



National Collegiate Taekwondo Association

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National Collegiate Taekwondo Association Sparring 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 sparring.
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 and location of this event will be March 16, 2025 at the Opportunity Central campus in Forney, Texas (outside of Dallas).

Details of this competition will be posted at the NCTA website (ncta-usa.com).



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The format will be single-elimination for divisions of five (5) or more entrants and double elimination for divisions of four (4) or fewer entrants. The winners from the single-elimination and double-elimination rounds will be considered the 2025 winners and 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 Summer World University Games team member.

If neither the 1st place nor the 2nd place team from the sparring fight off is able to serve on the 2025 SWUG 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 committee will consist of: the NCTA President, a sparring athlete representative, and a sparring 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 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.

Consistent with the 16 weight divisions for the 2025 Summer World University Games:

1. The format will be single-elimination for divisions of 5 or more entrants and double elimination for divisions of four (4) or fewer entrants for gyorooigi (sparring). The gyorooigi winners will serve as the 2025 Summer World University Games Taekwondo team nominees.
2. Seeding for the 2025 US Collegiate Taekwondo Team Trials for sparring will be in accordance with the most current USA Taekwondo Tusah rankings at the time of the team trials.



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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.

Matches for double elimination divisions will continue until each athlete in each weight division has an individual rank (1st-4th) at the conclusion of the double elimination divisions of the 2025 US Collegiate Team Trials for sparring.

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 SWUG 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 SWUG Taekwondo team or from any step of the process for selecting the team if she/he violates WADA, USADA, FISU, WT or USOC anti-doping regulations or policies.

C. An athlete may withdraw or be removed from nomination to the 2025 SWUG 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:



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- 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 USOC anti-doping regulations or policies.
- H. The athlete is 10 lbs. overweight 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 replacement athletes will be identified:

The goroogi fight off winners will serve as the 2025 Summer World University Games Taekwondo team nominees. The athlete in second place (the runner up) in the sparring fight off 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 athlete from the sparring fight off is able to serve on the 2025 SWUG team, then it will be at the discretion of a committee which includes the NCTA president, an athlete representative and a coach representative whether or not an athlete 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:

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

VI. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

None



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VII. USADA/WADA/FISU/WT/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 (WT) 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 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 unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically have not accounted for every possible contingency.



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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.

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



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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 (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 USOC 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.

Participant's Printed Name

Participant's Signature

Date