



**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2021 Online World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge**  
**Mar. 1, 2021**

**I. SELECTION SYSTEM**

The USA National Poomsae Team for the 2021 Online World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge National Team Categories will be selected according to the [2021 USA Taekwondo Poomsae Athlete Pathway document](#). In the event that there is more than one athlete on the national team roster for a particular national team division at this event as defined by these Pathways, then a run-off event will be held on a date specified by USA Taekwondo (USATKD).

**II. POOMSAE DIVISIONS**

At the 2021 Online World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge, the following World Class black belt poomsae divisions will be contested in the National Team Categories:

\*Age divisions are based on the year, rather than the date, of the event. For example, a competitor who has her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 2, 2021, will compete in the 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Division at all events held between January 1 and December 31, 2021.

<b>Recognized Poomsae Divisions</b>	
<b>Individual</b>	
<b>Age*</b>	<b>Division</b> <small>Type text here</small>
12-14	Cadet - Male
12-14	Cadet – Female
15-17	Junior – Male
15-17	Junior – Female
18-30	Under 30 (1 <sup>st</sup> Senior) - Male
18-30	Under 30 (1 <sup>st</sup> Senior) - Female
31-40	Under 40 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Senior) - Male
31-40	Under 40 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Senior) - Female
41-50	Under 50 (1 <sup>st</sup> Master) - Male
41-50	Under 50 (1 <sup>st</sup> Master) - Female
51-60	Under 60 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Master) - Male
51-60	Under 60 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Master) - Female
61-65	Under 65 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Master) - Male
61-65	Under 65 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Master) - Female
66+	Over 65 (4 <sup>th</sup> Master) - Male
66+	Over 65 (4 <sup>th</sup> Master) - Female

<b>Freestyle Poomsae Divisions</b>	
<b>Individual</b>	

<b>Age</b>	<b>Division</b>
12-14	Cadet - Male
12-14	Cadet - Female
15-17	Junior - Male
15-17	Junior- Female
18+	18+ Individual - Male
18+	18+ Individual - Female

### III. COMPETITION FORMAT

#### **2021 Runoff format for the 2021 Online World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge team.**

The run-off for **Recognized Poomsae** will place all competitors in a single final round, performed either live on video-conference or in-person, as announced by USATKD.

#### **Final Round (Recognized Poomsae) *Team Trials Format, 8 Poomsae***

With the selection of the very best athlete in mind, the method of selection for Recognized Poomsae Divisions shall include the performance of all eight (seven for 12-14 year olds) required poomsae for each division.

Each Recognized Poomsae Division will perform eight (or seven) poomsae, selected by the Director of Events, one at a time per round: all competitors will perform the first randomly selected poomsae, followed by all competitors performing the second poomsae, and so forth.

The first round of competition (first poomsae) within a division shall have a random competitor order. Subsequent rounds' competitor orders shall also have a random competitor order. The algorithm used to randomize the competitors each round will ensure that no competitor will perform first for any two consecutive rounds.

#### **The selection of the winner will be based on two methods of calculating the results.**

1. The first method will be by cumulative score of all rounds of competition. At the end of eight (or seven) rounds, the scores across all eight (or seven) poomsae for each athlete are **totaled**. The athlete who has the highest total score will be declared the winner. The athlete who has the second highest total score is the first alternate. The athlete who has the third highest score is the second alternate, and the athlete with the fourth highest score is the third alternate.

In the case of a tie, the winner is the competitor with the highest presentation score. If the competitors are still tied, all scores received during the competition are considered (without dropping the high and low scores). If the scores are still tied, the competitors will perform a randomly selected poomsae, and the scores from that poomsae will be used to break the tie.

2. The second method will be by placement during each round of poomsae. Each round, a first, second, third and fourth place will be awarded to the competitors and the number of wins will be recorded across all rounds. At the end of eight (or seven) rounds, the number of round wins will be listed as highest number of 1<sup>st</sup> places, # of 2<sup>nd</sup> places, # of 3<sup>rd</sup> places and # of 4<sup>th</sup> places. The competitor with the highest number of 1<sup>st</sup> place wins, if tied then the number of 2<sup>nd</sup> place then

number of 3<sup>rd</sup> place etc. (i.e. Competitor A with 5 first place wins beats Competitor B with 3 first place and 5 second place wins – or - Competitor A with 4 first place, 3 second place and 1 third place beats Competitor B with 4 first place, 2 second place and 1 third place.)

If the same athlete places first in both methods of calculating the winner, than that athlete is the uncontested winner. In the event that any different athlete(s) places higher using the second method and record more first place round wins than the cumulative score winner, those athletes will have the right to challenge the winner to a tie-breaker round.

The tie breaker between methods will use a Single elimination format. The athletes qualifying will be seeded as the Cumulative Score winner seeded number 1 and the Round winner seeded number 2, with subsequent Round winners, if any, seeded next. Two (2) forms will be randomly selected by the Director of Events and the round will be run using WT Single elimination format rules. The winner will be named the 2021 Online World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge Team Member. Alternates, if needed, will be selected from the cumulative score results.

The run-off for **Freestyle Poomsae** will use the cut-off method as defined by the USATKD Poomsae Competition Rules, with all competitors starting in a single final round (performances will be 90 sec – 100 sec in length), performed either by video recording or in-person, as announced by USATKD..

**Final Round:** each of the athletes will perform their poomsae once to determine the final standings. The athlete with the highest score will be determined the winner.

In case of a tied score, the tie will be broken according to the USATKD rules: The winner will be the competitor with the highest technical skills score. In case that the scores are still tied, the competitor with the highest total points including the total points of all judges without dropping the high and low score is the winner. If it's still tied, the tied competitors will perform one freestyle poomsae, and the competitor with the highest score will be the winner.

#### IV. REQUIRED POOMSAE

A list of the order of required Poomsae will be published by USATKD no later than one day prior to the start of competition.

#### V. ATHLETE REPLACEMENTS

In an uncontested team or pair division (Recognized or Freestyle), in the event of an injury or withdrawal of a member, the team or pair may replenish their roster to the starting number that they had at team trials by any USATKD athlete that was eligible throughout the selection process.

For contested divisions – in the event of an injury or withdrawal, the eligible alternate for that division will be asked to fill the opening. (Freestyle Team is seen as

composed of 5 or 6 members that may be interchanged at the discretion of their coach). Athletes are not guaranteed to be in the starting lineup of 5 whether they performed for team trials or not and a team will be replaced if their number of athletes drops below 5.

## **VI. ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Travel & Competition Expenses**

Team uniforms and apparel will be provided to the athletes with their participation in the 2021 Online World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge whenever possible. Those athletes that participate in the event will be responsible for all travel expenses related to the 2021 Online World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge.

### **Notification of Participation & Replacements**

If the rules of the events that the 2021 Online World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge Team members compete in restrict the number of events in which they can participate, then those members must choose the corresponding divisions which they intend to compete by a deadline specified by the national team staff.

All 2021 Online World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge Team members must make clear their intention of participating in the 2021 Online World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge by the date specified by USATKD. Replacement of athletes should a competitor become unavailable is specified by the [2021 USA Taekwondo Poomsae Athlete Pathway document](#)

### **Mandatory Team Meeting & Training**

The 2021 Online World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge team will have a mandatory team meeting. All 2021 Online World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge Team members are required to attend the meeting on the day specified by USATKD.

## **VII. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

The following requirements must be met for an athlete to be eligible to join the 2021 Online World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge Team.

1. Athlete is a holder of the nationality of the United States of America.
2. Athlete is a holder of Taekwondo Dan or Poom certificate issued by the Kukkiwon.
3. Athlete is a member of USA Taekwondo in good standing.
4. Athlete is at least 12 years of age by December 31, 2021.

## **VIII. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

The following committee/group (include names and titles) were responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

- Steve McNally, Executive Director, USA Taekwondo
- May Spence, Director of High Performance, USA Taekwondo
- Daniel Chuang, USA Taekwondo Head Poomsae Coach

## IX. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Taekwondo Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

[USA Taekwondo Bylaws](#)

## X. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and/or World Taekwondo (WT) rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or WT 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.

## XI. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN



Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Taekwondo may contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman: Kathleen (Kacie) Wallace by:

Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE

E-mail at [athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org](mailto:athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org)  
<http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman>

## XII. 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 Executive Director	Steve McNally		3-10-2021
AAC Representative	Jaysen Ishida		3/13/21

NGB Director of High Performance	May Spence	<i>May Spence</i>	3-10-2021
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\*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.