

= TNA King of the Mountain Championship =

The TNA King of the Mountain Championship is a professional wrestling championship owned by the Total Nonstop Action Wrestling (TNA) professional wrestling promotion . It was introduced on the October 23 , 2008 episode of TNA 's television program TNA Impact ! as the " TNA Legends Championship " . It has since been known as the " TNA Global Championship " and the " TNA Television Championship " . The title appeared in Global Force Wrestling (GFW) , during a talent exchange partnership .

As a professional wrestling championship , it is won via a scripted ending to a match or awarded to a wrestler because of a storyline . All title changes occurred at TNA @-@ promoted events so far . Reigns that occurred on TNA Impact ! , or its later title Impact Wrestling , usually air on tape delay . The first champion was Booker T , while the current champion is James Storm , who is in his first reign . There have been a total of 22 reigns among 16 wrestlers as of July 2016 .

= = History = =

The title was introduced during a storyline that pitted young talent within the company against veterans of professional wrestling . In the weeks leading up to the unveiling of the physical belt , Booker T carried around a steel briefcase . On the October 23 , 2008 , episode of Impact ! , Booker T introduced the belt by removing it from the briefcase , announcing its name as the " TNA Legends Championship " , and declaring himself the first champion . He went on to state that the championship was his and that he would defend it when he saw fit ; this meant that the championship was unsanctioned by TNA in the storyline .

On March 15 , 2009 , at TNA 's Destination X pay @-@ per @-@ view (PPV) event , A.J. Styles defeated Booker T to win the championship . Afterwards on the March 19 , 2009 , episode of Impact ! , Styles was credited as becoming the first @-@ ever TNA Grand Slam Champion , by winning the World Heavyweight (NWA or TNA) , the World Tag Team (NWA or TNA) , the TNA X Division Championship , and the Legends Championship . TNA Management Director Jim Cornette then announced that the TNA Legends Championship had become an official TNA sanctioned championship thanks to Styles defeating Booker T for it legally via the contract the two had signed to make the match official .

On the October 29 , 2009 , episode of Impact ! , then @-@ champion Eric Young renamed the title the " TNA Global Championship " . He went on to declare that he was not going to defend it against any American wrestlers nor on American soil . However , Young 's first defense was on the December 10 , 2009 , episode of Impact ! in Orlando , Florida against Japanese female wrestler Hamada . Young 's second , third and fourth defenses lived up to his earlier decree , when he defended against Suicide in Glasgow , Hamada in Bournemouth , and unsuccessfully against Welsh wrestler Rob Terry in Cardiff , Wales at a live event on January 27 , 2010 . On the July 22 , 2010 , episode of Impact ! , Terry lost the Global Championship to A.J. Styles . Styles then renamed the title the " TNA Television Championship " on the July 29 , 2010 , episode of Impact ! .

On the April 19 , 2012 , episode of the newly titled Impact Wrestling , TNA General Manager Hulk Hogan ordered that the TNA Television Championship had to be defended every week . The weekly title defenses lasted until the June 21 , 2012 , episode of Impact Wrestling .

On July 3 , 2014 , TNA Executive Director Kurt Angle declared the championship inactive . The title was reactivated on June 25 , 2015 , by TNA under the new name the " TNA King of the Mountain Championship " . TNA announced that a new champion would be determined in a King of the Mountain match at their Slammiversary PPV event on June 28 . Jeff Jarrett defeated Matt Hardy , Eric Young , Drew Galloway , and Bobby Roode to win the newly titled championship at the event . Due to Jarrett having founded and currently running GFW , it was suspected in the storyline that Jarrett may defend the championship in that promotion . The title ended up appearing in GFW at a July 9 live event where Young attacked Jarrett and stole the championship belt .

= = Reigns = =

The inaugural champion was Booker T , who awarded the championship to himself on the October 23 , 2008 , episode of Impact ! . Eric Young holds the record for most reigns , with three , and is the only wrestler to hold the title under all four of its incarnations . Abyss ' second reign is the longest in the title 's history at 396 days . PJ Black 's only reign holds the record for shortest reign in the title 's history at one day . Abyss holds the record for combined days as champion , with 460 .

James Storm is the current champion in his first reign . He defeated Eli Drake on July 14 , 2016 , in Orlando , Florida during the Impact Wrestling tapings (will air August 4) to win the title . Overall , there have been 25 reigns shared among 19 wrestlers , with three vacancies and one deactivation .