

**USA KARATE (USA NATIONAL KARATE-DO FEDERATION, INC.)  
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES  
2015 PAN AMERICAN GAMES  
November 27, 2013**

**1. SELECTION SYSTEM**

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

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum Pan American Sport Organization (PASO) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American or Parapan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the IOC Charter (Rule 42), the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1), or the PASO Statutes (Article XXII, Sections 4 and 5).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) standards for participation (if any):

Athlete must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the international qualifying event (see 1.2.1.).

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

Although USA Karate rules state that the athlete must be 18 years or older for domestic selection and qualification events, for purposes of Pan American Games Qualification we will set age requirements by IF/CF standards for the trials listed in 1.2.2.

Athlete must be a member in good standing with USA Karate.

1.2. Tryout Events:

- 1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

2014 North American Cup – March 21-23, 2014 – British Colombia, Canada

2015 Pan American Qualifier – March 2015 – Toronto, Canada

- 1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

2014 Senior National Team Trials – February 9, 2014 – Chicago, IL

2015 Senior National Team Trials – Q1 2015 - TBD

- 1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (include maximum Team size).

The top two in each of the ten weight categories (Male Kumite -60kg, -67kg, -75kg, -84kg, & +84kg and Female Kumite -50kg, -55kg, -61kg, -68kg, & +68kg) from the 2014 Senior National Team Trials will represent the United States at the 2014 North American Cup in British Colombia, Canada. During the North American Cup, the top finisher in each category will qualify him/herself by name for the 2015 Pan American Games. The qualification process will only consider the top finisher between Mexico and the United States since Canada has qualified by virtue of being the host country of the 2015 Pan American Games.

Any weight category in which the United States does not qualify an athlete through the 2014 North American Cup will have another opportunity to qualify through the 2015 Pan American Qualifier in Toronto, Canada. For those weight categories not qualified, the top athlete from the 2015 Senior National Team Trials will represent the United States at the 2015 Pan American Qualifier in Toronto, Canada. Athletes/Countries participating in each weight category of the 2015 Pan American Qualifier may not have previously qualified for the 2015 Pan American Games. The top two finishers at the 2015 Pan American Qualifier will qualify for the 2015 Pan American Games.

Through the two qualifying events listed above, the United States may qualify up to ten (10) individuals. Only one athlete may qualify in each of the ten stated weight categories.

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

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

N/A

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

N/A

2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

N/A

2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee.

N/A

## **3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES**

3.1. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC, USA Karate has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Karate may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Karate:

3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Karate CEO/Executive Director.

3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Karate. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Karate, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.

- 3.1.3. Violation of USA Karate's Code of Conduct (<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Karate/Athlete-Resources/Documents-and-Resources>).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Karate's Bylaws (Section 14) and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once an athlete nomination is accepted by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable USA Karate Code of Conduct, the USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-Information.aspx>

- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

#### **4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES**

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

- 4.1.1. prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

The replacement process determined by the Panamerican Karate Federation (PKF) or PASO will be followed.

If the replacement athlete is not dictated by the PKF and USA Karate is able to name a replacement athlete, then the rank order finish from the 2015 Senior National Team Trials will determine the replacement.

- 4.1.2. after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

Refer to 4.1.1.

#### **5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

USA Karate 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 Ceremony of the Games.

## **6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

In addition to the USOC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Pan American Games and are included as attachments:

USA Karate Athlete Agreement & Code of Conduct  
(<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Karate/Athlete-Resources/Documents-and-Resources>)

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

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Karate in the following locations:

7.1. USA Karate Web site: [www.usankf.org](http://www.usankf.org)

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

7.2. Other: N/A

## **8. DATE OF NOMINATION**

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before: May 22, 2015

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

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

No mandatory training is scheduled at this time. If mandatory training is added, athletes will be notified at least 30 days prior to the scheduled training.

## **10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, 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, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

## **11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

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

USA Karate National Team Committee:

Jake Lease, Chairman

John DiPasquale

Terrance Hill

Brian Mertel, Athlete Representative

## **12. NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

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

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Karate/About-Us/Corporate-By-Laws>

## **13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or World Karate Federation rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or World Karate Federation rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Karate. 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, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

## **14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

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

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at [john.ruger@usoc.org](mailto:john.ruger@usoc.org)
- <http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>

**15. NGB/HPMO SIGNATURES**

**I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Karate.**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
NGB President or CEO/Executive Director	Jake Lease		
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Terrance Hill		
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Brian Mertel		

\* If the 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.

\* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

\* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

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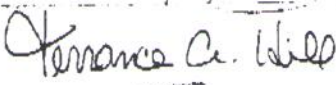

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Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB President CEO, Executive Director	John L. Lutz		11/21/13
Ny Team Coach Head Coach N.Y. Program Director	Terrance Hill		12/10/13
USOC Athletes Representative Representative	Brian Montel		12/3/13

\* If the USOC A-AC Representative has delegated authority to the A-AC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the A-AC Representative indicating the name of the A-AC Representative who has delegated authority.

\* Signature in the Athlete Representative column certifies that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative initials and does not sign on the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted to the NGB, he/she is not approved to compete for anything on the U.S. Olympic Team.

\* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC A-AC Representative, the NGB must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

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