

## 2025 WT Grand Prix Challenge - Muju Overview

#### **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. *Please note: This is the same process followed for the previous GP Challenge*.

If more athletes express interest than the maximum allowed allocation, per the WT, 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 1<sup>st</sup> entry, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 2 athletes who are US National Team Members in World Weight Categories native to the specific Olympic Division.

### 2. World Taekwondo Olympic Rankings

After criteria 1, athletes will be prioritized based on their standing in the WT Olympic Rankings as of June 2025, along with taking into account athletes who have officially moved their Olympic Division with World Taekwondo.

# 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.

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.

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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 – Muju must submit their interest by 5pm EST, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 by CLICKING HERE. Further information regarding registration logistics, fees, and deadlines will be provided upon confirmation of selection.

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 - Muju process:**

Athletes may contact the individuals listed below for information about this process.

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