



**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES  
2012 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM  
September 26, 2011**

**I. SELECTION SYSTEM**

**Selection System Overview**

The athlete selection system for the 2012 Junior World Championships Team is objective based through an open qualification event. This event is called the 2012 Junior World Championships Open Team Trial.

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

1. 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 2012 Junior World Championships.

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

- An athlete must be born between January 1, 1995 and December 31, 1998.
- In accordance with the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) Rules of Competition [refer to Article 4, Section 1:  
[http://www.wtf.org/wtf\\_eng/site/rules/competition.html](http://www.wtf.org/wtf_eng/site/rules/competition.html)], contestants must meet the following criteria:

1. Holder of the nationality of the participating team
2. One recommended by the WTF National Taekwondo Association
3. Holder of Taekwondo Dan certificate issued by the Kukkiwon or WTF
4. Contestants at the age of at least 15 years old in the year the pertinent tournament is held (14-17 years old for Junior Taekwondo Championships)

3. Other requirements (if any):

1. An athlete must be a member in good standing with USA Taekwondo (USAT).
2. Athletes must compete in the Black Belt division.

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

**Qualification System for the 2012 Junior World Championships Team**

Ten (10) weight categories per gender will be contested at the 2012 Junior World Championships in Egypt.

Men's division		Women's division	
Under 45kg	Not exceeding 45kg	Under 42kg	Not exceeding 42 kg
Under 48kg	Over 45 kg & Not exceeding 48 kg	Under 44kg	Over 42 kg & Not exceeding 44 kg
Under 51kg	Over 48 kg & Not exceeding 51 kg	Under 46kg	Over 44 kg & Not exceeding 46 kg
Under 55kg	Over 51 kg & Not exceeding 55 kg	Under 49kg	Over 46 kg & Not exceeding 49 kg
Under 59kg	Over 55 kg & Not exceeding 59 kg	Under 52kg	Over 49 kg & Not exceeding 52 kg
Under 63kg	Over 59 kg & Not exceeding 63 kg	Under 55kg	Over 52 kg & Not exceeding 55 kg
Under 68kg	Over 63 kg & Not exceeding 68 kg	Under 59kg	Over 55 kg & Not exceeding 59 kg
Under 73kg	Over 68 kg & Not exceeding 73 kg	Under 63kg	Over 59 kg & Not exceeding 63 kg
Under 78kg	Over 73 kg & Not exceeding 78 kg	Under 68kg	Over 63 kg & Not exceeding 68 kg
Over 78kg	Over 78 kg	Over 68kg	Over 68 kg

In order to determine which U.S. athletes will fill the twenty (20) slots for the 2012 Junior World Championships Team, USAT will hold an Open Team Trial (January 2012 – Colorado Springs, CO) for all eligible and registered athletes. This team trial will be called the 2012 Junior World Championships Open Team Trial.

Any athlete who meets the eligibility requirements listed in Section I.A. of this document may register to participate in USAT's Junior World Championships Open Team Trial. Each registered athlete must declare his/her weight division via the online registration system (Hangastar) by the late registration deadline for the Junior World Championships Open Team Trial. No athlete will be allowed to register for the tournament or to change weight divisions after the late registration deadline.

**Competition Format for Junior World Championships Open Team Trial:**

Seeding for each weight division will be administered by the prioritized list below. When applying the criteria below, if an athlete is participating in the same weight range at the Junior World Championships Open Team Trial as the event(s) listed below, the athlete will receive the higher seed. If more

than one athlete in the same weight division shares the same result for seeding according to the criteria below, a random draw will determine who is to receive the higher seed.

1. 2011 Senior National Team Member
2. 2011 Junior Pan Am Championships Medalist – per medal value
  - a. Gold
  - b. Silver
  - c. Bronze
3. 2010 Youth Olympic Games Medalist – per medal value
  - a. Gold
  - b. Silver
  - c. Bronze
4. 2010 Junior World Championships Medalist – per medal value
  - a. Gold
  - b. Silver
  - c. Bronze
5. 2011 Junior National Team Member
6. 2nd place finisher from the 2011 Junior National Team Trial.
7. 3rd place finisher from the 2011 Junior National Team Trial.
8. 4th place finisher from the 2011 Junior National Team Trial.
9. The remaining seeds will be filled by a random draw of all remaining entries with the first draw being the next highest seed and progressing until the final seed is set.

Byes are distributed in the first round of the original single-elimination brackets.

Each of the twenty (20) weight divisions will be contested first by a single elimination competition format until athletes reach the semi-finals. In single elimination format, the loser of each match is immediately eliminated from the competition bracket.

Semi-finalists from the single elimination brackets at the Junior World Championships Open Team Trial will compete in a double-elimination competition format immediately after the single elimination competition. The bracket will not be re-done from the single elimination to the double elimination. Athletes will continue to fight as they are currently seeded in the bracket at the completion of the single elimination portion of this competition.

Two defeats eliminate an athlete in this double-elimination format. The losers in the first rounds move into the Losers Bracket. The athletes that advance farthest in each bracket meet each other in the final match. Should the winner of the Losers Bracket defeat the winner of the Winners Bracket,

the athletes will compete in another match immediately following to determine the winner of the championship.

The winner of the double-elimination competition in each weight division will be declared the winner and named to the 2012 U.S. Junior World Championships Team. Members of the U.S. Junior World Championships Team will represent the U.S. at the 2012 Junior World Championships in Egypt, April 4-8, 2012.

C. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process.

- Mark Kaufmann, Director of Events, USA Taekwondo
- Meredith Miller, Director of High Performance, USA Taekwondo
- Eric Parthen, CEO, USA Taekwondo

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

A. Explain the discretionary criteria and how it will be used (if any):

None.

B. Discretionary Selection Committee - Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections:

- N/A.

## **III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES**

A. An athlete who is selected to the Team by USA Taekwondo may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Taekwondo:

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to USA Taekwondo's CEO.
- Injury or illness as certified by an approved USA Taekwondo physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved USA Taekwondo physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- Violation of the USA Taekwondo'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 USA Taekwondo's Bylaws (refer to USAT Bylaws, Section 15, Complaint Procedures found at the following link:  
[http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached\\_file/filename/15109/Bylaws\\_USAT\\_09.pdf](http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached_file/filename/15109/Bylaws_USAT_09.pdf)).

- C. 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.

#### **IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES**

Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:

The athlete who finishes in second place at USAT's 2012 Junior World Championships Open Team Trial from the **same weight division** 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 division at the 2012 Junior World Championships Open Team Trial. If by then, no athlete is available, the spot remains vacant. Fifth through eighth seeds will first be differentiated by whoever went the furthest in the competition bracket. Additionally, fifth and sixth place athletes will be differentiated by whichever athlete lost their last match to the athlete who placed the highest in the competition. Seventh and eighth place athletes will be determined the same way as fifth and sixth.

#### **V. 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 Closing Ceremonies of the 2012 Junior World Championships.

#### **VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of selection to the 2012 Junior World Championships Team and are included as attachments:

USA Taekwondo Code of Conduct (Attachment A)

## **VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES**

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

A. NGB Web site: <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 committee.

B. Other (if applicable): N/A

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

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

- Junior World Championships Team Camp/Preparation: Once an athlete is nominated to compete at the 2012 Junior World Championships they shall actively participate in no more than one (1) mandatory preparation camp that will take place in locations to be determined over the course of the months leading up to the Junior World Championships. Notification of the date and location will be posted on [www.usa-taekwondo.us](http://www.usa-taekwondo.us) and emailed to all team members 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 USAT's CEO, Director of High Performance and National Team Head Coaches.

## **IX. 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.

## **X. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

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

- Jason Han, Athlete Board Member, USA Taekwondo
- Meredith Miller, Director of High Performance, USA Taekwondo
- Juan Moreno, National Team Coach, USA Taekwondo
- Jean Lopez, National Team Coach, USA Taekwondo

## **XI. BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

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

[http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached\\_file/filename/15109/Bylaws\\_USAT\\_09.pdf](http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached_file/filename/15109/Bylaws_USAT_09.pdf)

[http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached\\_file/filename/4076/USOC\\_Bylaws\\_07.01.08\\_\\_executed\\_.pdf](http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached_file/filename/4076/USOC_Bylaws_07.01.08__executed_.pdf)

## **XII. 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.




## **XIII. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

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

- Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at [john.ruger@usoc.org](mailto:john.ruger@usoc.org)
- [www.888athlete.org](http://www.888athlete.org)

#### XIV. 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/PSO President or CEO/Executive Director	Eric Parthen		10/7/11
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Meredith Miller		10-7-11
USAT Athlete Board Member	Jason Han		9/26/2011



## 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 U.S. Junior World Championships 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 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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USA TAEKWONDO

TAEKWONDO

NGB Name

Sport

<p><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)