

**USA TAEKWONDO**

**KYORUGI**

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO THE ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**

**2026 Youth Olympic Games**

August 11, 2025

TO: Members of USA Taekwondo

FROM: USA Taekwondo

RE: Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2026 Youth Olympic Games

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To provide as much information in a timely manner, USA Taekwondo is releasing this Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2026 Youth Olympic Games (Games) taking place October 31 – November 13 in Dakar, Senegal. This document is being written as a complement, and not a substitute to the 2026 Youth Olympic Games Athlete Selection Procedures. Additional communication will be released by USA Taekwondo once the Athlete Selection Procedures have been approved by the USOPC.

**Anticipated Athlete Eligibility Criteria:**

- Athletes must observe and abide by the Youth Olympic Games Participating Principles, and the rules of the IOC and World Taekwondo.
- Athletes must meet the age requirements as determined by the IOC and World Taekwondo.
- Athletes must be a national of the United States and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.
- Athletes must be a member in good standing of USA Taekwondo at the time of the Games.
- Athletes must adhere to all USA Taekwondo, USADA, USOPC, WADA and IOC anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable.
- Holder of a Kukkiwon Dan or Poom certificate.
- Hold a World Taekwondo Global License
- Must have completed in Junior category events recognized by World Taekwondo and listed on the World Taekwondo Event Calendar.

**Quota:**

- USATKD may qualify a maximum of ten (10) quota places five (5) males and five (5) females in kyorugi.
- The Youth Olympic Games will be a selection based event, there will not be a qualification event.
- USATKD anticipates to know what weight divisions we have been selected to participate in by May 2026. World Taekwondo and the International Olympic Committee will select what weight divisions

each MNA will participate in at the YOG. USATKD may not be selected to participate in all weight divisions.

- There will be an open team trials for the selected weight divisions taking place at the 2026 U.S. Taekwondo Championships in Charlotte, North Carolina, July 1 – 5.
- Once the 2026 Youth Olympic Games Qualification Systems Manual for Taekwondo has been released, this preliminary notice will be updated.

#### Weight Divisions for Youth Olympic Games:

- Junior Olympic weight divisions will be used for the Youth Olympic Games.


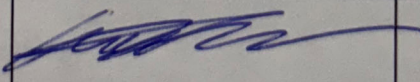
Men's Divisions	Maximum Quota Spot	Women's Divisions	Maximum Quota Spot
48kg	1	44kg	1
55kg	1	49kg	1
63kg	1	55kg	1
73kg	1	63kg	1
+73kg	1	+63kg	1

- To be eligible, athletes must have competed in Junior category events recognized by World Taekwondo and listed on the World Taekwondo Event Calendar.

#### Disclaimer:

This preliminary notice is based on the International Olympic Committee rules and regulations as presently known and understood for the 2026 Youth Olympic Games. The information in this notice is provided to assist athletes with their training and competition planning and is subject to change upon approval of the USA Taekwondo Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2026 Youth Olympic Games. Once complete, the approved Athlete Selection Procedures will be posted at <https://www.usatkd.org/team-selection-procedures>.

For questions about the 2026 Youth Olympic Games selection process, please contact Eric Wininger, Director of National Teams, [ewininger@usatkd.org](mailto:ewininger@usatkd.org).

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