



**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2017 SENIOR NATIONAL PARA TAEKWONDO TEAM
February 27, 2017**

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

Selection System Overview

The athlete selection system for the 2017 Senior National Para Taekwondo Team is objective based through qualification events that include the 2016 National Para Taekwondo Championships (Richmond, VA), the 2017 U.S. Open Para Taekwondo G-1 (Las Vegas, NV), and the 2017 National Para Taekwondo Championships (Detroit, MI). All athletes who compete at 2017 National Para Taekwondo Championships will be selected to compete in the 2017 WTF World Para Taekwondo Championships on October 19, 2017 in London, UK.

A. Minimum Eligibility Requirements

a. Citizenship

- i. Athlete meets eligibility and nationality requirements as presented by USA Taekwondo in compliance with the minimum International Federation standards for participation in Para Taekwondo.
- ii. All athletes must be U.S. Citizens in order to compete.

b. Minimum IF standards for participation (if any):

- i. World Taekwondo Federation (WTF); Rules of Competition governing Para Taekwondo
http://www.worldtaekwondofederation.net/images/WTF_Para-Taekwondo_Bylaw.pdf

ii. 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 3-1 Gup recognized by WTF MNA or Taekwondo Dan certificate issued by the Kukkiwon, USA Taekwondo or WTF (subject to WTF announcement regarding World Championship qualifications).
- d. Competitors must be at least 17 years of age on December 31, 2017.
- e. Meet all requirements to participate as a Para Taekwondo Athlete.

c. Other requirements (if any):

- i. Athlete must be a USA Taekwondo member in good standing.

Weight Division Classification for the 2017 Senior National Para Taekwondo Team

Male Divisions		Female Divisions	
Under 61kg	K41	Under 49kg	K41
Under 75kg	K41	Under 58kg	K41
Over 75kg	K41	Over 58kg	K41
Under 61kg	K42	Under 49kg	K42
Under 75kg	K42	Under 58kg	K42
Over 75kg	K42	Over 58kg	K42
Under 61kg	K43	Under 49kg	K43
Under 75kg	K43	Under 58kg	K43
Over 75kg	K43	Over 58kg	K43
Under 61kg	K44	Under 49kg	K44
Under 75kg	K44	Under 58kg	K44
Over 75kg	K44	Over 58kg	K44

The selection process for the 2017 Senior National Para Taekwondo Team consists of three (3) phases.

PHASE 1 – 2016 National Para Taekwondo Championships

All athletes who register, weigh-in, classify and compete in the 2016 National Para Taekwondo Championships in Richmond, VA will be named to the 2017 Senior National Para Taekwondo Team.

This event is open to all USAT members who meet the eligibility criteria as defined in the WTF Para Taekwondo Guidelines.

Competition Format – Single Elimination

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

Seeding Criteria

In Phase 1, there will be no seeding criteria. All athletes will be seeded randomly.

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

PHASE 2 – 2017 U.S. Open Para Taekwondo G-1

All athletes who register, weigh-in, classify and compete in the 2017 U.S. Open Para Taekwondo G-1 will be named to the 2017 Senior National Para Taekwondo Team.

This event is open to all USAT members who meet the eligibility criteria as defined in the WTF Para Taekwondo Guidelines.

Competition Format – Single Elimination

In Phase 2, the tournament will be single-elimination format. In single-elimination format, the loser of each match is immediately eliminated from the competition bracket.

Seeding Criteria

In Phase 2, there will be no seeding criteria. All athletes will be seeded randomly.

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

PHASE 3 – 2017 National Para Taekwondo Championships

All athletes who register, weigh-in, classify, and compete in the 2017 National Para Taekwondo Championships in Detroit, MI will be named to the 2017 Senior National Para Taekwondo Team.

Members of the 2017 Senior National Para Taekwondo Team **MUST** register, weigh-in, classify, and compete in the 2017 National Para Taekwondo Championships in order to represent the United States at the 2017 WTF World Para Taekwondo Championships in London, UK.

This event is open to all USAT members who meet the eligibility criteria as defined in the WTF Para Taekwondo Guidelines.

Athletes cannot participate in more than one weight division at the National Para Taekwondo Championships. All athletes must compete in the same weight division at 2017 World Championships as they qualified for at 2017 National Championships.

Competition Format – Single Elimination

In Phase 3, the tournament will be single-elimination format. In single-elimination format, the loser of each match is immediately eliminated from the competition bracket.

Seeding Criteria

In Phase 3, there will be no seeding criteria. All athletes will be seeded randomly.

Athletes for Phase 3 will bear all expenses including entry fee, airfare, ground transportation and room and board.

The Para Taekwondo National Team Selection Process is overseen by:

- **Dani Sweigard, High Performance Manager, USA Taekwondo**
- **Stephen Lambdin, USOC AAC Representative, USA Taekwondo**
- **Keith Ferguson, CEO, USA Taekwondo**

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

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

- A. **Voluntary withdrawal.** Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Taekwondo CEO. Injury or illness as certified by USAT physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by a USAT physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- B. **Violation of the NGB's Code of Conduct (Attachment A).** An athlete who may be 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) or USOC Bylaws, Article 9.
- C. **Violation of the NGB's Athlete Agreement (Attachment B).** An athlete who may be 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) or USOC Bylaws,

Article 9.

- D. **An athlete may be removed from Nomination or from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, WADA, WTF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures.** In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti- Doping Agency.

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

The second place athlete from Phase 5 – 2017 Para Taekwondo World Team Trials 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. If by then, no athlete is available, the spot remains vacant.

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Taekwondo will retain all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the 2017 WTF Para Taekwondo World Championships.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the 2017 Para Taekwondo National Team, and are included as attachments:

1. Code of Conduct
2. Athlete Agreement

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Taekwondo in the following locations and will include the USOC approval date:

- A. NGB website: www.usa-taekwondo.us
The website information will be posted as soon as possible.

VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION: N/A

IX. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

- A. **Para Taekwondo World Prep Camps.** Once an athlete is qualified to the 2017 Para Taekwondo World Championship Team, he/she shall actively participate in at least one (1) mandatory preparation camps that will take place in locations to be determined. 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, it is reviewed and either accepted or rejected by the USAT CEO, Director of High Performance and National Team Head Coach and AAC Designee.
- B. **International Competitions.** The 2017 National Para Taekwondo Team Members are required to participate in at least one (1) international competition 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 competition. Waivers from this competition are not permitted, unless there are extraordinary circumstances. At that point, it is reviewed and either

accepted or rejected by the USAT CEO, Director of High Performance and National Team Head Coach and AAC Designee.

X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, WTF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures. This includes participation in out of competition testing as required by the IOC, WADA, WTF, USADA and USOC Rules.

XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

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

- Stephen Lambdin, USOC/AAC Representative, USA Taekwondo
- Keith Ferguson, CEO, USA Taekwondo
- Dani Sweigard, High Performance Manager, USA Taekwondo

XII. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Taekwondo Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found on the USAT Website.

XIII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and/or World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or WTF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Taekwondo. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

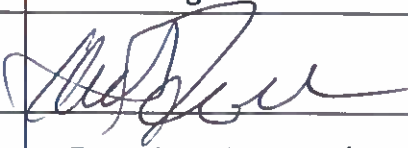
XIV. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Taekwondo may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman: Sara Clark by:

- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE
- E-mail at Sara.Clark@usoc.org
- www.888athlete.org

XV. NGB SIGNATURES

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

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB President or CEO/Executive Director	Keith Ferguson		2-28-2017
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative	Stephen Lambdin	<i>Stephen Lambdin</i>	2/27/2017
NGB High Performance Manager	Dani Sweigard	<i>Danielle Sweigard</i>	2/27/2017

*If 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.

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