



2025 WT Grand Prix Challenge -Charlotte Overview

World Taekwondo (WT) has announced updates for the 2025 Grand Prix Challenge events, which include the following participation caps:

- “A maximum of 50 athletes per Olympic weight category.”
- “A maximum of 4-5 athletes per country per Olympic weight category.”
(USATKD is currently requesting clarity from WT on what the exact limit is)

This announcement can be viewed [here](#).

USATKD Athlete Entry:

Due to the high demand and strict entry limits set by WT, USA Taekwondo (USATKD) has established a clear process to determine which athletes will be registered for the event when interest exceeds the allowed quota.

If more than “4-5 athletes,” per the WT, express interest in participating in a specific weight category, USATKD will prioritize entry based on the following criteria:

1. **2025 US National Member(s)**

The first two spots will be offered to the current two 2025 US National Team Members that comprise the Olympic category from heaviest to lightest category.

For example, the F-49kg US National Team Member would be registered 1st entry, and the 2nd entry registered entry is the F-46kg US National Team Member to the WT Olympic Category their points are currently allocated. This order is based on USATKD’s established focus priorities moving into the LA 2028 games.

An athlete that is a 2025 US National Team Member in a World Weight Category that comprises a *different* Olympic Weight Category would be offered the 3rd registration quota where their WT Olympic Ranking points are designated should this occur.

For example, if the US National Team athlete at F-53kg has designated their division with the WT as F-49kg, they would be registered 3rd after the 2 athletes who are US National Team Members in World Weight Categories native to the specific Olympic Division.

2. **March 2025 World Taekwondo Olympic Rankings**

After criteria 1, athletes will be prioritized based on their standing in the WT Olympic Rankings as of March 2025, and will include any WT Ranked events until March 10th, 2025. WT Olympic Rankings can be found [here](#).

3. **Current USATKD Sparring Rankings**

If there are not enough US athletes from the first two criteria to fill event quota, USATKD will refer to its most recent domestic rankings to finalize registration priority. USATKD rankings will also prioritize heaviest to lightest athletes going from ranked number 1 in the heavier division, to ranked number 1 in the lighter division, and down the rankings as necessary etc.



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For example, the USATKD Ranked #1 athlete in -49kg would be offered an available quota, followed by the #1 athlete in the F-46kg category. If neither accepted, were ineligible, or we're already in via previous criteria, then it would be move to the next ranked athletes in the same fashion.

USATKD Sparring Rankings can be found [here](#).

Important Notes:

- If fewer than “4-5 athletes” request registration for a specific weight category, USATKD will not fill the maximum quota for that division. (Process for requesting registration found below under “Next Steps for Interested Athlete.”)
- All athletes must meet the eligibility requirements established by World Taekwondo and USATKD to be considered for registration.
- Meeting the above criteria does not guarantee entry into the event, as final registration is contingent on meeting all event requirements, adhering to the athlete cap per division, and the WT’s stated “first come, first serve” approach to the event. USATKD will register as many athletes as possible.
- Athletes are required by WT to be registered by MNAs (USATKD) for the event.

Next Steps for Interested Athletes:

Athletes who wish to be considered for participation for the 2025 Grand Prix Challenge – Charlotte must submit their interest **by 8pm EST, MARCH 9TH, 2025** by [clicking here](#). Further information regarding registration logistics, fees, and deadlines will be provided upon confirmation of selection.

Please note: This process is for the 2025 WT Grand Prix Challenge – Charlotte. This process will be reviewed, and updated, prior to the following 2025 WT Grand Prix Challenges.

We appreciate your dedication to representing Team USA and look forward to supporting you in this important event.

Questions Regarding the 2025 Grand Prix Challenge - Charlotte process:

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