



**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES  
2013 NATIONAL TEAM  
May 22, 2012**

**I. SELECTION SYSTEM**

**Selection System Overview**

The athlete selection system for the 2013 National Team is objective based through qualification events that include the 2012 State Championships, the 2012 Regional Qualifiers, the 2012 National Taekwondo Championships, the 2013 National Team Trial and the 2013 National Team Fight-off

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

**1. Citizenship:**

- a. Athlete meets eligibility and nationality requirements as presented by USA Taekwondo in compliance with the minimum International Federation standards for participation (item I.A.2.).
- b. All athletes must be U.S. Citizens in order to compete.

**2. Minimum IF standards for participation (if any):**

- a. World Taekwondo Federation (WTF); Rules of Competition, Article 4. Contestants, Section 1  
[http://www.wtf.org/wtf\\_eng/site/rules/competition.html](http://www.wtf.org/wtf_eng/site/rules/competition.html)
  - Holder of the nationality of the participating team.
  - One recommended by the WTF National Taekwondo Association.
  - Holder of Taekwondo Dan certificate issued by the Kukkiwon or WTF.
  - Competitors must be at least 15 years of age on December 31, 2013

**3. Other requirements (if any):**

- a. Athlete must be a USA Taekwondo member in good standing.
- b. Athletes must compete in the World Class, Black Belt division.

**4. Performance Waivers**

- a. All athletes who made weight and participated in the 2012 National Team Trial receive a performance waiver from Phase 1 – Qualifying Events and are granted a performance waiver into Phase 2 – National Taekwondo Championships.
- b. If an athlete was the winner of the 2012 National Team Trial/Fight-off, an official training partner for the 2012 Olympic Team and/or the winner of Phase 8 – 2012 Olympic Team Trials Final he/she will be granted a performance waiver from Phase 1 – Qualifying Events, as well as Phase 2 – 2012 National Taekwondo Championships and granted an entry into Phase 3 – 2013

National Team Trial. In Phase 3, athletes receiving performance waivers may compete in the weight division of their choice. However, if the winner of Phase 8 – Olympic Team Trials Final, chooses to fight in a different weight division from that which they won the Phase 8 – Olympic Team Trials Final, seeding criterion will not apply to said athlete. An Olympic Athletes weight division can be considered either weight category from the combined weight division (for example: the male Olympic feather weight team member can select either bantam weight or feather weight).

- c. 2012 Senior National Team Members and the 2012 Olympic Team Members may compete in Phase 1 – Qualifying Events, as well as Phase 2 – 2012 National Taekwondo Championships in the weight division of their choice. However, they will forfeit their performance waiver into Phase 3 – 2013 National Team Trial and must place in the top four at the 2012 National Taekwondo Championships World Class division in order to compete in Phase 3 – 2013 National Team Trial. NOTE: 2012 Senior National Team members and 2012 Olympic Games Team Members who compete at the 2012 National Collegiate Taekwondo Championships (a 2012 Phase 1 Qualifying Event) do not forfeit their performance waiver because the 2012 National Collegiate Taekwondo Championships are a Team Trial event for the 2012 World University Taekwondo Championships.
- d. Gold Medalists at the 2012 Olympic Games will be placed on the 2013 National Team without having to compete in the 2013 Selection Process.
- e. Silver and Bronze Medalist's at the 2012 Olympic Games will be granted a performance waiver from Phase 1 – Qualifying Events, Phase 2 – 2012 National Taekwondo Championships World Class division, and Phase 3 – 2013 National Team Trial and granted entry into Phase 4 – 2013 National Team Fight-off.
- f. A 2012 Olympic Medalist's weight division can be considered either weight category from the combined weight division (for example: the male Olympic feather weight team member can select either bantam weight or feather weight). The Olympic Medalist must declare, in writing, his/her 2013 National Team selected weight division by October 31, 2012. This decision will be announced publicly on USAT's website.
- g. Weight divisions that have an Olympic medalist will still participate in Phase 3 – National Team Trial and Phase 4 National Team Fight-off, however athletes qualifying for said division(s) will be allowed to move up or down one weight division from which they qualified in Phase 2 – National Taekwondo Championships. The athlete selected in Phase 4 – National Team Fight-off will serve as the replacement athlete for that division. A replacement athlete in said division may be offered an opportunity to represent the United States at a National Team event in 2013 and will be given a free entry into the 2013 U.S. Open.
- h. In addition, a maximum of two (2) Wild Cards, per gender, into Phase 3 – National Team Trial, may be awarded per the USAT High Performance Staff's (High Performance Staff consists of the High Performance Director and 2 Head National Team Coaches)

discretion to athletes who do not otherwise qualify. The High Performance Staff will include the following criteria, not listed in any priority order: Performance at the 2012 National Taekwondo Championships, individual athlete history within the last four (4) years, international competitive analysis, strength/depth of weight category, athlete's potential to medal internationally. Athletes who meet the minimum eligibility requirements as defined in I.A.1, I.A.2, I.A.3.a, and I.A.3.c above, are permitted to apply for the Wild Card by a date to be determined. Only completed applications submitted to the USAT High Performance Department by the said date will be taken into consideration. More information regarding the Wild Cards will be made available on the USA Taekwondo website after the 2012 National Taekwondo Championships. Applications will be carefully considered by the High Performance Staff and awarded to a maximum of two (2) athletes per gender. The High Performance Staff may choose the athletes from any weight class. The High Performance Staff is NOT required to fill any or all of the Wild Card quotas. All athletes applying for Wild Cards must meet the minimum eligibility requirements to be considered for Phase 3 – National Team Trial. Any members of the High Performance Staff for whom a direct conflict of interest arises (to include, but not be limited to, a competing athlete, a personal coach or a family member of a competing athlete being considered for nomination to the 2013 National Team), will recuse him/herself from any decisions that could affect athlete selection. Should both Head National Team Coaches have a conflict for a particular athlete and/or division; USAT CEO along with the High Performance Director shall make the final decision.

- i. All athletes receiving performance waivers may compete in the weight division of their choice without forgoing their performance waiver to Phase 3 – 2013 National Team Trial. All athletes receiving performance waivers must declare, by the late registration deadline of the 2013 National Team Trial/Fight-off, as to which weight division he/she will participate.
- j. All 2012 Olympic Medalists may compete in the weight division of their choice, but will forego their performance waiver to Phase 4 – 2012 National Team Fight-Off, if choosing to compete in a division different from that in which they were a 2012 Olympic Medalist. The 2012 Olympic Medalist shall still be granted a waiver into Phase 3 – 2013 National Team Trial.

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

The 2013 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 2013 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

**The selection process for the 2013 National Team consists of three phases.**

### **PHASE 1 – Qualifying Events**

#### 2012 State Championships

The semi-finalists per gender in the eight (8) Black Belt senior weight divisions from each sanctioned 2012 State Championship will advance to Phase 2 – 2012 National Taekwondo Championships – World Class Division (Dallas, Texas – July 4, 2012).

#### 2012 Regional Qualifiers

The semi-finalists per gender in the eight (8) Black Belt senior weight divisions, per Regional Qualifier advance to Phase 2 – 2012 National Taekwondo Championships – World Class Division (Dallas, Texas – July 4, 2012).

#### 2012 National Championships – Senior Grass Roots Division

The winner, per gender in the eight (8) Black Belt weight divisions from the 2012 National Taekwondo Championships – Senior Grass Roots Division will advance to Phase 2 – National Taekwondo Championships – World Class Division (Dallas, Texas – July 4, 2012).

### **PHASE 2 – 2012 National Taekwondo Championships**

The semi-finalists per gender, in each of the eight (8) senior weight divisions from the World Class Black Belt division at the 2012 National Taekwondo Championships and all athletes receiving performance waivers will advance to Phase 3 – 2013 National Team Trial (Date and Location, TBD).

### **PHASE 3 – 2013 National Team Trial**

The finalists per gender in each of the eight (8) senior weight divisions from the 2013 National Team Trial and all athletes receiving performance waivers will advance to Phase 4 – 2013 National Team Fight-Off (Date and Location, TBD).

### **PHASE 4 – 2013 National Team Fight-Off**

The winner per gender in each of the eight (8) senior weight divisions from the 2013 National Team Fight-Off will earn a spot on the 2013 National Team. The 2013 National Team will compete at the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships in Puebla, Mexico.

C. Tryout Events:

1. Provide the event names, dates and location of all trials, events and/or camps to be used as part of the selection process.
  - a. 2012 Sanctioned State Tournaments
    - Dates and locations can be found at the following link:  
<http://www2.teamusa.org/USA-Taekwondo/Events.aspx>
  - b. 2012 Regional Qualifiers
    - Western Regional Qualifier, San Jose, CA – May 19-20, 2012
    - Eastern Regional Qualifier, Hampton, VA – May 26-27, 2012
  - c. 2012 National Taekwondo Championships
    - Grass Roots Divisions – July 3, 2012, Dallas, Texas.
    - World Class Division - July 4, 2012, Dallas, Texas.
  - d. 2012 National Team Trial & National Team Fight-off
    - Date and Location to be determined.
  
2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any “preliminary or qualifying” events or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the events listed above in C. 1 (if any).
  - All USAT members who meet the eligibility criteria as defined in I.A., have a black belt and compete in the black belt, world class division are eligible.
  
- D. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become team nominees.

### **PHASE #1: Qualifying Events**

Phase #1 represents the first step in making the 2013 National Team that starts with the 2012 Sanctioned State Championships, the 2012 Regional Qualifiers and the 2012 National Taekwondo Championships – Grass Roots Division. All athletes meeting the eligibility criteria listed in Section A of this document are eligible to compete in Phase 1.

#### **2012 Sanctioned State Championships**

The semi-finalists per gender in the eight (8) Black Belt senior weight divisions, male and female, from each sanctioned 2012 Sanctioned State Championship will advance to PHASE 2 – 2012 National Taekwondo Championships – World Class Division (July 4, 2012 – Dallas, TX).

#### **2012 Regional Qualifiers**

The semi-finalists per gender in the eight (8) Black Belt senior weight divisions from each of the 2012 Regional Qualifiers advance to Phase 2 – 2012 National Taekwondo Championships - World Class Division (July 4, 2012 – Dallas, TX).

#### **2012 National Championships – Grass Roots Division**

The winner per gender in the eight (8) Black Belt senior weight divisions from the 2012 National

Taekwondo Championships – Grass Roots Division will advance to Phase 2 –National Taekwondo Championships – World Class Division (Dallas, Texas – July 4, 2012).

Athletes cannot participate in more than one weight division at the National Taekwondo Championships. Athletes qualifying through a Qualifying Event are required to compete in the SAME weight division in which they qualified for Phase 2 - 2012 National Taekwondo Championships – World Class.

All athletes who qualify in two or more weight divisions must declare, by the late registration deadline of the 2012 National Taekwondo Championships, as to which weight division they will participate.

#### **Competition Format – Single Elimination**

In Phase 1, all tournaments 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: 2012 National Taekwondo Championships – World Class Division**

The semi-finalists, per gender, in the eight (8) weight divisions from each of the 2012 Sanctioned State Championships and the 2012 Regional Qualifiers as defined above, and the winner, per gender, in the eight (8) weight divisions of the Grass Roots division of the 2012 National Taekwondo Championships, and athletes receiving performance waivers as defined in section I.A.4. of this document will compete in PHASE 2 – 2012 National Taekwondo Championships - World Class Division (July 4, 2012 – Dallas, TX).

The semi-finalists, per gender, in each of the eight (8) weight divisions from the World Class Black Belt division at the 2012 National Taekwondo Championships will advance to Phase 3 – 2013 National Team Trial (Date and location TBD).

#### **Competition Format – Single Elimination**

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

Athletes qualifying through a Qualifying Event are required to compete in the SAME weight division at Phase 2 - 2012 National Taekwondo Championships – World Class. Athletes who qualify in two or more weight divisions must declare, by the late registration deadline of the 2012 National Taekwondo Championships, as to which weight division they will participate.

#### **Seeding Criteria**

Athletes will be seeded based upon their finish in the 2012 Sanctioned State Championships and 2012 Regional Qualifiers. The athletes seeding will reflect only the weight division in which he/she chooses to compete and not others which he/she has qualified but is not competing.

Seeding for each weight division will be administered by the prioritized list below. If more than one athlete meets the same criteria below a random draw will take place between these athletes to determine the seeding.

1. 2012 National B-Team Members (athletes who placed second at the 2012 National Team Trial/Fight-off), competing in the same weight division as they were in the 2012 National Team Trial/Fight-Off.
2. This is followed by a random draw of all 1<sup>st</sup> place finishers from a 2012 Regional Qualifier.
3. This is followed by a random draw of all 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers from a 2012 Regional Qualifier.
4. This is followed by a random draw of all 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers from a 2012 Regional Qualifier. (Note: both non-advancing semi-finalists per division will be considered equal 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers).
5. This is followed by a random draw of all 1<sup>st</sup> place finishers from a 2012 Sanctioned State Championship.
6. This is followed by a random draw of all 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers from a 2012 Sanctioned State Championship.
7. This is followed by a random draw of all 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers from a 2012 Sanctioned State Championship. (Note: both non-advancing semi-finalists per division will be considered equal 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers). This is followed by a random draw of all remaining athletes.

The draws will be completed after weigh-in by members of the USA Taekwondo Staff.

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

### **Phase 3 – 2013 National Team Trial**

The semifinalists, per gender, in each of the eight (8) weight divisions at the 2012 National Taekwondo Championships – World Class Division and those athletes receiving performance waivers are eligible to compete in the 2013 National Team Trial.

The winner or winners of each division, as outlined in the competition format below from the 2013 National Team Trial will advance to Phase 4 - 2013 National Team Fight-Off that will occur on the same dates immediately following the conclusion of the 2013 National Team Trial.

Athletes qualifying through the 2012 National Taekwondo Championships are required to compete in the SAME weight division in which they qualified for Phase 3 - 2012 National Team Trial unless meeting the criteria listed in section I.A.4 of these selection procedures.

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

### **Competition Format for divisions WITHOUT a 2012 Olympic Silver or Bronze Medalist:**

If 5 or less athletes register and make weight for a single weight division the athletes will compete in a Round Robin Competition Format as outlined below. The top 2 athletes per gender, per weight division will advance to the 2013 National Team Fight-Off.

If 6 or more athletes register and make weight in a single weight division the athletes will compete in a Double Elimination Format with seeding. The winner of the Double Elimination Bracket in each weight division is waived from Phase 4 – 2013 National Team Fight-Off and named to the 2013 National Team.

**Competition Format for divisions WITH a 2012 Olympic Silver or Bronze Medalist:**

In each division with a 2012 Olympic Silver or Bronze Medalist, all athletes except the 2012 Olympic Silver or Bronze Medalist compete in a double elimination competition format. The winner of the Double Elimination Format, as outlined below, will advance to Phase 4 – National Team Trial Fight-Off.

**Round Robin Competition Format Explanation:**

The round robin tournament format consists of all individuals playing each other one time. The round robin schedule has fixed schedules; all athletes know exactly who they play and what time they play them, which offers some advantage to athletes in preparing for the tournament and upcoming games. Seeding does not affect the outcome because the cumulative results of all games played determines final standings.

The top two finishers of the 2013 National Team Trial will advance to Phase 4 – 2013 National Team Fight-Off that will occur on the same dates immediately following the conclusion of the round robin matches. In Phase 4, the division winner only needs to beat the second place athlete once to advance, while the second place athlete will need to beat the division winner twice to advance. In the case of a tie at the end of regulation, standard sudden death regulations apply.

**The Drawing of Lots for Round Robin:**

The Drawing of Lots will take place at registration as each athlete checks-in for the event. Each weight division will have a separate bag with a ping pong ball with the number of seeds competing within the weight division. Each athlete will pick one ping pong ball from the bag which will be their corresponding seed. The seed of the athlete will be represented on the schedule which will be distributed to the athletes at registration. The drawing of lots will be completed for each weight division. If a pre-registered athlete does not show for weigh-in or does not make weight, his or her matches corresponding with his or her seed will remain in the schedule and no result will be determined for those matches. An example of a four athlete schedule is below:

ROUND 1:	1 v 4	2 v 3
ROUND 2:	1 v 3	4 v 2
ROUND 3:	1 v 2	3 v 4

The following tie-breaking procedure will be administered to determine the top finishers should a tie for the top seed occur.

1. 2-way tie in round robin competition:
  - a. This tie will be broken based upon head-to-head competition. If only two athletes have identical records, then the winner of the head-to-head competition shall be designated the number one seed and the loser of the head-to-head competition will be declared the number two seed.



2. 3-way tie in round robin competition:
  - a. Each athlete will participate in the drawing of lots to determine the fight matchups which will be as follows:
    - i. Match #1 – Draw B v. Draw C
    - ii. Draw A receives a bye
    - iii. Match #2 – Winner of Match #1 v. Draw A
    - iv. Determining Results
      1. The winner of match #2 is declared the number one seed.
      2. The loser of Match #2 is declared the number two seed.
        - a. The number one and number two seed will participate in a Fight-Off as described below.
      3. The loser of Match #1 is declared the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher.

### **Double Elimination Format Explanation**

Two defeats eliminate an entry 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.

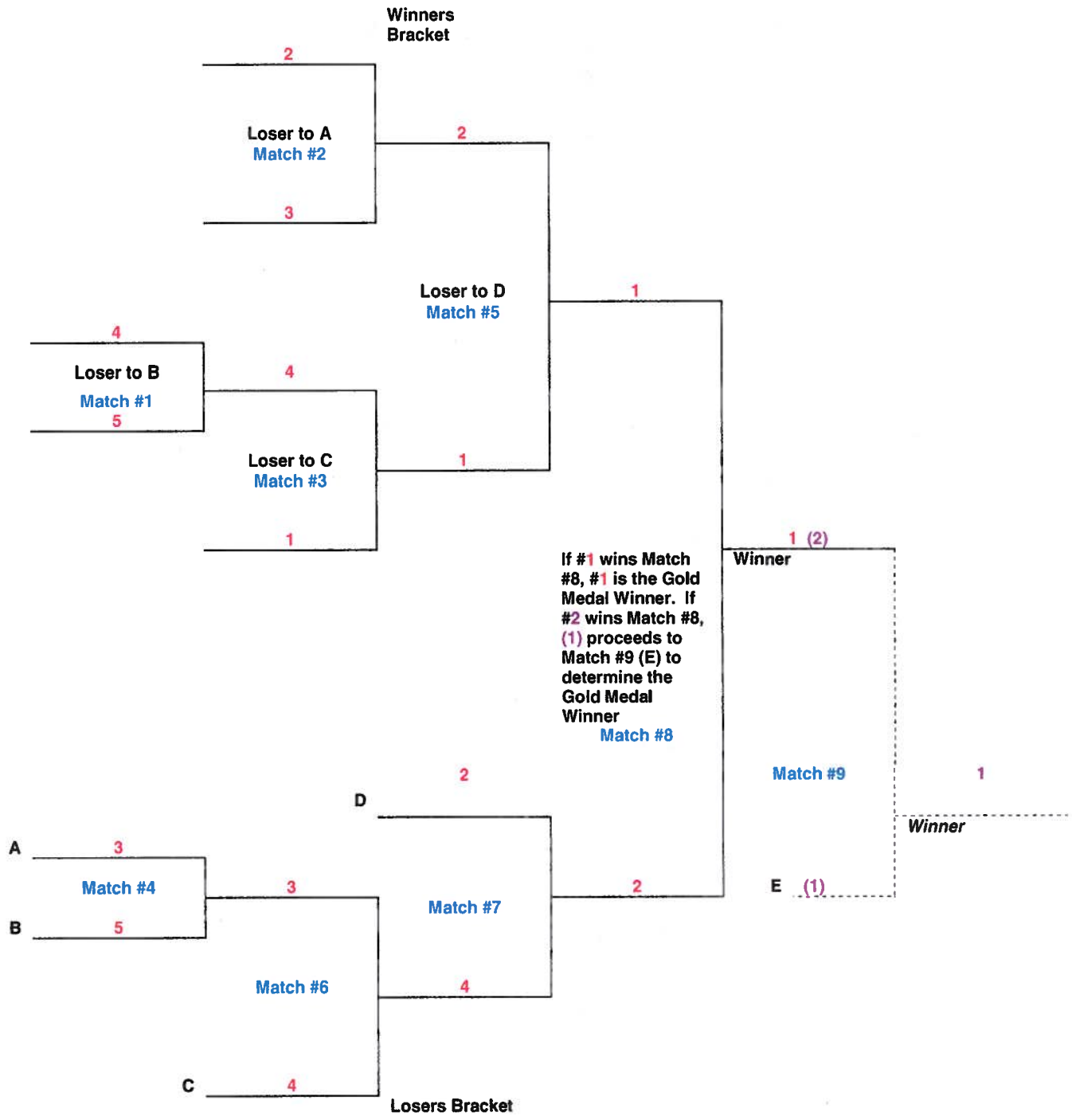
Byes are distributed in the first round of the original elimination brackets as in a single elimination tournament.

Seeding Procedures for Double Elimination:

Seeding for each weight division will be administered by the prioritized list below:

1. 2012 Olympic Team Member
2. 2012 National Team Member competing in the same division in which they were a 2012 National Team Member.
3. Athletes who were members of BOTH the 2011 and 2012 National Team and/or athletes who were members of both the 2011 National Team and 2012 Olympic Team who are competing in a different division in which he/she was a 2012 National Team member.
4. 2011 Pan American Games Medalist.
5. This is followed by a random draw of all 1<sup>st</sup> place finishers from the PHASE 2 – 2012 National Taekwondo Championships – World Class Division
6. This is followed by a random draw of all remaining athletes receiving performance waivers.
7. This is followed by a random draw of all 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers from the PHASE 2 – 2012 National Taekwondo Championships – World Class Division
8. This is followed by a random draw of all 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers from the PHASE 2 – 2012 National Taekwondo Championships – World Class Division.
9. Athletes receiving Wild Cards.

For reference purposes, the double elimination bracket follows on the next page.



## **Phase 4 – National Team Trial Fight-Off**

### **Competition Format for divisions WITHOUT a 2012 Olympic Silver or Bronze Medalist:**

The top two finishers, per gender, per division from the 2013 National Team Trial will face each other in a Fight-Off Format.

In the Fight-Off Format the division winner only needs to beat the second place athlete once to be declared the winner, while the second place athlete will need to beat the group winner twice to be declared the winner. In the case of a tie at the end of regulation, standard sudden death regulations apply. The winner in each weight division of the 2013 National Team Fight-Off earns a spot on the 2013 National Team.

### **Competition Format for divisions WITH a 2012 Olympic Silver or Bronze Medalist:**

The winner of the double elimination competition from Phase 3 – 2013 National Team Trial will face the 2012 Olympic Silver or Bronze Medalist in a Fight-Off.

#### **For divisions with an Olympic Silver or Bronze Medalist:**

The Olympic Silver or Bronze Medalist will be placed at an advantage versus the winner of Phase 3 – 2013 National Team Trial. The Olympic Silver Medalist must beat the winner of the double elimination 1 of 2 matches to be declared the 2013 National Team Member. The Double Elimination winner must beat the Olympic Silver Medalist 2 of 2 matches to be declared the 2013 National Team Member.

E. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the name(s) and role(s) of their members.

- Meredith Miller, Director of High Performance, USA Taekwondo
- Travis Oosthoek, Director of Events, USA Taekwondo
- Eric Parthen, CEO, USA Taekwondo

## **II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)**

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

N/A

B. Discretionary Selection Committee

1. Provide the name of the committee(s) that will be responsible for discretionary selection.

N/A

2. Provide a complete list of the members of the committee(s), their

titles and their NGB role that qualifies them to serve in this capacity.

N/A

### III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. 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.
- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Taekwondo's 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.
  - 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.
- B. 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

- A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:

The second place athlete from Phase 4 – 2013 National Team 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 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher becomes the next eligible athlete. If the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher is not available, then the 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher becomes the next eligible athlete. This continues until there are no eligible athletes in the same weight division at Phase 3. If by then, no athlete is available, the spot remains vacant.

- B. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:
- i. Group or committee who determines the replacement pool:

N/A

- ii. Group or committee who determines a replacement to the team:

N/A

**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 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships.

**VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the 2013 National Team, and are included as attachments:

- Code of Conduct (Attachment A)

## 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](http://www.usa-taekwondo.us)  
The website information will be posted as soon as possible.
- B. NGB Official Publication (if any): USAT E-Newsletter – USA Taekwondo Online Magazine
- C. Other: N/A

## VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION

N/A

## IX. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

- **National Team Camp – Performance Enhancement Prep**  
Once an athlete is nominated to compete at the 2013 World Championships he/she shall actively participate in no more than three (3) mandatory preparation camps that will take place in locations to be determined over the course of the months leading up to the 2013 World 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, it is reviewed and either accepted or rejected by the USAT CEO, Director of High Performance and National Team Head Coaches.

## 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:

- Barb Kunkel, USOC/AAC representative, USA Taekwondo
- Meredith Miller, Director of High Performance, USA Taekwondo
- Eric Parthen, CEO, USA Taekwondo
- Jean Lopez, National Team Coach, USA Taekwondo
- Juan Moreno, National Team Coach, USA Taekwondo

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

The USA Taekwondo Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found: [USA Taekwondo Bylaws](#)

## **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.

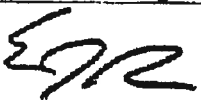
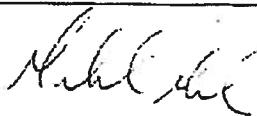
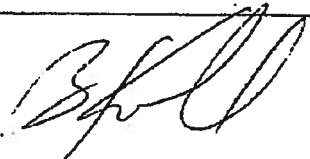
## **XIV. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

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

- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE
- E-mail at [john.ruger@usoc.org](mailto:john.ruger@usoc.org)
- [www.888athlete.org](http://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 CEO	Eric Parthen		6-6-2012
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Meredith Miller		6-6-12
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Barb Kunkel		6-4-12

\*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.

**USOC USE ONLY**

Date Original Procedures Rec'd _____ Date Revision Submitted _____	Date of USOC Approval _____
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## 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 National 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 USA National 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 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

Relationship (Parent or Guardian)

