



NOTICE REGARDING 2026 SENIOR PAN AM CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SELECTION

To maximize USA Taekwondo (USATKD) participation at the 2026 Pan Am Championships (May 8th, 2026; Brazil), the following protocol will be used regarding the 2026 Senior National Team Trial (Jan 30th – Feb 1st, 2026; Tulas, OK) winners and PATU Wildcard holders:

If an athlete securing the **2026 U.S. National Team spot through a Top 6 WT Ranking OR winning the Team Trials** and also holds a **PATU Wildcard**:

1. USATKD will utilize both the country quota place for National Team entry as well as the quota provided by the Wildcard.
2. The **next highest finishing Athlete (Alternate)** will be entered to compete at the 2026 Pan Am Championships alongside the PATU Wildcard holder.

Clarification notes:

While the Alternate will represent the USATKD at the 2026 Pan Am Championships, this selection is for tournament entry only. The Alternate **does not** assume the official title or status of "2026 U.S. National Team Member."

Athletes with PATU Wildcards are not required to win, or compete, at the 2026 U.S. National Team Trials to be entered for participation at the 2026 Pan Am Championships via their Wildcard.

Potential funding plans for Wildcard quota/alternate athletes are currently being developed, with information to be released as quickly as possible.

Please note that an athlete qualified automatically to the 2026 U.S. National Team via a Top 6 WT World Ranking is not the same as a PATU Wildcard.

Non-exhaustive list of examples:

- 1) An Athlete has a PATU Wildcard and finishes 1st place at the 2026 U.S. National Team Trials. There are 2 quotas available (1 Wildcard; 1 country quota). Both the Athlete that finished 1st place, and the 2nd place finisher would be entered for participation at the 2026 Pan Am Championships.
- 2) The 1st and 2nd place finishing athletes at the 2026 U.S. National Team Trials both have PATU Wildcards. There are 3 quotas available (2 PATU Wildcards; 1 country quota). The remaining quota would go to the 3rd place finishing athlete that lost to the 1st place finisher.

Please contact USATKD High Performance for questions.