master 5 / Male / Light	1	2026
Luiz Henrique Santos Benigno	Rio Summer No-Gi 2026	Brown / Adult / Male / Ultra Heavy	1	2026
Luiz Henrique Santos Benigno	Rio Summer No-Gi 2026	Brown / Adult / Male / Open Class	1	2026
Luiz Henrique Santos Benigno	Rio Summer 2026	Brown / Adult / Male / Super Heavy	1	2026
Jose Marivan Alves Feitosa	Curitiba Summer 2026	Black / Master 5 / Male / Light	1	2026
Maxton Gray Hunt	Chicago Spring Kids 2026	Grey / Junior 3 / Male / Feather	1	2026
Aaron Lester Kropach	Nashville Spring Kids 2026	Yellow / Junior 3 / Male / Middle	1	2026
Fox Abram Moreno	Nashville Spring Kids 2026	Grey / Junior 3 / Male / Light	1	2026
Maxton Gray Hunt	Nashville Spring Kids 2026	Grey / Junior 3 / Male / Feather	1	2026

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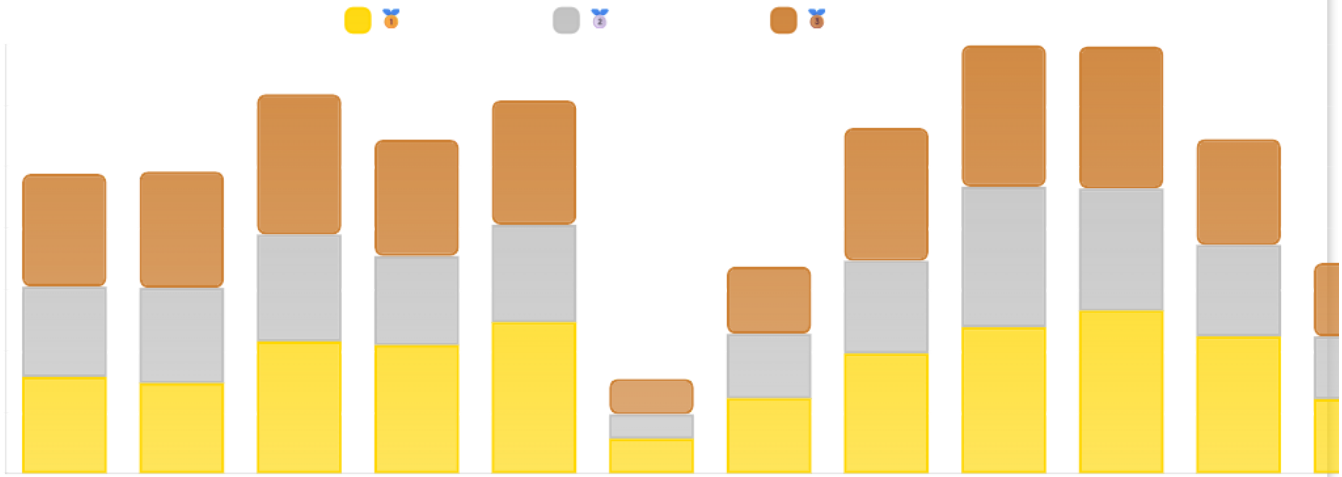
Medal Performance Over Time

Stacked Grouped Gold %



Team Registrations -

Event Start Date	Division	Fighter Name

- São Paulo International Open IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026 (Fri, 17 Jul 2026) 7 registrations
- São Paulo International Open IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu No-Gi Championship 2026 (Fri, 17 Jul 2026) 1 registrations
- Honolulu Kids International Open IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026 (Sun, 19 Jul 2026) 1 registrations
- São Paulo Kids International Open IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026 (Sun, 19 Jul 2026) 2 registrations
- Pan Kids IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026 (Fri, 24 Jul 2026) 3 registrations
- Master International Jiu-Jitsu Championship - South America 2026 (Sat, 25 Jul 2026) 2 registrations
- Floripa Winter International Open IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026 (Sat, 08 Aug 2026) 1 registrations
- World Master IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026 (Thu, 03 Sep 2026) 5 registrations
- Jiu-Jitsu CON Novice International 2026 (Thu, 03 Sep 2026) 1 registrations
- Jiu-Jitsu CON Kids International 2026 (Fri, 04 Sep 2026) 1 registrations

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Our New World Champs!

The annual Worlds No Gi Jiu-Jitsu Tournament was held this past weekend in California and we are so proud to say Zenith now has FOUR world champions! BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Amy Campo, Kris Olivo (who was also promoted to black belt while on podium by Coach Robert Drysdale), Salua Borges and Don McGregor! #OneTeam #OneFamily #OneArmy #WeAreZenith

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Congratulations Nick

Nick Hartman taking gold at IBJJFs Tournament.

Congrats Nick, on another great acheveiment. We are so proud of you here at the Zenith HQ.

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Elisabeth Clay, Roberto Cyborg and other highlights of the No-Gi World Championship

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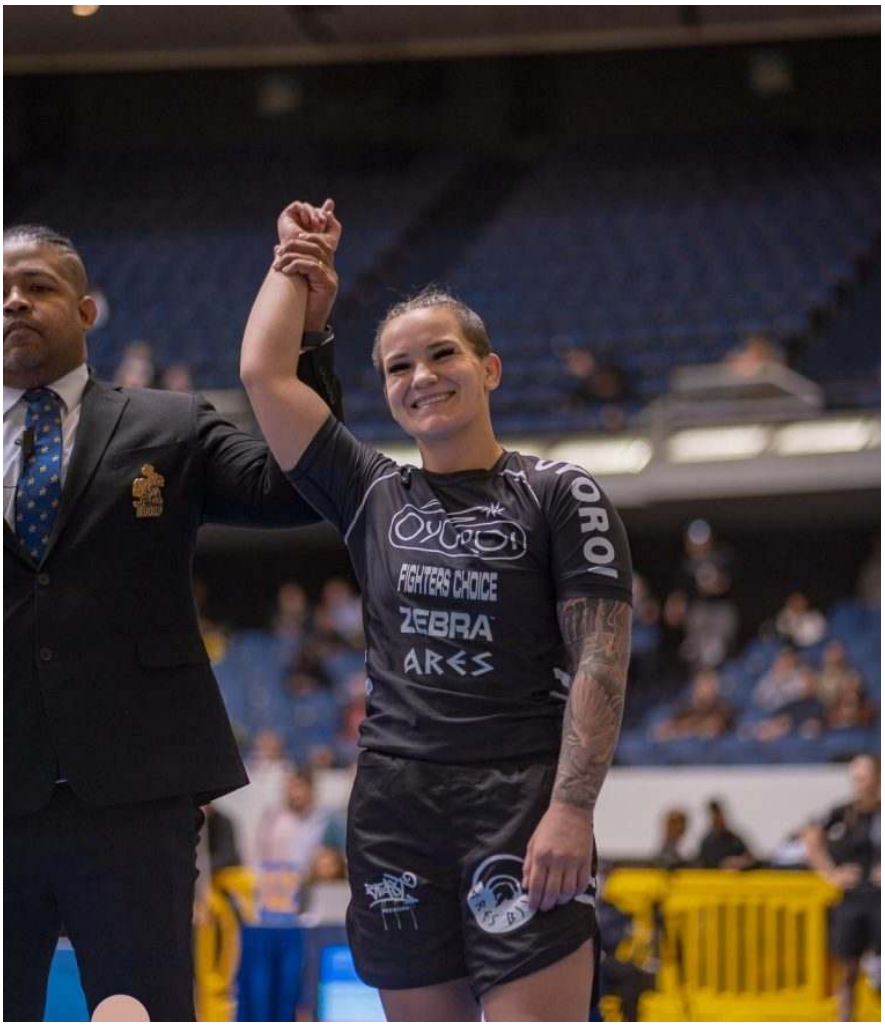
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Elisabeth Clay won double gold at the 2022 No-Gi World Championships. Photo: Tyy Withrow/GRACIEMAG

The final event on the IBJJF calendar for the year, the 2022 No-Gi World Championship, was held from December 8th to 11th in Anaheim, California. Every major event is surrounded by many questions and brings forth compelling answers. However, the competition had an anticlimactic ending and left the result vague.

Since Pedro Marinho, double gold medalist in the previous edition, was not in action at the event, expectations revolved around the new absolute champion, which did not materialize. Roberto “Cyborg” Abreu and Henrique “Ceconi” Cardoso were scheduled to fight in the open weight final, but “Cyborg” decided to preserve his injured knee after winning the super heavyweight division and withdrew from the final. As the fight was not contested, “Ceconi” was left without the gold medal.

While the men's competition lacked excitement, a new queen was crowned. Elisabeth Clay defied the odds against Amy Campo, defeating the reigning ADCC champion in the over 60kg category 2-0 to win gold in the absolute division. Moments earlier, Clay had secured the middleweight title by submitting Vanessa Griffin with an armbar when she was already leading 19-0.

Eight days shy of his 42nd birthday, Roberto Abreu proved once again why he is a "Cyborg." The experienced black belt defeated Victor Hugo Costa 2-0 to become an eight-time no-gi world champion. The Fight Sports athlete capitalized on his early lead. The veteran took down Xande Ribeiro's pupil with a single-leg takedown and managed the advantage in his opponent's guard. Victor Hugo persisted, but his initiatives were countered by his opponent. In the semifinal, "Cyborg" submitted John Leslie with a katagatame choke.

Roberto Cyborg won gold in the super heavyweight division. Photo: Tyy Withrow/GRACIEMAG

Finalist in the absolute division, Henrique “Ceconi” Cardoso defeated Fellipe Trovo 2-0 to become the super heavyweight champion. The fighters engaged in a studied match that gained momentum in the final stretch. The Atos athlete was superior in the first half of the fight, threatening “Ceconi” and almost managing to sweep his rival. When he was winning by an advantage, Fellipe escaped the fighting area when “Ceconi” tried to take him down, and Henrique received two points. Even with the disadvantage on the scoreboard, Trovo maintained his guard strategy and was unable to reverse the difference.

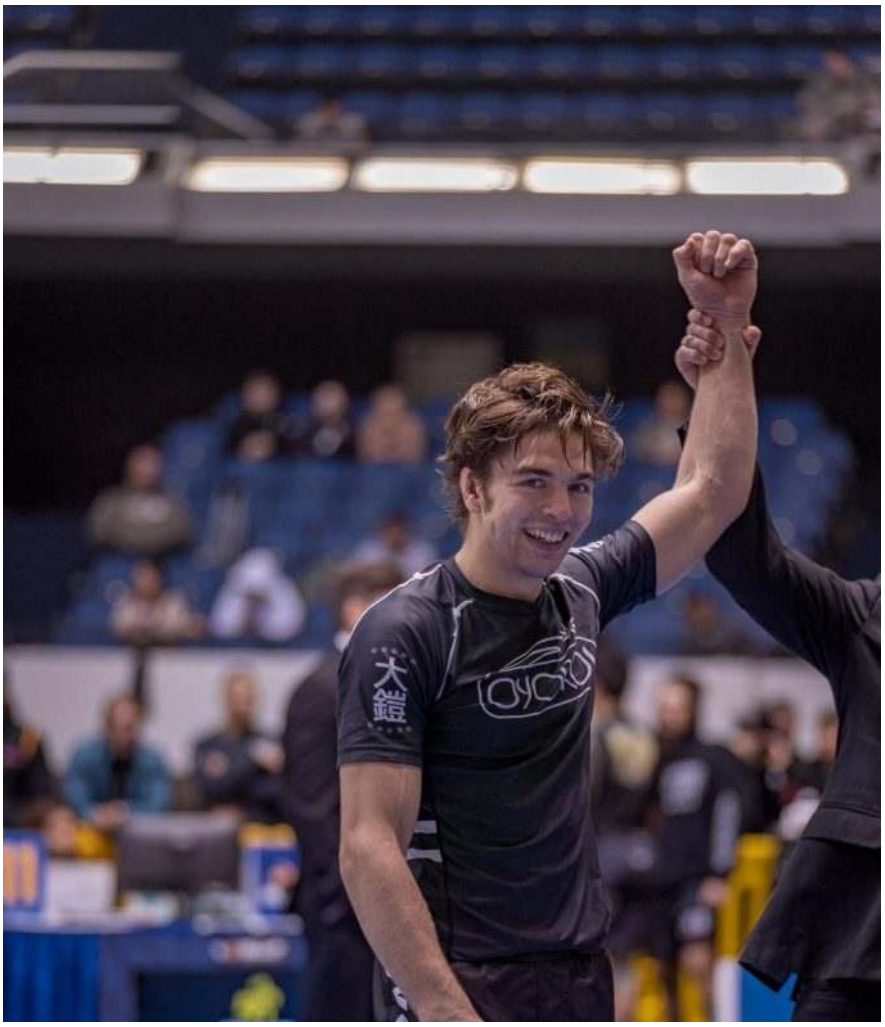
The heavyweight division was left without a champion. This occurred because finalists André Porfirio and Vagner Rocha, both athletes from Fight Sports, chose not to fight in the final. Since the fight did not take place, the title remained vacant.

Not even an injured right knee could take the gold away from Jonnatas Gracie. The Atos athlete overcame Sebastian Rodriguez 3-2, coming from behind, and became the middleweight champion. Jonnatas reacted after being swept by Sebastian, passed his opponent's guard and managed to reverse the deficit on the scoreboard. This was Jonnatas' first title since returning to Jiu-Jitsu competitions. Throughout his campaign in the tournament, Gracie beat Francisco Lo 9-0 and defeated Felipe Silva by judges' decision.

The middleweight champion is Andy Murasaki. A protégé of André Galvão, Murasaki submitted Brazilian Igor Nascimento with a heel hook in the final to win the title. The Atos athlete managed to impose his game and took advantage of an opening by his opponent to triumph in the championship. This was the 22-year-old athlete's first World Championship gold since being awarded his black belt.

In one of the most anticipated finals of the competition, Dante Leon defeated Carlos Henrique Costa 2-0 to clinch the gold medal in the lightweight division. Dante was leading the fight by two advantages due to armlock attacks when he sealed the victory in the final moments by taking down the Dream Art athlete with a single-leg takedown. The Canadian became a two-time world champion in different weight classes – lightweight and middleweight.

Last year's lightweight champion, Gianni Grippo, moved up to featherweight and repeated the feat. Gianni defeated Gavin Corbe 6-4 to become a three-time no-gi world champion. The duel was marked by an intense exchange of foot locks from both sides. Grippo was more dangerous, almost securing the submission, but Corbe resisted as best he could.



Gianni Grippo superou Gavin Corbe na final dos penas. Foto: Tyy Withrow/GRACIEMAG

Two of the most exciting featherweights of today, Lucas Pinheiro and Bebeto Oliveira, faced off in the final of the category. Lucas emerged victorious, as Bebeto received two penalties compared to one for the Atos athlete. The Manaus native concluded the no-gi season on a high note, having also won the Brazilian No-Gi Championship this year. This was the first gold medal at the World Championships for the Atos athlete in the black belt division.

In a thrilling match, Osamah Almarwai defeated Roiter Junior 3-2 on advantages, after a 0-0 tie on points, to become the bantamweight champion. Osamah gained an advantage in the final seconds after attacking with a leglock, sealing the victory. Roiter, on the other hand, finishes as runner-up for the second consecutive year. In the semifinals of this edition, the Gracie Barra representative defeated Estevan Garcia, his nemesis from last year, but still has his championship hopes dashed.

Amy Campo triumphs in the light heavyweight division.

André Galvão's student, Jhenifer Aquino, won the gold medal in the bantamweight division. The Atos athlete defeated Giulia Guimarães 2-1 on advantages, after a 2-2 tie on points, to secure the tournament title. In the featherweight division, Alex Nguyen finished both of her fights and dominated the division. In the final, Nguyen submitted Jessica Crane with a rear-naked choke. After finishing second in the previous edition, Tammi Musumeci won her fourth No-Gi World Championship title. While already leading Jasmine Rocha 4-2, the American submitted the Brazilian with a rear-naked choke to secure first place.

ADCC runner-up Brianna Ste-Marie submitted Nicole Sullivan with a katagatame to win the gold medal in the lightweight division.

Elisabeth Clay made short work of Vanessa Griffin in the middleweight final. The Ares BJJ representative opened up a 19-0 lead and submitted her opponent with an armbar.

Current ADCC champion in the over 60kg category, Amy Campo reigned supreme in the middleweight division. In the final, the American submitted Melissa Stricker with a rear-naked choke. The Zenith star won gold in her first No-Gi World Championship as a black belt. In the heavyweight division, Andressa Cintra, from Gracie Barra, took first place by submitting Thalyta Lima with a heel hook. Luciana Mota and Letícia Cardozo closed out the super heavyweight final.

Check out the results for the black belts at the 2022 No-Gi World Championships below:

Masculine

Bantamweight: Osamah Almarwai defeated Roiter Junior 3-2 on advantages.

Featherweight: Lucas Pinheiro defeated Bebeto Oliveira 2-1 on penalties.

penalty-kick: Gianni Grippo knocked out Gavin Corbe by 6 to 4

Lightweight: Dante Leon defeated Carlos Henrique Costa 2-0

Middleweight: Andy Murasaki submitted Igor Nascimento with a heel hook.

Light heavyweight: Jonnatas Gracie defeated Sebastian Rodriguez 3-2.

Heavyweight: André Porfírio and Vagner Rocha closed out the final.

Super heavyweight: Henrique Ceconi defeated Fellipe Trovo 2-0

Heavyweight: Roberto Cyborg defeated Victor Hugo Costa 2-0

Feminine

Bantamweight: Jhenifer Aquino defeated Giulia Guimarães 2-1 on advantages.

Featherweight: Alex Nguyen submitted Jessica Crane with a rear-naked choke.

Featherweight: Tammi Musumeci submitted Jasmine Rocha with a rear-naked choke.

Lightweight: Brianna Ste-Marie submitted Nicole Sullivan with a katagatame choke.

Middleweight: Elisabeth Clay submitted Vanessa Griffin with an armbar.

Light heavyweight: Amy Campo submitted Melissa Stricker with a rear-naked choke.

Heavyweight: Andressa Cintra submitted Thalyta Lima with a heel hook.

Super heavyweight: Letícia Cardozo and Luciana Mota closed out the final.

Zenith's Newest Black Belt, Amy Campo Submitted Her Way To Double Gold At Worlds

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Amy Campo got her black belt on the podium after double golding at Worlds, and catching several submissions on the way there.