

USA Judo
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2023 Pan American Games
Men and Women
June 21, 2022

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of nomination (September 10, 2023).

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC), Pan American Sports Organization (Panam Sports) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American or Parapan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41), the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1), the Panam Sports Constitution (Article 34.4-7), or the Americas Paralympic Committee bylaws (Chapter 2.4.12 of the IPC Handbook).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) (PAG and PPAG only) standards for participation (if any):

All athletes participating in the 2023 Pan American Games must have been born on or before December 31, 2008.

All athletes must sign and submit the Athlete Eligibility Condition Form.

All athletes must have a valid affiliation to the Pan American Judo Confederation. Affiliations expire every calendar year and must be renewed through USA Judo.

The Pan American Games qualification system can be found at:
<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors/2023-PanAm-Games>

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- The athlete must be a member in good standing with USA Judo at the time of nomination.
- Athlete must successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline(s).
- 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](#).

1.2. Tryout Events:

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

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| 1. Nov. 5 – Dec. 5, 2021 | 2021 Junior Pan American Games, Cali, Colombia |
| 2. April 15th – 16th, 2022 | 2022 Pan American Senior Championships Lima, Peru |
| 3. July 9th – 10th, 2022 | 2022 Pan American Senior Open Guayaquil, Ecuador |
| 4. September 10th – 11th, 2022 | 2022 Pan American Senior Open Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic |
| 5. September 17 th – 18 th , 2022 | 2022 Pan American Senior Open Lima, Peru |
| 6. September 24 th -25 th , 2022 | 2022 Pan American Senior Open Bogota, Colombia |
| 7. November 5 th -6 th , 2022 | 2022 Pan American Senior Open Cordoba, Argentina |

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| 8. TBC 2023 | 2023 Pan American Senior Open
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| 9. TBC 2023 | 2023 Pan American Championship
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| 10. TBC 2023 | 2023 Pan American Senior Open
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| 11. TBC 2023 | 2023 Pan American Senior Open
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| 12. TBC 2023 | 2023 Pan American Senior Open
TBC |

The locations and dates of these events will be posted on www.ijf.org, panamjudo.org/and www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo as soon as they become available.

1.2.2. Describe how athletes qualify for the events listed in 1.2.1.:

USA Judo's Selection Procedures for the 2021 Junior Pan American Games are available at: <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Juniors-Archive/2021-Archive/2021-Jr-Pan-Am-Games>

USA Judo's Selection Procedures for the 2022 Senior Pan American Championships are available at: <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors/2022-Senior-Pan-Am-Team-Selection-Criteria>

USA Judo's Selection Procedures for the 2023 Senior Pan American Championships will be posted at the following link once available: <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors/2023-PanAm-Games>
For the 2022 and 2023 Pan American Senior Opens, these are open events that any USA Judo member athlete on the elite team roster can attend. Details about the Elite Team Roster are available at: <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors/International-Tournament-Criteria>

1.3. Step-by-step description of the selection process for these Games (include maximum Team size):

The maximum team size is 14 athletes per NOC, one representing each weight category. The 14 weight categories are: Men's -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, and +100kg; Women's -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, and +78kg. In

addition, direct qualifying slots will be awarded to the gold medalists from the 2021 Junior Pan American Games in Cali, Colombia.

Athletes who attended the 2021 Junior Pan American Games and won a gold medal qualify directly by name to the 2023 Pan American Games. U.S. Athletes who qualified by name are as follows:

1. Tasha Cancela – Under 57kg
2. Alexander Knauf – Under 90kg

These by name qualifications are in addition to the quotas established in the qualification system. This means that Team USA may enter up to two athletes in each of the divisions qualified during the 2021 Junior Pan American Games assuming a second quota is earned.

If an athlete who qualified at the Cali 2021 Junior Pan American Games does not participate in the qualified weight category in the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games, the quota will be lost and cannot be transferred to another NOC or athlete. If the athlete changes weight categories he/she must earn a new spot through the Santiago 2023 qualification system within the maximum quota per NOC.

An athlete who qualified at the Cali 2021 Junior Pan American Games cannot earn another quota for his/her NOC for the same weight category in which he/she qualified; however, another athlete can compete in the same weight category to earn another quota through the Santiago 2023 qualification system within the maximum quota per NOC.

Qualification for the 2023 Pan American Games:

Qualification to the 2023 Pan American Games is based on the ranking system outlined in the qualification system.

1. The four (4) best scores obtained per athlete from across all qualification events will be used to determine an athlete's final ranking.
2. Based on final rankings, the 9 highest ranked athletes from the Pan American ranking for each weight category will qualify by name.
 - a. A maximum of one athlete per country for each weight category can qualify through this method.
 - b. In case of a tie in the ranking, the following criteria will be used:
 - i. The athlete with the highest combined point accumulation from the Pan American Championships if within his/her 4 best scoring events.
 - ii. If a tie still exists, the athlete with the highest combined point accumulation from the Pan American Opens within his/her 4 best scoring events.

- iii. If a tie still exists, the athlete with the highest number of points in a single event, and if required second highest number of points for a single event and so on per the qualification system.
 - iv. If athletes are still tied, the Executive Board of the Pan American Judo Confederation will make the decision.
- c. The ranking list can be found here: <https://panamjudo.org/es/c/ranking-25>
- 3. One quota per weight category will be allocated to the host country
 - 4. One quota per weight category will be allocated to the gold medal winners from the 2021 Junior Pan American Games. See above for details.

Ranking Score Table

Position	Pan American Championship	Pan American Open
1 st Place	500 points	200 points
2 nd Place	300 points	120 points
3 rd Place	200 points	80 points
5 th Place	100 points	40 points
7 th Place	80 points	32 points
1/16 Place	40 points	16 points
1/32 Place	20 points	8 points
Combat Won	12 points	6 points
Participation	4 points	2 points

Athletes participating in qualification events for the 2023 Pan American Games will be ranked based on the scoring table above. Any IJF points accrued from these qualification events will not have any impact on an athlete making the 2023 Pan American Games team.

Following the completion of the qualification events, the Pan American Judo Confederation (PJC) will issue invitations to the qualified athletes by name.

In the event two or more U.S. athletes meet the top 9 Pan American ranking criteria after the completion of the qualification events, the athlete with the highest position and/or highest point accumulation on the Pan American ranking list will be awarded the spot in that weight category. Should he/she decline the spot, the next highest top-9 ranked athlete from that weight category will be offered the spot, if USA Judo is authorized by PJC to do so.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

- 2.1. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

N/A

- 2.2. Define the discretionary criteria to be used (if any):

N/A

- 2.3. Name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles:

N/A

- 2.3.1. Process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee:

All members of the selection committee must comply with the NGB/PSO's conflict of interest policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form for review by the NGB/PSO's Ethics Committee prior to convening the committee.

Any member of the selection committee who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to the NGB/PSO's Ethics Committee prior to the start of the selection process and/or recuse him/herself from the review process and/or voting. A conflict of interest exists when a personal, family, financial, professional, club, team or business interest of the committee member poses a direct or indirect relationship, connection, or affiliation, past or present, with an athlete in contention for the applicable team selection that could compromise the committee member's ability to participate in the selection process in an unbiased manner. If a conflict exists, the NGB/PSO's Ethics Committee shall review the conflict and determine the committee member's level of involvement (e.g., whether that committee member must recuse him/herself from participating in discussions and/or voting). For example, if it is determined that a committee member must recuse him/herself from voting, the Ethics Committee may still determine that a committee member who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and so long as the committee member with the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision. The committee member must not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the selection process.

Additionally, any person (including any potentially impacted athlete or coach of a potentially impacted athlete) with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to NGB/PSO's Ethics Committee. Reports may be made anonymously. No committee member shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest.

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the NGB/PSO selection committee appointment process.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, the NGB/PSO has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is nominated to the Team by USA Judo may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Judo:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to USA Judo's CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Judo. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Judo, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of USA Judo's Code of Conduct (<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-judo/about-us/governance/usa-judo-policies>).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Judo's Bylaws Article 14 and the USOPC Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB/PSO Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOPC's Code of Conduct is included in the Games Forms made available prior to the respective Games; the USOPC's Grievance Procedures can be found at:

www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents

- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport

Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and USA Judo's SafeSport policies, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

If an athlete who qualified through the 2021 Junior Pan American Games cannot attend in the weight class he/she qualified in, this earned quota spot will be lost and cannot be transferred to another athlete. This athlete may requalify directly by being top 9 in their new division.

If an athlete who qualified through the ranking qualification process declines their spot or cannot attend, the only way an additional athlete can become eligible would be if the PJC issues an invitation to the athlete with the next highest points based on the PJC ranking list and in accordance with the 2023 Pan American Games Qualification System.

4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

See 4.1.1 above.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Judo will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USOPC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Pan American Games (include as attachments or provide links):

USA Judo Code of Conduct – <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-judo/about-us/governance/usa-judo-policies>

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Judo in the following public location(s):

- 7.1. NGB/PSO Web site: <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors/2023-PanAm-Games>

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

- 7.2. Other: N/A

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before: September 10, 2023

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition: No mandatory training is planned at this time. If mandatory training is added, athletes will be notified at least 30 days prior to any training.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

- USA Judo High Performance Committee
 - Eddie Liddie - High Performance Director
 - Alex Bates – High Performance Coordinator
 - Marti Malloy – USOPC AAC Rep and USA Judo Athlete Director
 - Christal Ransom – USA Judo Athlete Director

12. NGB/PSO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Judo Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/About-Us/Governance/USA-Judo-Bylaws>

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, as applicable, and/or PJC rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, as applicable, and/or PJC rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Judo. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, 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, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.


14. ATHLETE OMBUDS OFFICE



The Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB/PSO.

To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:
PHONE: (719) 866-5000
EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org
WEBSITE: www.usathlete.org

15. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by PJC and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Judo.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB/PSO President or CEO/Executive Director	Keith Bryant		8/1/2022

Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Ed Liddie		8/1/2022
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Marti Malloy		7/27/2022

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