



OFFICIAL ATHLETE SELECTION OVERVIEW

THE ROAD TO *LIMA.*

2027 PAN AMERICAN GAMES ATHLETE PATHWAY
SPARRING

MEN'S -58KG · -68KG · -80KG · +80KG

WOMEN'S -49KG · -57KG · -67KG · +67KG

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This overview is for informational purposes only. In the event of any conflict, the official 2027 Pan American Games Athlete Selection Procedures and the PATU (CF) Qualification System take precedent over this document.



HOW THE TEAM *IS BUILT*

QUOTA PLACES · SELECTION PATHWAY · 2027 PAN AMERICAN GAMES

TEAM SIZE & QUOTA

- **Maximum Team size: eight (8) athletes**, four men and four women, one per Olympic Weight Division.
- Final Team size depends on the quota earned through the **PATU (CF) Qualification System**.
- Quota places are awarded **to the NOC**.

TEAM COMPETITION

- A taekwondo **Team competition is anticipated** at the 2027 Pan American Games.
- Teams must be comprised of athletes **nominated to the Games in an individual event**.

Weight requirements, team size, and gender composition of the Team competition have not been published. The procedures will be updated when this information is available.

PATU QUALIFICATION STATUS

PATU has not yet posted the official qualification pathway(s) for the 2027 Pan American Games. The Selection Procedures will be updated with the final qualification steps once they are made public.

THREE STEPS TO THE TEAM

1

ROUND 1 : OPEN TEAM TRIALS

Open entry with no prior qualification: register on Sport80 and enter one Olympic Weight Division. Single elimination; the four semi-finalists in each division advance. 2027 World Championships Team members skip Round 1.

2

ROUND 2 : FINAL TEAM TRIALS

Round 1 semi-finalists are joined by the 2027 World Championships Team members. All athletes are seeded by the January 2027 WT Olympic Rankings and compete in a single-elimination bracket. Win your Olympic Weight Division.

3

PATU QUALIFICATION EVENT

The Team Trials winner in each division earns the opportunity to compete at the PATU qualification event and must earn a quota place for Team USA through the PATU qualification process. Quota place earned: nomination to the 2027 Pan American Games Team.

A Pan Am Games Team Trials winner who does not earn a quota place at the PATU Qualification Event will not be nominated to the Team.



TEAM TRIALS *FORMAT*

HELD AT THE 2027 U.S. NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS · JANUARY 14 TO 17, 2027 · MEMPHIS, TN

ROUND 1 : OPEN TEAM TRIALS

- **Open entry.** Any athlete who meets the eligibility requirements may enter one (1) Olympic Weight Division of their choice.
- Seeded by the **January 2027 WT Olympic Rankings**; unranked athletes are randomly seeded after the ranked athletes.
- **Single elimination.** The four (4) semi-finalists in each Olympic Weight Division advance to Round 2.
- If four (4) or fewer athletes register in a division, Round 1 is not conducted and **all registered athletes advance to Round 2.**

SEEDING TIEBREAK

- Athletes tied in WT Olympic Ranking are separated by the **January USATKD National Rankings**; any remaining tie is drawn randomly.

WEIGH-IN

- Weigh-in takes place the day before competition, on **January 16, 2027.**
- Athletes who make weight at least once during the Trials weekend in either of the two Worlds Trials divisions that comprise their registered Olympic Weight Division **do not weigh in again.** All other athletes must weigh in for the Team Trials.
- **Random weigh-in** the morning of competition, following WT random weigh-in rules (Article 9, WT Competition Rules & Interpretation).

ROUND 2 : FINAL TEAM TRIALS

- **The field:** the four (4) Round 1 semi-finalists (or all Round 1 registrants if Round 1 was not conducted) plus the 2027 World Championships Team members, automatically advanced without competing in Round 1.
- Worlds Team members contest the Olympic Weight Division to which their **WT Olympic Ranking points are assigned**, regardless of the WT division in which they earned their Worlds spot.
- All athletes are seeded by the January 2027 WT Olympic Rankings; **single-elimination bracket.**
- With four (4) or more athletes, the semifinal losers meet in a **bronze medal repechage match** to determine final finishing order.

SPECIAL CASES

- If no 2027 World Championships Team members are entered in a division, it is **contested as a single round.**
- If no athletes register or qualify for either round, the division is **offered to the highest WT Olympic-ranked athlete** in the January rankings.

The winner of each Olympic Weight Division at Round 2 earns the opportunity to compete at the PATU qualification event; final nomination is contingent on earning a quota place for Team USA.



ELIGIBILITY & *KEY DATES*

REQUIREMENTS · EVALUATION EVENTS · CONTACTS

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY : EVERY BOX CHECKED

- Valid **U.S. passport** that does not expire until six months after the Games
- **Active USA Taekwondo membership**
- Active WT **Global Athlete License (GAL)**
- **No active suspension** from the U.S. Center for SafeSport
- **No active anti-doping sanction**; bound by Panam Sports, CF, USADA, WADA, and USOPC anti-doping protocols, including out-of-competition testing
- Comply with the **Panam Sports Constitution**, including nationality and citizenship requirements, and the Conditions of Participation
- Complete all **USOPC Games Registration** requirements by the deadline; comply with the USOPC Delegation Terms, Athlete Safety Policy, and Background Check Policy
- Sign the **USATKD Code of Conduct and Athlete Agreement**; comply with the USATKD SafeSport Policy
- Hold a **Dan certificate** issued by Kukkiwon or World Taekwondo
- Comply with all **LOC, PATU (CF), and World Taekwondo** rules and eligibility requirements

IF A VACANCY OCCURS

- A vacancy is filled in the **same weight division** in order: **1)** Team Trials runner-up, **2)** third place finisher, **3)** fourth place finisher.
- All replacement athletes must meet all eligibility requirements. Replacements after entries are submitted also follow Panam Sports, USOPC, and CF regulations, including Late Athlete Replacement (LAR) policies.

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EVALUATION EVENTS & KEY DATES

JAN 14-16
2027

2027 World Championships Team Trials
Memphis, TN

JAN 16
2027

2027 Pan Am Games Team Trials Weigh-In
Day before competition

JAN 17
2027

2027 Pan Am Games Team Trials
Held at the 2027 U.S. National Team Trials, Memphis, TN

TBD
2027

PATU Qualification Event
Details pending PATU publication

TBD
2027

Mandatory Training Camp, Charlotte, NC
Minimum 30 days' notice. Waiver requests in writing to Paul Green, Coaching Director (pgreen@usatkd.org)

JUN 18
2027

Team Nomination
Announced to athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before this date

Athletes nominated to the Team must participate in all mandatory training and competition. Waivers are granted primarily for injury, incapacity, or a personal or family emergency.