



USA Taekwondo
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2017 World Taekwondo Team Championships

November 6, 2017

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

i. Citizenship:

Athlete must be a citizen of the United States at the time of selection and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the 2017 World Taekwondo Team Championships.

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

World Taekwondo Federation Competition Rules: Article

4.1. <http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/WTF-Competition-Rules-Interpretation-Nov-15-2016-Burnaby-Canada.pdf>

a. Holder of the nationality of the participating team

b. One recommended by the WTF National Taekwondo Association (USA Taekwondo)

c. Holder of Taekwondo Dan certificate issued by the Kukkiwon or WTF

d. Holder of a WTF Global Athlete License (GAL)

e. Must be 17 years of age or older by December 31, 2017

i. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete is a member of USA Taekwondo in good standing.

B. Provide a description explaining how athletes are selected to the Team (include tryout events and date of selection).

According to IF rules and emailed invitations, USAT is allowed to enter one female team in the 2017 World Taekwondo Team Championships. The team consists of five female athletes and one female alternate. USAT will be selecting up to a total of six female athletes to participate in the 2017 World Team Championships.

C. A maximum of six female athletes will be selected to the team in the following order.

- a. 2017 World Championship Team Members
 - b. Weight Configuration of Team USA – combined weight total is equal to or less than 318kg. This is at the discretion of the High Performance Department.
 - c. Current WTF Olympic Point Rankings; highest rank to lowest rank
 - d. Athletes' 2017 competition record
- D. Athletes who may be interested in competing in this event must email the application (Attachment C) to May Spence at may.spence@usa-taekwondo.us by 5:00pm MST on Thursday, November 9, 2017.
- E. The makeup of the Team will be announced by Friday, November 10, 2017 by 5:00pm MST.
- F. In the event that USA Taekwondo does not receive 5 applicants by the deadline, USA will decline the invitation to compete in this event.
- G. Any coaches interested in coaching at this event must submit their resume as an application to May Spence at may.spence@usa-taekwondo.us by 5:00pm MST on Monday, November 13, 2017.
- H. All expenses associated for athletes and coaches competing in the 2017 World Taekwondo Team Championships will be borne by the athlete or coach themselves. Please see Attachment B for an estimated breakdown of these costs.
- I. There will be no medical staff provided by USAT for this event.
- J. Please see the event outline for competition rules, format, and other pertinent information: <http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Outline-Abidjan-2017-World-Taekwondo-Team-Championships-20171101.pdf>

II. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. The NGB has jurisdiction over selected athletes.

An athlete who is selected to the team by the NGB may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by the NGB:

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the NGB CEO.
- Injury or illness as certified by a USAT physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her 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.

- Violation of USAT 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 USAT Bylaws (refer to USAT Bylaws, Section 15, Complaint Procedures found at the following link):

http://www.teamusa.org/~media/USA_Taekwondo/Documents/Board%20of%20Directors/Bylaws/USAT%20Bylaws%20October%202013.pdf

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

III. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

The replacement athlete will be selected in order of rank using the procedures in I.B. of this document.

IV. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Taekwondo 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 event.

V. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of selection to the 2017 World Taekwondo Team Championships and are included as attachments:

USA Taekwondo Code of Conduct (Attachment A)

VI. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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

NGB Website: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-taekwondo/v2-national-teams/team-selection-procedures>

VII. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, 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, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

VIII. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

- Stephen Lambdin, USOC/AAC Representative, USA Taekwondo
- Steve McNally, CEO, USA Taekwondo
- May Spence, Director of High Performance, USA Taekwondo

IX. BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

An athlete has the right to a hearing per the NGB's Bylaws and Grievance Procedures or the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9 and Grievance Procedures (see links below):

http://www.teamusa.org/~media/USA_Taekwondo/Documents/BoardofDirectors/Bylaws/USATBylawsOctober2013.pdf

X. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, and/or World Taekwondo Federation 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.

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.




XI. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USAT may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Sara Pflipsen, by:

- Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at Sara.Pflipsen@usoc.org
- www.888athlete.org

XII. NGB/PSO 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 CEO/Executive Director	Steve McNally		11/7/17
Director of High Performance	May Spence		11/6/17
USAT, USOC AAC Rep	Stephen Lambdin		11/07/17

*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.

*Signature by the AAC Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures and certifies that the Selection Procedures submitted represent the method approved by the NGB. If the AAC Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team or U.S. Paralympics representative.



ATTACHMENT A

USA Taekwondo Code of Conduct

ATHLETE PLEDGE

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the USA Taekwondo Code of Conduct (the “Code”), which offers a guide to my conduct as a member of the USA Youth Olympic Games Team (the “Team”). I acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing if my opportunity to compete is denied or if I am charged with a violation of this Code.

I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of my selection to the Team.

As a Member of the Team, I hereby promise and agree that I:

- will abide by all published rules related to the Team selection procedures as approved by USA Taekwondo;
- have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
- will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities;
- will submit to a physical examination by USA Taekwondo medical personnel if my ability to compete is compromised due to physical injury and I understand that such injury may be cause for my not being selected to the Team, being removed from the Team, or not being allowed to participate if I remain on the Team.
- will not commit a doping violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) or the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) rules;
- am not currently serving a doping violation and/or do not have a pending or unresolved doping charge;
- will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to me, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;

- am eligible to compete under the rules of World Taekwondo Federation;
- am in possession of a valid USA passport, that will not expire prior to six months following the conclusion of the international competition, should I be chosen for an international team that requires a passport;
- will respect the property of others whether personal or public;
- will respect members of my Team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;
- will follow my Team's written rules, including by way of example, rules regarding curfew, required attendance at team meetings, consumption of alcoholic beverages and prohibitions on the release of confidential team information;
- am aware that USA Taekwondo sponsors, suppliers and licensees provide critical support for the Team and, in recognition of this fact, I will wear designated USA Taekwondo apparel at all official Team functions and events;
- will not conceal or cover-up any USA Taekwondo sponsor, supplier or licensee brand or other identification appearing on my USA Taekwondo apparel;
- agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Taekwondo under conditions authorized by USA Taekwondo and give event organizers and USA Taekwondo the right to use my name, picture, likeness, and biographical information before, during and after the period of my participation in these activities to promote the activity in which I participate or to promote the success of the team on which I compete; in no event may USA Taekwondo or the event organizers use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission;
- will abide by the rules of the World Taekwondo Federation concerning allowable trademark identification on clothing and equipment worn or used in competition or on visible body tattoos.
- will not use or authorize the use of photographs, films or videos of myself in my USA Taekwondo apparel or equipment or the use of the USA Taekwondo logo for the purpose of trade, without the prior written consent of USA Taekwondo (which consent shall not be unreasonable withheld);
- understand that if I require legal representation because I am accused of a doping violation or am accused of criminal misconduct, or if for any other reasons I require the services of an attorney, I will be personally responsible for payment of such legal fees and expenses;

- will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates, USA Taekwondo and the United States; and
- will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and the Olympic Movement.

ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

I may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, toll free at 888.ATHLETE (1.888.284.5383) or Sara.Pflipsen@usoc.org for further information regarding my rights under this Code that are not answered by USA Taekwondo.

PARTICIPANTS' AFFIRMATION

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct. I agree to the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction and procedures stated in these documents as a condition of being selected to participate as a member of the Team.

Signature	Date
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Print Name

PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION (For Participants Under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)

Signature	Date
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Print Name and Relationship (Parent or Guardian)



ATTACHMENT B

Approximate Expenses for 2017 World Taekwondo Team Championships

Entry Fee	\$60 per athlete
Flight	b/w \$1,200 – 1,800
Hotel	\$145 per night x 4 nights = \$580
Yellow Fever Vaccinations	\$150 – 300
Malaria Pills	Apprx. \$100
Expedited Visa	\$500 with Visa Service
Food, etc.	\$200 – 500
Approximate Total	\$2,790 – 3,840

ATTACHMENT C

Application for participation in 2017 World Taekwondo Team Championships

Name: _____ GAL: _____

Intended Competition Weight: _____ **must weigh-in at this weight

2017 Competition Results:

Please return this application to May Spence at may.spence@usa-taekwondo.us by 5:00pm
MST Thursday, November 9, 2017.