



# 2026 U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS



**MARCH 05-08**  
**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

**PARA-POOMSAE  
INFORMATION PACKET**



## PROMOTER

USATKD  
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## SANCTIONED BY

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## VENUE

Westgate Resort and Casino Las Vegas Paradise Event Center  
3000 Paradise Road  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

## ACCOMMODATION

### Hotel accommodation

All accredited club/teams participating at the event are strongly recommended to book their hotel accommodation via the Organizing Committee in the Official Hotels through [Group Housing](#).



## REGISTRATION & ACCREDITATION

March 4-8, 2026  
Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino Paradise Event Center  
3000 Paradise Road  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

## DRAW SHEETS & DESIGNATED POOMSAE

Poomsae draws and brackets will be published after the Technical Meeting on the USATKD website and Facebook page. Designated Poomsae will be released during the poomsae head of team meeting.

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## SEEDING

World Taekwondo Poomsae World Ranking Bylaw will be enforced. Seeding will be done for Recognized Under 30, Recognized Under 40, and 17 and Over Freestyle divisions. All other poomsae divisions will not be seeded.

## HEAD OF TEAM MEETING

The head of team meeting will be ... TBD

## COMPETITION RULES

World Taekwondo Poomsae Rules will be followed.

To view para poomsae rules, please see the World Taekwondo website: [CLICK HERE](#)

## CONTEST TIME

Recognized Poomsae  
Individual competitions between 20 to 120 seconds for each Poomsae.

The WT Technical Delegate has the authority to adjust the contest time as seen fit.

## ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Holder of a valid WT Global Athlete License.
2. Member of the team/club of a pertinent Member National Association, recognized by the Pan American Taekwondo Union or World Taekwondo.
3. Holder of 1st Dan/Poom, and above (WT regulations) for Cadet athletes and above.

Contestants may compete in a maximum of two events per WT Competition Rules (in recognized poomsae and/or freestyle poomsae). If an athlete is registered in more than two

events, the athlete will randomly be removed from the needed events until meeting the two limit criteria.

### **NO ONSITE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ATHLETES**

#### **COACH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Minimum age of 18 years.
- Holder of a valid WT Global Official License.
- Coach is not allowed to wear a Dobok while coaching.

Coaches are required to have at minimum a World Taekwondo Level I Poomsae Coach certification. Any member that cannot provide proof of a WT coach certification will not be allowed to coach at this tournament.

### **NO ONSITE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR COACHES**

#### **USA Coaches**

USA Coaches are required to complete and pass a background check (every two years), complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport training (every year).

The SafeSport and background check can be completed from your [Sport80](#) profile.

First Time SafeSport - <https://sport80.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360054619112-How-do-I-take-SafeSport-core-training->

SafeSport Refreshers - <https://sport80.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360054619252-How-do-I-take-a-SafeSport-refresher-course->

These will update on Sport80 automatically every 24 hours if you follow the link through your [Sport80](#) profile.

#### **POOMSAE DIVISIONS**

Sport Class	Male	Female
P11, P12	Senior I (18-30) Senior II (31 & Older)	Senior I (18-30) Senior II (31 & Older)
P21, P22, P23	Senior I (18-30) Senior II (31 & Older)	Senior I (18-30) Senior II (31 & Older)
P31, P32, P33, P34, P35	Senior I (18-30) Senior II (31 & Older)	Senior I (18-30) Senior II (31 & Older)
P51, P52, P53	Senior I (18-30) Senior II (31 & Older)	Senior I (18-30) Senior II (31 & Older)

#### **COMPULSORY POOMSAE**

Compulsory Poomsae determined based on [Article 9 of WT Para Poomsae Rules](#).

For all Sport Classes there is a free choice to athletes to choose one Poomsae from Group 1 and one Poomsae from Group 2 for each round.

## REGISTRATION & FEES

Team and athlete entries will only be accepted through the WT GMS online registration system Simply Compete.

Registration of athletes is only possible with a valid WT Global License (GAL issued by assigned GMS club, Edition and MNA Administrators only).

<https://worldtkd.simplycompete.com/>

ATHLETES	
EARLY BIRD DEADLINE	ONE DIVISION
January 28, 2026	\$155
REGULAR DEADLINE	ONE DIVISION
February 18, 2026	\$180
COACHES	
DEADLINE	FEE
February 18, 2026	\$100

## PAYMENT ENTRY

All entry fees will be paid in advance to USATKD through Simply Compete registration system.

**PAYMENT FOR REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON SITE.** If a wire transfer needs to be done directly to USA Taekwondo due to national policies of MNA, please refer to the following info:

Beneficiary:	USA Taekwondo
Name of the bank:	Wells Fargo
Account Number:	1690251853
Routing Number:	102000076
BIC/SWIFT:	WFBIUS6S
Bank address:	90 S Cascade Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR PAYMENT TO:** [kcleveland@usatkd.org](mailto:kcleveland@usatkd.org).

Athletes and coaches must pay IN FULL by the final registration deadline to compete.

USATKD has a NO REFUND policy.

## CREDENTIALS

All athletes will receive a physical credential onsite at the event. Please come to the registration desk to pick up during the designated registration desk times.

All coaches will receive a physical credential onsite at the event. Please come to the registration desk for credential pickup during the designated registration desk times.

## VISA REQUEST

The visa invitation letter for each registered individual will be automatically generated from WT GMS platform if the visa is requested during the registration for the event. All members who need an entry visa to the USA must be registered for the event in GMS. You must then use this letter to apply for your or your team member's visa.

If you need assistance with a Visa letter you can email [mnewman@usatk.org](mailto:mnewman@usatk.org).

## SPORT EQUIPMENT

### Mats

WT Recognized mats will be used at the event.

### Dobok

Athletes can only use WT recognized products while participating at the event. See a list of recognized products at: <http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wtpartners-wt/recognize.html>

### Approved Poomsae Competition Uniforms

Children Division (6-11): Color code as Cadets is highly encouraged, but participants may compete in fully white V neck dobok.

Division (Ages 12-14): White top with red and black collar, plus blue pants females; the same top, but with red pants, for males.

Junior and Senior Division (Ages 15-50): White top with dark blue pants for males; white top with light blue pants for females.

Master Division (Ages 51 and up): Yellow top and dark blue pants for both males and females.

## AWARDS

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Gold Medal
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	Silver Medal
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	Bronze Medal
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	Bronze Medal

TEAM AWARDS	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	7 points
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	3 points
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	1 point
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	1 point

Team awards will be given out to the top three (3) teams in each of the Men's and Women's Poomsae per medalist.

### Special awards

Best Male and Best Female athlete in the Senior Poomsae Division

Best Male and Female Poomsae International Referees

Best Male and Female Poomsae Team Coach.

Awards would be given out after the conclusion of the poomsae event.

## ANTI-DOPING

### Applicable medical rules

The WT Medical Code, WT mouthguard, bracing, taping, padding, and piercing rules are applicable, which all MNA participating in this event must comply.

### Applicable doping rules

The WT Anti-Doping Rules and the WADA Anti-Doping Code are applicable. Compulsory random doping tests will be conducted among all athletes. World Taekwondo and/or WADA may carry out random out-of-competition testing prior to the event.

### Therapeutic Use Exemption

Athletes who take any substance or medicine listed in the "Prohibited List" of the WT Anti-Doping Rules and WADA Anti-Doping Code for therapeutic purposes are requested to submit TUE applications via ADAMS, together with the required medical information. Otherwise, please download the TUE Application Form (found on <https://ita.sport/TUE>), and once duly completed and signed, send it together with the required medical file to [tue@ita.sport](mailto:tue@ita.sport). Report TUE applications also to the WT Sport Department via [antidoping@worldtaekwondo.org](mailto:antidoping@worldtaekwondo.org) by no later than 2 January 2026.

### ADAMS login

For ADAMS login, please contact National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) in your country or [tue@ita.sport](mailto:tue@ita.sport) with copy to [antidoping@worldtaekwondo.org](mailto:antidoping@worldtaekwondo.org)

For more details, please visit:

<http://www.wada-ama.org/en/ADAMS/>

[http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/anti\\_doping-wt/therapeutic.html](http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/anti_doping-wt/therapeutic.html)

## MEDICAL

### Athletic Trainers & Taping of Athletes

Sports Med Staff will be ringside and in the medical tent to provide injury and illness care for all participants. Please remember when taping ankles or instep pads, competitors must comply with the rules set forth by World Taekwondo and USATKD.

## MEDIA

Registered media and press officials or official photographers are entitled to receive a media credential. For more information, please contact the USATKD at [media@usatkd.org](mailto:media@usatkd.org).

## SPECTATORS TICKETS

Admission to the US Open is by credential or ticket only. Event tickets can be

ordered directly online through Easy Event Tickets. No onsite ticket sales will be available for purchase. Online ticket sales will be available through the conclusion of the event.

[CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS](#)

TICKETS (Early Bird Deadline 2/18/2025)		
TICKET TYPE	EARLY BIRD PRICE	REGULAR PRICE
ADULT SINGLE DAY	\$20.00	\$25.00
ADULT ALL WEEKEND (4-DAY) PASS	\$72.00	\$77.00
CHILD SINGLE DAY	\$15.00	\$20.00
CHILD ALL WEEKEND (4-DAY) PASS	\$52.00	\$57.00
SENIOR (65 & OLDER) SINGLE DAY	\$17.00	\$22.00
SENIOR (65 & OLDER) WEEKEND (4-DAY) PASS	\$60.00	\$65.00

Wristbands will be given in exchange for your tickets at the tournament. Wristbands must be worn at all times and are good for the time allotted on your ticket (Single Day = only for the appropriate day purchased).

Delta Air Lines is pleased to offer special discounts for **USA Taekwondo**

You may also call Conferences and Events® at 1.800.328.1111\* Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. (EST) and refer to Meeting Event Code **NY49H**

***\*Please note there is not a service fee for reservations booked and ticketed via our reservation 1-800 number.***



## SAFESPORT & MAAP

If you need crisis intervention, referrals, or emotional support at any time, contact the 24-hour SafeSport Helpline at 866-200-0796.

If you are facing a life-threatening emergency, contact 911. Please use this link to report a Safe Sport incident - [safesport-i.sight.com/portal](https://safesport-i.sight.com/portal).

How to report a Safe Sport concern -

Please call 833 5US Safe

[safesport-i.sight.com/portal](https://safesport-i.sight.com/portal)



#### USA Taekwondo, SafeSport and the MAAPP Policy

Safe Sport is an initiative that is mandatory for all USOPC National Governing Bodies to develop and to implement. USA Taekwondo has done so, and it is now a requirement that people in supervisory positions with our Taekwondo athletes must undergo and successfully complete a background check. Of course, the emphasis here is on the safety of our athletes and the strong motivation to keep them safe from all kinds of abuse, including harassment, bullying and improper touching. We will also be providing training for our membership regarding Safe Sport and its implementation.

We are partnering with the USOPC to bring this training to our membership. Athlete safety concerns our entire membership, and SafeSport is a great initiative that has been instituted by the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee to help to protect all of our athletes.

The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) limits one-on-one adult/minor interactions and sets standards for training and sport settings that prevent abuse and misconduct. Sport organizations invested in keeping young athletes free of abuse are strongly encouraged to adopt the MAAPP—now required throughout the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement.

Click [here](#) to view USATKD's SafeSport Details including Reporting and MAAPP

Click [here](#) to view the US Center for SafeSport

## SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
March 4, 2026	13:00 – 17:00	Accreditation Pick Up (Poomsae Athletes and Coaches)	Paradise Event Center
	10:00 – 17:00	Para Athlete Classification	
	13:00 – 17:00	Training	
March 5, 2026	7:30 – 17:00	Accreditation Pick Up (Kyorugi Athletes and Coaches)	Paradise Event Center
	7:30 – 17:00	Spectator Wrist Band Pick Up + Member Services Desk	
	8:30 – 17:00	Poomsae Competition	
		Para Poomsae Competition	
	9:00 – 17:00	Training	
	10:00-12:00	Junior + Para Kyorugi Weigh In	
March 6, 2026	7:30 – 17:00	Accreditation Pick Up (Kyorugi Athletes and Coaches)	Paradise Event Center
	7:30 – 17:00	Spectator Wrist Band Pick Up + Member Services Desk	
	8:30 – 17:00	Junior Kyorugi Competition	
		Para Kyorugi Competition	
	9:00 – 17:00	Training	
	10:00 – 12:00	Cadet Weigh In	
	12:00 – 14:00	Ultra, Youth, Tiger, Dragon Weigh In	
March 7, 2026	7:30 – 17:00	Accreditation Pick Up (Kyorugi Athletes and Coaches)	Paradise Event Center
	7:30 – 17:00	Spectator Wrist Band Pick Up + Member Services Desk	
	8:30 – 17:00	Cadet, Youth, Tiger, Dragon, Ultra Kyorugi Competition	
	9:00 – 17:00	Training	
	10:00 – 12:00	Senior Weigh In	
March 8, 2026	5:30	Senior Random Weigh In List Posted	Paradise Event Center
	6:30	Senior Random Weigh In	
	6:30 – 17:00	Accreditation Pick Up (Kyorugi Athletes and Coaches)	
	7:30 – 17:00	Senior Kyorugi Competition	

## MEDIA RELEASE

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