



Trauma Flag Competition — Official Rules

1) Purpose & Theme

The Trauma Games Flag Competition highlights the unity and pride of each team while honoring the uniqueness of the units and organizations that provide care to trauma patients every day.

Each flag represents more than just a team—it reflects the distinct identity, culture, and strengths of the organization it represents. From Level I trauma centers to specialized units, emergency departments, burn teams, and prehospital providers, every flag tells the story of how that team delivers care, overcomes challenges, and supports one another in high-pressure environments.

These flags symbolize:

- The uniqueness of each unit and organization
- Diverse approaches to trauma care with a shared mission
- Pride in the role each team plays within the trauma system
- The collective commitment to saving lives

Unveiled during the Opening Ceremony and displayed throughout the conference, the flags serve as constant visual reminders of both individuality and unity. While each team stands out in its identity, all are connected by a common purpose—delivering exceptional trauma care.

As the Trauma Games unfold, the flags become rallying symbols of energy, pride, and friendly competition—showcasing not only the competitive nature of trauma teams, but also the deep respect and collaboration that define the trauma community.

2) Eligibility & Participation Requirements

- Entrants: Open to any trauma-focused facility or unit, including adult and pediatric trauma programs, emergency medical services (EMS), flight teams, and ancillary services involved in the care of trauma patients.

- Conference Participation Requirement: Each participating unit must have at least one representative registered for and in attendance at the Nicholas Dellamonico Trauma Conference – 2026 Trauma Games.
- Flag Submission Guidelines:
 - Each unit may submit one flag representing their team.
 - Facilities with multiple units may submit multiple flags, provided each flag represents a distinct unit or specialty.
 - Flags must be submitted per unit, emphasizing the team-based nature of trauma care and highlighting the interdisciplinary collaboration required for optimal patient outcomes.

3) Registration & Key Dates – Trauma Games Flag Competition

- Online Registration:
Participants must submit their intent to compete during conference registration at <http://www.orlandohealth.com/ndtc> under “2026 Trauma Games Flag Competition.”
- Flag Submission:
All physical flags must be delivered for official check-in by August 13, 2026 (the day prior to the conference) along with a brief concept narrative of the flags meaning. Additional details regarding the exact drop-off location and times will be provided at a later date.
- Judging:
Flag judging will take place on August 14, 2026 during the conference, as part of the Trauma Games activities.
- Trauma Games Flag Competition – Judging Criteria
Flags will be evaluated by a panel of judges based on the following criteria, reflecting both creativity and the core values of trauma team performance:
 - Team Representation & Identity (10 points)
 - Clearly reflects the unique identity of the unit or organization
 - Demonstrates the role the team plays in trauma care
 - Highlights interdisciplinary collaboration and team-based care
 - Creativity & Originality (10 points)
 - Innovative design and concept

- Unique interpretation of the Trauma Games theme
- Memorable and visually distinctive
- Symbolism & Meaning (10 points)
 - Strong use of symbols, colors, and imagery to convey meaning
 - Clearly communicates team values such as resilience, precision, compassion, and teamwork
 - Alignment with the "team sport of trauma" concept
- Visual Impact & Design Quality (20 points)
 - Overall aesthetic appeal
 - Effective use of color, layout, and readability
 - Professional presentation and craftsmanship

Total Possible Points: 50

Additional Notes:

- Flags should be original creations and not previously used in other competitions.
- Judges' decisions are final.
- In the event of a tie, emphasis will be placed on Visual Impact & Design Quality and Symbolism & Meaning as tie-breakers.
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4) Design Specifications

- Size Requirements:
Flags/Banners must measure 11.8 x 14.1 inches (30 x 36 cm).
Accepted base colors are beige or black flags.
- Theme Requirements:
All designs must reflect both:
 - The spirit of trauma care, and
 - The unique identity of your facility or unit
- Prohibited Content:
 - No Protected Health Information (PHI)
 - No inappropriate language or imagery
 - No copyrighted materials without proper permission
- Blank Canvas Flags:
 - Blank flags may be obtained from Krista Card at ORMC (krista.card@orlandohealth.com)
 - Participants may also purchase their own flags of the same size from vendors such as Amazon or similar suppliers either black or beige canvas.
 - Example product reference: <https://a.co/d/01Ob4YAV> see image below.



5) Safety Rules

- Safe Construction: All flags must be clean and free of any hazardous materials.
- No needles, pins, sharp objects, or exposed fasteners are permitted.
- Noise Restrictions: Flags must not produce any audible noise.
- No attached items such as bells, whistles, or electronic sound devices are permitted.
- Lighting Restrictions: Flags must not include any flashing elements.

6) Submission Package

All participating teams must provide the following:

- Concept Narrative (100–150 words):
A brief description explaining the symbolism, meaning, and inspiration behind the flag design, including how it represents the team and trauma care.

- **Team Roster & Flag Bearer Designation:**
A list of team members involved in the flag creation, including identification of the designated flag bearer for the Opening Ceremony.
- **Permissions Form:**
A completed permissions form (provided during registration) confirming compliance with competition guidelines and authorization for display during the conference.

7) Awards

- **Gold Award:**
Presented to the team with the highest overall score, recognizing excellence in creativity, symbolism, team representation, and overall impact.
- **Silver Award:**
Awarded to the team with the second-highest score, honoring outstanding design, strong team identity, and meaningful representation of trauma care.
- **Bronze Award:**
Given to the team with the third-highest score, recognizing notable creativity, effort, and team spirit.

Awards will be presented during the Nicholas Dellamonico Trauma Conference – 2026 Trauma Games, celebrating the innovation, unity, and competitive spirit of participating trauma teams.