**NATIONAL COLLEGIATE TAEKWONDO ASSOCIATION**

**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**

**2012 WORLD UNIVERSITY TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**MAY 25TH – 30TH, 2012**

**I. SELECTION SYSTEM**

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for

nomination to the Team:

1. Must be a U.S. citizen by the time of their entry into 2012 World University

 Taekwondo Championships. WUTC team trials process.

2. Per IF standards, athletes must be black belts.

3. Only the competitors who satisfy the following conditions may take part in a FISU sporting event:

* Be a national of the country they represent;
* Be born between January 1, 1984 and December 31, 1994;
* Students who are officially registered for and pursuing at least a

**half- time** course of study at a university or similar institute whose status as a university is recognized by the appropriate national academic authority of their country at the time of the NCTA championships;

* Former students of the institutions mentioned in the third bullet

point who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in

the year preceding the event (i.e. 2011).

B. Provide a brief summary outlining how an athlete is selected as a nominee to the Team. The 2012 Collegiate Team Trials (standard WTF poomsae format for the poomsae portion and single-elimination for preliminaries & double-elimination for

semifinals and finals for the gyoroogi portion) will be held to determine the 2012 World University team nominees. The date and location of this event will be

the 2012 National Collegiate Taekwondo Championships held April 7-8, 2012 in

Massachusetts, Boston. The separate poomsae World University team trials will be held on Saturday, April 7th. On Sunday, April 8th, the black belt gyoroogi competition will serve as the 2012 World University team trials. All preliminary matches will be conducted in **a single elimination up to semifinals**. **All semifinal through final matches will be conducted in a double elimination format.** The poomsae team trials winners and the black belt gyoroogi winners will serve as the 2012World University nominees.

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.

There will not be any tryout events (i.e. camps or competition) for the 2012 World University Championships.

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.

Consistent with the weight divisions on the 2012 World University Taekwondo Championships competition program:

1. The 2012 Collegiate Championships (also the 2012 Collegiate Team Trials) will be conducted in a single-elimination format for all preliminary matches up to but not including semifinals. The final four competitors in each division (Semifinals through finals) will compete in a double-elimination format to determine their final ranking. The winner would serve as the 2012 World University team nominee. The 2012 Collegiate Poomsae Team Trials will be conducted in a format consistent to the World Taekwondo Federation standards.

2. If any division of the 2012 Collegiate Poomsae Team Trials should have

more competitors than in a semifinal round due to the number of division competitors entered in that division, then there shall be a runoff between the division competitors for a single berth in that division.

3. Seeding for the 2012 Collegiate Championships in accordance with the

NCTA Bylaws will be as follows:

1. Olympic Games

2. Taekwondo World Championships

3. Taekwondo World Cup

4. Summer Universiade (World University Games)

5. World University Taekwondo Championships

6. Pan Am Games

7. Pan Am Championships

8. Pan Am University Taekwondo Championships

9. National team trials

10. Collegiate team trials

11. Collegiate championships

12. National Championships (Senior Nationals)

13. Jr. Olympics

Rankings for athletes from the same event would be gold medalist, silver medalist, bronze medalist (A) who lost to the gold medalist, and the bronze medalist (B) who list to the silver medalist.

If a berth in the seeding is vacant or a qualified athlete is not competing, the athletes seeded below that berth would be moved up until there are no vacant positions in the final seeding for each weight division. Athletes with more than one berth will be seeded at their highest ranking.

At the conclusion of the 2012 Collegiate Championships each sparring weight

division will have a ranking of the top four athletes (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th), based on their performance in the double elimination bracket. Rankings for the 2012 Poomsae Team Trials will be determined from the final round of said trials with individual rankings of 1st through 8th.

E. NGB (USA Taekwondo) Relations.

1. At this time black belt gyoroogi medalists (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd) and poomsae team trials medalists (1st, 2nd, 3rd) and all color belt medalists qualify to participate at the 2012 USA Taekwondo National Championships to be held July 2012 in Dallas, TX.

**II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION**

There will be no discretionary selection (wild card) applicants accepted for this event.

**III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES**

Provide reasons that an athlete can be removed prior to Team Nomination approval by the NCTA:

A. An athlete nominee may be removed from the 2012 World University team or from any step of the process for selecting the team if she/he violates the NCTA Code of Conduct (Appendix A).

B. An athlete nominee may be removed from the 2012 World University team or from any step of the process for selecting the team if she/he violates WADA, USADA, FISU, WTF or USOC anti-doping regulations or policies.

C. An athlete may withdraw or be removed from nomination to the 2012 World University in the event of injury or illness, which inhibits peak performance as certified by NCTA medical staff prior to nomination to the team.

Provide reasons that an athlete can be removed after Team Nomination approval by the NCTA:

An NCTA-approved team member may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by the NCTA:

D. Voluntary withdrawal;

E. Injury or illness as certified a the NCTA physician (or medical staff);

F. Violation of the NCTA’s Code of Conduct;

G. Violation of WADA, USADA, FISU, WTF or USOC anti-doping regulations or policies.

H. The athlete is 7% overweight **WITHIN** two weeks prior to the event.

An athlete who may be removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has The right to appeal pursuant to the USOC’s Grievance Procedures.

**IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES**

Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:

A nominated athlete who withdraws or is removed from the team prior to the 2012 World University Championships will be replaced by the second place athlete in rank order finish from the 2012 Collegiate Team Trials in the respective weight category or poomsae division, but based on the decision of the appointed World University Team Head Coach and the final approval of NCTA President. For example, should the 1st place athlete not be able to compete based on injury, removal for cause, etc., that athlete can be replaced by the 2nd place athlete from the 2012 Collegiate Team Trials in that weight category or poomsae division. If the 2nd place athlete from the 2012 Collegiate Team Trials is not able or eligible to compete, the position shall be left empty.

**V. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES**

The Selection Procedures will be posted/published in the following locations as soon as approved:

A. NGB websites: http://ncta-usa.com/

**VI. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

All Athlete Nominees shell commit to participating in the following pre-

World University schedule (subject to changes as necessary):

1. Team Meeting with coaches and administrative staff to be held immediately after the team selection at the 2012 Collegiate Championships on April 7, 2011 (Poomsae) and April 8, 2011 (Gyoroogi).
2. World University team training camp will be held on Sunday, May 20th and Monday, May 21st at Stanford University.
3. Travel dates for Pocheon, Korea. Athlete Nominee should expect to depart no later than May 22, 2012 and to return no earlier than May 30, 2012.
4. Athlete Nominees commit to regular communication and consultation with 2012 World University NCTA Coaching staff and additional meetings as necessary.
5. Failure to meet any of the above may results in dismissal from the team.

**VII. USADA/WADA/FISU/WTF/USOC REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes understand and agree that they:

A. Will not commit a doping violation as defined by the United States Anti-

Doping Agency (USADA), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), Federation

International Sport Universiade (FISU), World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) and the USOC;

B. Are not currently serving a suspension for a doping violation and have no pending or unresolved doping charge.

Any pending or unresolved doping charge may be cause for not being selected to the Team.

**VIII. SELECTION PROCEDURES DEVELOPMENT**

Provide a list of names and titles of the key individuals who were responsible for creating the Selection Procedures:

Dr. Russell Ahn, NCTA President

Tim Ghormley, NCTA 1st Vice-President

Dan Chuang, NCTA Vice-President

Alex Antipa, NCTA Vice-President

Kent Kitagawa, NCTA Secretary General

Chul Ho Kim, NCTA Coaching chair

**IX. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

These procedures are based on FISU and/or WTF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in FISU and/or WTF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to NCTA. However, the selections are always 12th World University Taekwondo Championships (2012) Selection Procedures 7 subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically have not accounted for every possible contingency.

**X. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

The NCTA will retain all supporting documents and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremonies of the 12th World University Taekwondo Championships (2012).

**XI. NCTA SIGNATURES**

I certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by the NCTA.

**Position Print Name Signature Date**

NCTA President

Dr. Russell Ahn

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National Collegiate Taekwondo Association Code of Conduct

The following outline is the Code of Conduct for the National Collegiate Taekwondo Association. The Code is for all athletes, coaches, tournament committee members, referees, and staff members to fully abide by when participating in any and all NCTA event(s). Failure to comply with the following guidelines can result in the removal from an event, dismissal from future NCTA events, and/or the complete suspension from participation as a competitor, coach or staff member in future NCTA events.

1. One will act in a manner, consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct.

2. One will acknowledge, respect and adhere to the authority of NCTA Taekwondo appointed event staff, tournament staff, and team leader(s) if necessary.

3. One will fully comply with the NCTA, USA Taekwondo, the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), and the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) uniform requirement.

4. One will maintain an appropriate level of fitness to promote optimal athletic performance.

5. One will refrain from the excessive use of performance-limiting drugs, including, but not limited to, tobacco and alcohol.

6. One will refrain from using any substance on the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code, as enforced by USADA.

7. One will abide by the policies and rules established by the NCTA, USA Taekwondo, the USOC and the World Taekwondo Federation.

8. One will respect others, including coaches, competitors, officials, and spectators.

9. One will not engage in, nor tolerate, any form of verbal, physical or sexual abuse.

10. One will respect the property of others.

11. One will refrain from illegal or inappropriate behavior that would deter from a positive image of oneself and the NCTA.

12. One will maintain a positive attitude and act in a way that will bring honor to oneself, the staff, the sport of Taekwondo, the NCTA, and the United States of America.

13. One will remember that I am an ambassador of the NCTA, my country and the Olympic movement.

The National Collegiate Taekwondo Association recognizes that this Code does not establish a comprehensive set of rules that prescribes every aspect of appropriate behavior.

Participant's Printed Name / Participant's Signature / Date