# USA TAEKWONDO
# KYORUGI Athlete Selection Procedures
# 2027 World Taekwondo Championships

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## SECTION 1: OVERVIEW

These procedures outline the pathway for selection to the 2027 World Taekwondo Championships (Date TBD; Astana, Kazakhstan) for USA Taekwondo (USATKD) in KYORUGI (Sparring).

The maximum Team size is 16 athletes (8 Male/8 Female).

## SECTION 2: ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS

1. Nationality/Passports Requirements:
    - Have a valid United States passport at the time of nomination that does not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Event.
2. Minimum World Taekwondo (WT) Requirements:
    - Abide by World Taekwondo WT rules including nationality/citizenship requirements.
    - Comply with all rules and policies implemented by the Local Organizing Committee.
    - Comply with all WT eligibility requirements found here: WT Rules and Regulations.
    - Athlete must have an active WT Global Athlete License (GAL).
3. USATKD Requirements:
    - Athlete must have an active USATKD membership.
    - Comply with the USATKD Athlete Agreement.
    - Comply with the USATKD Code of Conduct.
    - Comply with the USATKD SafeSport Policy and the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code including education and training requirements.
    - Athlete does not have an active suspension from the U.S. Center for SafeSport that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the Event.
    - Athlete does not have an active sanction for an anti-doping rule/policy violation that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the Event.
    - Meet all health and safety protocols, to include vaccine requirements and/or testing requirements set forth by the government, local laws, USOPC, WT and/or the Local Organizing Committee.
    - 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).
    - Upon selection to the team, athletes will be required to pass a background check if they do not already have one on file.
4. Anti-Doping Requirements:
    - Agree to be bound by and adhere to all WT, USADA, WADA, and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing

and an agreement to be bound to the results management authority of the WT, USADA, WADA, or other Anti-Doping Organization as applicable.

## SECTION 3: EVALUATIVE EVENTS

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

| DATE(S) | DESCRIPTION/EVENT NAME |
|---|---|
| May 2026 | WT World Rankings as of May 2026. |
| December 2026 | WT World Rankings as of December 2026. |
| January 2027 | WT World & Olympic Rankings as of January 2027. |
| December 1st, 2026 | USATKD National Rankings as of December 1st, 2026. |
| January 14-17, 2027 | 2027 U.S. National Team Trials |

1. USATKD Sparring Rankings can be found here.
    a. USATKD Sparring Ranking bylaws can be found here.
2. WT Sparring Ranking can be found here.
    a. WT Sparring Ranking bylaws can be found here.

## SECTION 4: SELECTION PROCESS

Provide a step-by-step description of the selection process including an overview of the WT Qualification System.

### 4.1 TOTAL QUOTA PLACES:

The maximum team size can be 16 ATHLETES (8 MALE/8 FEMALE). The 2026 Pan American Championships is a World Weight Division competition.

| CLASS | MALE | FEMALE |
|---|---|---|
| FIN | 54KG | 46KG |
| FLY | 58KG | 49KG |
| BANTAM | 63KG | 53KG |
| FEATHER | 68KG | 57KG |
| LIGHT | 74KG | 62KG |
| WELTER | 80KG | 67KG |
| MIDDLE | 87KG | 73KG |
| HEAVY | >87KG | >73KG |

### 4.2 EVALUATION EVENT QUALIFICATION PATHWAY:

Athletes can qualify for the 2027 U.S. National Team Trials (Jan. 14-17, 2027; Memphis, TN) via any one of the following ways:

1. 2026 U.S. National Team members that competed at the 2026 Pan American Championships

(May 8th, 2026; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).

2. 2026 U21 U.S. National Team members.
3. Rank in the Top 40 World Taekwondo Sparring Rankings in the respective division as of the May 2026, and/or January 2027 rankings.
4. Rank in the top 10 Ranked Athletes in the USATKD National Sparring Rankings in the respective division as of 12/1/26.

   Athletes qualifying via this route, MUST compete at the 2027 U.S. National Championships (Charlotte, NC; July 1st-5th, 2026). Competing at the U21 Team Trials or Youth Olympic Games Trials at Nationals fulfills this requirement.
5. Junior Sparring Athletes ageing up. Any 16 or 17-year-old athlete that meets one of the criteria below:
   a. 2026 U.S. Junior National Team Members.
   b. 2026 Youth Olympic Games Team Members.
   c. Rank in the Top 4 of the of the USATKD National Junior Sparring Rankings as of December 1st, 2026.

   Junior Athletes ageing up MUST compete at the 2027 U.S. National Championships (Charlotte, NC; July 1st-5th, 2026).
6. Transferring International MNA Athletes

   Any athlete transferring from another Member National Association (MNA) to Team USA that meets one or more of the requirements for qualification for the 2027 U.S. National Team Trials listed above during the 2026 calendar year or have medaled at a 2026 WT Grand Prix will be eligible to compete at the 2027 U.S. National Team Trials.

   International athletes intending to compete for Team USA must have relevant approved releases from their original MNA prior to the registration deadline for the 2027 U.S. National Team Trials, as well as a current, valid U.S. Passport. Any athlete transferring MNAs must meet the minimum participation requirements outlined above in sections 2 & 3.

   Transferring International Athletes are ineligible for Auto-Qualification to the 2027 World Championship Team.

### 4.3 NOMINATION TO THE TEAM:

1. Athletes that are Top 5 Ranked in the WT World Rankings and Top 28 in the WT Olympic Rankings simultaneously (as of January 2027 WT Rankings) will be automatically nominated to the 2027 World Taekwondo Championship Team in the WT World Weight division to which their points are assigned.

   If there are two athletes ranked in the Top 5 of the WT World Rankings and Top 28 of the WT Olympic Rankings in the respective division, then the athletes will compete in a “Best of 3” competition system.

   If there are 3+ athletes ranked in the Top 5 of the WT Rankings and Top 28 of the WT

Olympic Rankings in the respective division, then the athletes will compete in a "Round Robin" competition system.

Any athlete qualified for Team Trials in a weight category with one, or more, Top 5 WT Ranked and Top 28 Olympic Ranked athletes, remaining will be competing to determine the Alternate athlete and remaining order of finish after the Top 5 athlete(s). These athletes will be given the opportunity to change divisions (up or down one division) to contest for a primary spot prior to the registration deadline.

Please note: Athletes transferring from another MNA are not eligible for automatic qualification to the 2027 World Taekwondo Championships Team as outlined in this section.

2. If no athlete automatically qualifies for the 2027 World Taekwondo Championships via the WT World Rankings & Olympic Rankings, then the winners of each respective Senior World Class Black Belt weight division at the 2027 U.S. National Team Trials will be nominated to the 2027 World Taekwondo Championship team.

2027 U.S. National Team Trials Format

1. The Senior World Class Black Belt categories will take place over two days:
    1. Senior Competition Day 1:

        Men's 58kg, 68kg, 80kg, and +80kg

        Women's 49kg, 57kg, -67kg, and +73kg
    2. Senior Competition Day 2:

        Men's 54kg, 63kg, -74kg and -87kg

        Women's 46kg, 53kg, 62kg, and 67kg

    Athletes who make it to the Semi-final round on Day 1, will be eligible to contest the division one above OR one below on Day 2. Athletes that win a primary National Team spot on Day 1 are ineligible to contest a division on Day 2. Athletes that meet this criterion please note:

    - Athletes are required to inform the Director of National Teams (Eric Wininger) of their intent to compete on the second day of senior competition prior to leaving the competition and fill out the required form, that will be provided following their match that day, to accept their invitation.
    - Athletes that accept the invitation to contest a division on the second day of the senior competition MUST weigh-in for that day's division.
    - Athletes that accept the invitation to contest a division on the second day of senior competition cannot change weight divisions after they have made their official choice.
    - Athletes that accept the invitation to contest a division on the second day of senior competition can only contest one division on the second day.
    - Athletes that accept the invitation to contest a division on the second day of senior competition will be seeded based on the seeding outlined criteria in this document, in the respective second day of senior competition's division they are contesting.

Please see this chart as a guide for which division a medalist on day 1 would be able to contest on day 2:

| MALE DIVISIONS | |
|---|---|
| DAY 1 DIVISION | DAY 2 DIVISION |
| 58KG | 54KG |
| | 63KG |
| 68KG | 63KG |
| | 74KG |
| 80KG | 74KG |
| | UNDER 87KG |
| 87KG | UNDER 87KG |

| FEMALE DIVISIONS | |
|---|---|
| DAY 1 DIVISION | DAY 2 DIVISION |
| 49KG | 46KG |
| | 53KG |
| 57KG | 53KG |
| | 62KG |
| 67KG | 62KG |
| | UNDER 73KG |
| 73 | UNDER 73KG |

2. Competition format
    a. If there are only 2 athletes in a division, then the division will follow a “Best of 3” competition system.
    b. If there are only 3, or 4, then the division will follow a “Round Robin” competition system.
    c. If there are 5, or more, athletes in a division then the division follow a “Single Elimination Bracket” competition system.

    There will be a “bronze medal” repechage match to determine finishing order in divisions with 4 or more athletes.

3. Seeding

    Athletes ranked in the Top 40 of the January 2027 WT World Rankings are seeded first, in ranking order. All remaining athletes are then seeded by the December 1st, 2026 USATKD National Rankings.

    Qualified but unranked athletes are randomly drawn into the bracket after ranked athletes.

    Athletes aging up into the senior division are seeded by the senior division’s rankings.

**In the event of a conflict between this overview and the WT Qualification System, the WT Qualification System will take precedent.**

## SECTION 5: DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA TO NOMINATE ATHLETES

### 5.1 RATIONALE FOR UTILIZING DISCRETIONARY SELECTION:

N/A

### 5.2 DEFINE THE DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA TO BE USED:

N/A

### 5.3 SELECTION COMMITTEE

The committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections or other decisions and recommendations directly impacting athletes in the selection process.

N/A

## SECTION 6: MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule, and duration of all mandatory training and/or competition for athletes who are nominated to the Team.

There will be a mandatory training camp for the 2027 U.S. National Team (Location/Date: TBD). USATKD will provide a minimum of 30 days' notice prior to the training camp.

While waivers for mandatory training will not be unreasonably withheld, all athletes nominated to the Team should arrange for appropriate time off from school, work or other obligations in advance. Waivers will primarily be granted for injury or other similar incapacity or for a personal/family emergency. Requests for a waiver must be submitted in writing to the Director of National Teams Eric Wininger (ewininger@usatkd.org) as far in advance as possible.

## SECTION 7: DATE OF TEAM NOMINATION

USATKD will nominate the Team, including any replacements/alternates prior to the registration deadline for the 2027 WT World Taekwondo Championships.

## SECTION 8: REMOVAL OF ATHLETES FROM THE TEAM

### NGB JURISDICTION

a. An athlete who is nominated to the Team may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USATKD:
   i. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete submits a written letter to the USATKD CEO Steve McNally (smcnally@usatkd.org) or Director of National Teams Eric Wininger (ewininger@usatkd.org) requesting to voluntarily withdraw from the Team.
   ii. Injury or illness. A physician (or medical staff) approved by USATKD provides certification that the Athlete has a debilitating condition. If Athlete refuses to provide verification of their illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff), their injury will be assumed to be debilitating, and they may be removed from the Team.
   iii. Failure to participate. Athlete does not participate in all Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in these procedures.
   iv. Code of Conduct Violation. Athlete violates the USATKD Code of Conduct.
   v. Athlete Agreement. Athlete violates a term in their signed USATKD Athlete Agreement.
   vi. Non-compliance. Athlete does not meet the athlete eligibility requirements listed in Section 2 of these selection procedures.

b. An Athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team if found to have violated WT, USADA, WADA, and/or the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code and the USATKD SafeSport Policy, as applicable.

## SECTION 9: SELECTION PROCESS IF ATHLETE VACANCY OCCURS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES BY NAME TO THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

9.1 Should a vacancy occur prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, the alternate (2nd place finisher in the respective Senior World Class Black Belt division at the 2027 U.S. National Team Trials) will be offered the vacant spot to compete at the 2027 World Taekwondo Championships.

Should the second-place finisher decline their invitation, the position will be offered to the bronze medalist (3rd place finisher) from Team Trials that lost to the eventual gold medal winner, and then to the bronze medalist who lost to the alternate. Should all medalists decline the invitation, USATKD will not field a representative in that division.

9.2 All replacement athletes must meet all requirements listed in Section 2.

## SECTION 10: SELECTION PROCESS IF ATHLETE VACANCY OCCURS AFTER SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES BY NAME TO THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

10.1 Should a vacancy occur after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, if allowed, the alternate (2nd place finisher in the respective Senior World Class Black Belt division at the 2027 U.S. National Team Trials) will be offered the vacant spot to compete at the 2027 World Taekwondo Championships.

Should the second-place finisher decline their invitation, the position will be offered to the bronze medalist (3rd place finisher) from Team Trials that lost to the eventual gold medal winner, and then to the bronze medalist who lost to the alternate. Should all medalists decline the invitation, USATKD will not field a representative in that division.

10.2 Any replacement of athletes must comply with these selection procedures in addition to IOC/IPC/WT/PATU regulations including applicable Late Athlete Replacement (LAR) policies.

10.3 All replacement athletes must meet all requirements listed in Section 2.

## SECTION 11: RIGHT TO A HEARING

An athlete who is removed from the Team has the right to a hearing per the USATKD Complaint and Hearing Procedures and the USOPC Bylaws, Section 9 (https://www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution).

## SECTION 12: REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the 2027 World Taekwondo Championship Team:

- USATKD Code of Ethics
- USATKD Athlete Agreement

## SECTION 13: DISCLAIMERS

These procedures are based on WT rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in WT rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USATKD.

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, pandemic, 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.

## SECTION 14: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All members of the Selection Committee (Section 5.3) and all individuals who developed these selection procedures (Section 19) must comply with the USATKD Conflict of Interest Policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form consistent with the USATKD Conflict of Interest Policy before convening the committee.

A conflict of interest exists when a personal, family, financial, professional, club, team or business relationship or interferes with, or may be perceived to interfere with a committee member's ability to be impartial and participate in the selection process in a fair and impartial manner. Any member of the Selection Committee who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to the USATKD's Ethics Committee prior to the start of the selection process and may be required to recuse themself from the Selection Committee discussions and/or voting.

If a conflict exists, the 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 themself from participating in discussions and/or voting).

During its review, USATKD's Ethics Committee may ask a Selection Committee member or an affected person for more information at its discretion. For example, if a Selection Committee member is required to recuse themself from voting, the USATKD Ethics Committee may still determine that a Selection Committee member who has relevant and necessary information related to athlete performance, such as a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the Selection Committee, provide that

information to the Selection Committee if the information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and if the Selection Committee member with the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

Additionally, any person with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to the USATKD's Ethics Committee. Reports may also be made anonymously through the USOPC's Integrity Portal. No committee member shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest. In addition, the USOPC maintains a strict no retaliation policy that prohibits any employee, contractor, agent, volunteer, or member of the USOPC to take or threaten to take any action against an athlete for reporting information to or seeking assistance from the Office of the Athlete Ombuds.

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the USATKD's Selection Committee appointment process.

## SECTION 15: QUESTIONS REGARDING ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

Athletes may contact the individuals listed below for information about these selection procedures:

Name: Stephen Lambdin
Position: Chief Performance Officer
Email: Slambdin@usatkd.org

Name: Alex Lee
Position: Team USA Athletes' Commission Representative
Email: alexlee.usa@gmail.com

ATHLETE OMBUDS

The Team USA Athlete Ombuds serves as a safe, independent, confidential place for Team USA Athletes to seek advice about any sport-related rule, policy, or process; how to navigate raising or responding to concerns; or access legal and mental health resources.

Team USA Athletes may contact the Athlete Ombuds:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000
EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org
WEBSITE: usathlete.org

## SECTION 16: GRIEVANCES

The USATKD Grievance Procedures can be found here.

Section 9 of the USOPC Bylaws provides a process for an athlete to file a complaint with the USOPC against an USATKD alleging that he or she has been denied, or threatened to be denied, with the opportunity to participate in a Protected Competition, as defined in the USOPC bylaws. Additional information on how to file a complaint can be found here: https://www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution.

## SECTION 17: NON-RETALIATION

The USOPC and USATKD have zero tolerance for retaliation against people who make good faith reports of potential ethical, policy, or legal violations, or who cooperate with investigations of those reports. That means no USOPC or USATKD staff, Board or Committee member, or volunteer may threaten, harass, discriminate against, or take any negative employment or related action (e.g., discharge, demotion, suspension, negative review) on that basis.

- Individuals may report concerns to USATKD by following USATKD's Whistleblower Policy https://www.usatkd.org/v2-resources/code-of-ethics.
- Individuals may report concerns to the USOPC confidentially, or anonymously, online using the USOPC Integrity Portal or individuals may call the USOPC Integrity Hotline at 1-877-404-9935.
- Additional information can be found in the USOPC's Speak Up Policy.

## SECTION 18: 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 as required by the USATKD's Records Retention Policy or for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the 2027 World Taekwondo Championships, whichever is longer.

## SECTION 19: DEVELOPMENT, APPROVAL & CERTIFICATION OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee of individuals developed these selection procedures.

| NAME | ROLE |
|---|---|
| Stephen Lambdin | CPO, USATKD |
| Eric Wininger | Director of National Teams, USATKD |
| Alex Lee | 10 Year Athlete Representative |

The following individual approved these selection procedures and through their signature, certifies that the

procedures comply with the standards and criteria set by the WT. The following individual further certifies that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by the USATKD and that these selection procedures will be posted on USATKD' website.

| POSITION | NAME | SIGNATURE | DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chief Executive Officer | Steve McNally | | 5/29/26 |

The following individual affirms that they have read and understand the selection procedures.

| POSITION | NAME | SIGNATURE | DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Team USA Athletes Commission Representative* | Alex Lee | | 5/29/26 |

* If the Team USA Athletes' Commission Representatives have delegated authority to another 10 Year Athlete Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the Team USA AC Representative indicating the reason they have delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that they have read and understand the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, they may submit those reasons in writing to their USOPC Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected Team USA AC Representative, the NGB must designate a 10 Year Athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

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## APPENDIX A – COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

**AAC** – Athletes' Advisory Council

**AC** – Athletes' Commission

**Act or TSOASA** – Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act

**APC** – Americas Paralympic Committee

**CAS** – Court of Arbitration for Sport

**Center or CSS** – U.S. Center for SafeSport

**CF** – Continental Federation

**IMS** – Internally Managed Sport (sport managed by the USOPC)

**IOC** – International Olympic Committee

**IPC** – International Paralympic Committee

**IF** – International Federation

**LOC** – Local Organizing Committee

**NGB** – National Governing Body

**NOC** – National Olympic Committee

**NPC** – National Paralympic Committee

**OCOG** – Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games. The OCOG refers to the Organizing Committee of the Paralympic Games as well.

**PAG** – Pan American Games

**Panam Sports or PASO** – Pan American Sports Organization

**PATU** – Pan American Taekwondo Union

**PPAG** – Parapan American Games

**PSO** – Paralympic Sport Organization

**TEAM USA AC** – Team USA Athletes' Commission (formerly USOPC AAC)

**USADA** – United States Anti-Doping Agency

**USATKD –** USA Taekwondo

**WADA** – World Anti-Doping Agency

**WT –** World Taekwondo

## APPENDIX B – GLOSSARY

**Contingency** means a future event or circumstance which is possible but cannot be predicted with certainty.

**Delegation Event** means the Olympic Games, the Olympic Winter Games, the Paralympic Games, the Paralympic Winter Games, the Pan American Games, and the Parapan American Games.

**Force Majeure** means an event or effect that cannot be reasonably anticipated or controlled (e.g., hurricane, tornado, etc.).

**Grievance Procedures** means the process that enables an athlete to file a complaint with the NGB or USOPC.

**Jurisdiction** means the power or authority to make decisions and judgments.

**Nominated** means an athlete, coach or staff member whose name has been submitted by the Selection Committee to the NGB.

**Protected Competition** means a Delegation Event or a Qualifying Competition.

**Qualifying Competition** means either of the following:

i. **NGB Qualifying Competition:** Any competition or activity organized or approved by the NGB where the athlete's performance or results are considered in the published selection criteria to represent the United States in a Delegation Event.

ii. **International Qualifying Competition**: Any international sport competition where (i) athletes represent the United States against athletes representing other nations, (ii) the NGB officially designates entrants, as required by the competition organizers, and (iii) athlete results or performance are included in the published criteria to qualify, or be selected, to represent the United States in a Delegation Event.

**Selected** means an athlete, coach or staff member whose name has been submitted by the NGB to the LOC at the final submission date, as determined by the LOC.

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## APPENDIX C – ATHLETE RESOURCES

### ATHLETE LEGAL AID

The purpose of the Athlete Legal Aid Program is to assist elite athletes without sufficient financial means to seek aid for fees and costs associated with legal representation or the proceeding itself with respect to claims before an anti-doping organization, NGB, IF, the U.S. Center for SafeSport, USOPC, IOC/IPC, Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), or other sport-related tribunal within the Olympic and Paralympic Movement.

WEBSITE: www.usopc.org/ombuds/athlete-legal-aid-program

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EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: usathlete.org

### RAINN HOTLINE (formerly SAFESPORT HELPLINE)

RAINN, the National Sexual Assault Hotline, provides crisis intervention, referrals, and emotional support specifically designed for athletes, staff, and other SafeSport participants affected by sexual violence. Through this service, support specialists provide live, confidential, one-on-one support that is available 24/7. Individuals can call the Hotline at 1-800-656-4673 or visit https://rainn.org/.

### TEAM USA ATHLETES' COMMISSION (Team USA AC) *(Formerly Athletes' Advisory Council)*

The Team USA AC is responsible for broadening communication between the USOPC and active athletes and serves as a source of input and advice to the USOPC Board of Directors.

WEBSITE: www.usopc.org/teamusa-athletes-commission

### TEAM USA ATHLETE SERVICES

The USOPC helps support Team USA athletes from the start of their career to their retirement and beyond through direct funds, programs and services that help athletes excel in their day-to-day lives, on and off the field of play.

WEBSITE: www.usopc.org/athlete-benefits-and-resources

### TEAM USA MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

For those in need of mental health support, USOPC Psychological Services is available at psychservices@usopc.org, or you can connect with a licensed mental health provider 24/7 through the USOPC Psychological Services Support Line at 719-866-2255. You can also visit www.usopc.org/mental-health for information about all available resources or complete our referral link at: go.teamusa.org/referrals to get connected.

### USOPC DISPUTE RESOLUTION UNIT (DRU)

For Protected Competitions, USOPC's DRU oversees the administration of dispute resolution services to athletes and other members of NGBs for grievances under the USOPC's jurisdiction to ensure the complaints are heard in a timely and fair manner. For more information about this process, please visit the dispute resolution website.

### USOPC ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE

USOPC's Ethics and Compliance team is responsible for ensuring the USOPC and NGBs comply with the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, their own bylaws and policies, and any other applicable laws or regulations. Any individual may report concerns confidentially, or anonymously, online using the USOPC Integrity Portal or individuals may call the USOPC Integrity Hotline at 1-877-404-9935 to report their concern over the phone.

### USOPC SECURITY AND ATHLETE SAFETY REPORTING PORTAL

Athletes can report an incident of emotional, physical, or sexual misconduct, a violation of the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Polices (MAAPP) or a general security incident or concern through the Safety Reporting Portal. Athletes may also report to the USOPC over the phone at 719-866-3869.