



BID PACKET

**2028 - 2032
TAEKWONDO
U.S. OPEN INTERNATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

This document features a comprehensive outline for a potential bidder with USA Taekwondo, requirements to host the U.S. Open Taekwondo Championships. This event usually takes place in first or second tier cities. Past hosts include Orlando, Reno, and Las Vegas.

ABOUT USA TAEKWONDO



USA Taekwondo is the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sports of Taekwondo in the United States of America as recognized by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC). USATKD provides developmental opportunities for Taekwondo athletes throughout the United States to cultivate their knowledge of the sport while striving for world-class status.

Taekwondo is a defensive, martial art that combines philosophy, mental discipline, physical exercise, and physical ability. It promotes a wide range of principles including the following:

- Good physical condition
- Self-Defense or the ability to defend oneself
- Self-Confidence
- Respect
- Good health regardless of gender, physique, or age

The origins of Taekwondo, which go back two thousand years, lie in Korea. During its history, this sport has been known by various names, like Taekyon or Subak. Its official name nowadays, Taekwondo, was announced in 1955; a year later, the first championships were held. The Korean Taekwondo Federation was founded in 1965, and the World Taekwondo Federation was founded in 1973. During the same year, the first World Championship took place. Taekwondo became an official Olympic Sport at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

The mission of USATKD is to enable United States athletes to achieve sustained competitive excellence and promote and grow the sport of Taekwondo.

EVENT BACKGROUND

This annual event is one of the premier taekwondo events in the world and the oldest Open Taekwondo Championships in the world.

The competition is open to any certified black belt athlete in the world. Competition categories include Poomsae (Forms Competition) and Kyorugi (Sparring Competition). Each Kyorugi competition is divided into Weight Categories. The U.S. Open Taekwondo Championships is unique in that you may see competitors ranging from age 6 to age 70. Many Olympians, World Champions as well as National Champions from all over the world will compete at this event.

In 2025, there were over 2900 taekwondo athletes, coaches, and officials from 74 countries participating in this five-day event with over 2,000 spectators in attendance. The event is four days of competition and two additional days for move-in and event check-in/weigh-in. Competitors may compete on multiple days of competition.

EVENT OWNERSHIP

USATKD owns and operates the U.S. Open Taekwondo Championships. USATKD retains the rights to various media and sponsorship categories as listed below.

EVENT DATES

Mid-February through early March

EVENT MARKETING

The U.S. Open Taekwondo Championships will be marketed throughout the country and internationally by USATKD and World Taekwondo. USATKD coordinates the pre-event, event, and post event activities in conjunction with the CVB and/or Sports Commission. We see this event as a partnership agreement, so the CVB and/Sport Commission and location site logo will appear with all marketing materials. The host site may use USATKD's logo in conjunction with its printed information but only with approval of USATKD.

HOST OBLIGATIONS – SITE VISITS

- 2 economy class round trip domestic airfares for USATKD event staff for initial site visit
- 2 single complimentary rooms for USATKD event for initial site visit
- 1 economy class round trip domestic airfare for USATKD Event Manager for final planning site visit 2-3 months prior to start of competition if bid is awarded
- 1 single complimentary room for USATKD Event Manager for final planning site visit 2-3 months prior to start of competition if bid is awarded.



VENUE/HOST SITE REQUIREMENTS

- HOST will secure at no cost or a substantially reduced cost to USATKD one of the following venue types:
 - **Arena (30,000 – 40,000 sq. ft.) or convention center space of 100,000 – 125,000 square feet of contiguous floor space** with fixed seating to fit approximately 12 50'x50' competition rings and a minimum of 10' walkway in between each competition ring and outside seating.
 - The minimum height from the floor to the lowest impairment or overhanging obstruction shall be no less than 20 feet. Column-free space is preferred but columns spaced at 90-foot minimum intervals are acceptable.
 - Additional space close to competition floor that is 10,000 – 15,000 square feet for a holding area (can be on arena floor or separate room in venue)
 - Warm-up area that is 15,000 sq. Ft near the competition area
 - Set-up consists of 2 days prior to the first competition day. Three - four competition days are needed to conduct the event.
 - Loading dock to receive one 53' equipment trailers up to two days prior to the first set-up day, load/unload, and store for the duration of the event.
 - One motorized forklift, one electric powered pallet jack, two manual pallet jacks, as well as the authorization for our certified staff to operate this equipment.
 - A CAD floor plan based on the requirements in this document.
 - Ability to ship freight the morning after the competition concludes.
- USATKD competition area responsibilities:
 - Competition rings/mats including shipping.
 - Scoring monitors/displays
 - Ringside banner system consisting of USATKD Sponsors, and potential local sponsors
 - Other necessary equipment for conducting the competition
- **HOST In-Venue Support Facilities** Requirements – All of the following functional areas must have air conditioning, electrical and adequate lighting as well as:
 - **Secured storage areas** for equipment, awards, VIK, sponsor merchandise, licensees, comptroller, and miscellaneous equipment.
 - **Tournament Desk** - a two-tiered, elevated skirted platform (Approximately 56' x 24") located central to the competition area with the following:
 - Eight – Six 8' x 30" Skirted Tables
 - Ten Chairs
 - Two Electrical Outlets
 - Internet Access
 - Public Address System capable of broadcasting throughout venue.
 - **Sports Medicine Center**- Located near the Tournament Desk.
 - Eight - 8' x 3' x 30" tables
 - Four Massage Tables
 - Approximately 25 lbs. or ice per day delivered daily.
 - One Electrical outlet
 - 20'x30' pipe and drape area
 - **Registration**
 - 5,000 square feet meeting room
 - Four registration booths
 - Eight - 8' x 3' skirted tables
 - Ten chairs
 - Four electrical outlets

- One internet connection
 - **Weigh-In Areas**
 - Two meeting rooms – minimum of 1,700 square each
 - Six chairs in each room
 - Four tables in each room
 - Two electrical outlets in each room
 - **Referee Meeting**
 - Meeting space for 200 classroom style or rounds
 - Six chairs at head of room
 - Two tables at head of room
 - Room can also serve a meal area for lunch
 - **Coaching and Referee Seminars**
 - Two separate meeting rooms for 100 classroom style
 - One electrical outlet
 - Podium with microphone
 - Four chairs at head of room
 - Two tables at head of room
 - **Meal Area (Lunch and/or Dinner)**
 - Meeting Space for 80 people at rounds and space for buffet
 - **Practice area** 10,000-15,000 sq. ft.
 - **Exposition/ Sales Area-** USATKD merchandise sales and event souvenirs are the exclusive rights of USATKD. USATKD will not agree to pay a commission to a concessionaire or to venue management for an exclusive right to this sales area. In addition, USATKD reserves the right to permit national sponsors the opportunity to utilize the exhibition space and sales area to promote their products(s). Additional requirements are as follows:
 - Two - 30' x 100' Souvenir area
 - Twenty - 10' x 10' Exhibit booths
 - Seventy -8' x 3' x 30" Skirted tables
- **Internet connections will also be required at the following locations:**
 - 1 internet connection at the Tournament Desk
 - 1 internet connection at the Registration Area
 - 1 internet connection at the Weigh-In Rooms
 - Internet connection at these three locations must be on a singular network for communication across devices.
 - Dedicated wireless internet per device for streaming tablets (one per mat)
 - Access to Wi-Fi
 - (10) vendor wireless vouchers
 - USAT may request to use their own internet system for this competition without any financial penalty
- **HOST Auxiliary Venue Services**
 - Parking
 - Fifteen Complimentary parking spaces for staff and tournament officials
 - Reduced parking rate with in and out privileges for all event participants
- **Electrical needs:**

The following are the electrical needs for USATKD for the duration of the event. USATKD will bear the costs of these outlets, but an estimate of such costs should be included in a separate appendix of the bid package submitted for budgetary purposes.

 - 1 electrical outlet at each ring
 - 1 electrical outlet at the Holding Area
 - 1 electrical outlet at the Tournament Desk
 - Electrical Outlets available for use in the USATKD staff room
 - 1 Electrical outlet in the Sports Medicine Area
 - 1 Electrical outlet in the Registration Area
 - 2 Electrical outlets in the Weigh-In area (one in each room)
 - 1 Electrical outlet in each vendor booth
 - 1 Electrical outlet in Ticket Area

- **Parking**
 - **Staff Parking at Venue: Complimentary** parking must be provided for all USATKD staff vehicles for the duration of the event. USATKD requests up to fifteen parking permits for the dock area, ten of which will be permanent parking for event staff who drive and are not residents.
- **Ticket Sales/Entry-Exit Control**
 - USATKD reserves the right to all ticket sales.

EVENT HOUSING

USATKD currently uses a housing company to contract all hotels for the US Open Championships. If a bid is awarded, the housing company will contract all hotels. The proposal must include a housing grid with purposed rates and room blocks as part of the bid proposal and include the following:

- Hotel Blocks- in proximity to the competition venue to accommodate attendees using as many hotels as possible with a wide range of costs and amenities.
- Hotels must include a **\$22 rebate** per room night that will be paid directly to USATKD
- 10% Commission to be paid to the housing company
- No hotel attrition or cancellation please
- The attendee and staff room blocks and rates must accompany the proposal

Estimated Housing Needs:

- **HEADQUARTERS HOTELS-** 1 Four or Five-star headquarters hotels to house event staff and referees/scorekeepers.
 - Event **Staff Headquarters** hotel must provide the following amenities and complimentary rooms with **free local phone and internet access**.
 - Complimentary breakfast for 90 staff at the host hotel is required.
 - 1- Complimentary **Presidential Suite** with concierge privileges
 - 4- Complimentary one-bedroom **Business Suites** (Double/ Queen)
 - **Free Parking Passes** per day for USATKD Event Staff Rooms
 - Design, production, and placement of an **Event Welcome Banner in a prominent location** (preferably behind the registration counters without date specification for future use) during the contracted hotel dates.
 - Complimentary rooms are guaranteed at **80% consumption** of Double/Double rooms block or can be adjusted based on room block consumption.
 - If the city cannot provide the number of rooms described above in walking-distance rooms, then free transportation will be provided to and from the venue at non-walking distance hotel locations.
 - Please no attrition or cancellation

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Staff - Doubles	30	30	35	70	70	70	60	c/o
Staff – Kings	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	c/o
Staff - Suites	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	c/o
Attendee Doubles	30	30	230	450	450	450	350	c/o
Attendee Kings	5	5	30	30	30	30	30	c/o

Visitors

Participants are 6 to more than 70 years of age. These attendees participate, officiate, and serve in leadership capacities. They

require housing, food and enjoy the local nightlife, shops, and the opportunity to visit local points of interest.

Economic Impact

In recent host cities, local Convention and Visitors Bureaus have reported more than \$1,900,000 in economic impact.

Recognition and Visibility

Hosting the U.S. Open Taekwondo Championships can lead to hosting other amateur and professional sporting events, as well as interest by USATKD in returning to your city for National Team competitions, other taekwondo events and meetings.

Visitor Visibility: Your city will get exposure to attendees from across the United States and international participants, who will return home to share their experiences with friends and relatives.

Publicity and Public Relations & Media Exposure

Your city will gain recognition and publicity through media exposure in these venues:

- Pre-Event Manual and Event Programs.
- USATKD website.
- USATKD social media outlets (Facebook & Instagram)
- PATU and World Taekwondo websites
- Media publicity through event announcements and reporting of event results in hometown newspapers.
- Sponsor publicity.
- Hosting the U.S. Open Taekwondo Championships provides your city with an opportunity to work and share experiences with sport leaders from all over the United States.



BID PROPOSAL – SITE SELECTION

USATKD is currently accepting bids for the competitions in this bid packet. The deadline for submitting proposals for 2028 is April 1, 2026. For 2029, the deadline is April 1, 2027, 2030, the deadline is April 1, 2028, and for 2031 & 2032, the deadline for proposals is April 1, 2029.

Please email a complete bid proposal along with any other materials to the following USATKD staff:

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1. Once the proposals have been received, the USA Taekwondo Events Department will proceed with a thorough review of the bid. The top two proposals will be notified and scheduled for a site visit. The bid review will be based on the venue, hotel arrangements, ability to provide additional staffing and volunteers, and a budgetary analysis.
2. All expenses for this two-day site visit will be borne by the prospective host committee. During the visit, the USATKD representatives will visit the venue, all hotels in the block, local restaurants, transportation services, and other event related concerns.
3. Upon completing site visits to the final two cities, the USATKD Events Department will analyze each bid and make all recommendations to the CEO/Executive Director. Once the decision has been made the USATKD Events Department will notify all candidates of the decision and proceed to the contract phase of the partnership.
4. All contracts, including those from the Local Organizing Committee, Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the venue hosting the event, may be sent to the USATKD office.