



US NATIONAL SPARRING RANKING RULES

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1. Sparring Ranking Points Introduction

1.1. The USATKD ranking points will be applied to any recognized USATKD championships, USATKD Grand Slams, USATKD sanctioned events, and World Taekwondo promoted and recognized events

- World Taekwondo Junior and Cadet competitions:
 - Youth Olympic Games, World Taekwondo Junior World Championships, Junior Pan Am Championships and Cadet World Championships will earn athletes the respective Group 2 points.
 - *Fight Off events for team slots will not earn ranking points*

1.2. USATKD will maintain ranking points for the following divisions in Sparring:

- Dragon (6-7): Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, and Black belts
- Tiger (8-9): Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, and Black belts
- Youth (10-11): Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, and Black belts
- Cadet (12-14): Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, Grassroots Black, and World Class Black belts
- Junior (15-17): Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, and World Class Black belts
- Senior (17-32): Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, and World Class Black belts
- Ultra (33+): Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, and Black belts

2. Rankings and Points Standings

2.1. Points, rankings, and event results will be posted on the USATKD website.

2.2. Points will be posted and updated the **first Wednesday of each month.**

- Once an event organizer has properly submitted all results, event referee documents, membership forms and payments, and other event documents to the USATKD office, then the points will be submitted. If an event takes place at the end of the month and results are not submitted in time to be posted by the first Wednesday of the immediately following month, those points will be included the month after.

2.3. Seeding

- Seeding for events will be based off the current posted rankings on the USATKD website. Event organizers must use the national points rankings that are posted the first Wednesday of the month that the event is held. If an event happens before the first Wednesday of the month, the event seeding will be based off the previous month's points. Since seeds will be based solely on the athletes' ranks, athletes from the same state/school may fight against each other in the first round of an event. This seeding process will not take into account the club an athlete is from.
- For USATKD 10.0 International sanctioned events, if a division has an international athlete confirmed, then seeding for only that division will be done randomly. Random seeding will be performed since the international athletes will not have a ranking in the USATKD Tusah National Ranking.
- If a USATKD sanctioned event uses Olympic weights for the Senior Division the Tusah USATKD Olympic ranking points will be used to determine the seeding.

- If there are multiple athletes with the same rank, a random draw will be held to determine the applicable seed. Random draws will only be used to determine the seeding at an event when competing athletes are tied in the rank. Random draws will not be used to determine overall point standings. Ties will occur in the overall points ranking.
- *For example: If three athletes in one weight division have the same points total and are ranked 4th in the rankings that are posted the first Wednesday of the month then these three athletes will be randomly seeded for the tournament. A random draw will be done for seeds 4, 5, and 6 for the tournament in which they are competing.*

Athlete Rankings as of Thursday before event:

Athlete	Points	Rank
A	100	1
B	90	2
C	75	3
D	70	4
E	70	4
F	70	4
G	60	7
H	50	8
I	45	9
J	35	10

Event Seeding:

Seed #	Athlete
1	A
2	B
3	C
4	D/E/F
5	D/E/F
6	D/E/F
7	G
8	H
9	I
10	J

Seeds 4, 5, and 6 will be selected by a random draw between athletes D, E, and F. Since these three athletes are tied in the overall rankings. This will only be done for tournaments in which all three athletes are competing.

- If an athlete has earned points in multiple divisions, their seed for an event will be based off their rank in the weight division they are competing in during the tournament.

2.4. Weight Division

- An athlete must confirm their weight division by the final event registration deadline. Athletes must follow the event rules to determine if the weight division can be changed after the final registration deadline.
- An athlete can compete in multiple weight divisions throughout the year (but NOT at the same event) and will earn points towards a ranking in each weight division. In the event an athlete earns points in one weight division and then earns points in another weight division in different tournaments, the athlete will be ranked in the respective weight division, resulting in the same athlete being ranked in more than one weight division. An athlete’s points and rankings will only be considered from the points earned in the weight division in which they are competing at an event.

3. Allocation of Points

3.1. Group I Points (Domestic Events)

- To receive points for fighting in a tournament it must be sanctioned by USATKD. If an athlete competes in an event held in the United States that is not sanctioned by USATKD, they will not receive ranking points for that tournament. A non-sanctioned event will not have any effect on an athlete’s ranking, and an athlete cannot earn points from competing in such an event.
- All USATKD sanctioned domestic events will be Group I points in the ranking system.
- Each sanctioned event will be assigned a rating prior to registration opening based on the event organizer’s application.

Event Sanction Rankings

Event Ranking	Type of Event	Event Information
2.0	Area events	Area clubs
4.0	Local Events	*AAU Regional/District Championship
4.0	Local Events	USATKD: 2 states/5 clubs
6.0	State Championships	Hosted by a USATKD State Association
8.0	AAU Event	AAU National Championships
10.0	Regional/International Events	4 states, 10 clubs, & 5 countries (other than USA) <i>*Athletes must provide proof of residency and must be competing in sparring.</i> NCTA Collegiate Championships
12.0	National Events	USATKD Nationals, US Open (Dragon, Tiger, Youth, Cadet, Junior, Ultra)
16.0	Major Event	Grand Slam

- *AAU District/Regional Championships will be considered US 4.0 events provided the weigh-in is conducted the day before competition; in USATKD recognized World Class Cadet, Junior, and Senior Black Belt Divisions. Athletes can only earn points from ONE AAU District Regional Championship annually (January 1 – December 31). The AAU National Championships will be considered US 8.0 events provided the weigh-in is conducted the day before competition; in USATKD recognized World Class Black Belt Divisions only. (AAU organizers please reference the USATKD Sanction event document on the requirements for all AAU events)*
- **Only AAU District/Regional Championships held between the dates of February and April of each year will be eligible for points and only those athletes in the Cadet, Junior and Senior black belt divisions are eligible for points.*
- *Exceptions will be made for the events below which were planned before the rule change.*
 - *2020 event exceptions: Connecticut, Golf/Texas, South Pacific California, New Jersey, Indiana and Pacific Northwest/Washington.*

3.2. Event Sanction Minimum Standards

- Events must meet minimum standards to receive the sanction level requested. If an event does not meet the minimum standards, that event will be regulated down to the sanction level where the minimum standards are met.

3.3. State

- In order for a state to be considered in attendance at a sanctioned event, at least 10 unique athletes need to be registered and confirmed for the event. The event will not be considered to have a state represented at the tournament unless there are 10 different athletes with confirmed registrations 7 days prior to the start of the event. One individual registering for multiple events only counts as one registered athlete. If there are fewer than 10 athletes confirmed for the event, it will not count as a state being represented at the event.

3.4. Clubs

- In order for a club to be considered in attendance at a sanctioned event, at least 5 unique athletes need to be registered and confirmed for the event. The event will not be considered to have a club represented at the tournament unless there are 5 different individuals with confirmed 7 days prior to the start of the event. One individual registering for multiple events only counts as one registered athlete. If there are fewer than 5 athletes confirmed for the event, it will not count as a club being represented at the event.

3.5. International

- To receive credit as an international event there needs to be at least 1 athlete from a country, other than the United States, registered and confirmed 7 days prior to the start of the event. The country will need to have only 1 athlete registered and confirmed to have representation of a country. One individual registering for multiple events only counts as one registered athlete. The athlete must provide proof of residency for that country. It will be the responsibility of the event host to provide copies of each athlete's proof of residency by the deadline of their sanction level approval

	Minimum Number of Sparring Athletes Needed Per Category
State	10 per state
Club	5 per club
International	1 per country

- Tournament hosts will submit a sanction application, which must be approved by USATKD. Organizers will be allowed to select their desired event rating. If an event fails to meet the required standards set forth by the sanction policies seven days prior to start of the event, the event will be changed to the appropriate sanction level. Athletes will receive points for the actual event sanction level of the tournament. An event cannot move up in rate if it meets the higher-rating requirements. Athletes will only receive points based off the event rating. If an event fails to meet the event standards, the event host will be fined.

3.6. Sanctioning Points

- Below are the maximum points that can be earned for a USATKD sanctioned event determined by the event rating, provided the division meets the minimum requirements.

3.7. Group I Points

- Points for all Group 1 events will be based on the number of competitors competing in the division.
 - If there is only one athlete in a division at an event the single athlete will receive 25% points for that sanctioned event.
 - If there are three or less athletes in a division at an event the athletes will receive a maximum of 50% of the points for that sanctioned event.
 - If there are four or more athletes in a division at an event the athletes will receive full points for that sanctioned event.
- In order to receive the base points, the athlete must participate at the event, the athlete must check-in, weigh-in, and step on the mat with the referee and be declared the winner.

	US 2.0	US 4.0	US 6.0	US 8.0	US 10.0	US 12.0	US 16.0
1st	20	40	60	80	100	120	160
2nd	15	30	45	60	75	90	120
3rd (SF)	11	23	34	45	56	68	90
5th (QF)	8	17	26	34	42	51	68
9th (R16)	6	13	20	26	32	38	51
17th (R32)	5	10	15	20	24	29	38
33rd (R64)	4	8	11	15	18	22	29
65th (R128)	3	6	8	11	14	17	22

3.8. Points from Sanctioned Events:

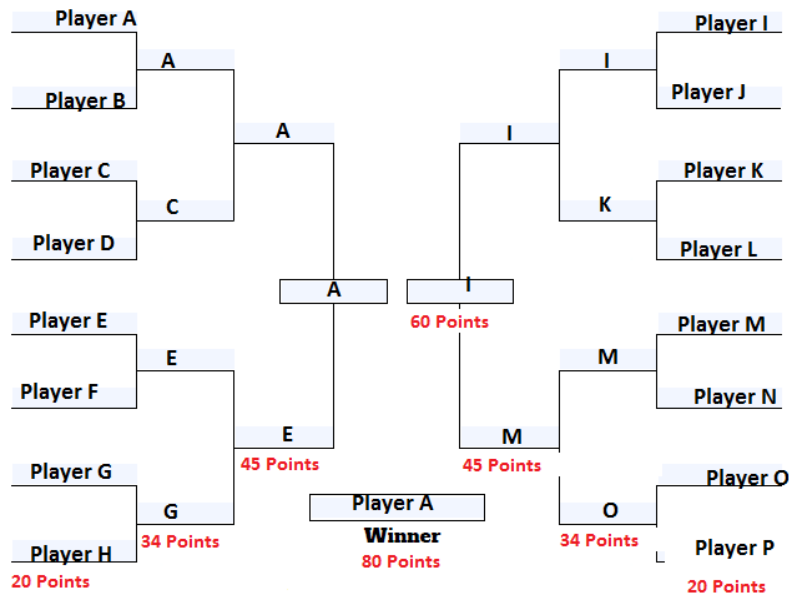
- An athlete will only be permitted to earn a maximum amount of points for US 2.0, US 4.0 (USATKD Sanctioned Events), and US 10.0 sanctioned events in the last 12 months. A maximum of 120 points can be earned from US 2.0, maximum of 180 points earned from US 4.0 (USATKD Sanctioned Events), and a maximum of 220 points earned from 10.0 events can count toward an athlete's overall rank. When points from a 12-month-old event roll off, the points from the remaining events will go towards the point total and still max out at 220 if the athlete earns more points at another event.
- Athletes will be limited to the number of State Championships (US 6.0 events) and AAU Regional/District Championships (US 4.0 events) they can compete annually (January 1 – December 31). Athletes can earn points for their overall ranking in a total of two State Championships. An athlete can compete in their home state and one additional State Championships. If an athlete's home state does not host a State Championship, they can go to a total of two other states annually (January 1 – December 31).
- If an athlete competes in more than two USATKD State Championships (including the home state), they will receive the highest amount of points they earned from the two state tournaments. You must compete in at least one USATKD State Championship to qualify for USATKD Nationals, it does not have to be your home state.
- If an athlete does not compete in their USATKD home state, they will receive the highest amount of points they earned from one USATKD State Championship, regardless of how many USATKD state championships they compete in. You must compete in at least one state championship to qualify for USATKD Nationals, it does not have to be your home state.
- Or an athlete may compete in their home state (USATKD State Championship), one AAU state level event, and one additional USATKD State Championship. If an athlete competes in more than one USATKD State Championships and more than one AAU state level event, they will receive the highest amount of points they earned from the one USATKD State Championships and one AAU Regional District Championship.
- The home state rule will be waived if you provide proof that you are attending a G-2 event or above during the dates of your USATKD home state championship. Proof will be shown as a completed bracket. In this case, you will receive the highest amount of points earned from the two highest scoring USATKD state championships.
- If you do not fight in a USATKD State Championship you will not be eligible to compete at the USATKD National Championships.
- Athletes can compete in any number of US 12.0 events from January 1 – December 31.
- There will not be a cap on the total number of points an athlete can earn by competing at US 6.0 and US 12.0 sanctioned events.

Sanction Level	Maximum Number of Points (per calendar year)
2.0	120
4.0	180 (USATKD Sanctioned Event)
4.0	1 AAU Regional/District Championship
6.0	2 State Championships (Highest amount points earned) **
8.0	1 AAU National Championship
10.0	220
12.0	No limit to number of events
16.0	No limit

3.9. Competing at Events

- To receive points an athlete must weigh-in, step on the mat, fight and complete the match. An athlete cannot “participate” to earn the points, meaning weighing in, stepping on the mat, and withdrawing without fighting. If an athlete withdraws (WDR) and does not fight or is disqualified (DSQ or DQB), they will not earn any points for that match. If a Referee stops the contest (RSC) due to injury or due medical, the athlete will receive points for that match. It is only when the athlete or the athlete coaches withdraws the athlete or bow outs from the match the points will be nullified for that match.
- To receive a medical withdrawal, the medical staff must say that the athlete cannot continue due to safety.
- If an athlete competes and wins their first match but they bow out in any upcoming match in the tournament and does not fight, that athlete will only receive the points from the previous match that was won. Athletes will not receive points for making it to a round but then bowing out of that round. If an athlete begins a match but bows out with no injury and does not complete the match, that athlete will receive the points from the previous match. The athlete will not receive the available points for the match they bowed out in.
- If an athlete is disqualified during a match, the opponent of the disqualified athlete will receive the points from that match if they are declared the winner. The disqualified athlete will only earn the points gained from the previous matches won.
- Athletes will only earn points in the weight division they compete in, whether the athlete loses or wins the match. As long as an athlete fights in their match, they will receive points for that round.
- Athletes can only compete in one state tournament (USATKD or AAU) within a five-day period or per weekend, Friday through Monday. An athlete cannot compete and earn points in multiple tournaments in the same weekend. If an athlete does compete in two sanctioned events over the same weekend, they will only receive points for the first tournament they compete at. *Example: An athlete cannot compete in the Colorado State Championships on Saturday and then compete in the Nevada State Championships Sunday.* If the athlete does compete in both tournaments the athlete will only receive points for the Colorado State Championships.

- USATKD does not recommend Cadets competing more than once every month.
- USATKD does not recommend Juniors and Seniors competing more than once every two weeks.
- Below is an example of a 16-person US 8.0 Event. Everyone fights each match and there are no ranked athletes competing in the event. Each athlete will only earn the points available for that event.



- Points will not be combined if they compete in different weight divisions throughout the year. Athletes can earn points in multiple weight divisions.

3.10. Group II Points (International Events)

- Athletes can earn points toward their USATKD rank by competing in World Taekwondo sanctioned events. The points earned from World Taekwondo events will be multiplied by 15 and added to their Group I points to generate a final total for their national ranking. Junior and Senior athletes will be able to earn Group II points towards their national ranking. Athletes may only earn Group II points up to the level of the World Taekwondo points cap. For the purposes of the National Rankings this will be World Taekwondo cap x 15.
- All World Taekwondo international events will be Group II points in the ranking system. Juniors can only earn points toward their USATKD rank for events where points are awarded by World Taekwondo, these include the World Taekwondo Junior World Championships, Junior Pan Am Championships, and Youth Olympic Games. And Cadet Worlds

- Dragons, Tigers, Youth, Cadets, Juniors (except those noted above), and Ultra will not be eligible for Group II points. The only exception is the US Open, where Dragons, Tigers, Youth, Cadet, Junior, and Ultra black belt athletes will each be able to earn points at these tournaments. This will be considered a US 12.0 rated event that will give Dragons, Tigers, Youth, Cadet, Junior, and Ultra black belt athletes an opportunity to earn points towards their national rank.
- World Taekwondo G-Level Senior event point allocations. For G-1 and G-2 events an athlete must win minimal one match to earn ranking points and win by a bye or DSQ shall not count as a win.
- Only athletes that win a match will qualify for USATKD ranking points**

- ****Exception: National Team Event**

	G1	G2	G4	G8	G12	G20
1st	10.00	20.00	40.00	80.00	120.00	200.00
2nd	6.00	12.00	24.00	48.00	72.00	120.00
3rd (SF)	3.60	7.20	14.40	28.80	43.20	72.00
5th (QF)	2.16	4.32	8.64	17.28	25.92	43.20
9th (R16)	1.51	3.02	6.05	12.10	18.14	30.24
17th (R32)	1.06	2.12	4.23	8.47	12.70	21.17
33rd (R64)	0.74	1.48	2.96	5.93	8.89	14.82
65th (R128)	0.52	1.04	2.07	4.15	6.22	10.37

- World Taekwondo G Level Senior event point allocations for weight categories with less than 8 athletes.

	G1	G2	G4
1st	6.00	12.00	24.00
2nd	3.60	7.20	14.40
3rd (SF)	2.16	4.32	8.64
5th (QF)	1.51	3.02	6.05

- World Taekwondo Junior point allocations for the Youth Olympic Games, World Taekwondo Junior World Championships, the Junior Pan Am Championships and Cadet World Championships.

- **2020 Pan Am Youth, Cadet & Ultra Championships will not be a sanctioned event**

	YOG	WTJC	JPAC
1st	100	60	20
2nd	60	36	12
3rd (SF)	32	21.6	7.2
5th (QF)	21.6	12.96	4.32
9th (R16)	15.12	9.07	3.02
17th (R32)	10.59	6.35	2.12
33rd (R64)	7.41	4.45	1.48
65th (R128)	5.19	3.11	1.04

3.11. Strength Factor for Group II points

- The Strength Factor (SF) is a multiplier used to gauge the strength of an event and to determine the number of USATKD points earned at an event. World Taekwondo sanctioned events will automatically receive a strength factor of 15. The points that an athlete earns at a WT G rated event will be multiplied by 15. The final number will be included in an athlete's national point ranking.

3.12. Formula for Earned National Ranking Points

- $WT \text{ Event Points} \times 15 = USATKD \text{ National Ranking Points earned}$

3.13. Reporting Events

- If an athlete competes in a World Taekwondo sanctioned event, it will be up to that athlete to report the final official results to rankings@usa-taekwondo.us. Athletes will have 14 days, once the event is completed, to report their results from any World Taekwondo events they compete in. A copy of the final bracket will need to be sent to USATKD so that you can be given points towards your national rank. If final brackets are not received from an athlete, the points for World Taekwondo sanctioned events will be added once those are posted on the World Taekwondo Athlete Rankings website.
- If an athlete is found to have falsified brackets or other tournament information that has been submitted to USATKD for their rankings, the athlete will be placed on a two-year suspension from USATKD.

4. Validation of Points

4.1. The points earned by an athlete will remain for 12 months. If an event takes place in January of one year, those points will be replaced in January the following year, after the 12-month period from the last event. If an event moves dates, from January of one year to July the following year, those points will still only be good for 12 months and removed in January the following year. Points will be updated as events are finished, and the organizer properly submits all requirements and results. Points will be earned in the weight division an athlete competes in. Athletes can earn points in multiple divisions and these points will NEVER be combined.

4.2. Changing Belt Color During the Year

- If an athlete changes belt colors after all state championships have ended but before Nationals, the points they have earned up to that point will decrease by 60%*. This decrease is to prevent athletes from fighting at a lower belt color, then moving up a belt color and having a higher ranking at Nationals than someone who has been fighting at the higher level since the beginning of the year. The points at the new belt color and updated current points from the old belt color will remain for 12 months. **Starting in 2021 athlete's points will decrease by 70%*

4.3. Example: Player A starts the year as a Blue Belt, but in April moves up to a Red Belt before Nationals.

Blue Belt		Red Belt	
March		July	October
CO State 60	NV State 60	Nationals 100	US 8.0 Event 80

Blue Belt Final Ranking
120

New Points Now Competing as Red Belt:				
March		July	October	Final Red Belt Total
CO State 24	NV State 24	Nationals 100	US 8.0 Event 80	228

- If that athlete moves up in belt color after Nationals, the points they have earned will decrease by 50%*. The athlete will then keep 100% of the points earned at the new belt color. The points at the new belt color and updated current points from the old belt color will remain for 12 months. **Starting in 2021 athlete's points will decrease by 60%*

4.4. Example: Player A starts the year as a Blue Belt, after Nationals moved to a Red Belt,

Blue Belt		Red Belt	
March		July	October
CO State 60	NV State 60	Nationals 100	US 8.0 Event 80

Blue Belt Final Ranking
220

New Points Now Competing as Red Belt:				
March		July	October	Final Red Belt Total
CO State 30	NV State 30	Nationals 50	US 8.0 Event 80	190

- If athletes change to World Class Black Belts at Cadet, Junior, or Senior level, they will keep 30% of the points earned from events at the lower belt color, since these divisions fight for the potential to attend World and Pan Am Championship events. The points at the new belt color and updated current points from the old belt color will remain for 12 months.

4.5. Example: Player A starts year as Red Belt. After Nationals moves to World Class Black Belt.

Red Belt			World Class Black Belt	Red Belt Final Ranking
March		July	October	220
CO State 60	NV State 60	Nationals 100	US 8.0 Event 80	

New Points Now Competing as World Class Black Belt:				
March		July	October	Final WC Black Belt Total
CO State 18	NV State 18	Nationals 30	US 8.0 Event 80	146

- Grassroots and NON-world Class divisions points do NOT carry over to World Class points.

4.6. Aging up Divisions

- When an athlete ages up and moves up to the next age division that athlete will carry over 50% of the points earned from events at the younger age division. These points will remain for 12 months.-These points are valid for their remaining life and will expire 12 months after the date of the event in which they were earned in the previous year.

4.7. Example: Player A is a Cadet Black Belt Athlete in one year and ages up to Junior Black Belt Athlete the following year.

Cadet Black Belt				Cadet Final Ranking
March		July	October	300
CO State 60	NV State 60	Nationals 100	US 8.0 Event 80	

New Points for now Competing as Junior Black Belt:				
March		July	October	Junior Black Belt Total
CO State 30	NV State 30	Nationals 50	US 8.0 Event 40	150

- Athletes who are 16 or 17 years old have the opportunity to compete in Junior and Senior events throughout the year. The following year, 50% of the points an athlete earns as a Junior will carry over when the athlete ages up to the Senior division, unless the athlete competes in both Junior and Senior events at the same event in the same year. An athlete who competes in both Junior and Senior divisions in the same year at the same event will only receive the points earned from the Senior division for their Senior ranking when the athlete ages up.

4.8. Example: A 16 or 17-year-old athlete competes in both the Junior and Senior divisions at the same tournament and two different tournaments in one year.

Junior Black Belt						Junior Final Ranking
March		April		July	October	274
CO State 34	NV State 60	CA State 60		Nationals 40	US 8.0 Event 80	
Senior Black Belt						Senior Final Ranking
March			May	July	October	204
CO State 45	NV State 25		OH State 34	Nationals 40	US 8.0 Event 60	
New Points for 2019 - Now Competing as Senior Black Belt:						
March		April	May	July	October	Senior Black Belt Total
CO State 45	NV State 25	CA State 30	OH State 34	Nationals 40	US 8.0 Event 60	234

4.9. Below is a chart that specifies which Senior World Weight Division that 50% of the athletes' Junior points will be automatically transferred to in January of the year the athlete turns 18. These athletes will have until 5:00 p.m. MST on January 24 of the year they age up to move their points to a division different than the automatically chosen division specified below. Points cannot go to multiple divisions when the athlete ages up. If a Junior athlete has points in two divisions that move up to the same Senior division, the Junior division with the highest point total will transfer to the Senior division. Athletes must send their email to rankings@usa-taekwondo.us to declare what weight division they want their points to transfer to. If USATKD is not notified by this date and time, USATKD will declare their weight division for the athlete and this cannot be changed after the deadline.

4.10 Athletes that are 16 years old will have 50% of their Junior points transferred to the appropriate Senior division the year they turn 17. If an athlete competes at the same event as both a Junior and Senior, they will keep the points earned in the Senior division and no Junior points will transfer. The 16-year-old athlete will keep 100% of the Junior points in the Junior division.

Male		Female	
Junior Division	Senior Division	Junior Division	Senior Division
Fin (-45kg)	Fin (-54kg)	Fin (-42kg)	Fin (-46kg)
Fly (-48kg)	Fin (-54kg)	Fly (-44kg)	Fin (-46kg)
Bantam (-51kg)	Fin (-54kg)	Bantam (-46kg)	Fin (-46kg)
Feather (-55kg)	Fly (-58kg)	Feather (-49kg)	Fly (-49kg)
Light (-59kg)	Bantam (-63kg) or Fly (-58kg)	Light (-52kg)	Bantam (-53kg)
Welter (-63kg)	Bantam (-63kg)	Welter (-55kg)	Feather (-57kg)
Light Middle (-68kg)	Feather (-68kg)	Light Middle (-59kg)	Light (-62kg) or Feather (-57kg)
Middle (-73kg)	Light (-74kg)	Middle (-63kg)	Welter (-67kg) or Light (-62kg)
Light Heavy (-78kg)	Welter (-80kg)	Light Heavy (-68kg)	Welter (-67kg)
Heavy (+78kg)	Middle (-87kg) or Heavy (+87kg)	Heavy (+68kg)	Middle (-73kg) or Heavy (+68kg)

- 4.11. **Cadets aging up to Juniors can move 50% of their points into any heavier weight category in the Junior division.** A Cadet athlete will have to choose which Junior weight division all their points should be allocated to. If an athlete's Cadet weight class overlaps with more than one Junior weight class, an athlete will have until January 24 at 5:00 p.m. MST of the year the athlete ages up to a Junior to declare the weight division they want all their points to go to. Points cannot go to multiple divisions when the athlete ages up. If a Cadet athlete has points in two divisions that move up to the same Junior division, the Cadet division with the highest point total will transfer to the Junior division. Athletes must send their email to rankings@usa-taekwondo.us to declare what weight division they want their points to transfer to. If USATKD is not notified by this date and time, USATKD will declare their weight division, per the table below, for the athlete and this cannot be changed after the deadline.

- Below is a chart that shows what divisions Cadet points can transfer to:

Men		Female	
Cadet Division	Junior Division	Cadet Division	Junior Division
Fin, -33 Fly, 33.1-37kg Bantam, 37.1-41kg Feather, 41.1-45kg	Fin, -45kg	Fin, -29kg Fly, 29.1-33kg Bantam, 33.1-37kg Feather, 37.1-41kg	Fin, -42kg
Light, 45.1-49kg	Fly, 45.1-48kg	Light, 41.1-44kg	Fly, 42.1-44kg
Light, 45.1-49kg Welter, 49.1-53kg	Bantam, 48.1-51kg	Light, 41.1-44kg Welter, 44.1-47kg	Bantam, 44.1-46kg
Welter, 49.1-53kg Light Middle, 53.1-57kg	Feather, 51.1-55kg	Welter, 44.1-47kg Light Middle, 47.1-51kg	Feather, 46.1-49kg
Light Middle, 53.1-57kg Middle, 57.1-61kg	Light, 55.1-59kg	Light Middle, 47.1-51kg Middle, 51.1-55kg	Light, 49.1-52kg
Middle, 57.1-61kg Light Heavy, 61.1-65kg	Welter, 59.1-63kg	Middle, 51.1-55kg Light Heavy, 55.1-59kg	Welter, 52.1-55kg Light Middle, 55.1-59kg
Light Heavy, 61.1-65kg Heavy, +65kg	Light Middle, 63.1-68kg	Heavy, +59kg	Middle, 59.1-63kg Light Heavy, 63.1-68kg
Heavy, +65kg	Middle, 68.1-73kg	Heavy, +59kg	Heavy, +68kg
Heavy, +65kg	Light Heavy, 73.1-78kg		
Heavy, +65kg	Heavy, +78kg		

4.12. Dragon, Tiger, and Youth division athletes that age up will have until January 24 at 5:00 p.m. MST to declare what weight division they want their points to transfer to in the higher age division. If an athlete does not declare a division by this date the points will transfer to the weight division, they compete in at their first event of that year. The Dragon, Tiger, and Youth divisions can transfer 50% of their points from their current weight division to one weight division when they age up. Points cannot go to multiple divisions when the athlete ages up. If an athlete has points in multiple divisions those points cannot be combined into one division when aging up. The points must go to separate divisions in the new age division. Athletes must send an email to rankings@usa-taekwondo.us to declare what weight division they want their points to transfer to. If USATKD is not notified by this date and time, USATKD will declare their weight division for the athlete and this cannot be changed after the deadline.

- Example: An athlete has points in Middle and Heavy Tiger Division. An athlete can move 50% of their points from the Middle Tiger Division to Middle Youth Division and 50% of the Tiger Heavy Division points can move to the Heavy Youth Division. The points from Tiger cannot be combined into one division at the Youth level.*

4.13. World Taekwondo Divisions

- If an athlete competes in a World Taekwondo sanctioned event using Olympic weight divisions, the athlete will need to inform USATKD 14 days after the conclusion of their event in which world class weight division they want the earned points to go for their national ranking. If this is not reported to USATKD within 14 days of the conclusion of the event, the points will be allocated to the world division in which the athlete has the highest USATKD ranking. Once an athlete declares what weight division these points will be allocated to, it can only change during the January window detailed below.
- The chart below represents the World Taekwondo Olympic weight divisions and the corresponding world weight divisions that points can be transferred to by an athlete for their national ranking.

Men		Women	
Olympic Weight Divisions	World Weight Divisions	Olympic Weight Divisions	World Weight Divisions
-58kg	-54kg	-49kg	-46kg
	-58kg		-49kg
-68kg	-63kg	-57kg	-53kg
	-68kg		-57kg
-80kg	-74kg	-67kg	-62kg
	-80kg		-67kg
+80kg	-87kg	+67kg	-73kg
	+87kg		+73kg

5. Home State

- The state an athlete has listed in their profile on January 24 will be the state that will be considered the “home” state for the duration of state championship season for that year. If an athlete moves before the conclusion of the state championships, they will need to provide proof an address change through the U.S. Post Office in order to make a change in their profile. If there is no proof of address change the athlete USATKD profile can only be updated after May 1.