



2026 U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS



MARCH 05-08
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

PARA-KYORUGI
INFORMATION PACKET



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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 & CREDENTIALS

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

BRACKETS & REPORT TIMES

Kyorugi brackets and report times will be published after the weigh ins conclude the day prior to competition on the [USATKD website](#) and [Facebook](#) page.

SEEDING

Seeding for the 2026 US Open Para Kyorugi will be based on the March 2026 World Para Taekwondo Ranking including all results and deductions until February 28, 2026.

HEAD OF TEAM MEETING

The head of team meeting will be... TBD

COMPETITION RULES

The latest updated World Para Taekwondo Competition Rules will be implemented for competition in the K41 and K44 Sport Classes

Single elimination brackets.

All divisions will be best of 3 round system. 2 minutes x 2 (3) rounds with 1 minute break.

EQUIPMENT

PSS – system

Daedo International Generation 3, with electronic headgear are provided by the OC for all divisions. Athletes must bring their own Daedo socks and gloves.

Mats

WT recognized mats will be used at the event.

Dobok and protective equipment

Athletes can only use WT recognized products (i.e. Gloves, Arm Gear, etc.) while participating at the event. See a list of recognized products [here](#).

WEIGH-IN

If an athlete makes a weight category change within the registration period, it will be free. If the athlete needs to make a weight change after registration is closed, they will be charged \$50 USD onsite at weigh-in.

A competitor's weight shall be measured the day prior to his/her competition day. All competitors must weigh in during the designated times on the schedule.

A competitor's weight may be measured twice. If a contestant does not qualify the first time, one more official weigh in is granted within the time limit. Athletes may not change their weight after stepping on the scale the first time. So as not to be disqualified during official weigh in, a scale, the same as the official one, shall be provided at the convention center as a test scale.

Any irregular action by the competitor or coach during the weigh-in may result in disqualification from event participation.

Weigh in, for both male and female shall be taken in the official V-neck uniform, or, if a contestant over the age of 18 wishes, weigh-in may be done in underpants for male and underpants and bra for female contestants. ***Under NO circumstances may an athlete weigh-in nude in the United States.***

RANDOM WEIGH IN: All Para Kyorugi Senior competitors are subject random weigh-in, except for the Male +80kg and Female +65kg divisions. The random weigh in list will be posted at 5:30 a.m. the morning of competition. Should a contestant that is selected for the random weigh in fail to appear, he/she will be disqualified. The random weigh in shall be conducted with +5% of the contestant's weight category.

All participants must provide a valid ID to weigh-in. There will be no exception to this policy. A valid ID can be any of the following: school ID, state issued ID, GAL, or passport. If the athlete is a minor and does not have a valid ID, then the parent/legal guardian must provide a copy of their birth certificate.

PARA CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION

The term "Classification" refers to a structure for Competition to ensure that an Athlete's Impairment is relevant to sport performance, and that Athletes compete equitably with each other. The purpose of Classification is to define who is eligible to compete in Para Taekwondo and to group athletes in sports classes for competition in Kyorugi.

The details of each sport class can be found in the WT Athlete Classification Rules:

<https://www.worldtaekwondo.org/inside/PARA/Classification/Documents/contents>

World Taekwondo Master list can be found here:

<https://www.ipc-services.org/wtcs/public/cml/tkw/html>

CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE & LOCATION

Classification schedule will be sent out following close of registration. Classification will take place on March 5, 2026. Changes to classification schedule will not be made once announced.

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 a WT recognized Dan or 5-1 Geup / Holder of a Para Taekwondo Dan issued by the WT or MNA
4. Kyorugi Contestant shall be at least 16 years old (2010) in the year of the pertinent tournament.
5. Athlete must go through International Classification in accordance with the World Para Taekwondo Athlete Classification Rules and be assigned a Sport Class and Sport Class Status prior to the tournament. Athletes found Not Eligible (NE) or with a Classification Not Complete (CNC) will not be able to compete.

NO ONSITE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ATHLETES

COACH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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

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

For Access to the WT Level I Coach Certification course please visit:

<https://worldtkd.simplycompete.com/courses?pageNumber=1&itemsPerPage=12&courseType=all&isArchived=false&isOffline=>

Attire

No type of hat/cap is allowed.

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

NO ONSITE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR COACHES

PARA KYORUGI DIVISIONS

Male Weight Categories		Female Weight Categories	
-58 kg	Not Exceeding 58 kg	-47 kg	Not Exceeding 47 kg
-63 kg	Not Exceeding 63 kg	-52 kg	Not Exceeding 52 kg
-70 kg	Not Exceeding 70 kg	-57 kg	Not Exceeding 57 kg
-80 kg	Not Exceeding 80 kg	-65 kg	Not Exceeding 65 kg
+80 kg	Over 80 kg	+65 kg	Over 65 kg

Mens Sport Classes	Mens Age Range	Womens Sport Classes	Womens Age Range
K41	16+	K41	16+
K44	16+	K44	16+

REGISTRATION & FEES

Entries will only be accepted through the WT GMS online registration system Simply Compete. Registration of athletes and coaches is only possible with a valid WT Global License (GAL issued by assigned GMS club, Edition and MNA Administrators only). All athletes and coaches must register through the WT online registration system. There will be no onsite registration.

<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 shall 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

Athletes and coaches must pay IN FULL by the registration deadline to compete.
USATKD has a NO REFUND policy.

CREDENTIALS

All athletes must come to the registration desk to receive their credentials. Credentials can be picked 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 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@usatkd.org

AWARDS

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS	
1st Place	Gold Medal
2nd Place	Silver Medal
3rd Place	Bronze Medal
3rd Place	Bronze Medal

TEAM AWARDS	
1st Place	7 points
2nd Place	3 points
3rd Place	1 point
3rd Place	1 point

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

Other awards

Best Male and Best Female athlete in the Senior Para Kyorugi Division

Best Male and Female Para Kyorugi International Referees

Best Male and Female Para Kyorugi Team Coach.

Awards will be determined and awarded after the conclusion of the final day of the Senior Para Sparring Divisions.

ANTI-DOPING

Applicable medical rules

The WT Medical Code, WT mouthguard, bracing, taping, padding, and piercing rules are applicable, which all MNAs 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. Report TUE applications also to the WT Sport Department via 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 with copy to antidoping@worldtaekwondo.org

For more details, please visit.

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

http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/anti_doping-wt/therapeutic.html

MEDICAL

Athletic Trainers & Taping of Athletes

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 the 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.

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 2/18/25)		
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 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.

How to report a Safe Sport concern -

Please call 833 5US Safe

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
	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	
10:00-4:00	Para Kyorugi Classification		
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

By registering for this event, I hereby agree to be filmed, videotaped and photographed, and to have my name, image, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information otherwise recorded, in any media, by USA Taekwondo (USATKD) and its official photographers, film crews and video crews, and by any other entity authorized by USA Taekwondo (the "Footage").

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