



## National Collegiate Taekwondo Association

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### National Collegiate Taekwondo Association Poomsae Athlete Selection Procedures 2025 Summer World University Games

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#### 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 2025 US Collegiate Taekwondo Team Trials for poomsae.
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 18-25 years old (athlete's age on Dec. 31, 2025 (i.e. born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2007));
  - 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;
  - Former students of the institutions mentioned in the third bullet point who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the years preceding the event (i.e. 2024).

B. Provide a brief summary outlining how an athlete is selected as a nominee to the Team.

The 2025 Collegiate Team Trials will be held to determine the 2025 Summer World University Games (SWUG) Taekwondo team nominees. The date of this event will be April 11, 2025 at the Best Western Royal Plaza Trade Center in Marlborough, MA. Details of this competition will be posted on the NCTA website (ncta-usa.com).



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One male individual, one female individual, one mixed pair (one male, one female), one male team (3 athletes) and one female team (3 athletes) will be selected at the team trials. Each division entrant will progress through a preliminary elimination round (20 or more entrants) where each entrant will perform two recognized poomsae. The top 50% of entrants will then advance through a semifinal elimination round (9-19 entrants), where each entrant will perform two different recognized poomsae. The top 8 entrants will compete in a final round where each entrant will compete with 2 random, recognized poomsae and 1 freestyle poomsae. The winner will be determined by the combined score of all three (two recognized, one freestyle) poomsae.

The winner will serve as the 2025 Summer World University Games Taekwondo team nominee. The entrant in second place (the runner up) will be considered the B-team member and alternate should the winner not be able to serve as the 2025 SWUG team member.

If neither the 1st place nor the 2nd place entrant from the 2025 collegiate poomsae team trials is able to serve on the 2025 Summer World University Games team, then it will be at the discretion of a selection committee whether or not an entrant for said division will be included on the US team competing at the 2025 Summer World University Games. The selection committee will consist of: the NCTA President, a poomsae athlete representative, and a poomsae coaching representative.

### 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 2025 Summer World University Games Taekwondo team.

### 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.

Representatives in the Individual Male, Individual Female, Mixed Pair (1 male, 1 female), Male Team (3 athletes) and Female Team (3 athletes) divisions will be selected:



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Athletes for each of the above referenced divisions will be selected at the team trials. Each entrant will progress through a preliminary elimination round (20 or more entrants) where each entrant will perform two recognized poomsae. The top 50% of entrants will then advance through a semifinal elimination round (9-19 entrants), where each entrant will perform two different recognized poomsae. The top 8 entrants will compete in a final round where each entrant will compete with 2 random, recognized poomsae and 1 freestyle poomsae. The winner will be determined by the combined score of all three (two recognized, one freestyle) poomsae.

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1. Seeding for all divisions will be random in the initial round. Subsequent rounds will be contested in reverse rank order, i.e. the first place finisher from the previous round will go last.

## II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

Discretionary selection (wild cards) is not necessary as this is an open event for all athletes meeting the eligibility requirements.

## 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 2025 Summer World University Games Taekwondo 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 2025 Summer World University Games Taekwondo team or from any step of the process for selecting the team if she/he violates WADA, USADA, FISU, WT or USOPC anti-doping regulations or policies.



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C. An athlete may withdraw or be removed from nomination to the 2025 Summer World University Games Taekwondo team 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 by the NCTA physician (or medical staff);
- F. Violation of the NCTA's Code of Conduct;
- G. Violation of WADA, USADA, FISU, WT or USOPC anti-doping regulations or policies.

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 replacement athletes will be identified:

The poomsae team trials winners will serve as the 2025 Summer World University Games Taekwondo team nominees. The entrants in second place (the runner up) from the poomsae team trials will be considered the B-team member and alternate should the winners not be able to serve as the 2025 SWUG team members.

If neither the 1st place nor the 2nd place entrant from the poomsae fight off is able to serve on the 2025 Summer World University Games team, then it will be at the discretion of a committee which includes the NCTA president, a poomsae athlete representative and a poomsae coach representative whether or not an entrant for said division will be included on the US team competing at the 2025 Summer World University Games.

## V. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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



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

### VI. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

None

### VII. USADA/WADA/FISU/WT/USOPC 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 (WT) and the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC);

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 these Selection Procedures:

Rex Hatfield, NCTA Sr. Vice-President  
David Turgeon, Coach representative  
Ara White, Athlete representative

### IX. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on FISU and/or WT rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in FISU and/or WT 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 subject to



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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 2025 Summer World University Games.

### XI. NCTA SIGNATURES

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

| <b>Position</b>                         | <b>Print Name</b> | <b>Signature</b>     | <b>Date</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| NCTA Sr. Vice-President<br>Rex Hatfield | Rex Hatfield      | <i>Rex Hatfield</i>  | 1/17/25     |
| Coach Representative,<br>David Turgeon  | David Turgeon     | <i>David Turgeon</i> | 1/28/25     |
| Athlete Representative,<br>Ara White    | Ara White         | <i>Ara White</i>     | 1/27/25     |



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### Appendix A: 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 & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), and the World Taekwondo (WT) 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 USOPC and World Taekwondo (WT).
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.

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Participant's Printed Name

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Participant's Signature

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Date