

USA TAEKWONDO
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2023 Pan American Games
Gyoroogi Individual &
Team
2/2/2023 8/27/2023

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC), International Paralympic Committee (IPC), Pan American Sports Organization (Panam Sports) or Americas Paralympic Committee (APC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American or Parapan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41), the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1), the Panam Sports Constitution (Article 34.4-7), or the Americas Paralympic Committee bylaws (Chapter 2.4.12 of the IPC Handbook).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) (PAG and PPAG only) standards for participation (if any):

- Must have submitted the Athlete Eligibility Condition Form and hold a 2023 World Taekwondo (WT) Global Athlete License (Note: athletes must also hold a 2022 WT Global Athlete License before the tryout events outlined in section 1.2)
- Must be age 17 or older (born before January 1, 2006)

1.1.4. Other requirements:

- Athlete must be a USATKD member in good standing.
- Athlete must compete in the World Class Black Belt division and [hold a taekwondo Dan certificate issued by Kukkiwon or World Taekwondo \(Article 4.1.3\)](#).
- Athlete must successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current [USOPC Background Check Policy](#).
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s education and training requirements in accordance with the [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#).

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Event names, dates and locations of all trials, competitions, and camps to be used as part of the selection process:

2021 Junior Pan American Games, November 26-27, 2021, Cali, Columbia

2023 World Championships Trials, February 10, 2023, Tulsa, Oklahoma
[Qualification for World Championships Trials](#)

2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials, February 12, 2023, Tulsa, Oklahoma

2023 Qualification Tournament for the Santiago Pan American Games, March 21 and 22, 2023, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

[In order to be eligible to participate in the 2023 Pan American Games Team competition an athlete must qualify in an individual division through the following process \(as described in Section 1.2.2 and Section 1.3\)](#).

1.2.2. Describe how athletes qualify for the events listed in 1.2.1.:

2021 Junior Pan American Games:

- USATKD conducted an Open Trials on April 17, 2021 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- Athletes had to be between the ages of 17 – 20 years old born between 2001 – 2004 at the time of the Junior Pan American Games.

- Winners of this event earned a wildcard spot by name to the 2023 Pan American Games.

2023 World Championships Trials:

- Athletes had to qualify for the 2023 World Championship Trials through the 2023 Senior Sparring Athlete Pathway procedures.
- [2023 Senior Sparring Athlete Pathway procedures](#)

2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials:

- This event is open to all competitors.
- Athletes will compete in a single elimination, unseeded bracket (Phase 1). The Winner of Phase 1 advances to the finals to fight the 2023 World Championships team member.
- 2023 World Championships team members in the corresponding Olympic weight divisions: Men’s -58kg, -68kg, and -80kg and Women’s -49kg, -57kg, and -67kg are automatically qualified into the final.
- The Men’s -80kg position for the 2023 World Championships Team has already been earned by CJ Nickolas. Men’s -80kg will compete at 2023 World Championships Trials to determine the replacement athlete for the World Championships Team, and this winner will subsequently advance to the final of the 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials.
- If the winner of the 2023 World Championships Trials female +67kg is the athlete that has already qualified directly via the Junior Pan American Games in Cali, the runner-up will automatically qualify into the 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials final.

2023 Qualification Tournament for the Santiago Pan American Games:

- The winner of the 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials in each weight division will be selected to compete at the 2023 Qualification Tournament for the Santiago Pan American Games.

1.3. Step-by-step description of the selection process for these Games (include maximum Team size):

The Qualification System for the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games may be found [here](#).

The following table lists the weight divisions which will be contested at the 2023 Pan American Games, along with the maximum quota the United States is eligible to qualify:

QUOTAS	MEN	WOMEN	QUOTAS
1	-58kg	-49kg	1
1	-68kg	-57kg	1
*2	-80kg	-67kg	1
*2	+80kg	+67kg	*2

2021 Junior Pan American Games:

The following athletes were the gold medal winners who qualified directly at the Cali 2021 Junior Pan American Games for the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games:

- *Alena Viana Women's +67kg
- *Carl Nickolas Men's -80kg
- *Dallas Parker Men's +80kg

NOCs whose athletes qualified by quota in Cali 2021 may have a maximum of two athletes in the weight division for which they have a qualified athlete.

If an athlete who qualified at the Cali 2021 Junior Pan American Games in a weight division does not participate in that same division at the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games, the quota will be lost and cannot be transferred to another NOC or athlete. If the athlete changes his/her weight division, he/she must earn a new quota through the Santiago 2023 qualification system within the maximum quota of the NOC.

An athlete who qualified at the Cali 2021 Junior Pan American Games cannot earn another quota for his/her NOC for the same weight division in which he/she qualified; however, another athlete can compete in the same weight division to earn another quota through the Santiago 2023 qualification system within the maximum quota per NOC.

2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials – OPEN EVENT

With the exception of the 2021 Junior Pan American Games athletes who earned a by name quota, any athlete interested in competing at the 2023 Pan American Games must compete in the 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials. The following weight divisions will be contested:

Men's Weight Divisions	Women's Weight Divisions
-58kg	-49kg
-68kg	-57kg
-80kg	-67kg
+80kg	+67kg

Phase I

Athletes will compete in a single elimination, unseeded bracket. Athletes will draw a number at weigh-in to determine the spot in the bracket. The winner in each division of the single elimination Phase I bracket will advance to the Finals to compete against the winners of the following divisions from the 2023 World Championships Trials, below:

NOTE: CJ Nickolas, Alena Viana and Dallas Parker qualified by name to the 2023 Pan American Games and are not eligible to compete at the 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Tournament. In the event that any of these three athletes qualify for the 2023 World Championships Team, the 2nd place finisher from the 2023 World Championships Team Trials in the same weight class will advance to the 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials Final.

Men's World Championships Divisions	Women's World Championships Divisions
-58kg	-49kg
-68kg	-57kg
-80kg	-67kg
-87kg / +87kg	-73kg / +73kg

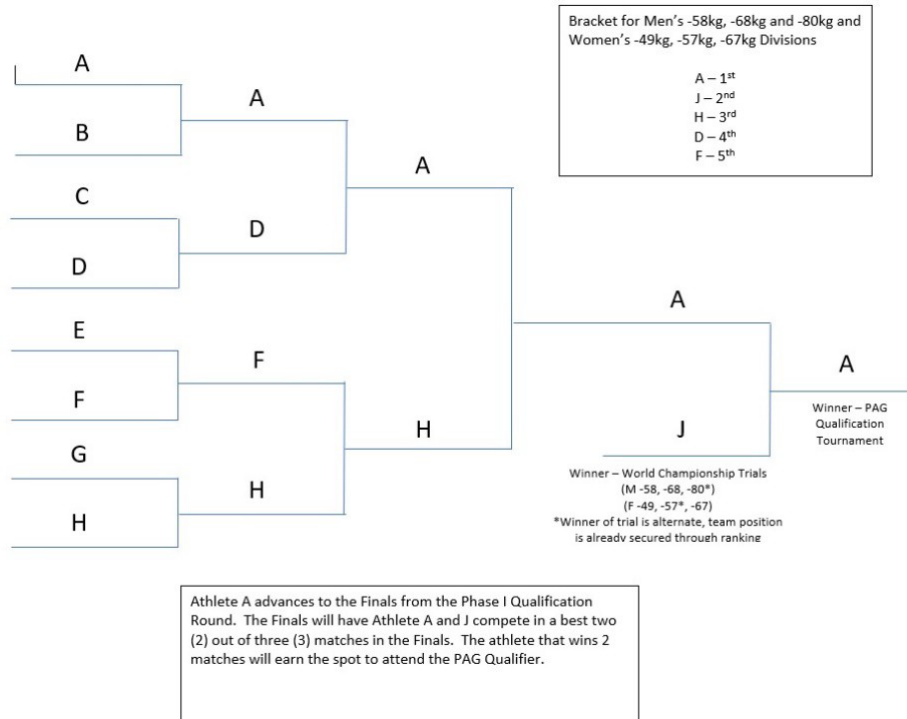
The 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials Final will be best two (2) out of three (3) fights. In the Women's +67kg and Men's +80kg divisions, the format will be the first athlete to two (2) wins. In the case of a tie, the process will repeat itself. If there is a tie again, the format will change to single elimination with a random draw.

The first-place finisher from the 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials Final will be the representative for the 2023 Qualification Tournament for the Santiago Pan American Games. If the respective athlete qualifies the respective weight division, they will be nominated to the 2023 Pan American Games. The second-place finisher from the 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials will be named the replacement.

Determination of finish for all weight divisions except men's +80kg and women's +67kg:

The athlete that does not advance from the final round of the Phase I single elimination bracket will be considered the 3rd place athlete.

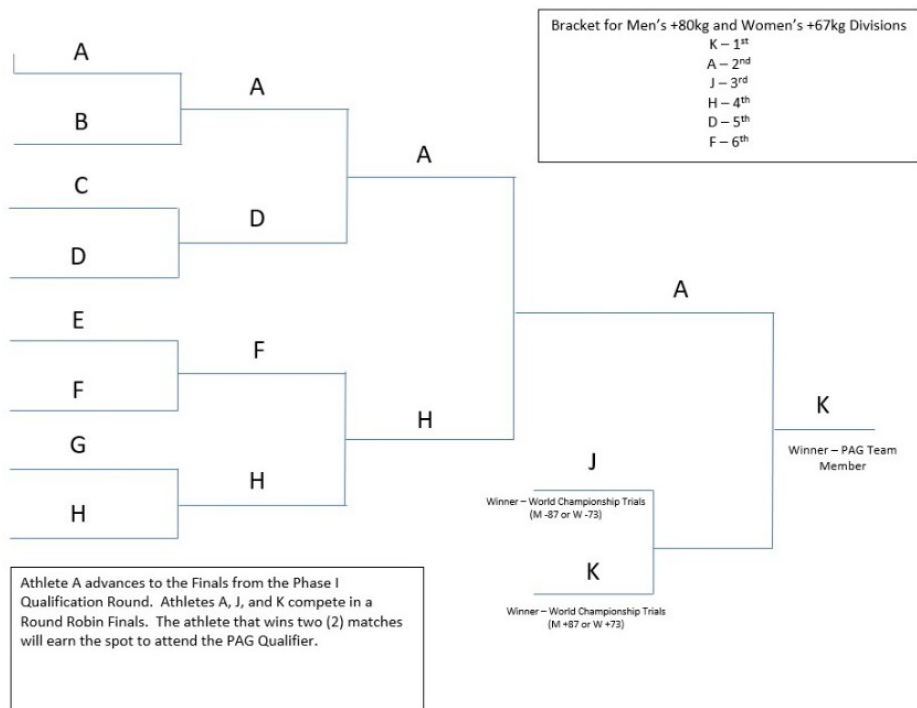
The athlete that is eliminated in the semi-final round by the winner of the finals in the single elimination Phase I bracket will be considered the 4th place athlete. The athlete that is eliminated in the semi-final round by the runner-up of the single elimination Phase I bracket is considered the 5th place athlete.



Determination of finish for men’s +80kg and women’s +67kg:

The athlete that does not advance from the final round of the single elimination Phase I bracket will be considered the 4th place athlete.

The athlete that is eliminated in the semi-final round by the winner of the finals in the single elimination Phase I bracket will be considered the 5th place athlete. The athlete that is eliminated in the semi-final round by the runner-up in the single elimination Phase I bracket is considered the 6th place athlete.



2023 Qualification Tournament for the Santiago Pan American Games:

The qualification quotas for the 2023 Pan American Games are given to each NOC/Country, with the exception of the 2021 Junior Pan American Games quotas, which were earned by name.

The following quotas per weight division may be earned at the 2023 Qualification Tournament for the Santiago Pan American Games:

QUOTAS	MEN	WOMEN	QUOTAS
12	-58kg	-49kg	12
12	-68kg	-57kg	12
12	-80kg	-67kg	12
10	+80kg	+67kg	10

Athletes in the Men's +80kg and Women's +67kg must finish in the Top-10 to earn a quota for their NOC. All remaining weight divisions must finish in the Top-12 to earn a quota for their NOC.

If the respective athlete qualifies the respective weight division, they will be nominated to the 2023 Pan American Games. The second-place finisher from the 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials will be named the replacement.

Team Event

In order to be eligible for the 2023 Pan American Games Team competition an athlete must have qualified in an individual division for the 2023 Pan American Games through the process listed above.

There will be a male team and female team at the 2023 Pan American Games. Each team will have three male athletes and three female athletes. Only those athletes that qualified for an individual division will be eligible to participate in the team division as required by the Pan American Taekwondo Union.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

The Gyorooigi team event is a new event added to the 2023 Pan American Games. There will be a male and female team event. Each team can have a maximum of three males per team and three females per team. Only those athletes that qualified for the 2023 Pan American Games individual Gyorooigi division can be eligible for the team event. There are no substitutions allowed. USATKD must consider the weights of any athlete that will be selected for the 2023 Pan American Games Team event. The combined weight of all male team members cannot exceed 235kg and the combined weight of all female team members cannot exceed 200kg. When selecting the three best athletes to participate in the 2023 Pan American Games Team competition the weights of each athlete will need to be taken into consideration on who to select to participate in the event.

2.2. Define the discretionary criteria to be used (if any):

2.2.1. When selecting the three best athletes to participate in the 2023 Pan American Games Team competition the weights of each athlete will be taken into consideration when deciding who to select for the team event.

2.2.2. The following criteria will be considered when making a selection for the team event.

- Athlete's results from 2023 World Taekwondo G-rated events and their demonstrated ability to perform against other competition around the world.
- Athlete's finish place at the 2023 Pan American Games and their ability to compete against competitors at the tournament.

2.2.3. The team strategy as it relates to creating the ideal male or female team. Due to the rapid pace of the team event, athletes with specific abilities/fighting styles that when combined could result in exceptional team performance at the event.

2.3. Name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, or other decisions/recommendations directly impacting athletes in the selection process, along with a complete list of the members' titles:

2.3.1. USATKD Coaching Director

2.3.2. USATKD Pan American Games Gyorooigi Coach

2.3.3. USATKD AAC Representative

2.3.4. Process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee: N/A

All members of the selection committee must comply with the USATKD's conflict of interest policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form for review by USATKD's ethics committee prior to convening the committee.

Any member of the selection committee who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to USATKD'S ethics committee prior to the start of the selection process and/or recuse him/herself from the review process and/or voting. A conflict of interest exists when a personal, family, financial, professional, club, team or business interest of the committee member poses a direct or indirect relationship, connection, or affiliation, past or present, with an athlete in contention for the applicable team selection that could compromise the committee member's ability to participate in the selection process in an unbiased manner. If a conflict exists, USATKD's ethics committee shall review the conflict and determine the committee member's level of involvement (e.g., whether that committee member must recuse him/herself from participating in discussions and/or voting). For example, if it is determined that a committee member must recuse him/herself from voting, the ethics committee may still determine that a committee member who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and so long as the committee member with the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision. The committee member must not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the selection process.

Additionally, any person (including any potentially impacted athlete or coach of a potentially impacted athlete) with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to USATKD's ethics committee. Reports may be made anonymously. No committee member shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest.

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the USATKD selection committee appointment process.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to submitting athlete entries by name to the USOPC, the NGB/PSO has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is nominated to the Team by USATKD may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USATKD:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USATKD CEO/Executive Director.

- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USATKD. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USATKD, his/her injury will be assumed to be debilitating and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of the USATKD's Code of Ethics (<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-taekwondo/v2-resources/code-of-ethics>)
- 3.1.5. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1. of these selection procedures.
- 3.1.6. Athlete is not in good standing with USATKD or World Taekwondo.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USATKD's Bylaws (<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-taekwondo/v2-resources/bylaws>) and the USOPC Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable USATKD Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Delegation Conduct Requirements apply, contained in the USOPC Games Delegation Terms. The USOPC Games Delegation Terms are specific to each Games and made available during the Games registration process; the USOPC's Grievance Procedures and Hearing Process are found within the Delegation Terms. See "Delegation Events" at <https://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Dispute-Resolution> for more information.
- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and USATKD's SafeSport policies, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:
 - 4.1.1. prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

Should the nominated athlete, in any weight division be removed due to any reason outlined in Section 3.1 the 2nd place finisher from the 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials (replacement athlete) will be nominated.

Should the 2nd place finisher (replacement athlete) from the 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials be removed from the team or unable to compete at the 2023 Pan American Games, USATKD will select the next highest place finisher from the 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials in the same weight class. See Section 1.3 which outlines how finishes are determined at this event.

- 4.1.2. after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

If the Organizing Committee allows replacements after the Entry by Name deadline, should a vacancy occur in any weight division, the 2nd place finisher (replacement athlete) from the 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials will be nominated. Should the 2nd place finisher (replacement athlete) from the 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials not be able to compete at the 2023 Pan American Games, USATKD will select the next highest place finisher from the 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Trials in the same weight class. See Section 1.3 which outlines how finishes are determined at this event.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USATKD will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USOPC Delegation Conduct Requirements, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Pan American Games:

[2023 USATKD Athlete Agreement](#)

[2023 USATKD Code of Ethics](#)

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USATKD in the following public location(s):

- 7.1. NGB/PSO Web site: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-taekwondo/v2-national-teams/team-selection-procedures>

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOPC.

7.2. Other: N/A

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before:

April 15, 2023

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

N/A

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Director of Athlete Affairs: Sherman M. Nelson Jr.

Coaching Director: Paul Green

Former Olympic/Paralympic Coach: Jason Poos

AAC Member: Cheyenne Lewis

AAC Member: Carissa Fu

Independent member: Andrea Walton

12. NGB/PSO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USATKD Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-taekwondo/v2-resources/bylaws>

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, as applicable, and/or your IF/CF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, as applicable, and/or your IF/CF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to NGB/PSO. However, the selection criteria are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures may require revisions, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

14. ATHLETE OMBUDS OFFICE

The Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB/PSO.

To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org


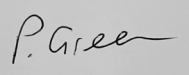

WEBSITE: www.usathlete.org

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I don't know if Bri is qualified in +73kg or is qualified in +73kg for team trials already, but you might want to consider qualifying in +73kg. With some recent injuries this division could be pretty empty in January

15. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USATKD.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USATKD CEO/Executive Director	Steve McNally		10/14/2023
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Paul Green		10/14/2023
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Carissa Fu		10/17/2023

* If the USOPC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/PSO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her USOPC Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOPC AAC Representative, the NGB/PSO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.