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USA MASTERS TEAM 2027 Masters Games Taekwondo Team Selection Criteria

The aim for USA Masters Team is to support highly competitive, driven, and dedicated athletes to compete at Masters Games, who are fully committed to their training, to the team, and to the mission and vision of USA Masters Team.

Commitment is revealed through their actions, preparations for competitions, and podium results. One should be committed to attending USA Masters Team seminars and events. Committed to supporting the Masters Athlete movement and dedicating time and financial support toward the success of the group.

Taekwondo Team selection to represent USA on the 2027 USA Masters Team, shall be determined by the following athlete qualifications and criteria:

1. Be an active and current “Supporting Member” (<http://usamastersteam.org/join-us/>) during both the qualification season and Masters Games event year. (*Qualification season are the events that occur one year prior and up to the Masters Games event stated above*)
2. Attended at least one of the USA Masters Team Seminars throughout the 2026 calendar year
 - a. USA Masters Spring Seminar – East Coast, New York. April 10-11, 2026
 - b. USA Masters Fall Seminar – West/Mid Coast, Utah. November 20-21, 2026
3. 1st place podium finish at the 2027 US Masters Cup, January 15-16, 2027, Houston, TX
4. Served on the planning committee of 2027 US Masters Cup event.

Additional criteria of an athlete shall be the following determining factors:

- Served as a past Sr. US World/National Team member (1970's – 1990's),
- Past Jr. Olympic National Champion (1970's – 1990's),
- A member of the inaugural 2019 EMG USA Masters Team or inaugural Madrid Masters Team
- Winning at 2027 US Masters Cup by virtue of capturing the 1st Place Gold Medal in single elimination competition,
- Winning an international podium finish at a USA Masters Team attended international event (at discretion of USA Masters Team).

In the event a team spot becomes available, it will be at the discretion of the USA Masters Team to select the athlete to best fill the vacant spot. Considerations are made but not limited to the following: top podium finishers (1st – 3rd) at the US Masters Cup, AAU National Championship, and athlete's past records and competition bio, etc.

Team member agrees to attend pre-masters game training camp(s) in preparation for the current games and to continue to pursue their training at a high level at their home gym with aims to fully represent the USA team at their best capacity in hopes to podium at the Masters Games competition.

Athletes are assumed to be:

Ages 32 years and older

Black Belt

US Citizen

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USA MASTERS TEAM 2027 Masters Games Team Selection Criteria for Sports other than Taekwondo
(see Taekwondo Team or Karate Team specific qualifications document)

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Team selection to represent USA on the USA Masters Team at an upcoming 2027 Masters Games shall be determined by the following athlete qualifications and criteria:

1. Be an active and current “Supporting Member” (<http://usamastersteam.org/join-us/>) during both the qualification season and Masters Games event year. (*Qualification season one year prior to Masters Games*)
2. Attended at least one sport specific training seminars throughout 2026 calendar year
3. Submitted athlete application form, bio, and letter of intent
4. Competed at their sport specific national qualifiers to enhance to Masters Games
5. Served on their sport specific USA Masters Team planning committee

Additional criteria of an athlete shall be the following determining factors:

- Served as a past Sr. US World/National Team member (1970's – 1990's),
- Past Jr. Olympic National Champion (1970's – 1990's),
- A member of the inaugural 2019 EMG USA Masters Team,
- Winning at sport specific national championship by virtue of capturing the 1st Place Gold Medal in single elimination competition,
- Winning at sport specific international masters competition by virtue of top 4 finish (1st-3rd) in single elimination competition.

In the event a team spot becomes available, it will be at the discretion of the USA Masters Team to select the athlete to best fill the vacant spot. Considerations are made but not limited to the following: top podium finishers (1st – 3rd) at sport specific national championship, regional qualifiers, and athlete's past records and competition bio, etc.

Team member agrees to attend pre-masters game training camp(s) in preparation for the current games and to continue to pursue their training at a high level at their home gym with aims to fully represent the USA team at their best capacity in hopes to podium at the Masters Games competition.

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