



ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2015 JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL OPEN TEAM
June 9, 2014

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

Selection System Overview

The athlete selection system for the 2015 Junior International Open Team is objective based through qualification events that include the 2014 State Championships and the 2014 Junior National Taekwondo Championships.

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

1. Citizenship:

- a. Athlete meets eligibility & nationality requirements as presented by USA Taekwondo in compliance with the minimum IF 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

- 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.
- An athlete must be at least 15 years of age by December 31, 2015 and not more than 17 years of age as of January 1, 2015.

3. Other requirements (if any):

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

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

The **maximum** number of athletes to compete for the 2015 Junior International Open Team is twenty (20) - one in each of the ten (10) male & ten (10) female weight divisions.

C. Performance Waivers

All 2014 Junior National Team members and Youth Olympic Game Qualification Team members who qualified to compete in the 2014 Junior World Championships and 2014 Youth Olympic Games Qualifying Event receive a performance waiver from Phase 1 - Qualifying Events and are granted a performance waiver into Phase 2 - National Taekwondo Championships and can compete in the weight class of their choice. If they are too old to compete as a Junior, they will be allowed into the weight class of their choice in Phase 2 - National Taekwondo Championships, in the 17-32 World Class Division.

Weight Division Classification for the 2015 Junior Open Team

Men's Division		Women's Division	
Not exceeding 45 kg	Fin	Not exceeding 42 kg	Fin
Over 45 kg & not exceeding 48 kg	Fly	Over 42 kg & not exceeding 44 kg	Fly
Over 48 kg & not exceeding 51 kg	Bantam	Over 44 kg & not exceeding 46 kg	Bantam
Over 51 kg & not exceeding 55 kg	Feather	Over 46 kg & not exceeding 49 kg	Feather
Over 55 kg & not exceeding 59 kg	Light	Over 49 kg & not exceeding 52 kg	Light
Over 59 kg & not exceeding 63 kg	Welter	Over 52 kg & not exceeding 55 kg	Welter
Over 63 kg & not exceeding 68 kg	Light Middle	Over 55 kg & not exceeding 59 kg	Light Middle
Over 68 kg & not exceeding 73 kg	Middle	Over 59 kg & not exceeding 63 kg	Middle
Over 73 kg & not exceeding 78kg	Light Heavy	Over 63 kg & not exceeding 68kg	Light Heavy
Over 78 kg	Heavy	Over 68 kg	Heavy

Interpretation

1. A taekwondo tournament is a competition which is decided, within, the rules, by direct physical contact and forceful physical collisions between contestants. In order to reduce the impact of the inequality in relative factors between contestants and ensure safety as well as create equal conditions for the exchange of techniques, the weight division system was established.

2. The division of men and women into separate categories, men competing against men and women competing against women, is a fundamental rule.

(Explanation #1)

- Not exceeding:

The weight limit is defined by the criterion of one decimal place away from the stated limit. For example, not exceeding 50 kg is established as until 50.0 kg with 50.1 kg being over the limit and resulting in disqualification.

(Explanation #2)

- Over:

Over 50.00 kg mark occur at the 50.1 kg reading and 50.0 and below is regarded and insufficient, resulting is disqualification.

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The selection process for the 2015 Junior International Open Team consists of two phases.

PHASE 1 – Qualifying Events

Phase #1 represents the first step in making the 2015 Junior International Open Team that starts with the 2014 Sanctioned State Championships. All athletes meeting the eligibility criteria listed in Section A of this document are eligible to compete in Phase 1.

PHASE 2

The winner, per gender, in each of the ten (10) weight divisions from the World Class Black Belt division at the 2014 Junior National Taekwondo Championships will be named part of the USA Junior International Open Team which will compete at the 2015 US Open. These athletes will have their airfare, room, and board covered by USAT. The Junior International Open Team will be coached by the USA National Coaching Staff selected to coach Team USA at the event. If the Gold medalist does not accept the opportunity, it will be offered to the silver medalist, followed by the bronze medalist who lost to the gold medalist, and finally the bronze medalist who lost to the silver medalist.

D. 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. 2014 Sanctioned State Tournaments

- Dates and locations can be found at the following link:
<http://www2.teamusa.org/USA-Taekwondo/Events.aspx>

b. 2014 Junior National Taekwondo Championships

- World Class Divisions - July, 2014 – San Jose, California.

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.

E. 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 2015 Junior International Open Team that starts with the 2014 Sanctioned State Championships. All athletes meeting the eligibility criteria listed in Section A of this document are eligible to compete in Phase 1.

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: 2014 Junior National Taekwondo Championships – World Class Division

Phase #2 represents the second step in making the 2015 Junior International Open Team that starts with the 2014 Sanctioned State Championships. All athletes meeting the eligibility criteria listed in Section A of this document are eligible to compete in Phase 2.

The winner, per gender, in each of the ten (10) weight divisions from the World Class Black Belt division at the 2014 Junior National Taekwondo Championships will be named part of the USA Junior International Open Team which will compete at the 2015 US Open. These athletes will have their airfare, room, and board covered by USAT. The Junior International Open Team will be coached by the USA National Coaching Staff selected to coach Team USA at the event. If the Gold medalist does not accept the opportunity, it will be offered to the silver medalist, followed by the bronze medalist who lost to the gold medalist, and finally the bronze medalist who lost to the silver medalist.

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 cannot participate in more than one weight division at the Junior National Taekwondo Championships. All athletes must declare, by the late registration deadline (June 21st) of the 2014 Junior National Taekwondo Championships, as to which weight division they will participate.

Seeding Criteria

Amendment to match distributed Nationals Packet- Seeding will only be applied to the Junior (15-17) and Senior (17-32) black belts. Only those athletes who placed in the top 4 at the 2014 Junior Team Trials and in the top 5 of the 2014 Senior Team Trials will be given a seed. The seed will only be granted if the athlete is competing in the same division that they competed in for the 2014 Junior and Senior Team Trials. Seeding will be done according to the order each athlete placed at the 2014 Team Trials (example: Gold medalist will receive #1 seed). All other participants will be placed in the brackets by random draw, with the attempt to separate by State and Club wherever possible.

~~Only athletes who placed in the top 4 at the 2014 Junior Team Trials & the Finalists per gender in the ten (10) weight divisions of the 2014 Sanctioned State Championships, will be seeded.~~

~~The seed will only be granted if the athlete is competing in the same division that they competed for in the 2014 Junior Team Trials and the 2014 Sanctioned State Championships.~~

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

- ~~1. 2014 Junior World Championship Medalist — per medal value
 - a. Gold
 - b. Silver
 - c. Bronze~~
- ~~2. This is followed by 2014 Junior National Team Members (competing in the same weight division as they were in the 2014 National Team Trial).~~
- ~~3. This is followed by 2014 Junior National B Team Members (athletes who placed second at the 2014 National Team Trial), competing in the same weight division as they were in the 2014 National Team Trial.~~
- ~~4. This is followed by a random draw of all 3rd place finishers from the 2014 National Team Trial (Bronze medalists who lost to the gold medalist, followed by Bronze medalists who lost to the silver medalist.)~~
- ~~5. This is followed by a random draw of all 1st place finishers from a 2014 Sanctioned State Championships.~~

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

2015 Junior International Open Team:

Athletes who win their respective weight division [up to twenty (20) total athletes] will earn the right to represent the United States as a Junior National Team member in the sport of Taekwondo.

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

F. [Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the name\(s\) and role\(s\) of their members.](#)

- Patrick Wentland, Director of High Performance, USA Taekwondo
- Stacy Andrews, High Performance Manager, USA Taekwondo
- Jeanna Mendoza, Director of Events, USA Taekwondo
- Bruce Harris, 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.
 - An athlete can be removed from the Junior Open Team if he/she does not participate in mandatory competitions and/or camps set forth by USA Taekwondo, with at least 30 days' notice by USA Taekwondo for said events.
 - 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 2 – 2014 Junior National Taekwondo Championships 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 2. If by then, no athlete is available, the spot remains vacant. The 3rd place finisher is the athlete who lost to the eventual 1st place finisher in Phase 2. The 4th place finisher is the athlete who lost to the eventual 2nd place finisher in Phase 2.

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 2014 National Taekwondo Championships.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the 2015 Junior 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

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:

N/A

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:

- Lynda Laurin, USOC/AAC representative, USA Taekwondo
- Patrick Wentland, Director of High Performance, USA Taekwondo
- Bruce Harris, CEO, USA Taekwondo
- Patrice Remarck, Head Coach, USA Taekwondo

XII. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Taekwondo Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found: USA-TAEKWONDO.US

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
- 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	Bruce Harris		10 June 2014
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Lynda Laurin		6/9/2014
NGB National Team Head Coach	Patrice Remarck		6/10/2014
NGB Director of High Performance	Patrick Wentland		6/10/14

*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.

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 Junior Open 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 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.

Signature

Date

NGB Name

Sport

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

Signature

Date

Relationship (Parent or Guardian)