

**USA TAEKWONDO**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2014 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES**  
**October 16, 2013**

**1. SELECTION SYSTEM**

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

1.1.1. Citizenship:

Athlete must be a national 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 Games.

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

- An athlete must be born between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 1998.
- Holder of the nationality of the participating team
- Recommended by the National Taekwondo Association in which he/she represents
- Holder of Taekwondo Dan or Poom certificate issued by the Kukkiwon
- Be a WTF Global Athlete License holder

1.1.3. Other requirements (if any):

- Athletes must attend for the entire duration of the Youth Olympic Games (YOG).
- Athletes must participate in the cultural and education program, and mixed team events as requested.
- An athlete must be a member in good standing with USA Taekwondo (USAT).
- Athletes must compete in the Black Belt division.

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

USA Taekwondo – YOG Team Trial: to be held January 10-11, 2014, in Colorado Springs, CO

WTF - YOG Qualification Tournament to be held in New Taipei City, Chinese Taipei, on March 23-25, 2014

- 1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

The following weight categories will be contested at the USAT – YOG Team Trial (see 2.2. for an explanation of how weight categories were determined):

Men's Events	Women's Events
Not exceeding 48 kg	Over 44 kg & not exceeding 49 kg
Over 48 kg & not exceeding 55 kg	Over 49 kg & not exceeding 55 kg
Over 55 kg & not exceeding 63 kg	Over 63 kg

Any athlete who meets the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1. of this document may register to participate in USAT's YOG Team Trial. Each registered athlete must declare his/her weight category via the online registration system (Hangastar) by the late registration deadline for the USAT – YOG Team Trial (November 29, 2013). No athlete will be allowed to register for the tournament or to change weight categories after the November 29, 2013 deadline.

Competition Format for the USAT – YOG Team Trial:

Each of the six (6) weight categories will be contested in a double elimination competition format. The Daedo electronic scoring system will be used at the USAT – YOG Team Trial.

Seeding for each weight category will be administered by the prioritized list below. When applying the criteria below, if an athlete is participating in the same weight category at the USAT – YOG Team Trial as the event(s) listed below, the athlete will receive the higher seed. If more than one athlete in the same weight category shares the same result for seeding according to the criteria below, the athlete who achieved the result in the weight category he/she will be competing in at the USAT – YOG Team Trial will receive the higher seed.

1. 2013 Senior National Team Member
2. 2012 Junior World Championships Medalist – per medal value
  - a. Gold
  - b. Silver

c. Bronze

3. This is followed by the 1st place finisher from the 2013 Junior National Team Trial.
4. This is followed by the 2nd place finisher from the 2013 Junior National Team Trial.
5. This is followed by the 3rd place finisher from the 2013 Junior National Team Trial.
6. This is followed by the 4th place finisher from the 2013 Junior National Team Trial.
7. This is followed by a random draw of all remaining entries with the first draw being the higher of the remaining seeds and progressing until the final seed is set.

The winner of each weight category at the USAT – YOG Team Trial will represent the U.S. at the WTF – YOG Qualification Tournament in New Taipei City, Chinese Taipei.

U.S. Athletes who place in the top eight (8)\* at the WTF – YOG Qualification Tournament will qualify the country for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games, and should their weight category be one of up to a maximum of three (3) weight categories selected by the USA Taekwondo Selection Committee he/she may also qualify to the YOG Team by name (see Section 2.2.).

\* For the weight categories in which the Host Country of the 2014 Youth Olympic Games (China) elects to use its Host Country places, only athletes that place in the top seven (7) will qualify their country (and potentially themselves).

- 1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (include maximum Team size).

It is important to distinguish between references made in this document regarding team sizes of six (6) versus three (3). USA Taekwondo is allowed to send a full team of six (6) athletes to the WTF – YOG Qualification Tournament. These six athletes (three males and three females) will be determined based on the USAT – YOG Team Trial (see 1.2.2. above). On the other hand, USA Taekwondo has been allocated a maximum of three (3) slots for athletes who qualify to the 2014 YOG. These 3 slots may be comprised of any combination of male and/or female athletes up to a total of 3 and will be determined following the WTF – YOG Qualification Tournament (see “Qualification System for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games” below).

**Qualification System for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games**

Five (5) weight categories per gender will be contested at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

Men's Events	Women's Events
Not exceeding 48 kg	Not exceeding 44 kg
Over 48 kg & not exceeding 55 kg	Over 44 kg & not exceeding 49 kg
Over 55 kg & not exceeding 63 kg	Over 49 kg & not exceeding 55 kg
Over 63 kg & not exceeding 73 kg	Over 55 kg & not exceeding 63 kg
Over 73 kg	Over 63 kg

The same five (5) weight categories per gender that will be contested at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China, will also be contested at the WTF - YOG Qualification Tournament to be held in New Taipei City, Chinese Taipei, on March 23-25, 2014.

USAT is allowed to enter a maximum of six (6) athletes in the WTF - YOG Qualification Tournament. Per the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) qualification rules, the top eight (8) finishers in each weight category at the WTF - YOG Qualification Tournament will qualify their country for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games [except for those weight categories in which China as the Host Country of the 2014 YOG are entered; in this case the top seven (7) finishers will qualify their country]. Therefore, based on performance at the event in New Taipei City, USAT may qualify up to six (6) athletes to the 2014 YOG. However, as the maximum allowable YOG team size for the U.S. is three (3) slots, results from the WTF - YOG Qualification Tournament and the USAT - YOG Team Trial may need to be evaluated according to the following criteria, in order to select up to three (3) athletes to be nominated to the YOG Team:

1. Gold medal won at the WTF - YOG Qualification Tournament
2. Silver medal won at the WTF - YOG Qualification Tournament
3. Bronze medal won at the WTF - YOG Qualification Tournament
4. Quality of victory
  - a) Knockout
  - b) Point Gap
  - c) Widest Point Gap
5. Greatest number of matches won to earn the medal
6. Discretionary determination of competitiveness of the weight classes, determined by the YOG Selection Committee

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

2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

Because each National Olympic Committee (NOC) can only enter six (6) weight categories out of the total ten (10) weight categories (equally divided between male and female weight categories for both scenarios) at the WTF – YOG Qualification Tournament, a discretionary process was used to determine which weight categories USAT will attempt to qualify at the WTF – YOG Qualification Tournament in New Taipei City, Chinese Taipei. See 2.2. below for a description of the process used to determine the six-member WTF – YOG Qualification Tournament Team.

In addition, because USA Taekwondo has been allocated a maximum of three (3) slots for the YOG Games, a discretionary process may be used to identify the three-member team from a potential pool of six athletes (dependent on the number of athletes who qualified a slot for their country), following the WTF – YOG Qualification Tournament. See 1.3. above for these discretionary criteria. Should the U.S. qualify three or fewer athletes at the WTF – YOG Qualification Tournament, discretionary selection of the YOG Team will not be necessary.

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

To determine which weight categories will be contested by the U.S. Team at the WTF – YOG Qualification Tournament, USAT developed the YOG Selection Committee. The YOG Selection Committee evaluated the following weight categories to be contested at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games:

Men's Events	Women's Events
Not exceeding 48 kg	Not exceeding 44 kg
Over 48 kg & not exceeding 55 kg	Over 44 kg & not exceeding 49 kg
Over 55 kg & not exceeding 63 kg	Over 49 kg & not exceeding 55 kg
Over 63 kg & not exceeding 73 kg	Over 55 kg & not exceeding 63 kg
Over 73 kg	Over 63 kg

The Youth Olympic Games Selection Committee, listed below, determined which weight categories would be contested by evaluating domestic and international results of all USAT members who fit the eligibility criteria for the 2014 YOG. Specifically, results were compiled and analyzed by weight category and performance at the competitions listed below.

- 2013 Junior National Championships
- 2012 Junior World Championships

- 2010 Junior World Championships

Several factors were considered toward establishing a historical performance trend within specific weight categories at the recent top-quality taekwondo competitions listed above, to include:

- The international field of competitiveness within each category for the relevant age group to identify weight categories likely to yield the highest results for USAT;
- A comparison of the overall number of medals to a point value system (3 points for gold; 2 for silver; 1 for bronze) applied to the medals earned at the international events listed above; and
- The number of high-performing athletes within each category who meet the criteria according to these selection procedures.

Based on the YOG Selection Committee’s findings, the following categories were decided upon unanimously:

Men’s Events	Women’s Events
Not exceeding 48 kg	Over 44 kg & not exceeding 49 kg
Over 48 kg & not exceeding 55 kg	Over 49 kg & not exceeding 55 kg
Over 55 kg & not exceeding 63 kg	Over 63 kg

- 2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members currently serving on the committee and their titles:

Youth Olympic Games Selection Committee

- Bruce Harris, CEO, USA Taekwondo
- Lynda Laurin, USAT, USOC AAC Rep
- Patrice Remarck, USAT National Team Coach

2.3.1. Conflict of Interest

Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection

committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

### 3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC, USA Taekwondo has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

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:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to USA Taekwondo's CEO.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) as approved by USA Taekwondo. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) as approved by USA Taekwondo, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Violation of USA Taekwondo's Code of Conduct (Attachment A).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Taekwondo's Constitution and Bylaws as mentioned in the (refer to USAT Bylaws, Section 15, Complaint Procedures found at the following link: <http://www2.teamusa.org/USA-Taekwondo/Resources> and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once an athlete nomination is accepted by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to USA Taekwondo's Code of Conduct, the USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply.

- The USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at: <http://www2.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>

- 3.3. 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.

### 4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

The process below will be used for both the WTF – YOG Qualification Tournament and the Youth Olympic Games, if necessary.

The athlete who finishes in second place at the USAT – YOG Team Trial from the **same weight category** of the athlete to be replaced is the replacement athlete. If the replacement athlete is not available, then the third place finisher becomes the next eligible athlete. If the third place finisher is not available, then the fourth place finisher becomes the next eligible athlete. This continues until there are no eligible athletes in the same weight category at the USAT – YOG Team Trial. If by then, no athlete is available, the spot remains vacant.

4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

Same as 4.1.1. above, if permitted by the WTF and/or IOC Youth Olympic Games policy.

## 5. 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 conclusion of the Games.

## 6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Youth Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

USA Taekwondo Code of Conduct (Attachment A)

## 7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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



7.1. NGB's Website: <http://www.usa-taekwondo.us/>

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

7.2. Other: N/A

## **8. DATE OF NOMINATION**

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before:

June 19, 2014

## **9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

The selected athletes will be notified of any mandatory training and/or competition at least 30 days in advance. Specific dates and locations of any scheduled training camps and/or competitions will be posted on <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Taekwondo.aspx> as soon as possible.

## **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:

- Bruce Harris, CEO, USA Taekwondo
- Lynda Laurin, USOC/AAC representative, USA Taekwondo
- Patrice Remarck, National Team Coach, USA Taekwondo

## **12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

USA Taekwondo's Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<http://www2.teamusa.org/USA-Taekwondo/Resources>

### **13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

These procedures are based on IOC and 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 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.

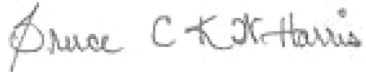


### **14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Taekwondo may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, John X. Ruger, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at [john.ruger@usoc.org](mailto:john.ruger@usoc.org)
- <http://www2.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>

**15. NGB 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.**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
NGB President or CEO/Executive Director	Bruce Harris		18 Oct 13
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Patrice Remarck		18 Oct 13
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Lynda Laurin		18 Oct 13

\* 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, 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 must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

## 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 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 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 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 the World Taekwondo Federation;
- will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance;
- 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 rules, including by way of example, rules regarding curfew and required attendance at team meetings;
- 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 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 the USA Taekwondo (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld);
- 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 (888.284.5383) or [John.Ruger@usoc.org](mailto:John.Ruger@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. I agree that if I break this code I am subject to removal from the Team.

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Signature

Date

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**NGB Name**

**Sport**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION</b> <b>(For Participants Under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)</b></p>
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Signature

Date

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Relationship (Parent or Guardian)