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Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games (Games)

A. Athlete Eligibility Criteria:

- Athletes must observe and abide by the Panam Sports Constitution, the Junior Games Regulations, and the rules of the Pan American Sport Confederation and/or World Karate Federation (WKF).
- All participating athletes must be in the U21 category, at least 18 years old and up to 20 years old by December 31, 2025 (athletes born between 2005 – 2007).
- Athletes must sign the Athlete Eligibility Condition Form.
- 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-NKF at the time of the Games.
- Athletes must adhere to all USA-NKF, USADA, USOPC, WADA and Panam Sports anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current [USOPC Background Check Policy](#).
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training requirements in accordance with the [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#).

B. Evaluation Events:

It is intended that athletes being considered for nomination to the 2025 Junior Pan American Games will be evaluated on their performance at any of the below listed events.

EVENT NAME	DATE/LOCATION
USA-NKF Junior Pan American Games Qualifier Event	July 14, 2024 – Lafayette, LA
2024 Pan American Championship Qualifier for Asuncion 2025	August 28, 2024 – Sao Bernardo do Campo, San Paulo, BRA



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- All first place winners in each weight category at this Qualifier Event will automatically qualify themselves to represent USA-NKF at the 2024 Pan American Championship Qualifier for Asuncion 2025 on August 28, 2024.
- To be eligible to compete in the Junior Pan American Games Qualifier Event, all athletes must:
 - Be born between 2005 – 2007 (age categories will operate differently from USA-NKF National Championships and US Junior Team Trials, and instead will align with the 2025 Junior Pan American Games age eligibility requirements).
- For more information, please visit: <https://www.usankf.org/2024-karate-national-championships-team-trials>

Qualification for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games (Asuncion, Paraguay):

A. 2024 Pan American Championship Qualifier for Asuncion 2025 (August 28, 2024)

- i. Athletes will earn quotas for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games based on place finish at this event.
- ii. Quotas will be assigned directly to the athlete by name.
- iii. To be eligible to compete in this event, all athletes must be born between 2005 – 2007 and must meet all eligibility criteria required by the event.

B. Qualification for the 2027 Pan American Games (Lima, Peru):

- a. All 2025 Junior Pan American Games gold medalists in Kumite will qualify by name for the 2027 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru.
- b. The five quota spots by gender are obtained for the athletes, not for the country. If the athlete who earned the quota cannot participate in the Lima 2027 Pan American Games, the quota will be lost and may not be transferred



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c. to the country or to any other athlete placed in another position in the 2025 Junior Pan American Games.

C. Disclaimer:

This notice is based on the Panam Sports rules and regulations as presently known and understood for the 2025 Junior Pan American 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-NKF Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games.

Once complete, the approved Athlete Selection Procedures will be posted on at www.usankf.org.

For questions about the 2025 Junior Pan American Games selection process, please contact Brody Burns, Director of Sport, at bburns@usankf.org

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