



**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2010 U-24 U.S. NATIONAL TEAM
January 25, 2010**

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

Selection System Overview

The athlete selection system for the 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team is objective based through a qualification event which includes the 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team Trial.

The maximum number of athletes to be nominated to the U-24 U.S. National Team is sixteen (16) (eight male & eight female).



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 according to USA Taekwondo (USAT) Rules of Competition, Article 4. Contestants, Section 1, subsection 1 and be in compliance with the minimum IF standards for participation (please see item I.A.2.).

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/site/cms_file/images/default/0_99/20/wtf_competition_rules_english.pdf

Qualification of contestant

- Holder of the nationality of the participating team
- Recommended by the National Taekwondo Association in which he/she represents
- Holder of Taekwondo Dan certificate issued by the Kukkiwon

3. Other requirements (if any):

- a. Athlete is a member of USA Taekwondo
- b. Athletes must compete in the Black Belt division.
- c. Athlete is at least 18 years of age by December 31, 2010 and no more than 23 years of age by December 31, 2010.
- d. Athletes who are members of the 2010 U.S. Senior National Team are NOT eligible to participate for the U-24 U.S. National Team.
- e. Athletes can only be a member of the U-24 U.S. National Team 3 years in total. An athlete who has made the U-24 U.S. National Team 3 times is no longer eligible to compete for the U-24 U.S. National Team in future years and must turn their focus towards competing for the full U.S. Senior National Team.

4. Performance Waivers

- a. None.

- 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 U-24 U.S. National Team is sixteen (16) - one in each of the eight (8) male & (8) female weight divisions.

Weight Division Classification for the 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team

| Men's Division | | Women's Division | |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Not exceeding 54 kg | Fin | Not exceeding 47 kg | Fin |
| Over 54 kg & not exceeding 58 kg | Fly | Over 47 kg & not exceeding 51 kg | Fly |
| Over 58 kg & not exceeding 62 kg | Bantam | Over 51 kg & not exceeding 55 kg | Bantam |
| Over 62 kg & not exceeding 67 kg | Feather | Over 55 kg & not exceeding 59 kg | Feather |
| Over 67 kg & not exceeding 72 kg | Light | Over 59 kg & not exceeding 63 kg | Light |
| Over 72 kg & not exceeding 78 kg | Welter | Over 63 kg & not exceeding 67 kg | Welter |
| Over 78 kg & not exceeding 84 kg | Middle | Over 67 kg & not exceeding 72 kg | Middle |
| Over 84 kg | Heavy | Over 72 kg | Heavy |

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The selection process for the 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team consists of a single phase.

Athletes competing for the 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team start the process by entering the 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team Trial (May 7, 2010 – Dallas, TX). The winner, per gender, in the eight (8) weight divisions, earns a spot on the 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team. The 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team will participate in an international event or exchange in late 2010 or early 2011.

At the determined international event, all athletes must compete in the same weight division in which they qualified for at the 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team Trial.

C. 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. 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team Trial – May 7, 2010 – Dallas, TX
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).
 - a. All USAT members who meet the eligibility criteria are eligible.

- D. 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: 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team Trial

Phase #1 represents the entire process for making the 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team.

The 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team Trial is an OPEN tournament. All black belts who meet the eligibility criteria in section A of this document are eligible to compete.

Eligible athletes can only enter one weight division. Each registered athlete must declare his/her weight division via the online registration system (Hangastar) by the late registration deadline for the 2010 U-24 National Team Trial (TBD). No athlete will be allowed to register for the tournament or to change weight divisions after the late registration deadline.

The winner, per gender, in the eight (8) weight divisions, earns a spot on the 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team.

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

Competition Format:

The LaJust electronic scoring system will be used at the 2010 U-24 National Team Trial.

Each of the eight (8) male and female 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.

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 division at the 2010 U-24 Team Trial as the event(s) or team(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. 2009 Senior National Team Member
2. Winner of the 2009 U-24 Team Trial Fight-Off
3. 2nd place finisher from the 2009 U-24 Team Trial Fight-Off
4. 3rd place finisher from the 2009 U-24 Team Trial Fight-Off
5. This is followed by a random draw of all remaining entries with the first draw being the higher of the remaining seeds and progressing until the final seed is set.

Semi-finalists from the single elimination brackets at the 2010 U-24 Team Trial will compete in a round robin/fight-off competition format immediately after the single elimination competition. If one semi-finalist wins all three fights in the round robin format, he/she will be declared the winner and selected to the 2010 U-24 National Team.

If a semi-finalist does not win all three fights in the round robin, the top two athletes will be determined by using the tie-breaking procedure outlined below for the following scenarios:

1. 2-way tie in round robin competition:
 - a. This tie will be broken based upon head-to-head competition. If only two athletes have identical records, then the winner of the head-to-head competition shall be designated the number one seed and the loser of the head-to-head competition will be declared the number two seed.
2. 3-way tie in round robin competition:
 - a. Each athlete will participate in the drawing of lots to determine the fight match-ups which will be as follows:
 - i. Match #1 – Draw B v. Draw C
 - ii. Draw A receives a bye
 - iii. Match #2 – Winner of Match #1 v. Draw A
 - iv. Determining Results
 1. The winner of match #2 is declared the number one seed.
 2. The loser of Match #2 is declared the number two seed.
 - a. The number one and number two seed will participate in a Fight-Off as described below.
 3. The loser of Match #1 is declared the 3rd place finisher.

Once the top two athletes are determined, they will be required to compete in a Fight-Off. In the Fight-Off, the number one seed must beat the number two seed only one time to be declared the winner while the number two seed will be required to beat the number one seed two (2) times to be declared the winner. In this case the winner of the Fight-Off will be declared the winner and selected to the 2010 U-24 National Team.

The winner, per gender, in the eight (8) weight divisions, earns a spot on the 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team.

E. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the name(s) and role(s) of their members.

- Mark Kaufmann, Director of Events, USA Taekwondo
- Meredith Miller, High Performance Manager, USA Taekwondo

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

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

NA

B. Discretionary Selection Committee

1. Provide the name of the committee(s) that will be responsible for discretionary selection.

NA

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.

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 shall submit a written letter to USA Taekwondo's CEO/Executive Director.
 - 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), their injury will be assumed to be disabling and they may be removed.
 - 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 Constitution and Bylaws (USAT Bylaws, Section 15, Complaint Procedures).
- B. An athlete may be removed from Nomination or from the Team at any time for violation of WADA, WTF, and/or USADA 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 1 – 2010 U-24 U.S. National 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 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 1. If by then, no athlete is available, the spot remains vacant. The third place athlete shall be defined as the losing semi-finalist who lost to the eventual first place finisher.

- B. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:

- i. Group or committee who determines the replacement pool:

NA

- ii. Group or committee who determines a replacement to the team:

NA

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 international event determined for the 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination for the National Team, and are included as attachments:

- Code of Conduct (Attachment A)

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USAT approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Taekwondo in the following locations and will include the USAT approval date:

- A. NGB website: www.usa-taekwondo.us
The website information will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than 5 business days following notice of approval by USA Taekwondo.
- B. NGB Official Publication (if any): USAT E-Newsletter – USA Taekwondo News
- C. Other: USAT membership distribution system via Hang-a-Star Membership system

VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION

NA

IX. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

1. Event Staging Camp – 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team members may participate in an Event Staging Camp at a specific staging location, no more than 10 days prior to the 2010 U-24 U.S. National Team Event.

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

2010 U-24 U.S. National Team Selection Procedures

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 Executive Director | David Askinas |  | 1/25/10 |
| Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director | Meredith Miller |  | 1/25/10 |
| USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative* | ERIC LAURIN |  | 1-25-10 |

*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 National 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

USA Taekwondo

Taekwondo

NGB Name

Sport

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| <p align="center">PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION (For Participants Under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)</p> |
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Signature

Date

Print – Name/Relationship