



# 2025 U.S. SEASON FINAL & SPORTS FESTIVAL

**USA TAEKWONDO**

**INFORMATION PACKET**

**SEPTEMBER 05 - 07**

**DAYTONA BEACH, FL**

OCEAN CENTER CONVENTION HALL





## WELCOME TO THE 2025 UNITED STATES SEASON FINAL AND SPORT FESTIVAL!

The 2025 US Taekwondo Season Final and Sport Festival event is the last USATKD domestic major event of the competition season. This event will be held in Daytona Beach, Florida on September 5-7, 2025.

### Season Final Key Points:

- Earning a medal at the 2025 US Taekwondo Season Final Championships is a step towards qualification for the 2026 USATKD Team Trials. See the [2026 Pathways](#) for more information.
- The 2025 US Taekwondo Final Championships event is a 20.0 Ranked Event.
- The 2025 US Taekwondo Final Championships event is classed as a USATKD Major Event on the National Team Pathways and counts towards winning Dominant Athlete Status for Elite Athletes.
- Athletes who medal in Sparring or Poomsae at a 2025 American Open or the 2025 US Taekwondo National Championship will receive an invitation to compete at the 2025 Season Final.
  - The top 8 ranked athletes who did not qualify by medaling at an American Open or Nationals (only extending to the 25<sup>th</sup> ranked athlete) will be invited to compete at the 2025 Season Final. See page 10 for more information.

### Sport Festival Key Points:

- The top 20 ranked athletes in sparring and poomsae on the August posting will be invited to compete at the 2025 USATKD Sport Festival.
- The 2025 USATKD Sport Festival event is a 20.0 Ranked Event and is classed as a USATKD Major Event that counts towards winning Dominant Athlete Status for Aspiring Athletes.
  - See the [2026 Pathways](#) for more information.

## HOST CITY/ACCOMMODATIONS

2025 U.S. Season Final and Sport Festival

Ocean Center

101 N. Atlantic Ave

Daytona Beach, Florida 32118

Hotel Reservations will be through [Group Housing](#)

[U.S. Final Championships](#)



## PROMOTER – EVENT RANKING

Promoter and sanctioned by:

USA Taekwondo

**Ranking:**

20.0



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| Date               | Event  | Time        | Division   |
|--------------------|--|-------------|--|
| Aug 14             | Registration Deadline  | 12:00 PM MT | All Divisions  |
| Thursday<br>Sept 4 | Virtual Credentials sent via email, no in person check – in required   | 2 PM – 4 PM | <u>Sparring Weigh in Times</u><br><b>2:00 PM – 4:00 PM</b><br>Senior Sparring Black Belts – Male/Female<br>Senior Sparring Color Belts – Male/Female<br>Ultra All Belts – Male/Female  |
|                    | *All Friday athletes must be weighed in by 4 PM<br>Coach Credential Pick Up from 2-4 PM                                |             |  |
| Friday<br>Sept 5   | Doors Open   | 8:00 AM     | All Athletes, Coaches, and Spectators  |
|                    | <u><b>ATHLETES MUST BE IN PRE-STAGING AT THEIR POSTED REPORT TIMES ON THE USATKD WEBSITE (STARTING AT 8:15 AM)</b></u> |             |  |
|                    | Member Services Desk For Coach Credential Pick Up and Spectator Ticket Wrist Bands Opens at 7:30 AM                    |             |  |
|                    | Competition Begins   | 8:30 AM     | Division Order TBA After Registration Closes<br><u>Sparring Divisions</u><br>Senior World Class – Male/Female<br>Senior Color Belts – Male/Female<br>Ultra All Belts – Male/Female<br><u>Poomsae</u><br>Under 30 All Belts – Male/Female<br>Under 40 All Belts – Male/Female<br>Under 50 All Belts – Male/Female<br>Under 60 All Belts – Male/Female<br>Under 65 All Belts – Male/Female<br>Over 65 All Belts – Male/Female<br>Over 70 All Belts – Male/Female<br><u>Pairs &amp; Team Poomsae</u><br>Pairs Black Belt – Under 60, Over 60<br>Team Black Belt – Under 60, Over 60 – Male/Female |
|                    |  |             |  |



# 2025 U.S. FINAL CHAMPIONSHIPS + SPORT FESTIVAL INFORMATION PACKET

| Date               | Event  | Time           | Division   |
|--------------------|--|----------------|--|
| Friday<br>Sept 5   | Virtual Credentials sent via email, no in person check – in required   | 10 AM – 2 PM   | <u><b>Sparring Weigh in Times</b></u><br><b>10:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b><br>Tiger All Belts – Male/Female<br>Cadet Color Belts – Male/Female<br><br><b>12:00 PM – 2:00 PM</b><br>Cadet World Class Black Belt – Male/Female   |
|                    | *All Saturday athletes must be weighed in by 2 PM  |                |  |
| Saturday<br>Sept 6 | <b>Doors Open</b>  | <b>8:00 AM</b> | <b>All Athletes, Coaches, and Spectators</b>   |
|                    | <b><u>ATHLETES MUST BE IN PRE-STAGING AT THEIR POSTED REPORT TIMES ON THE USATKD WEBSITE (STARTING AT 8:15 AM)</u></b> |                |  |
|                    | <b>Member Services Desk For Coach Credential Pick Up and Spectator Ticket Wrist Bands Opens at 7:30 AM</b>             |                |  |
|                    | Competition Begins   | 8:30 AM        | Division Order TBA After Registration Closes<br><u><b>Sparring</b></u><br>Cadet World Class Black Belt – Male/Female<br>Cadet Color Belts – Male/Female<br>Tiger All Belts – Male/Female<br><u><b>Poomsae</b></u><br>Junior All Belts – Male/Female<br>Cadet All Belts – Male/Female<br>Youth All Belts – Male/Female<br>Dragon All Belts – Male/Female<br><u><b>Pairs &amp; Team Poomsae</b></u><br>Pairs Black Belt Under 30 & Under 50<br>Teams Black Belt – Youth, Under 30, & Under 50 – Male/Female<br><u><b>Freestyle Poomsae</b></u><br>Freestyle Pairs Black Belt – 8-11, Under 17, & Over 18<br>Freestyle Teams Black Belt – 8-11, Under 17, & Over 18 |
|                    | Virtual Credentials sent via email, no in person check – in required   | 10 AM – 2 PM   | <u><b>Sparring Weigh in Times</b></u><br><b>10:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b><br>Youth All Belts – Male/Female<br>Dragon All Belts – Male/Female<br>Para – All Divisions – All Belts – Male/Female<br><b>12:00 PM – 2:00 PM</b><br>Junior World Class Black Belt – Male/Female<br>Junior Color Belts – Male/Female   |
|                    | *All Sunday athletes must be weighed in by 2 PM  |                |  |





| Date             | Event  | Time    | Division   |
|------------------|--|---------|--|
| Sunday<br>Sept 7 | Doors Open   | 8:00 AM | All Athletes, Coaches, and Spectators  |
|                  | <b><u>ATHLETES MUST BE IN PRE-STAGING AT THEIR POSTED REPORT TIMES ON THE USATKD WEBSITE (STARTING AT 8:15 AM)</u></b> |         |  |
|                  | <b>Member Services Desk For Coach Credential Pick Up and Spectator Ticket Wrist Bands Opens at 7:30 AM</b>             |         |  |
|                  | Competition Begins   | 8:30 AM | Division Order TBA After Registration Closes<br><u><b>Sparring</b></u><br>Junior World Class Black Belt – Male/Female<br>Junior Color Belt – Male/Female<br>Youth All Belts – Male/Female<br>Dragon All Belts – Male/Female<br>Para – All Divisions – All Belts – Male/Female<br><u><b>Poomsae</b></u><br>Tiger All Belts – Male/Female<br>Para – All Divisions – All Belts – Male/Female<br><u><b>Pairs &amp; Teams Poomsae</b></u><br>Pairs Black Belt – Youth, Cadet, & Junior<br>Teams Black Belt – Cadet & Junior – Male/Female<br><u><b>Freestyle Poomsae</b></u><br>Freestyle Individual Black Belt – 8-11, Under 17, & Over 18 – Male/Female |

## ATHLETE REGISTRATION

Registration for all athletes will be done through [USATKD Sport80](#). All registrations must be completed by the registration deadline. **There will not be any onsite registration for athletes.**

**2025 U.S. Taekwondo Season Final and Sport Festival Registration Deadline:**

**Registration deadline: August 14, 2025, 12:00 PM, MST**

**THERE WILL BE NO LATE REGISTRATION.**

**USATKD HAS A NO REFUND POLICY.**

All athletes must register and pay in full by the registration deadline. No exceptions will be made for not completing registration. If you are having trouble registering, please email [mnewman@usatk.org](mailto:mnewman@usatk.org) for assistance. **World Class Black Belt athletes must also be US Citizens to compete in the World Class divisions at the 2025 U.S. Season Final.**

### How-To-Register for an Event

Once on the USATKD Sport80 page:

1. Click on “Events”, located on the left-hand side of the Home Page.
2. Search for U.S. Season Final and Sport Festival



3. Click on the “Enter Now” button for the U.S. Season Final registration.
4. Click the +Enter button next to the athlete’s name.
5. Follow the registration instructions within the site.

## Tips For Successful Event Registration

Athletes must have their belt information in the belt section for their Sport80 profile. Missing belt information will prevent you from being able to select a division and register for any events.

\*Black Belt Athletes: In addition to having a black belt listed in your profile, a copy of your black belt certificate must be uploaded into your Sport80 profile.

\*Athletes aged 18 and older: Must complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport course each year.

1. Log in to your USA Taekwondo Athlete profile on Sport80
2. Click “View Profile”
3. In the left navigation, click “Center for SafeSport Training”.
4. In the top right, select the +Access Training button and follow the prompts to select and complete the SafeSport – Core Training Course.
5. After completion, within 24 hours it will automatically validate that you completed the training on your Sport80 profile.

## World Class Black Belt Athletes:

A copy of your U.S. Passport, U.S. Birth Certificate, or U.S. Naturalization must be uploaded into your Sport80 profile before being able to select/register for any events. These documents must be uploaded in the “Verification Document” section of your Sport80 profile.

\*There will be no weight changes on site for World Class Black Belt Sparring Divisions

## Athlete Event Credentials:

Athletes will receive an event credential via email prior to the start of the tournament from Katie Cleveland, [kcleveland@usatkd.org](mailto:kcleveland@usatkd.org). This virtual credential will be the athlete’s credential for the event.

## Athlete Check-In:

Poomsae athletes are automatically checked in for the competition when they receive their Virtual Event Credential. If you have not received your credential, please reach out to [mnewman@usatkd.org](mailto:mnewman@usatkd.org) to resend it.

Sparring athletes are checked in when they weigh in during their scheduled weigh-in period. Any athlete who does not weigh in will be marked as “Disqualified”.

## ATHLETE REGISTRATION FEES

| Event Entry Fee | Credit Card Processing Fee | Price Per Division |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| \$190           | \$5                        | \$30               |





## COACHING REQUIREMENTS AND REGISTRATION - CIDP

Registration for all coaches will be done through USATKD Sport80. All registrations must be completed by the registration deadline. There will not be any onsite registration for coaches.

**2025 U.S. Taekwondo Season Final and Sport Festival Registration Deadline: August 14th, 2025, 12:00 PM, MST**

### Profile Requirements to Register as a Coach for an Event:

- Upload a profile picture on your Sport80 profile.
- Have a current U.S.A. Taekwondo Membership on Sport80
- Have a current and valid Background Screen (valid through the final day of competition) (Ages 18+)
- Have a current and valid SafeSport Core Training (Valid through the final day of competition) (Ages 18+)
- Have either an Associate Coach or Level 1 Coach Course completion in the discipline you want to coach and have it uploaded and validated on your Sport80 profile
- Please follow all steps on the following website to make sure your profile is complete; you will not be able to register until your profile is completed: <https://www.usatkd.org/coach-how-to-register-for-an-event>

Coaches must be an Associate Coach or Level 1 or higher to coach in the World Class Sparring & World Class Poomsae divisions at the National Championships or Season Final. Your coaching certification must be in the discipline you are coaching, i.e. Kyorugi, Poomsae, or both.

### SafeSport – Background Checks (Coaches 18 and over)

Coaches (Ages 18+) are required to complete and pass a background check (every two years) and complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport Training (Every Year). The background check is conducted by a third-party system and can take anywhere from one week to one month to complete. Please initiate your background screening as soon as possible to ensure it is complete before the registration closes.

The SafeSport certification must be completed in your Sport80 Profile.

1. Log in to your USA Taekwondo Coaches profile via Sport80
2. Click “View Profile”
3. In the left navigation, click “Center for SafeSport Training”
4. In the top right, select the “+Access Training” button and follow the prompts to select and complete the SafeSport – Core Training Course

**Credential:** All coach credentials must have a photo. These photos are taken from your profile picture on Sport80. Coach Credentials may be picked up at Member Services starting at 7:30 AM on competition days. COACH CREDENTIALS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE.

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## COACH REGISTRATION FEES

| Entry Fee | Credit Card Processing Fee |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| \$80      | \$5                        |



## TRAINER CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

Registration for all trainers will be done through USATKD Sport80. All registrations must be completed by the registration deadline. There will not be any onsite registration for coaches.

**2025 U.S. Taekwondo Season Final and Sport Festival Registration Deadline: August 14th, 2025, 12:00 PM, MST**

**A trainer credential gives you access to the Pre-Staging area, but not the staging area or competition floor.**

### **Profile Requirements to Register as a Trainer for an Event:**

- Upload a profile picture on your Sport80 profile.
- Have a current U.S.A. Taekwondo Membership on Sport80
- Have a current and valid Background Screen (valid through the final day of competition) (Ages 18+)
- Have a current and valid SafeSport Core Training (Valid through the final day of competition) (Ages 18+)

### **SafeSport – Background Checks (Coaches 18 and over)**

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The SafeSport certification must be completed in your Sport80 Profile.

5. Log in to your USA Taekwondo profile via Sport80
6. Click “View Profile”
7. In the left navigation, click “Center for SafeSport Training”
8. In the top right, select the “+Access Training” button and follow the prompts to select and complete the SafeSport – Core Training Course

**Credential:** All trainer credentials must have a photo. These photos are taken from your profile picture on Sport80. TRAINER CREDENTIALS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE.

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## TRAINER REGISTRATION FEES

| Entry Fee | Credit Card Processing Fee |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| \$80      | \$5                        |



## 2025 SEASON FINAL QUALIFICATION

### 2025 U.S. Taekwondo Final Championships Qualification

All sparring and poomsae athletes who earn any medal (Gold, Silver, or Bronze) at a 2025 American Open will qualify to compete at the 2025 U. S. Taekwondo Season Final.

All sparring and poomsae athletes who earn any medal (Gold, Silver, or Bronze) at the 2025 U.S. Taekwondo National Championships will qualify for the 2025 U.S. Taekwondo Season Final.

Athletes may also qualify based on points as of the August 6<sup>th</sup> posting. The top 8 ranked athletes who did not medal at an American Open or the 2025 US National Taekwondo Championships will receive an invitation to the 2025 Season Final. This will only be extended down to the 25<sup>th</sup> ranked athlete.

For example: In a division, the top 10 ranked athletes won a medal at an American Open or the National Championships. The top 8 ranked athletes who did not qualify by medaling would be the 11<sup>th</sup>-18 ranked athletes and would receive an invitation to Finals.

**Belt Qualification Rule:** All athletes will be eligible to compete at the 2025 U.S. Taekwondo Season Final at the current belt in which they hold.

**World Class Black Belts:** All world class black belt athletes in the Cadet, Junior, and Senior age divisions must compete in the weight class they qualified in or one weight class higher at an American Open or the 2025 U.S. Taekwondo National Championships for the 2025 U.S. Taekwondo Season Final. Any athlete who is found to have registered in a weight class they do not qualify for will be re-registered into the division they qualify for and receive an email acknowledging the change.

For example, if an athlete qualifies in the “Fly” weight class they must compete in that weight class or the “Bantam” weight class which is one above. The athlete may not move down to the “Fin” weight class.

World Class Black Belt Weight Changes are allowed prior to the registration deadline (August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 12:00 PM MST) for the 2025 U.S. Taekwondo Season Final. Onsite weight changes are not permitted for World Class athletes.

**Age Qualification:** USATKD uses the date December 31 of the given year to determine the competition age for all athletes. EX. A 14-year-old athlete turns 15 years old on September 27<sup>th</sup>, meaning they would compete as a 15-year-old athlete for all events during the calendar year.

## 2025 USATKD SPORT FESTIVAL QUALIFICATION

### 2025 USATKD Sport Festival Qualification

All sparring and poomsae athletes who are ranked in the Top 20 on the August points posting will qualify to compete at the 2025 USATKD Sport Festival.

**Belt Qualification Rule:** All athletes will be eligible to compete at the 2025 USATKD Sport Festival at the current belt in which they hold.



**Color Belts:** All athletes in Dragon, Tiger, Youth, Cadet Color Belt, Junior Color Belt, Senior Color Belt and Ultra Divisions will be allowed to move weight classes from the weight class they qualified for at States, Regionals, or Nationals. However, it is strongly encouraged to make the weight they “qualified” in or move up one weight class.

**Age Qualification:** USATKD uses the date December 31 of the given year to determine the competition age for all athletes. EX. A 14-year-old athlete turns 15 years old on September 27<sup>th</sup>, meaning they would compete as a 15-year-old athlete for all events during the calendar year.

### WEIGH IN, WEIGHT CHANGES, BELT CHANGES, & BRACKETING

#### Weigh In Rules:

1. A competitor’s weight shall be measured the day prior to their competition day. All competitors must weigh-in during the designated times on the schedule.
2. A competitor’s weight may be measured twice. If a contestant does not qualify the first time, one more official weigh in attempt is granted within the scheduled time period. A scale, one that is calibrated the same as the official scale, will be provided in the weigh in area as a test scale so that athletes can check prior to stepping on the Official Scale.
3. Before stepping on the Official Scale, athletes are required to show their valid ID and their virtual athlete credential.
4. Any irregular action by the athlete or their coach during the weigh-in process may result in disqualification from the event.
5. Weigh in for adult athletes 18 years old and older, for both male and female, shall be taken in the official V-neck uniform, or, if a contestant wishes, weigh-in may be done in underpants for adult male athletes and underpants and bra for adult female athletes. **Under no circumstances may an athlete weigh-in in the nude in the United States.**
6. Minor athletes who are 17 years old or younger must weigh-in wearing clothing or Dobok ONLY. Minor athletes will be given a 0.2kg allowance for clothing. One parent or guardian of the same sex will be allowed in the weigh-in room with their child.
7. Phones are NOT ALLOWED in the weigh in area unless being used to show virtual credentials. Pictures and/or videos are absolutely not allowed to be taken while in the weigh in area.

#### Weight, Belt and Division Changes:

**Non-World Class Weight Changes Must Be Made Before Stepping on The Official Scale.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Non-World Class athletes can change weight classes through the final registration deadline at no additional fee. If an athlete would like to change their weight class before the final registration deadline, they must email [mnewman@usatkd.org](mailto:mnewman@usatkd.org). After the final registration deadline, all weight changes must be made onsite at the Registration Desk. Any weight changes at the tournament will incur a \$50.00 fee.

**\*WORLD CLASS SENIOR, JUNIOR, AND CADET ATHLETES MAY NOT CHANGE THEIR WEIGHT AFTER THE FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE OF AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 12:00 PM MST.**



### **Belt and Division Changes:**

Athletes can change their belt color or division through the final registration deadline. After the final registration deadline, athletes must compete in the division or belt color they have registered for.

**Athletes will not be able to change their belt color or divisions onsite at the competition.**

## **METHOD OF COMPETITION & COMPETITION RULES**

Athletes must wear the appropriate uniforms for sparring and/or poomsae. Click Here to view the uniform requirements: [Dobok & Equipment Standards for 2025 Events](#)

The current competition rules for all divisions will be used. To view the current version, go to:

<https://www.usatkd.org/usatkd-competition-rules>

**Bracketing and Seeding:** Seeding will be done for all sparring and poomsae divisions based off the most recently posted [U.S. National Rankings](#).

**Sparring** – A single elimination format will be applied to all sparring divisions.

- [Sparring Weight Categories](#)
- [USATKD Kyorugi Head Contact Rules](#)

**Poomsae** – All poomsae divisions will be seeded for the first round according to the [USATKD National Rankings](#)

- [Poomsae Divisions](#)
- [Compulsory Poomsae](#)
- [Designated Poomsae](#)

Estimated Report Times will be posted prior to the event after the final registration deadline has closed. Official Report times and brackets will be posted the night before after weigh-ins have concluded on the [USATKD.org](#) website.

Designated Poomsae for the event will be posted on the [USATKD.org](#) website. \*World Class Divisions poomsae is randomized at the mat.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Event Spectator Tickets:** All spectator tickets are purchased online through EASY EVENT. Onsite at the event, admission wristbands will be handed out in exchange for your online ticket confirmation. Wristbands must be worn at all times and are good for the day that they were purchased for. Onsite ticket sales will be sold online only.



## TICKET PRICES

| Event Ticket             | Online Ticket Price |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| All Weekend Adult Pass   | \$56                |
| All Weekend Child Pass   | \$41                |
| All Weekend Senior (65+) | \$47                |
| Single Day (Adult 18+)   | \$20                |
| Single Day (Child 6-17)  | \$15                |
| Single Day Senior 65+    | \$17                |
| Children 5 & under       | FREE                |

### **Medical**

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 the WT and USATKD

## AWARDS

**Sparring:** Medals will be given out to the top 4 athletes, in the respective divisions and weight categories.

**Poomsae:** Medals will be given out to the top 4 individuals, pairs (co-ed), and teams in the respective divisions. For those World Class Poomsae Team divisions, where an alternate has registered, the athlete will receive a medal if they have participated in the event. USATKD defines participation as check-in, stepping on the mat, and competing in front of judges.

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE | GOLD MEDAL   |
| 2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE | SILVER MEDAL |
| 3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE | BRONZE MEDAL |
| 3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE | BRONZE MEDAL |





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