



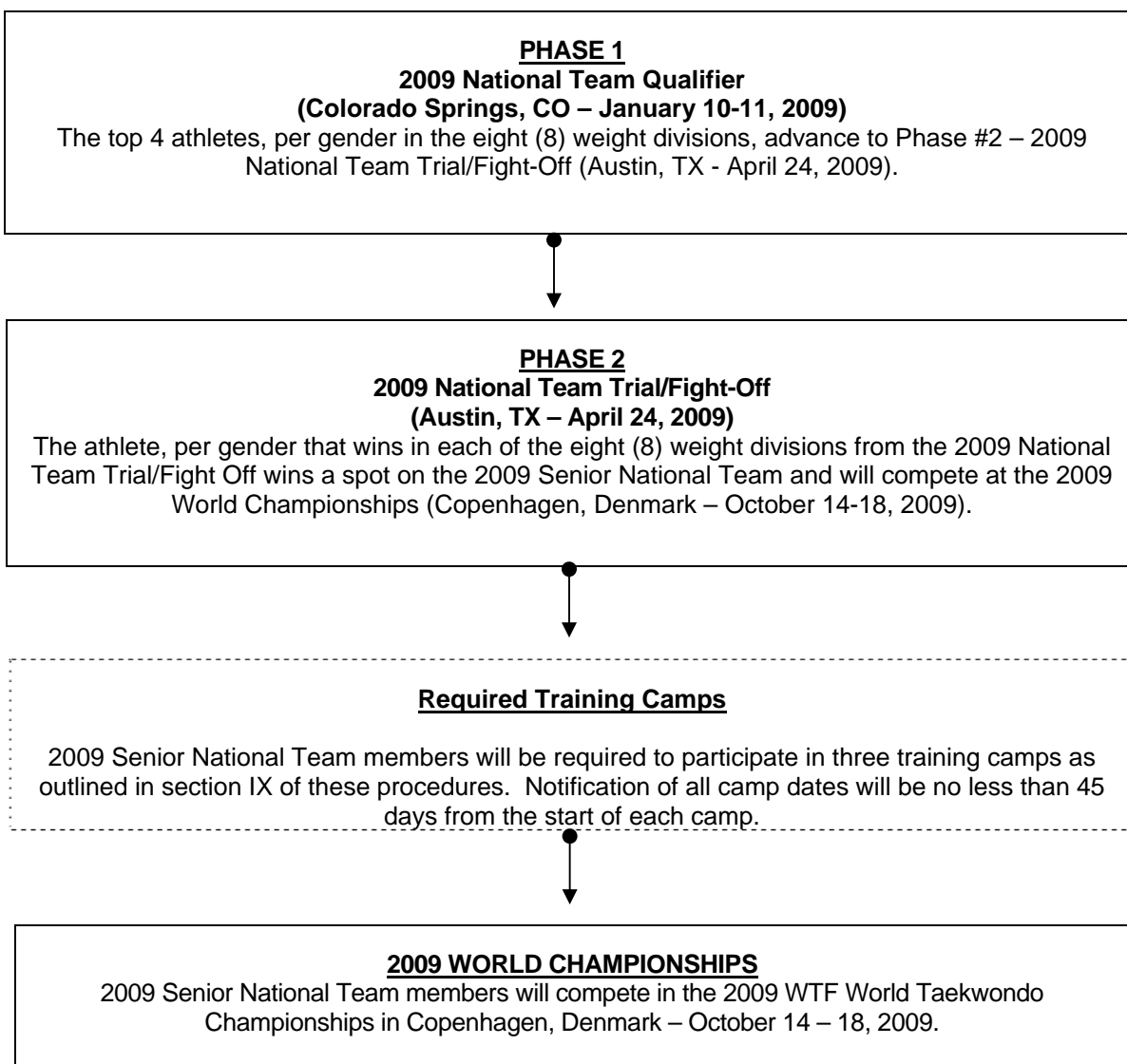
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2009 SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM
October 21, 2008**

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

Selection System Overview

The athlete selection system for the 2009 Senior National Team is objective based through qualification events that include the 2009 National Team Qualifier and 2009 National Team Trial/Fight-Off.

The maximum number of athletes to be nominated to the USA Senior 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 14 years of age by December 31, 2009 per WTF rules.

4. Performance Waivers

- a. If an athlete was a team member of the 2007 Senior National Team or 2008 Olympic Team, they are granted a performance waiver from the 2009 National Team Qualifier and granted entry into the 2009 National Team Trial/Fight-Off in the weight division of their choice.
- b. A 2007 Senior National Team member or 2008 Olympic Team Member may compete in the 2009 National Team Qualifier in the weight division of their choice. However, by participating they forfeit their performance waiver into the 2009 National Team Trial/Fight-Off and must qualify in the top four to move to phase 2, 2009 National Team Trial/Fight-Off.
- c. Athletes accepting a performance waiver into the 2009 National Team Trial/Fight-Off must declare the weight division in which they will compete by the early registration deadline (December 22, 2008) of the National Team Qualifier. Team members selected divisions will be posted on the USA Taekwondo website prior to the final registration deadline for the National Team Qualifier. Athletes eligible for a performance waiver who do not declare a weight division by the given date will not be eligible to compete in the 2009 National Team Trial/Fight-Off.

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

Weight Division Classification for the 2009 Senior 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 2009 Senior National Team consists of two phases.

Athletes start the process to make the 2009 Senior National Team by entering the 2009 National Team Qualifier (January 10-11 2009). The top 4 athletes, per gender in the eight (8) weight divisions advance to the 2009 National Team Trial/Fight-Off (April 24, 2009).

The winner of each weight division (8 male, 8 female) at the 2009 National Team Trial/Fight-Off earns a spot on the 2009 Senior National Team. The 2009 Senior National Team will compete at the 2009 WTF World Championships.

At the 2009 WTF World Championships, all athletes must compete in the same weight division in which they qualified for at the 2009 National Team Trial/Fight-Off.

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. 2009 National Team Qualifier – Colorado Springs, CO – January 10-11, 2009.
 - b. 2009 National Team Trial/Fight-Off – Austin, TX – April 24, 2009.
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 and have a black belt 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: National Team Qualifier

Phase #1 represents the first step in making the 2009 Senior National Team.

The National Team Qualifier is an OPEN tournament. All black belts who are a minimum of 14 years of age by December 31, 2009, are eligible to compete. Eligible athletes can only enter one weight division. Athletes have until December 29, 2008, to declare in which weight category he or she will compete. The athlete declaration shall be received by the USAT National Office in writing via the National Team Qualifier Registration Form by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. Late submissions will not be accepted and the athlete will be ineligible to compete in Phase #1. The top 4 athletes, per gender, in the eight (8) weight divisions, advance to Phase #2 – 2009 National Team Trial/Fight-Off.

Competition Format – Single Elimination

2009 National Team Qualifier is single elimination format. In single elimination format, the loser of each match is immediately eliminated from the competition bracket.

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

Seeding Criteria:

Seeding for each weight division will be administered by the prioritized list below. Only the top 4 athletes in each division will receive a seed. After the top 4 seeds have been given the remaining seeding criteria is irrelevant and all remaining athletes will be seeded randomly.

Athletes DO NOT need to compete in the same weight division in which they competed in 2007 or 2008 in order to receive a seed. Only the top 4 athletes in each division will be seeded.

1. 2008 Olympic Team members - (per value; Gold, Silver, Bronze)
2. This is followed by the 2007 Senior National Team member – (Medal at 2007 World Championships per value; Gold, Silver, Bronze) Tiebreaker: Total number of matches won at the 2007 World Championships to serve as a tiebreaker if more than one team member enters the same division.
3. This is followed by a 2007 Pan Am Games Medalist – (per value; Gold, Silver, Bronze)
4. This is followed by the 2007 Pan Am Games Team Members who did not medal. Tiebreaker: Total number of matches won at the 2007 Pan Am Games to serve as a tiebreaker if more than one team member enters the same division.
5. This is followed by the 1st place finisher from the 2008 Senior National Championships competing in the same division as they were at the 2008 Senior National Championships.

6. This is followed by a random seeding of all remaining 1st place finishers from the 2008 Senior National Championships.
7. This is followed by the 2nd place finisher from the 2008 Senior National Championships competing in the same division as they were at the 2008 Senior National Championships.
8. This is followed by a random seeding of all remaining 2nd place finishers from the 2008 Senior National Championships.
9. This is followed by the 3rd place finisher from the 2008 Senior National Championships competing in the same division as they were at the 2008 Senior National Championships.
10. This is followed by a random seeding of all remaining 3rd place finishers from the 2008 Senior National Championships
11. This is followed by the 2007 National Team Alternate competing in the same division as they were at the 2007 National Team Trial.
12. This is followed by a random seeding of all remaining 2007 National Team Alternates.
13. This is followed by a random seeding of all 2007 Pan Am Games Alternates.
14. This is followed by a random seeding of all remaining entries.

PHASE #2: 2009 National Team Trial/Fight-Off

Eligible athletes must compete in the same weight division in which they qualified at the 2009 National Team Qualifier. If an eligible athlete is unable to compete in phase 2 for any reason, their spot will not be filled by a lower ranking athlete.

The top two finishers of the National Team Trial will advance to the National Team Fight-Off that will occur on April 23 & 24, 2009, immediately following the conclusion of the round robin matches.

The athlete, per gender, that wins in each of the eight (8) weight divisions from the 2009 National Team Fight-Off earns a spot on the 2009 Senior National Team and will compete at the 2009 WTF World Championships (Copenhagen, Denmark – October 14-18, 2009).

Competition Format – Round Robin Explanation

The round robin tournament format consists of all individuals fighting each entry an equal number of times. The round robin schedule has fixed schedules; all athletes know exactly who they fight and what time they fight them, which offers some advantage to athletes in preparing for the tournament and upcoming matches. Seeding does not affect the outcome because the cumulative results of all matches fought determine final standings.

The top two finishers of the 2009 National Team Trial will advance to the 2009 National Team Fight-Off that will occur on April 24, 2009, immediately following the conclusion of the round robin matches. The group winner only needs to beat the second place group athlete once to advance, while the second place group athlete will need to beat the group winner twice to advance. The winner in each weight division of the 2009 National Team Fight-off earns a spot on the 2009 Senior National Team.

The Drawing of Lots

The Drawing of Lots will take place at registration as each athlete checks-in for the event. Each weight division will have a separate bag with a ping pong ball with the number of seeds competing within the weight division. Each athlete will pick one ping pong ball from the bag which will represent their corresponding seed. The seed of the athlete will be represented on the schedule which will be dispersed to the athletes at registration. The drawing of lots will be completed for each weight division. If a pre-registered athlete does not show for weigh-in or does not make weight, his or her matches corresponding with his or her seed will remain in the schedule and no result will be determined for those matches.

ROUND 1:	1 v 4	2 v 3
ROUND 2:	1 v 3	4 v 2
ROUND 3:	1 v 2	3 v 4

The following tie-breaking procedure will be administered to determine the top finishers should this scenario arise.

TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

1. 2-way tie: This tie will be broken based upon head-to-head competition in PHASE #2. If only two athletes have identical records, then the winner of the previous head-to-head competition from the round robin shall be designated the number one seed.
2. 3-way tie: Each athlete will participate in the drawing of lots to determine the fight match-ups which will be as follows;

- Match #1 – Draw B v. Draw C
- Draw A receives a bye
- Match #2 – Winner of Match #1 v. Draw A
- Match #2 – Winner is Seed A
- Match #2 – Loser is Seed B
- Match #1 – Loser is Seed C

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

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 must 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 2 – 2009 National Team Trial/Fight-Off from the **same weight division** of the athlete to be replaced is the replacement. 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 2. If by then, no athlete is available, the spot remains vacant.

- 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 2009 WTF World Championships.

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 USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Taekwondo in the following locations and will include the USOC 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. National Team Training Camp 1 – Colorado Springs, CO, June 6 – 11, 2009
2. National Team Training Camp 2 – Colorado Springs, CO, August 23 – 28, 2009
3. World Championship Staging Camp - 2009 Senior National Team members will participate in a World Championship Staging Camp at a specific staging location in Europe, 10-12 days prior to the 2009 WTF World Championships. (October 14 – 18, 2009).
4. 2009 WTF World Championships – Copenhagen, Denmark, October 14 – 18, 2009.

Dates are subject to change. Notification of all camp dates will be no less than 45 days from the start of the camp. Waivers from all camps are not permitted, unless it is an extraneous circumstance. At that point, it is reviewed and either accepted or rejected by the USAT CEO, National Team/High Performance Manager and Head National Team Coaches.

X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, WTF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures. This includes participation in out-of-competition testing as required by the IOC, WADA, WTF, USADA and USOC Rules.

XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

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

- Eric Laurin, USOC/AAC representative, USA Taekwondo
- Eddie Yoon, Director of National Programs, USA Taekwondo
- Meredith Miller, High Performance Manager, USA Taekwondo
- Juan Moreno, National Team Coach, USA Taekwondo
- Jean Lopez, National Team Coach, USA Taekwondo

XII. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Taekwondo Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
<http://www.usa-taekwondo.us/USATaekwondoBylawsv6.pdf>

XIII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

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

XIV. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN



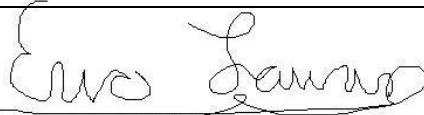
Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Taekwondo may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman: John W. Ruger by:

- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- www.888athlete.org

XV. NGB SIGNATURES

2009 Senior 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		11/7/2008
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	MEREDITH MILLER		11/7/2008
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	ERIC LAURIN		Nov 4 08 ^h

*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

<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