

USA TAEKWONDO
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS, 2017
June 27, 2016

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

Note: Use objective based criteria or discretionary/subjective criteria that are supported by objective measures.

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete meets eligibility and nationality requirements as presented by USA Taekwondo in compliance with the minimum International Federation standards for participation (item 1.1.2.).

All athletes must be U.S. citizens to compete.

1.1.2. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

World Taekwondo Federation (WTF); Rules of Competition, Article 4. Contestants, Section 1

http://www.wtf.org/wtf_eng/site/rules/competition.html

- a. Holder of the nationality of the participating team.
- b. One recommended by the WTF National Taekwondo Association.
- c. Holder of Taekwondo Dan certificate issued by the Kukkiwon, USA Taekwondo or WTF.
- d. Competitors must be at least 17 years of age on December 31, 2017

1.1.3. Other requirements (if any):

Athlete must be a USA Taekwondo member in good standing.

Athletes must compete in the World Class, Black Belt division.

Brief summary outlining how an athlete is selected as a nominee to the Team (include maximum team size).

The 2017 National Team is made up of sixteen (16) athletes - one in each of the eight (8) male & eight (8) female weight divisions.

Weight Division Classification for the 2017 National Team

Men's Division		Women's Division	
Not exceeding 54 kg	Fin	Not exceeding 46 kg	Fin
Over 54 kg & not exceeding 58 kg	Fly	Over 46 kg & not exceeding 49 kg	Fly
Over 58 kg & not exceeding 63 kg	Bantam	Over 49 kg & not exceeding 53 kg	Bantam
Over 63 kg & not exceeding 68 kg	Feather	Over 53 kg & not exceeding 57 kg	Feather
Over 68 kg & not exceeding 74 kg	Light	Over 57 kg & not exceeding 62 kg	Light
Over 74 kg & not exceeding 80 kg	Welter	Over 62 kg & not exceeding 67 kg	Welter
Over 80 kg & not exceeding 87 kg	Middle	Over 67 kg & not exceeding 73 kg	Middle
Over 87 kg	Heavy	Over 73 kg	Heavy

1.2. Tryout Events:

The 2017 Senior National Team Trials will be an “open” trials. No qualifying events will be required. All athletes must meet eligibility requirements listed in section 1.1.2 (above)

1.2.1. The 2017 Senior National Team Trials will take place in early 2017. (Dates and locations to be determined).

1.3. **Phase 1 – 2017 Senior National Team Trials**

The top 4 finishers per gender in each of the (8) eight Senior weight divisions from the 2017 Senior Team Trials will advance to Phase – 2, 2017 Senior National Team Fight-off

Phase 2 - 2017 Senior National Team Fight-off

The winner per gender in each of the 8 senior weight divisions from Phase -2, the 2017 Senior Team Trials Fight-off will earn a spot on the 2017 Senior National Team, providing that the National Team Athlete Agreement is signed and adhered to. The 2017 Senior National Team will be invited to compete at the 2017 World Taekwondo Championships.

The 2017 Senior National Team is made up of (16) Sixteen athletes – one in each of the eight (8) male and eight (8) female weight divisions.

2. **DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)**

There will not be any discretionary selections for the 2017 Senior National Team.

3. **COMPETITION FORMAT – 2017 USA Senior National Team Trials**

3.1.1. **Single Elimination – Phase 1**

Phase 1 will be single elimination format. In single elimination format, the loser of each match is immediately eliminated from the competition bracket.

Athletes must declare, by the late registration deadline of the 2017 Senior National Team Trials in which weight division they will participate.

3.1.2. Double Elimination - Phase 2

Immediately after two defeats a player is eliminated in this tournament format. The losers in the first rounds move into the Loser's Bracket. The athletes that advance farthest in either bracket meet each other in the final match. Should the winner of the Loser's Bracket defeat the winner of the Winner's Bracket, the athletes are re--matched for the championship.

Byes are distributed in the first round of the original elimination brackets as in a single elimination tournament.

Example of double elimination bracket (attached Exhibit A)

3.1.3. Seeding Criteria (same seeding criteria will be used for phase 1 and phase 2)

Higher seed will be granted if the athlete is competing in the same division in which they competed at the 2016 Senior Team Trials. Seeding will be done according to the following order:

- a. 2016 Olympic Team Member
- b. 2016 National Team Member (same weight division)
- c. 2016 Pan Am Championships Team Member (same weight division)
- d. 2016 National Team Member (different weight division)
- e. 2016 Pan Am Championships Team Member (different weight division)
- f. Finish at the 2016 National Taekwondo Championships (top 4) Gold Medalist, Silver Medalist, Bronze Medalist who lost to the Gold Medalist, Bronze Medalist who lost to the Silver Medalist. (same weight division)
- g. Minimum WTF World Ranking from 1-250 as posted 30 days prior to the start date of the 2017 Senior Team Trials.
- h. 2016 Jr. World Championships Team Trials Winner who has aged into the Senior division.
- i. 2016 Jr. World Championships Team Trials medalists by order of 2nd, 3rd or 4th place if they have aged into the Senior division.
- j. For all remaining competitors, random draws will be completed after weigh-ins by members of the USA Taekwondo Tournament Committee staff for all athletes without a current seed.

3.1.4. Athletes finishing in the top 8 finishers in each respective weight division in Phase 1 will receive a top seed at the 2017 National Taekwondo Championships.

3.1.5. Athletes for Phase 1 and Phase 2 will bear all expenses including entry fee, airfare, ground transportation and room and board.

3.1.6. Seeding for the 2016 National Championships

In light of the fact that the 2017 Open Team Trials will include seeding based on finishes from the 2016 Nationals. The need to develop a seeding order for the 2016 National Championships has risen. The seeding for the 2016 National Championships will be as follows:

18-32 Senior Division for the 2016 National Taekwondo Championships.

1. 2016 Olympic team member
2. 2016 Pan Am Championships team trials 1&2 place finisher (same weight)
3. 2015 World Championships team member (same weight)
4. 2015 National Champion (same weight)
5. 2015 National Silver medalist (same weight)
6. 2015 SWUG team member (same weight)
7. 2015 Bronze medalist A 2015 National Championships, lost to gold medalist (same weight)
8. 2015 Bronze medalist B, lost to silver medalist (same weight)
9. Ranked in the top 100 in the WTF world rankings for the 8 weight divisions as of June 15, 2016
10. 2015 Jr. medalist (by order of 1st, 2nd, 3rdA, 3rdB & now competing in Sr. divisions) who has aged into Senior
11. 2016 states champion (inc. collegiate & military championships) random within this group
12. 2016 states silver medalists (inc. collegiate & military championships) random within this group
13. Remaining competitors will be random

4. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

4.1. An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Taekwondo may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Taekwondo.

- 4.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the NGB, CEO/Executive Director.
- 4.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 4.1.3. Violation of the NGB's Code of Conduct (Attachment B).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the NGB's Bylaws (USAT Bylaws, Section 15, Complaint Procedures) and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 4.2. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

5. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 5.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:
 - 5.1.1. The Second place athlete from Phase 2 - 2017 Senior National Team Trials Fight-off from the same weight division of the athlete to be replaced is the replacement. If the replacement athlete is not available, then the 3rd place finisher becomes the next eligible athlete. If the 3rd place finisher is not available, then the 4th place finisher becomes the next eligible athlete. This continues until there are no eligible athletes in the same weight division at Phase 1. If by then, no athlete is available, the spot will remain vacant.

6. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NGB will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Senior Team Trials.

7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

2017 Code of Conduct
2017 Athlete Agreement

8. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The completed Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Taekwondo in the following locations:

- 8.1. NGB Web site: <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Taekwondo>

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible upon completion.

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Note: If exact dates of the mandatory training and/or competition are not known, NGB will provide at least 30 days advance notice (but prefer notification as soon as possible) to all selected athletes regarding any mandatory training and/or competition.

Once an athlete is qualified to the 2017 Senior National Team. They will be selected to compete at the 2017 World Taekwondo Championships. He/She will actively participate in no more than one (1) mandatory preparation camp that will take place in a location to be determined over the course of the months leading up to the 2017 World Taekwondo Championships. Notification of the date and location will be given no less than 30 days from the start of the camp. Waivers from this camp are not permitted, unless there are extraordinary circumstances. At that point, the request is reviewed and either accepted or rejected by the USAT Executive Director, Director of High Performance and AAC Representative.

National Team members may also be required to participate in no more than (2) international competitions such as the U.S. Open. Notification of the date and location will be given no less than 30 days from the start of the camp. Waivers from this camp are not permitted, unless there are extraordinary circumstances. At that point, the request is reviewed and either accepted or rejected by the USAT Executive Director, Director of High Performance and AAC Representative.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Keith Ferguson – USA Taekwondo Executive Director

Patrick Wentland – USA Taekwondo High Performance Director

Lynda Laurin – USA Taekwondo AAC Representative

12. NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USA Taekwondo Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<http://www.teamusa.org/usa-taekwondo/v2-resources/bylaws>

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, PASO, as applicable, and/or IF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, PASO, as applicable, and/or IF rules and regulations will be

distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to the NGB. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by the NGB may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at Kacie.wallace@usoc.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>

15. NGB/HPMO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Taekwondo.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB/HPMO President or CEO/Executive Director	Keith Ferguson	<i>Keith Ferguson</i>	7/3/2016
Director of High Performance	Patrick Wentland	<i>Patrick Wentland</i>	7/3/2016
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Lynda Laurin	<i>Lynda Laurin</i>	7/3/2016

* If the USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/HPMO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB/HPMO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures