

USA TAEKWONDO
GAMES STAFF SELECTION PROCEDURES
2024 Olympic Games
December 15, 2023

These procedures provide for selection of USA Taekwondo’s **Games Staff** [see following table for a list of positions] for the 2024 Olympic Games. However, accreditation allocation is not guaranteed and will be based on final USOPC credential allocation and overall team size. Responsibility of payment for allocated accreditations will be determined by the USOPC and USA Taekwondo.

1. List of specific Games Staff position(s) that USA Taekwondo is requesting:

Games Staff Role	Responsibility
Team Leader	Serve as primary point of contact and liaison between the USOPC and USA Taekwondo before, during and after the Games.
Coach	Prepare athletes/teams for success on the field of play.
Medical Personnel (e.g., ATC, Physical Therapist, Physician, Massage Therapist)	Provide appropriate medical care for the team.
Mental Health Professional (e.g., Sport Psychologist, Mental Health Officer)	Provide appropriate mental preparedness for the Games.
Administrative Personnel (e.g., Team Manager, Security)	Assist team with any necessary preparation before and during the Games.

2. NGB’s/PSO’s criteria for the above-listed Games Staff position(s) (attach a job description, if any):

All Games Staff must:

- 2.1. Undergo a background screen in accordance with the current [USOPC Games Background Check Policy & Procedures](#) prior to nomination.
 - 2.1.1. Should a nominee experience any event between the time the background check is conducted and the relevant Games that may change his/her background check status, the nominee must inform the NGB/PSO and/or the USOPC.
- 2.2. Possess a valid passport that does not expire until at least six months after the conclusion of the Games.
- 2.3. Have the ability to work effectively with the USOPC.
- 2.4. Have strong administrative, communication and organizational capabilities/skills applicable for the Games Staff role.
- 2.5. Be responsible for the Team’s adherence to all rules regarding personal conduct at the Games.
- 2.6. Fulfill all duties and requirements of the USOPC including attendance at USOPC Games related meetings, as applicable.

- 2.7. Be available for entire duration of the Games, if requested.
- 2.8. Have NGB/PSO's approval prior to making any financial decisions regarding the Team.
- 2.9. Possess high level, specific technical and tactical knowledge of the sport as needed for the Games Staff role.
- 2.10. Have thorough knowledge and understanding of the IF rules and regulations governing the sport as needed for the specific role.
- 2.11. Demonstrate ability to establish harmonious relationships with athletes and other Team personnel.
- 2.12. Be in good health and able to withstand the physical rigors of traveling with and working with the Team.
- 2.13. Be listed on NGB's/PSO's Long List.
- 2.14. Successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadlines.
- 2.15. Participate in the appropriate anti-doping training as required for the Games Staff role by stated deadline.
- 2.16. Successfully complete the appropriate U.S. Center for SafeSport's online training module(s) by stated deadline.
- 2.17. Be in good standing with USA Taekwondo and World Taekwondo.

In addition, Team Leader must:

- 2.18. Have experience and proven ability leading teams at the national and international level, preferably at USATKD's highest level of competition (previous Olympic, Pan American Games, or World Championships).
- 2.19. Proven ability to handle crisis management situations.
- 2.20. A comprehensive knowledge and understanding of USATKD's Athlete Selection Procedures.

In addition, Coach(es) must:

- 2.21. Possess a high level of specific technical and tactical knowledge of the sport, with at least a World Taekwondo Level II Coach Certificate, and a World Taekwondo Level 3 Coach Certificate should it be made available prior to the 2024 Olympic Games.
- 2.22. Be a current National Team coach or part of the USATKD High Performance Team who was a member of the coaching staff for a National Team in 2021, 2022, or 2023, or be a volunteer coach who has coached USA Taekwondo athletes at an international event in 2022 or 2023.

In addition, Medical Personnel must:

- 2.23. Meet the minimum criteria defined in the [USOPC Sports Medicine Provider Credentialing Policy](#).
- 2.24. Possess the appropriate professional certifications.
- 2.25. Pass a medical credential review in addition to the approved USOPC Games Background Check, which will be a combined check managed through USOPC Sports Medicine (separately arranged background checks will not be considered).
- 2.26. Meet the required experience and proficiency levels as determined by USOPC Sports Medicine. (www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer)
- 2.27. Complete the mandatory Games training prior to the Games.
- 2.28. Be approved for nomination through the USOPC's Sports Medicine Division.

- 2.29. Fulfill all requests and meet deadlines for any required information or documentation such as the submission of a temporary licensing application (to practice medicine at the Games) and medical equipment submission requirements.
- 2.30. Have experience working with the USA Taekwondo National Team.

In addition, Mental Health Professional(s) must:

- 2.31. Meet the minimum criteria defined in the USOPC Sports Medicine Provider Credentialing Policy.
- 2.32. Possess the appropriate professional certifications.
- 2.33. Pass licensure/credential review in addition to the approved USOPC Games Background Check, which will be a combined check managed through USOPC Sport Medicine (separately arranged background checks will not be considered).
- 2.34. Possess appropriate experience relative to the position/field of practice for which they may be nominated.
- 2.35. Fulfill all requests and meet deadlines for any required information or documentation such as the submission of a temporary licensing application (to provide services at the Games).
- 2.36. Have experience working with USAT and USAT National Team athletes.

In addition, Administrative Personnel must:

- 2.37. Possess appropriate experience relative to the position/area of expertise for which they may be nominated.
- 2.38. Have previous experience at a World Championships, Olympic Games, or Pan American Games.

- 3. Intended method of identifying the pool and selecting the candidates to be considered for the Games Staff position(s):

USA Taekwondo will not solicit applications for the Games Staff position(s) listed below as they will be filled by current USA Taekwondo employees and/or contractors, or volunteer staff who have an established relationship working with USA Taekwondo athletes at international and domestic events.

Team Leader:

The Team Leader position will be filled by a member of the High Performance Team. If the High Performance Team cannot fill the position, then the High Performance Team will nominate a candidate that best meets the criteria in section 2., with final approval from the USA Taekwondo Executive Director.

Coach(es):

The USA Taekwondo High Performance Team will nominate the Olympic Games coaching staff to either the USA Taekwondo Executive Director (for any USA Taekwondo National Team Staff) or the USA Taekwondo Olympic Staff Selection Committee (for any volunteer staff), for final approval (see section 6). Priority will be given to USA Taekwondo National

Team Coaches first, followed by High Performance Team coaches and volunteer coaches. All coaches must meet the criteria listed in Section 2. above.

- * The number of available Coaching positions will be based on the number of athletes qualified to compete at the 2024 Olympic Games, as well as the USOC's allocation of Games Staff accreditations and USAT's ability to fill other priority Games Staff positions with the number of accreditations awarded.

Administrative Personnel:

The USA Taekwondo High Performance team will nominate the Team Manager that best meets the criteria in Section 2., with final approval by the Executive Director.

Medical (MD, DC, PT, ATC, MT):

The USA Taekwondo High Performance Team will nominate the medical position(s) with approval by the USATKD Olympic Staff Selection Committee and based on criteria listed in Section 2. USA Taekwondo will not solicit applications for medical positions. Priority will be given to an MD that has traveled in 2023 or 2024 as part of the USA Taekwondo medical staff at international events. Secondary priority will be given to DC, PT, ATC, or MT that is employed or contracted by the U.S. Performance Center and has traveled in 2023 or 2024 as part of the medical staff at international events.

Sports Psychologist:

USA Taekwondo High Performance Team will nominate a candidate that best meets the criteria in Section 2., with final approval from USA Taekwondo's Olympic Staff Selection Committee. USA Taekwondo will not solicit applications for Sports Psychologist. Priority will be given to a sport psychologist that is employed or contracted by the U.S. Performance Center and has traveled in 2023 as part of the medical staff at international events.

4. Removal of Games Staff:

An individual who is nominated to an above-listed Games Staff position(s) by USA Taekwondo may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Taekwondo.

- 4.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Games Staff nominee must submit a written letter to USA Taekwondo's Executive Director/CEO/President.
- 4.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Taekwondo. If the individual refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Taekwondo, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 4.3. Inability to perform the duties required.
- 4.4. Violation of the USA Taekwondo Code of Ethics

<https://www.usatkd.org/v2-resources/code-of-ethics>

4.5. No longer able to meet the required criteria in Section 2 at the time of the Games.

Once the Games Staff nomination(s) is accepted by the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Games Staff, at which time, in addition to any applicable USA Taekwondo Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Games Forms apply. The USOPC's Games Forms are available as part of Games Registration prior to the respective Games.

5. Replacement of Games Staff:

In the event that the Nominated Games Staff member is unable to perform the duties of the position(s) for injury, illness, Code of Conduct violation or any other unforeseen circumstances that would result in the need to replace him/her, the replacement candidate must meet all of the applicable criteria listed in Section 2 above.

6. Group/committee that will make the final approval of the Games Staff position(s):

Team Leader, Administrative Personnel and National Team/High Performance Team Coaches: USA Taekwondo's Executive Director will make the final approval.

Volunteer Coaches: USATKD High Performance Team will nominate a candidate to the USATKD Olympic Staff Selection Committee. The USATKD Olympic Staff Selection Committee will make the final approval.

Medical Personnel: USATKD High Performance Team will nominate the candidate to the USATKD Olympic Staff Selection Committee. The USATKD Olympic Staff Selection Committee will make the final approval.

Mental Health Professional(s): USATKD Higher Performance Team will nominate the candidate. The USATKD Olympic Staff Selection Committee will make the final approval.

High Performance Team (Group who will nominate positions to the USATKD Olympic Staff Selection Committee):

- Associate Director of National Teams
- Director of Athlete Affairs

USATKD Olympic Staff Selection Committee:

- USOPC AAC Representative
- USATKD Coach Director

7. Conflict of Interest:

All individuals involved in the selection process (see Section 6) must comply with the USA Taekwondo conflict of interest policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form for review by the USA Taekwondo ethics committee prior to beginning the selection process.

An individual involved in the selection process who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to the USA Taekwondo ethics committee prior to the start of the selection process. The USA Taekwondo ethics committee shall review the disclosure and determine the individual's level of involvement (e.g., whether he/she must recuse him or herself from the review process and/or voting).

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the USA Taekwondo committee appointment process.

8. Date of Nomination:

Nominations of Games Staff, including the names of any replacements, will be submitted to the USOPC on or before:

May 1st, 2024

9. Publicity/Distribution of Procedures:

The USOPC approved selection procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Taekwondo in the following location(s):

- 9.1. Web site: <https://www.usatkd.org/team-selection-procedures>

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

- 9.2. Other (if any):

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USA Taekwondo Executive Director	Steve McNally	<i>Steve McNally</i>	12/15/2023
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Jaysen Ishida	<i>Jaysen Ishida</i>	12/15/2023

* 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 Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/PSO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her 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.