



## USA Taekwondo Special Poomsae Team Trials July 25, 2024

With the announced new recognized pairs and teams divisions being contested at the upcoming 2024 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships in Hong Kong from November 30 – December 3, USA Taekwondo will hold a special Team Trials event at the 2024 U.S. Final Taekwondo Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma September 20 – 22. This team trial event will only select pairs or teams for select divisions that did not have a winner declared at the January Team Trials in Charlotte, North Carolina.

This document details the pathway for a pair or team to earn a spot on the 2024 USATKD National Poomsae Team for national team events for the following divisions:

### **Contested Divisions at special Team Trials**

Under 60 Male Team  
Over 60 Mixed Pairs  
Over 60 Female Team  
Over 60 Male Team

### **Contested Alternate Divisions at special Team Trials**

Under 50 Female Team  
Under 60 Mixed Pairs  
Under 60 Female Team

\*alternate divisions will be competing for an alternate spot if a situation should arise that the pair or team winners from the January Team Trials should not be able to attend the World Championships. The winner of the alternate spot at the Special Team Trials will compete at the World Championships if the winner from the January Team Trials must withdraw.

### **Divisions decided at January Team Trials**

Under 50 Mixed Pairs: Minki Seong/Jessica Mari Ayres  
Under 50 Female Team: Jessica Mari Ayres/Carissa Fu/Miyako Yerrick  
Under 50 Male Team: Sean Jung/Kevin Lu/Justin Wang  
Under 60 Mixed Pairs: Angelito Ong/Eleanor Thompson  
Under 60 Female Team: Sheena Kim/Eleanor Thompson/Jan Trigg

### **Alternate Divisions decided at January Team Trials**

Under 50 Mixed Pairs: Kwangjin Ha/Thanh-Van Huynh  
Under 50 Male Team: Tuong-Huy Nguyen/Tuong-Long Nguyen/Anh Nguyen



## Team Trials Competition Format

### Single Athlete Divisions

If a division has only one registered team trial entrant, then that pair or team will be named the national team member for that division.

### Recognized Poomsae Format: 8 Poomsae for national team spots and 4 Poomsae for alternate spots

Each Recognized Poomsae Division performs eight or four poomsae, one at a time per round. All competitors will perform the first randomly selected poomsae, followed by all competitors performing the second poomsae, and so forth.

A random competitor order will be utilized. The algorithm used to randomize the competitors will ensure that no competitor will perform first for any two consecutive poomsae. Performing first will be equally distributed among all competitors.

The selection of the winner will be based on two methods of calculating the results.

**1. Cumulative Score Method:** The first method will be by cumulative score of all rounds of competition. At the end of four or eight rounds, the scores across all performed poomsae for each pair or team are totaled. The pair or team who has the highest total score will be declared the winner of this method.

In the case of a tie, the winner is the pair or team with the highest presentation score. If the competitors are still tied, all scores received during the competition are considered (without dropping the high and low scores). If the scores are still tied, the competitors will perform a randomly selected poomsae, and the scores from that poomsae will be used to break the tie.

**2. Rounds Won Method:** The second method will be by placement during each round of poomsae. Each round a first, second, third and fourth place will be awarded to the competitors and the number of wins will be recorded across all rounds. At the end of four or eight rounds, the number of round wins will be listed as the highest number of 1st places, number of 2nd places, number of 3rd places and number of 4th places. The pair or team with the highest number of 1st places wins.

If there is a tie, then the number of 2nd place, then number of 3rd place become a factor. For example, Competitor A with 5 first place wins beats Competitor B with 3 first place and 5 second place wins. Or Competitor A with 4 first place, 3 second place and 1 third place beats Competitor B with 4 first place, 2 second place and 1 third place.

If the same pair or team places first in both methods of calculating the winner, then that pair or team is the uncontested winner. In the event that any different athlete(s) places higher using the second method and records more round wins than the cumulative score winner, those athletes will have the right to challenge the winner to a tie breaker round.



The tie breaker between methods will use a single elimination format. The athletes qualifying will be seeded as the Cumulative Score winner seeded number 1 and the round winner seeded number 2, with subsequent round winners, if any, seeded next. Two forms will be randomly selected by the Events Director, and the round will be run using WT single elimination format rules. The winner will be named the Team Member.

Alternates, if needed, will be selected from the cumulative score results. The non-winning athlete who has the highest cumulative score is the first alternate. The non-winning athlete who has the second highest cumulative score is the second alternate, and the non-winning athlete with the third highest cumulative score is the third alternate.

### **Scoring**

Referees will use blind scoring; they will not see the scores until the end of each division.

Athletes and coaches will see the scores after each performance.

### **Recognized Poomsae Point Gap Rules (when using 8 Poomsae)**

**Point Leader:** If at any point past the fourth round of competition, a competitor has simultaneously won at least 4 rounds, and achieved a cumulative score that is 1.50 or higher than the second-place competitor, then that competitor will be declared the winner of the team trials. The remaining competitors must complete the competition to determine alternate standings.

For the remaining competitors after a winner is declared, if at any point during rounds 5-8, the leading competitor's cumulative score exceeds the next highest competitor by 1.50 or more, then that competitor secures the leading place among the group and no longer has to compete. The remaining competitors will compete until all players receive a standing or win by point gap.

**Example 1:** After 4 rounds, the standing among 3 competitors is:

Competitor A: 29.80, 0 Rounds won

Competitor B: 29.60, 0 Rounds won

Competitor C: 31.55, 4 Rounds won

At this point, Competitor C would be declared the winner, and Competitors A and B would continue to compete until: 1) either all 8 rounds are complete, OR 2) one of the competitor's cumulative scores has exceeded the others by 1.50 or more.

**Example 2:** After 4 rounds, the standing among 3 competitors is:

Competitor A: 29.80, 1 Rounds won

Competitor B: 29.60, 0 Rounds won

Competitor C: 31.55, 3 Rounds won

At this point, all competitors would continue until both the 1.50 point gap and 4 rounds won criteria are simultaneously achieved by a player, or until 8 rounds are complete.

**Last Place Gap:** If at any point past the fourth round of competition, the last place competitor has not won any rounds and achieved a cumulative score that is 1.50 or lower than the second-to-last place competitor, that competitor will keep their current last place standing and cease competition. The remaining competitors must complete the competition to determine the alternate standings.



After the last place is declared, if at any point during rounds 5-8, the remaining last place competitor's cumulative score is exceeded by the next highest competitor by 1.5 points or more, then that competitor secures their current standing and ceases to compete. The remaining competitors will compete until all of them receive a standing or win/lose by point gap.

### **Minimum National Team Trials Eligibility Requirements**

#### I. Citizenship:

a. Athlete meets eligibility and nationality requirements as presented by USA Taekwondo in compliance with the minimum International Federation standards for participation.

b. All athletes must be U.S. Citizens in order to participate in the team trials.

#### 2. Minimum IF standards for participation:

a. World Taekwondo (WT); Rules of Competition, Article 4. Contestants, Section

1 <http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/rules-wt/rules.html>

- Holder of the nationality of the participating team.
- One recommended by the WT National Taekwondo Association.
- Holder of Taekwondo Dan certificate issued by the Kakawin or WT.

#### 3. Other requirements:

a. Athlete must be a USA Taekwondo member in good standing.

#### II. Removal of Athletes

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Taekwondo may be removed from the nominations for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Taekwondo.

##### A. Voluntary withdrawal.

Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Taekwondo CEO. Injury or illness as certified by USATKD physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by a USATKD physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.

##### B. Violation of the NGB's Code of Conduct.

An athlete who may be removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the NGB's Bylaws (USATKD Bylaws, Section 15, Complaint Procedures) or USOPC Bylaws, Article 9.

##### C. Violation of the NGB's Athlete Agreement.

An athlete who may be removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the NGB's Bylaws (USATKD Bylaws, Section 15, Complaint Procedures) or USOPC Bylaws, Article 9.

##### D. Doping violations

An athlete may be removed from Nomination or from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, WADA, WT, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.



### III. Replacement of Athletes

Should circumstances arise in which the 1st place athlete needs to be removed for any of the reasons listed above, the athlete who places 2nd in the same division of team trial will serve as the replacement athlete. The 3rd place athlete will be the 3rd replacement athlete if needed. The 4th place athlete will be the 4th replacement athlete if needed. After this, the team spot will remain vacant.

Notes on multiple entries per national team category: If a WT or PATU-sanctioned event allows more than one entry per national team category, then alternates will be called to fill additional quotas as described in this section, up to the 4th place finisher.

### IV. Required Documents

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the U.S. National Team, and are included as attachments:

- Code of Conduct (Attachment A)
- Athlete Agreement (Attachment B)

### V. Publicity/Distribution of Procedures

The approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Taekwondo in the following locations:

A. NGB website: [www.usatkd.org](http://www.usatkd.org)

### VI. Mandatory Training and/or Competition:

N/A

### VII. Anti-Doping Requirements

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, WT, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures. This includes participation in out of competition testing as required by the IOC, WADA, WT, USADA and USOPC Rules.



### VIII. NGB Bylaws and Grievance Procedures

The USA Taekwondo Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found in the USA Taekwondo Bylaws.

IX. International Disclaimer These procedures are based on IOC and/or World Taekwondo (WT) and/or Pan American Taekwondo Union (PATU) rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or WT and/or PATU rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Taekwondo. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.



For questions about the 2024 Special Poomsae Team Trials selection process, please contact Eric Winger, Associate Director of National Teams, [ewinger@usatkd.org](mailto:ewinger@usatkd.org).

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