

**USA TAEKWONDO**

**KYORUGI AND POOMSAE**

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO THE ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**

**2025 Junior Pan American Games**

June 1, 2024; Updated June 27, 2024

TO: Members of USA Taekwondo

FROM: USA Taekwondo

RE: Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games

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To provide as much information in a timely manner, USA Taekwondo is releasing this Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games (Games) **taking place August 9 – 23, 2025 in Asuncion, Paraguay**. This document is being written as a complement, and not a substitute to the 2025 Junior Pan American Games Athlete Selection Procedures. Additional communication will be released by USA Taekwondo once the Athlete Selection Procedures have been approved by the USOPC.

**Anticipated Athlete Eligibility Criteria:**

- Athletes must observe and abide by the Panam Sports Constitution, the Junior Games Regulations, and the rules of the Pan American Sport Confederation and World Taekwondo.
- Athletes must meet the age requirements as determined by the Pan American Sport Confederation.
- Athletes must be a national of the United States and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.
- Athletes must be a member in good standing of USA Taekwondo at the time of the Games.
- Athletes must adhere to all USA Taekwondo, USADA, USOPC, WADA and Panam Sports anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current USOPC Background Check Policy.
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s education and training requirements in accordance with the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy.

**Quota:**

- ~~The Pan American Sport Confederation has not released the Qualification Systems Manual for Taekwondo so the total number of quota places cannot be confirmed at this time.~~ **USATKD may qualify a maximum of eight (8) quota places [four (4) males and four (4) females] in kyorugi. USATKD may**

qualify a maximum of two (2) quota places [one (1) male and one (1) female] in poomsae. These athletes must also participate in freestyle mixed pairs poomsae.

- Once the 2025 Junior Pan American Games Qualification Systems Manual for Taekwondo has been released, this preliminary notice will be updated.

**Evaluation Events:**

It is intended that athletes being considered for nomination to the 2025 Junior Pan American Games will be evaluated on their performance at any of the below listed events. It is anticipated that results from the below tournaments could be used to directly qualify athletes into the 2025 Junior Pan American Games. ~~There is currently no indication of the total number of athletes a NOC can send to the 2025 Junior Pan American Games. We anticipate that both the Freestyle Pairs and Recognized Individual points can be used together to directly qualify Poomsae athletes for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games.~~

EVENT NAME	DATE/LOCATION
Pan Am Series I Sub 22	July 2024 (Queretaro, Mexico) *It is anticipated that this tournament will use Olympic weight divisions in Kyorugi, plus Freestyle Pairs & Recognized Individual Poomsae.
Pan Am Series II Sub 22	September 19 – 22, 2024
Pan Am Series III Sub 22	October 15 – 20, 2024 (Cuba)
Pan Am Series IV Sub 22	February 2025 (Costa Rica)
Pan Am Series V Sub 22	March 7 – 9, 2025 (Puerto Rico)
Final Qualification Event	May 2025 (TBD)

**Pan Am Series I Sub 22:**

- **Kyorugi** athletes who are eligible and interested in competing in the 2024 Pan Am Series I Sub 22 Championships in Queretaro, Mexico must contact USA Taekwondo to be entered into the event.
  - Kyorugi athletes should contact Eric Winingar, Associate Director of National Teams, [ewiningar@usatkd.org](mailto:ewiningar@usatkd.org) as soon as possible but no later than July 14, 2024 to be registered for this event.
- **Poomsae** athletes who are eligible and interested in competing in the 2024 Pan Am Series I Sub 22 Championships in Queretaro, Mexico can register directly on the UPTKD site at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUDDvRuXszYK1-LOPaDMbFHRfjvNgv-dXef6n9QdffFPsEAW/viewform>.
- To be eligible, all athletes must be born between 2004 – 2009 and must have an active World Taekwondo Global Athlete License through the end of the tournament.

Once additional eligibility and registration information becomes available for the other events listed above, this preliminary notice will be updated.



**Qualification for the 2027 Pan American Games (Lima, Peru):**

- Athletes must participate in at least four (4) of the five (5) qualification tournaments to be placed in the PATU U22 single ranking to be eligible for the Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games.
- All athletes must qualify by the PATU U22 single ranking.
- It is anticipated that 2025 Junior Pan American Games gold medalists in Taekwondo will qualify by name for the 2027 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru.
- Once the 2025 Junior Pan American Games Qualification Systems Manual for Taekwondo has been released, this preliminary notice will be updated.

**Disclaimer:**

This preliminary notice is based on the Panam Sports rules and regulations as presently known and understood for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games. The information in this notice is provided to assist athletes with their training and competition planning and is subject to change upon approval of the USA Taekwondo Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games. Once complete, the approved Athlete Selection Procedures will be posted at <https://www.usatkd.org/team-selection-procedures>.

For questions about the 2025 Junior Pan American Games selection process, please contact Eric Wininger, Associate Director of National Teams, [ewininger@usatkd.org](mailto:ewininger@usatkd.org).

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