



US NATIONAL KYORUGI RANKING RULES

1. Sparring Ranking Points Introduction

1.1. The USATKD ranking points will be applied to any recognized USATKD championship and USATKD sanctioned event.

- *Fight off tournaments for team spots will not earn ranking points.*

1.2. USATKD will maintain ranking points for the following divisions in Sparring:

- Dragon (6-7): Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, and Black belts
- Tiger (8-9): Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, and Black belts
- Youth (10-11): Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, and Black belts
- Cadet (12-14): Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, and World Class Blackbelts
- Junior (15-17): Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, and World Class Black belts
- Under 21 (17-21): Black belts
- Senior (17-32): Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, and World Class Black belts
- Ultra (33+): Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, and Black belts

2. Rankings and Points Standings

2.1. Points, rankings, and event results will be published on the [USATKD website](#).

2.2. Updated points will be published the **first Wednesday of each month**.

- Once an event organizer has properly submitted all results and required documents to the USATKD office, the points will be allocated. If an event takes place at the end of the month and results are not submitted in time to be posted by the first Wednesday of the immediately following month, those points will be included the month after.

2.3. Seeding

- Seeding for events will be based off the current posted rankings on the USATKD website. Event organizers must use the national points rankings that are published on the first Wednesday of the month that the event is held. If an event happens before the first Wednesday of the month, the event seeding will be based off the previous month's points. Seeding will be based solely on the athletes' ranking, athletes from the same state/school may fight against each other in the first round of an event. This seeding process will not consider the club an athlete is from.
- There will not be any seeding for any World Taekwondo sanctioned event hosted by USATKD. Only the G-rated divisions will be seeded based on the World Taekwondo rankings.

- If there are multiple athletes with the same rank, a random draw will be held to determine the applicable seed. Random draws will only be used to determine the seeding at an event when competing athletes are tied in the rank. Random draws will not be used to determine overall point standings. Ties will occur in the overall points ranking.
 - *For example: If three athletes in one weight division have the same points total and are ranked 4th in the rankings that are posted the first Wednesday of the month then these three athletes will be randomly seeded for the tournament. A random draw will be done for seeds 4, 5, and 6 for the tournament in which they are competing.*

Example Athlete Rankings as of Wednesday before event:

Athlete	Points	Rank
A	100	1
B	90	2
C	75	3
D	70	4
E	70	4
F	70	4
G	60	7
H	50	8
I	45	9
J	35	10

Example Event Seeding:

Seed #	Athlete
1	A
2	B
3	C
4	D/E/F
5	D/E/F
6	D/E/F
7	G
8	H
9	I
10	J

Seeds 4, 5, and 6 will be selected by a random draw between athletes D, E, and F. Since these three athletes are tied in the overall rankings. This will only be done for tournaments in which all three athletes are competing.

- If an athlete has earned points in multiple divisions, their seed for an event will be based off their rank in the weight division they are competing in during the tournament.

2.4. Weight Division

- An athlete must confirm their weight division by the final event registration deadline. Athletes must follow the event rules to determine if the weight division can be changed after the final registration deadline.
- An athlete can compete in multiple weight divisions throughout the year (but NOT at the same event) and will earn points towards a ranking in each weight division. In the event an athlete earns points in one weight division and then earns points in another weight division in different tournaments, the athlete will be ranked in the respective weight division, resulting in the same athlete being ranked in more than one weight division. An athlete's points and rankings will only be considered from the points earned in the weight division in which they are competing at an event.

3. Allocation of Points

3.1. Domestic Events

- To receive points for fighting in a tournament it must be sanctioned by USATKD. If an athlete competes in an event held in the United States that is not sanctioned by USATKD, they will not receive ranking points for that tournament. A non-sanctioned event will not have any effect on an athlete's ranking, and an athlete cannot earn points from competing in such an event. Please check with the tournament organizing committee if you are unsure whether an event is sanctioned or not.
- Each sanctioned event will be assigned a rating prior to registration opening based on the event organizer's application.

Event Sanction Rankings

*Points only awarded if tournament hosted by USATKD

Event Rank		Type of Event	Event
2.0	Prelim Event	Area Events	Area Clubs
6.0	Prelim Event	Intrastate Event	USATKD: 2 states/5 clubs
10.0	Prelim Event	Regional	USATKD: 4 states/10 clubs
12.0	Prelim Event	NCTA	NCTA Collegiate Championships
12.0	Prelim Event	State Championships	Hosted by a USATKD State Association
30.0	Major Event	National	USATKD American Open
40.0	Major Event	National	USATKD Season Final
50.0	Major Event	International	*Other WT G1 Sanctioned Events
60.0	Major Event	National	US Taekwondo Championships
70.0	Major Event	International	US Open and *other WT G2/G3 Sanctioned Events

3.2. Event Sanction Minimum Standards

- Events must meet minimum standards to receive the full points at the sanction level requested. If an event does not meet the minimum standards, the base points will be decreased by 25% for that event. Sparring and Poomsae events will be evaluated separately based on the number of sparring athletes registered and the number of poomsae athletes registered.

3.3. State

- For a state to be considered in attendance at a sanctioned event, at least 10 unique sparring athletes need to be registered and confirmed for the event. The event will not be considered to have a state represented at the tournament unless there are 10 different athletes with confirmed registrations 10 days prior to the start of the event. One individual registering for multiple events only counts as one registered athlete. If there are fewer than 10 sparring athletes confirmed for the event, it will not count as a state being represented at the event.

3.4. Clubs

- For a club to be considered in attendance at a sanctioned event, at least 5 unique sparring athletes need to be registered and confirmed for the event. The event will not be considered to have a club represented at the tournament unless there are 5 different individuals with confirmed 10 days prior to the start of the event. One individual registering for multiple events only counts as one registered athlete. If there are fewer than 5 sparring athletes confirmed for the event, it will not count as a club being represented at the event.

	Minimum Number of Sparring Athletes Needed Per
State	10 per state
Club	5 per club

- Tournament hosts will submit a sanction application, which must be approved by USATKD. Organizers will be allowed to select their desired event rating. If an event fails to meet the required standards set forth by the sanction policies ten days prior to start of the event, the event base points will be decreased by 25%. Athletes will receive points based on the 25% decrease of the base points. An event cannot move up in rate if it meets the higher-rating requirements. Athletes will only receive points based off the event rating.

3.5. Sanctioning Points

- Below are the maximum points that can be earned for a USATKD sanctioned event determined by the event rating, provided the division meets the minimum requirements.

3.6. Domestic Points

- Points for all sanctioned events will be based on the number of competitors competing in the division.
- If there are three or less athletes in a division at an event the athletes will receive a maximum of 50% of the points for that sanctioned event.
- If there are four or more athletes in a division at an event the athletes will receive full points for that sanctioned event.
- To receive the base points, the athlete must participate at the event, the athlete must check-in, weigh-in, and step on the mat with the referee and be declared the winner.

	US 2.0	US 6.0	US 10.0	US 12.0	US 20.0	US 30.0	US 40.0	US 50.0	US60.0	US 70.0
1st	20	60	100	120	200	300	400	500	600	700
2nd	15	45	75	90	150	225	300	375	450	525
3rd (SF)	11	34	56	68	113	169	225	281	338	394
5th (QF)	8	25	42	51	85	127	169	211	254	296
9th (R16)	6	19	32	38	64	95	127	158	191	222
17th (R32)	5	14	24	28	48	71	95	119	143	167
33rd (R64)	4	11	18	21	36	53	71	89	107	125
64th (R128)	3	8	13	16	27	40	53	67	80	94

3.7. Points from Sanctioned Events:

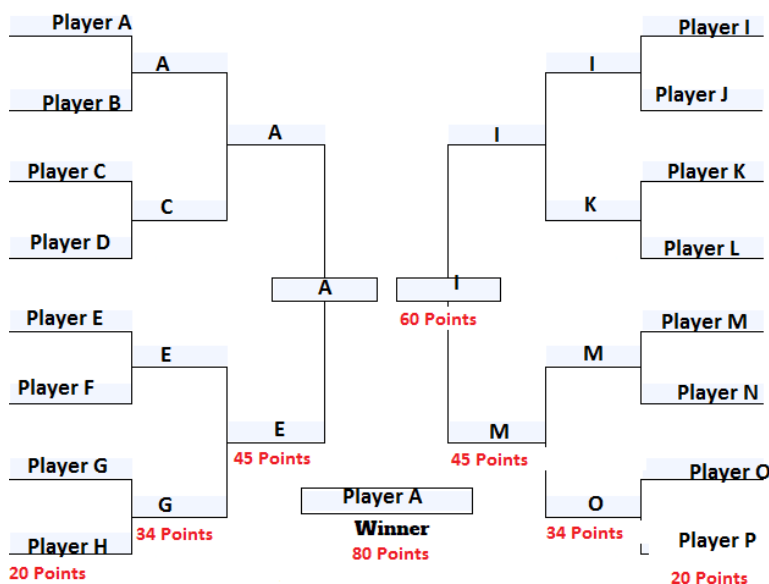
- An athlete will only be permitted to earn a maximum number of points for US 2.0, US 6.0, US 10.0, and US 12.0 sanctioned events each calendar year. A maximum of 250 combined points can be earned from the preliminary rated tournaments. An athlete will be able to earn any number of points from US 20.0, US 30.0, US 40.0, US 50.0, US 60.0, and US 70.0 sanctioned events each calendar year. There is no limit to the amount of points an athlete can earn from the major rated tournaments.
- Athletes will be limited to the number of State Championships they can compete in annually (January 1 – December 31). Athletes can earn points for their overall ranking in a total of two State Championships. An athlete can compete in any two State Championships.
- If an athlete competes in more than two USATKD State Championships, they will receive the highest number of points they earned from the two state tournaments.

Sanction	Maximum Number of Points (per calendar year)
2.0	Maximum 250 combined points
6.0	
10.0	
12.0	
12.0	
30.0	No limit to number of points
40.0	No limit to number of points
50.0	No limit to number of points
60.0	No limit to number of points
70.0	No limit to number of points

3.8. Competing in Events

- To receive points an athlete must weigh in, step on the mat, fight and complete the match. An athlete cannot “participate” to earn the points, meaning weighing in, stepping on the mat, and withdrawing without fighting. If an athlete withdraws (WDR) and does not fight or is disqualified (DSQ or DQB), they will not earn any points for that match. If a Referee stops the contest (RSC) due to injury or due medical, the athlete will receive points for that match. It is only when the athlete or the athlete’s coach withdraws the athlete or bows out from the match, the points will be nullified for that match.
- To receive a medical withdrawal, the medical staff must say that the athlete cannot safely continue.
- If an athlete competes and wins their first match but they bow out in any upcoming match in the tournament and do not fight, that athlete will only receive the points from the previous match that was won. Athletes will not receive points for making it to a round but then bowing out of that round. If an athlete begins a match but bows out with no injury and does not complete the match, that athlete will receive the points from the previous match. The athlete will not receive the available points for the match they bowed out in.
- If an athlete is disqualified during a match, the opponent of the disqualified athlete will receive the points from that match if they are declared the winner. The disqualified athlete will only earn the points gained from the previous matches won.
- Athletes will earn points in the weight division they compete in, whether the athlete loses or wins the match. If an athlete fights in their match, they will receive points for that round.
- Athletes can only compete in one sanctioned tournament within a five-day period or per weekend, Friday through Monday. An athlete cannot compete and earn points in multiple tournaments in the same weekend. If an athlete does compete in two sanctioned events over the same weekend, they will only receive points for the first tournament they compete in. Example: An athlete cannot compete in the Colorado State Championships on Saturday and then compete in the Nevada State Championships Sunday. If the athlete does compete in both tournaments the athlete will only receive points for the Colorado State Championships.
- USATKD does not recommend Juniors and Seniors compete more than once every two weeks.

- USATKD does not recommend Cadets and younger athletes to compete more than once every month.
- Below is an example of a 16-person US event. All athletes fight each match and there are no ranked athletes competing in the event. Each athlete will only earn the points available for that event.



- Points will not be combined if they compete in different weight divisions throughout the year. Athletes can earn points in multiple weight divisions.

3.9. International Events

- No points will be earned for international tournaments sanctioned by World Taekwondo. The only exception will be the US Open, and any other World Taekwondo sanctioned G1, G2, or G3 hosted by USATKD. All athletes can earn points towards their overall ranking in divisions contested at these tournaments.

4. Validation of Points

4.1. The points earned by an athlete will remain for 12 months.

- Points will be updated as events are completed, and the organizer properly submits all required documents and payments. If an event takes place in January of one year, those points will roll off in January the following year, after the 12-month period from the last event. If an event moves from July of one year to January the following year, those points will be removed in January the following year at the conclusion of the new event. Points will be updated as events are finished, and the organizer properly submits all requirements and results. Points will be earned in the division an athlete competes in.

4.2. Changing Belt Color During the Year

- If an athlete changes belt colors during the year the points they have earned will decrease by 60%. The athlete will then keep all points earned at the new belt color. The points at the new belt color and updated current points from the old belt color will remain until the end of the year.

4.3. Example: Player A starts the year as a Blue Belt, but in April moves up to a Red Belt.

Blue Belt		Red		Blue Belt Final	
Marc		July	October	120	
CO State	NV State	Nationals	US 8.0		
60	60	100	80		
New Points Now Competing as Red Belt:					
Marc		July	October	Final Red Belt	
CO State	NV State	Nationals	US 8.0		
24	24	100	80	228	

- If athletes change to the World Class Black Belts at Cadet, Junior, or Senior level, they will keep 30% of the points earned from events at the lower belt color, since these divisions fight for the potential to attend world and continental tournaments. The points at the new belt color and updated current points from the old belt color will remain for 12 months.

4.4. Example: Player A starts the year as Red Belt. After Nationals moves to World Class Black Belt.

Red Belt			World Class Black Belt		Red Belt Final Ranking
Marc		July	October		
CO State 60	NV State 60	Nationals 100	US 8.0 Event 80		

New Points Now Competing as World Class Black Belt:				
Marc		July	October	Final WC Black Belt Total
CO State 18	NV State 18	Nationals 30	US 8.0 Event 80	146

4.5 Aging up Divisions

- When an athlete ages up and moves up to the next age division, that athlete will carry 50% of the points earned from events at the younger age division. These points will remain for 12 months. These points are valid for their remaining life and will expire 12 months after the date of the event in which they were earned in the previous year.

Example: Player A is a Cadet Black Belt Athlete in one year and ages up to Junior Black Belt Athlete the following year.

Cadet Black Belt				Cadet Final Ranking
March		July	October	300
CO State 60	NV State 60	Nationals 100	US 8.0 Event 80	
New Points for now Competing as Junior Black Belt:				
March		July	October	Junior Black Belt Total
CO State 30	NV State 30	Nationals 50	US 8.0 Event 40	150

- Athletes who are 17 years old could compete in Junior and Senior events throughout the year. The following year, 50% of the points an athlete earns as a Junior will carry over when the athlete ages up to the Senior division, unless the athlete competes in both Junior and Senior events at the same event in the same year. An athlete who competes in both Junior and Senior divisions in the same year at the same event will only receive the points earned from the Senior division for their Senior ranking when the athlete ages up.

Example: A 17-year-old athlete competes in both the Junior and Senior divisions at the same tournament and two different tournaments in one year.

Junior Black						Junior Final Ranking
Mar		April		July	October	274
CO State 34	NV State 60	CA 60		Nationals 40	US 8.0 80	
Senior Black Belt						Senior Final Ranking
Mar			May	July	October	204
CO State 45	NV State 25		OH State 34	Nationals 40	US 8.0 60	
New Points for 2019 - Now Competing as Senior Black Belt:						
Mar		April	May	July	October	Senior Black Belt
CO State 45	NV State 25	CA 30	OH State 34	Nationals 40	US 8.0 60	234

Aging up junior athletes will declare their new weight division in the next age division of January

the following year, 50% of their current points will go to the aging up division. If an athlete does not declare the new weight division by the deadline, then 50% of the points will automatically be transferred to a new weight division.

Points cannot go to multiple divisions when the athlete ages up, points from one junior weight division cannot be split between two different senior weight divisions. An aging up athlete can declare two different senior weight divisions if they have points in multiple weight divisions. If a junior athlete has points in two divisions that move up to the same senior division, the junior division with the highest point total will transfer to the Senior division.

Athletes that are 16 years old will have 50% of their junior points transferred to the appropriate Senior division the year they turn 17. If an athlete competes at the same event as both a Junior and Senior, they will keep the points earned in the Senior division and no Junior points will transfer. The 16-year-old athlete will keep all the Junior points in the Junior division.

World Class Black Belt:

Aging Up Junior			
Females		Males	
Junior Division	Senior Division	Junior Division	Senior Division
42kg	46kg	45kg	54kg
44kg		48kg	
46kg	49kg	51kg	
49kg	53kg	55kg	58kg
52kg	53kg	59kg	63kg
55kg	57kg	63kg	68kg
59kg	62kg	68kg	74kg
63kg	67kg	73kg	74kg
68kg	73kg	78kg	80kg
+68kg	+73kg	+78kg	87kg

Red, Blue, Green, Yellow Belts:

Aging Up Junior			
Females		Males	
Junior Division	Senior Division	Junior Division	Senior Division
44kg	49kg	48kg	58kg
49kg	49kg	55kg	58kg
55kg	57kg	63kg	68kg
63kg	67kg	73kg	80kg
+63kg	67kg	+73kg	80kg

Aging up cadet athletes will declare their new weight division in the next age division of January the following year, 50% of their current points will go to the aging up division. If an athlete does not declare the new weight division by the deadline, then 50% of the points will automatically be transferred to a new weight division based on the chart.

Points cannot go to multiple divisions when the athlete ages up, points from one cadet weight division cannot be divided between two different junior weight divisions. An aging up athlete can declare two different junior weight divisions if they have points in multiple weight divisions. If a cadet athlete has points in two divisions that move up to the same junior division, the cadet division with the highest point total will transfer to the junior division.

World Class Black Belt:

Aging Up Cadet			
Females		Males	
Cadet Division	Junior Division	Cadet Division	Junior Division
29kg	42kg	33kg	45kg
33kg		37kg	
37kg		41kg	
41kg	44kg	45kg	48kg
44kg	46kg	49kg	51kg
47kg	49kg	53kg	55kg
51kg	52kg	57kg	59kg
55kg	55kg	61kg	63kg
59kg	59kg	65kg	68kg
+59kg	63kg	+65kg	73kg

Red, Blue, Green, Yellow Belts:

Aging Up Cadet			
Females		Males	
Cadet Division	Junior Division	Cadet Division	Junior Division
33kg	44kg	37kg	48kg
37kg	44kg	45kg	48kg
44kg	44kg	49kg	55kg
51kg	55kg	57kg	63kg
59kg	63kg	65kg	73kg
+59kg	63kg	+65kg	73kg

Aging up youth athletes will declare their new weight division in the next age division in January the following year, 50% of their current points will go to the aging up division. If an athlete does not declare the new weight division by the deadline, then 50% of the points will automatically be transferred to a new weight division based on the chart below.

Points cannot go to multiple divisions when the athlete ages up, points from one weight division cannot be divided between two different weight divisions in the new age category. An aging up athlete can declare two different weight divisions if they have points in multiple weight divisions. If an athlete has points in two divisions that move up to the same division when aging up, the current weight division with the highest point total will transfer to the aging up division.

Aging up to Black Belt:

Aging Up Youth			
Females		Males	
Youth Division	Cadet Division	Youth Division	Cadet Division
30kg	33kg	30kg	33kg
35kg	37kg	35kg	37kg
40kg	41kg	40kg	41kg
+40kg	44kg	+40kg	45kg

Aging up to Color Belt:

Aging Up Youth to Color Belts			
Females		Males	
Youth Division	Cadet Division	Youth Division	Cadet Division
30kg	33kg	30kg	37kg
35kg	37kg	35kg	
40kg	44kg	40kg	45kg
+40kg		+40kg	

Aging up tiger and dragon athletes will declare their new weight division in the next age division of January the following year, 50% of their current points will go to the aging up division. If an athlete does not declare the new weight division by the deadline, then 50% of the points will automatically be transferred to a new weight division based on the chart below.

Points cannot go to multiple divisions when the athlete ages up, points from one weight division cannot be divided between two different weight divisions in the new age category. An aging up athlete can declare two different weight divisions if they have points in multiple weight divisions. If an athlete has points in two divisions that move up to the same division when aging up, the current weight division with the highest point total will transfer to the aging up division.

Aging Up Tiger			
Females		Males	
Tiger Division	Youth Division	Tiger Division	Youth Division
24kg	30kg	24kg	30kg
28kg	30kg	28kg	30kg
33kg	35kg	33kg	35kg
+33kg	40kg	+33kg	40kg

Aging Up Dragon			
Females		Males	
Dragon Division	Tiger Division	Dragon Division	Tiger Division
22kg	24kg	22kg	24kg
25kg	28kg	25kg	28kg
+25kg	28kg	+25kg	28kg

Example 1: An athlete has points in 61kg and +65kg in their current age division. An athlete can move 50% of the current 61kg points to 63kg in the division they are aging into and 50% of the current +65kg points can move to the 73kg division they are aging into. The points from the current age division cannot be combined into one division they are aging into.

Example 2: An athlete has points in 61kg in their current age division. An athlete can move 50% of their points from the current age division to 63kg or 73kg of the aging up division. The points from the current division cannot be split into two different divisions when aging up.