

Mariana's Open Guam featured in Japan's Jiu-Jitsu Today magazine

Pacific Daily News

Guam's premier Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu tournament has been featured in the latest issue of Jiu-Jitsu Today, one of Japan's most respected and widely circulated martial arts publications, according to a release from Marianas Open.

This significant recognition elevates Guam's presence within the international jiu-jitsu community and reinforces the island's growing status as a sports tourism hub in the Asia-Pacific region, the organization said.

With approximately 40,000 copies distributed across Japan, India, Thailand, Hong Kong, the



COURTESY OF MARIANAS OPEN
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Philippines, Malaysia, and other major jiu-jitsu markets, Jiu-Jitsu Today offers unmatched reach to practitioners, fans, academies, and event organizers throughout Asia.

The magazine is also

widely circulated along the Asian Sport Jiu-Jitsu Federation tournament circuit, where individual events consistently draw more than 1,000 competitors.

The newest issue features a comprehensive editorial spread on the Marianas Open International, highlighting standout moments from the most recent tournament held on Guam. The coverage showcases dynamic action photography, athlete profiles, key match

highlights, and an in-depth look at Guam's uniquely tight-knit and rapidly growing jiu-jitsu community.

Steven Shimizu, president of the Marianas Open, emphasized the significance of this milestone:

"This recognition is more than a highlight—it's an invitation. The coverage in Jiu-Jitsu Today encourages athletes, teams, and fans from across Asia to come to Guam—not only to compete, but to experience the island as a premier sports tourism destination," he said in a statement.

Régine Biscoe Lee, Guam Visitors Bureau general manager, also celebrated the achievement.

"We are thrilled to see Guam and the Marianas Open featured in Jiu-Jitsu Today, one of the most prestigious international publications in the sport. This is an achievement that

shines a global spotlight on Guam as a premier destination for sports tourism. We continue to promote the island through world-class events and contribute to the continued growth of sports tourism throughout the Marianas region," she said.

Recent tourism activity has shown promising momentum. Coincidentally, reports from the first to the third week of October indicated a tourism increase of approximately 17.5%, adding to the energy surrounding the period in which the Marianas Open took place.

"This kind of measurable growth illustrates the power of sports in bringing people to Guam. Events like the Marianas Open contribute directly to our island's visibility, our economy, and our long-term reputation as a competitive venue in the Asia-Pacific," Shimizu said.

Basketball

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time loss to the Guam Nationals in the regular season. The Guam Nationals finished the season with a 9-1 record as well.

This was the first championship for the KFC Bombers since former coaching legend, coach Gerrard Barnes, coached the KFC Bombers. The loss broke the string of 4 championships won by the Guam Nationals or the Nationals group under a sponsor's name.

The Triton Men's Basketball League will return for their spring season in March 2026, with hopefully another 8-team league.

The League named a 15-member All-League Team and a Most Valuable Player for the League.

Triton Men's Basketball All-League Team:



COURTESY OF UOG TRITON ATHLETICS
The Fall 2026 Champions of Triton Men's Basketball League are the KFC Bombers.

1. Ralph Mercado, UOG Tritons
2. Matt Sotto, Team Kaya
3. Jose Ignacio, MicroFriends
4. Dkson Attan, Fairzesh
5. Tristan Hahn, Guam Select U17
6. DJ Camacho, Guam Select U17
7. Renz Hernadez, Northern Construction
8. Reniel Hernadez, Northern Construction
9. Joe Blas, Guam Nationals
10. DJ Osborn, Guam

GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR PHARMACY REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 7:30 A.M.
194 Hernan Cortez Ave. Terlaje Professional Bldg. Suite 209 Hagatna, Guam 96910

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82790225662?pwd=LfDj4vbQEdk5eKm6nG_UQXhlalK6D5g.1

Meeting ID: 827 9022 5662
Passcode: 060618

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Call to Order
 - (a) Roll Call
 - (b) Confirmation of Public Notice
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes: November 20, 2025
- IV. HPL Administrator's Report
- V. Chairperson's Report
- VI. Complaint(s):
 - (a) GBEP-CO-16-01
 - (b) GBEP-CO-24-02
- VII. Old Business
 - (a) Pharmacies/Facilities/Wholesales
 - (b) 2025 Renewals
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Pharmacy Technicians
 - b. Pharmacies/Facilities/Wholesalers
- IX. Next Board Meeting
 - a. The next Guam Board of Examiners for Pharmacy Regular Session Meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2026 at 7:30 a.m.
- X. Adjournment

To view the names of the applicants being considered go to

<https://guamhpolo.org/gbep>

LIVE Streaming link

https://go.openguam.com/meetings_list/gbep

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