



# US Open – Para Taekwondo Championships

28 January – 29 January 2018

Las Vegas Westgate Resort & Casino

Las Vegas, Nevada



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*USA Taekwondo would like to welcome you to the 2018 U.S. Open Para Taekwondo Championships in Las Vegas, Nevada being held 28 January - 29 January 2018 at the Las Vegas Westgate Resort & Casino*

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# SCHEDULE

## Sunday 28 January, 2018

10:00am-12:00pm	Credential Pick Up for ALL Competitors Weigh-In for all Monday Competitors	Westgate Resort and Casino
10:00am-8:00pm	Open Training	Westgate Resort and Casino
2:30pm-6:00pm	Credential Pick Up for ALL Competitors Weigh-In for all Wednesday Competitors	Westgate Resort and Casino
TBD	Classification for Athletes (A Classification schedule will be published at the close of registration)	Westgate Resort and Casino
6:00pm	Technical Meeting	Westgate Resort and Casino

All Para Sparring Competitors must be weighed in by 6:00pm

## Monday 29 January, 2018

### Competition for Para (G1) Sparring and Poomsae

7:30am	Doors Open for Para (G1) Sparring & Poomsae	Westgate Resort and Casino
TBD	Sparring Competitors MUST be in Holding Area (Matches TBD) Doors Open for Spectators	Westgate Resort and Casino
8:30am	Competition Begins	Westgate Resort and Casino
8:00am-8:00pm	Open Training	Westgate Resort and Casino
TBD	Lunch	

Detailed report times will be published prior to the start of the competition on the USA Taekwondo website ([www.usa-taekwondo.us](http://www.usa-taekwondo.us)). Match numbering will be used for all sparring divisions. Sparring brackets will be posted to the USA Taekwondo website the evening before the competition after the close of weigh-in. Daedo Hit Levels and designated poomsae will be posted 1 week prior to the start of the competition.

# 2018 MAJOR CHANGES

**SENIOR SPARRING:** Athletes will receive WT Ranking Points in Senior divisions (K41, K42, K43 and K44)

**POOMSAE:** P30 (classes P31, P32, P33 & P34 for athletes with a neurological impairment) & P20 Para Poomsae (Intellectually Disabled) will be included in the 2018 US Open Para Taekwondo Championships.

**ATHLETE, COACH & OFFICIAL REGISTRATION:** Registration for Athletes, Coaches and officials (Trainers, managers, etc.) must be completed through the World Taekwondo (WT) Event registration system: <https://worldtkd.simplycompete.com/>. All athletes, coaches and officials must have an approved 2018 Global License and WT Event Pass before you will be able to register. U.S. athletes and coaches must be a current USA Taekwondo member and meet membership requirements prior to your Global License being approved and processed. U.S. Participants please allow up to 10 business days for your Global Licenses to be approved and processed. Please click this link for details on how to process your Global License: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-taekwondo/v2-events/global-license-applications>

**COACHES ATTIRE:** Coaches will be required to wear the appropriate attire for the Semi-Finals and Finals of the G1 competition matches. Appropriate attire consists of a Coat and Tie for Males and the similar appropriate attire for Female Coaches. While the same attire is not mandatory for coaches at the non-G1 competitions, it is strongly recommended that coaches dress in appropriate attire for the competition as well. Shorts, cutoffs, flip flops, hats, tank-tops are **not permitted** when sitting in the Coach's chair. Team warm-ups, slacks, polo shirts are appropriate attire for the non-G1 competitions and the G1 event except for the Semi-Finals and Finals.

# REGISTRATION & QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

All Athlete and Coach Registration must take place on the World Taekwondo online registration system. Please visit <https://worldtkd.simplycompete.com/> to register. All Athletes and Coaches must have a current World Taekwondo Global License that is valid through 2018 and WT Event Pass before you will be able to register. USA Taekwondo has a NO REFUND policy. **NO REFUNDS** will be given for any reason. Registration Deadlines ends at 11:59pm (Mountain Time).

## **P20 PARA POOMSAE QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Pomsae Intellectually Disabled (ID) (P20) athletes must have INAS provisional eligibility. For list of INAS Master List, INAS Provisional Eligibility Application Form and Guideline notes go to: <http://www.worldtaekwondofederation.net/rules/>
- Athletes must be at least 12 years of age as of December 31, 2018 to compete in this event. Athletes in the Poomsae Junior Divisions (12-15 years old) are not eligible for WT World Rankings.
- Must be a 8 gup belt or higher. A copy of the black belt must be uploaded to your GAL License profile.

## **PARA SPARRING QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Athletes must be at least 16 years of age as of December 31, 2018 to compete in this event.
- Must be a 5th Gup belt or higher. A copy of the black belt must be uploaded your Global License profile.
- All NEW K40 and P30 athletes that are not on the WT Para-Taekwondo Classification master lists, must go through classification to determine sport class. To see the full list, go to [www.worldtaekwondofederation.net](http://www.worldtaekwondofederation.net). A classification schedule will be published after registration closes.
- *If you have any questions regarding classification, please contact [para-tkd@wtf.org](mailto:para-tkd@wtf.org).*

*Note: USA Taekwondo uses the date of December 31 of the given year (December 31, 2018) to determine the age of all competitors. Example: If an athlete turns 14 on October 26, 2018 they would compete as a 14-year-old in the 2018 U.S. Open Taekwondo Championships, even though they are 13 years old at the time of the event.*

## **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Athletes and coaches must pay IN FULL by the early or final registration deadline to receive the registration fee at that rate.
- All U.S. Coaches and Officials must complete and clear a background check prior to registering for the 2018 U.S. Open Taekwondo Championships. This is part of the Safe Sport – Background initiative that is mandatory for all United States Olympic Committee National Governing Bodies. This background check is required for all people that are in supervisory positions with our Taekwondo athletes. For more information on Safe Sport initiative please visit the USA Taekwondo website. <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Taekwondo/Resources/Safe-Sport>

## **CREDENTIAL PICKUP & WEIGH-IN PROCESS:**

- All participants must pick up ***their own*** credential for this event. You must present a photo ID at the time of registration. This ID must be either an official State issued ID, Passport or WT Global License as long as the photo on the WT Global License is a current photo.
- All sparring competitors must also present their own official State issued ID, Passport or Global License at the time of weigh-in.
- Lost credentials are subject to \$50 reprint fee. U.S. Open staff reserves the right to conduct random and periodic ID checks during competition.
- Any participants found on the competition floor without a valid credential will be asked to leave the competition floor and may be removed for the competition completely violating any of the USA Taekwondo policies, procedures or code of conduct.
- If an athlete wants to change weight at the time registration, he/she may do so for a fee of \$50.00. There is no fee to change weight if you change your weight prior to the final registration deadline. Athletes must change their weight prior to stepping on the official scale.

# REGISTRATION DEADLINES & FEES

## ATHLETES

Division (Sparring/Poomsae)	Early Registration Fee	Early Deadline	Final Registration Fee	Final Registration Deadline
1 <sup>st</sup> Division	\$135.00	January 9, 2018	\$185.00	January 18, 2018
2 <sup>nd</sup> Division	\$150.00	January 9, 2018	\$200.00	January 18, 2018

## COACHES

Position	Early Registration Fee	Early Deadline	Regular Registration Fee	Regular Registration Deadline	Onsite Registration
Coach	\$65.00*	January 9, 2018	\$125.00	January 18, 2018	\$175.00

\*US Coaches must have completed and cleared a background check and have WT Global License to register on-site for this event. All Coaches must register and take WT Coaching Certification Course prior to coach for this event.

**Registration Deadlines ends at 11:59pm (Mountain Time).**

# METHOD OF COMPETITION

### SPARRING:

Single Elimination tournament with seeding system will be applied in accordance with the WT World Ranking Bylaws:

- WT World Rankings
- Random computer draw

### POOMSAE:

Standing Procedures for the WT Para Taekwondo Championships will be used.

- Para Taekwondo Poomsae Scoring Criteria

# COMPETITION RULES

**Sparring:** Senior (16-32) To download the WT competition Rules go to:

<http://www.worldtaekwondofederation.net/rules-and-documents>. Dartfish video replay will be used on all competition areas. 2 quota until and including semi-final; 1 bonus quota will be given in the final if all quotas have been used.

**Poomsae:** Under 30 years old and Over 30 years old divisions. Consolidation, if any, will be made in accordance with WT Rules.

# DOBOK & EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

**Uniform for contestants:** Official Uniform (Dobok) <http://www.worldtaekwondofederation.net/recognized>

**Sparring:** Contestants must wear a white Taekwondo V-neck WT approved uniform (Dobok) in good condition. Black belts must wear black-collared uniforms. Patches, embroidery, logos, team names, country names, athlete names and stripes are permitted on the uniform; They can be up to 12" x 4" on each extremity (leg or arm) for a total of 4 (four). Logos or names on the back of the uniform and patches on the chest area of the uniform are also allowed. WT-recognized PSS will be provided for all competitors. Athletes are required to bring their own Red and Blue headgear, groin, forearm, shin guards, mouthpiece, gloves, and sensing socks.

**Poomsae:** Contestants must wear either a USA Taekwondo approved Dobok, WT approved Dobok or the WT designated Y-neck competition poomsae uniform as outlined in the WT Rules. If a Contestants chooses to wear the WT designated competition poomsae uniform, they must comply with WT guidelines concerning uniforms designated by rank. WT Y-neck uniforms may have a national flag patch and country code displayed on the uniform consistent with WT guidelines.

## SPARRING DIVISIONS - WEIGHT CATEGORIES

All Divisions are Black Belts ONLY. Note: Not Exceeding means the weight limit is defined by the criterion of one decimal place away from the stated limit. For Example, not exceeding 50kg is established as until 50.0 kg with 50.1kg being over the limit resulting in disqualification.

### PARA SPARRING DIVISIONS (16 & OLDER) SPORT CLASSES K41, K42, K43 and K44 ALL BELTS: 3 ROUNDS, 1 MINUTE

CLASSIFICATION	MALE DIVISIONS WEIGHT CATEGORY (KG)	FEMALE DIVISIONS WEIGHT CATEGORY (kg)
Fin	Not Exceeding 61kg	Not Exceeding 49kg
Light	Over 61kg & Not Exceeding 75kg	Over 49kg & Not Exceeding 58kg
Heavy	Over 75kg	Over 58kg

#### Weigh-Ins

- During the weigh-in, the contestant is required to show his/her current photo ID, USAT identification card or birth certificate.
- A competitor's weight shall be measured the day prior to his/her competition day. All competitors must weigh-in during the designated times on the schedule
- A competitor's weight may be measured twice. If a contestant does not qualify the first time, one more official weigh-in is granted within the time limit. So as not to be disqualified during official weigh-in, a scale, the same as the official one, shall be provided at the convention center as a test scale.
- Any irregular action by the competitor or coach during the weigh-in may result in disqualification from event participation.
- Weigh in, for both male and female shall be taken in the official V-neck uniform, or, if a contestant wishes, weigh-in may be done in underpants for male and underpants and bra for female contestants. ***Under NO circumstances may an athlete weigh-in in the nude in the United States.***

Competitors will be permitted to move weight categories from the weight category they registered in. You may change weight categories through the final athlete registration deadline at no additional fee. Any weight changes after the final registration deadline and/or at the event will incur a \$50.00 administrative fee. Participants may make changes directly through their registration in the USA Taekwondo Hang-a-star until they are confirmed and then you will need to contact the USA Taekwondo events department in writing at [events@usa-taekwondo.us](mailto:events@usa-taekwondo.us) to change the weight. After the final registration date (**January 18, 2018**), all weight changes must be submitted in writing and the administrative fee paid before the weight category will be changed. Competitors may change weight on-site but must do so before stepping on the official weigh-in scale and must pay the \$50.00 administrative fee before weight category is changed.

## POOMSAE DIVISIONS – AGE CATEGORIES

All of the poomsae divisions will follow the WT format. The Youth divisions will the WT format.

### INDIVIDUAL POOMSAE P20 & P30

AGE CLASSIFICATION	AGE DIVISIONS	RANK	COMPETITION TYPE
Junior	12–15	8 Gup to 1 Gu or 1 <sup>st</sup> Dan – 9 <sup>th</sup> Dan	WT Format
Under 30	16-29	8 Gup to 1 Gu or 1 <sup>st</sup> Dan – 9 <sup>th</sup> Dan	WT Format
Over 30	30+	8 Gup to 1 Gu or 1 <sup>st</sup> Dan – 9 <sup>th</sup> Dan	WT Format

## COACHING REQUIREMENTS

To coach at the 2018 U.S. Open Taekwondo Championships all coaches must be in good standing with their National Federation or Governing Body and holder of current Global Official License. The registration deadlines and fees will be strictly enforced and no exceptions will be made. Please refer to Registration Fees and deadlines section of this packet.

All U.S. Coaches and officials must be a current USA Taekwondo member, have completed and cleared a background check, taken Safe Sport Training course before registering your Global License will be approved. Once you have completed this you can register for 2018 U.S. Open Taekwondo Championships. On-site registration is permitted, but only if you have completed and clear the USA Taekwondo Safe Sport background check and Training Course. For more information on Safe Sport and USA Taekwondo background checks, please go to the USA Taekwondo website.

## Hotel, Flights & Transportation

**Hotel Reservation:** All participants may book their hotel reservation through USA Taekwondo Hotel Housing Company – GroupHousing. Reservation can be made directly by clicking the link below. This is the only way to receive USA Taekwondo discounts at the contracted hotels. <https://www.grouphousingadmin.com/signup/showevent.asp?id=1543>

**Airline Reservations:** Participations can receive 2-10% discount through United Airlines by calling 1-800-841-0460 and tell the reservation agent you are booking for the 2018 U.S. Open.

## Spectator Tickets

Admission to the 2018 U.S. Open Taekwondo Championships is by credential or ticket only. Advanced tickets can be purchased online through **January 23, 2018**. To purchase tickets in advance click: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3161318> Wrist bands will be given in exchange for tickets at the Westgate Resort and Casino. Wrist bands must be worn at all times and are good for the day allotted on your ticket. **No refunds or exchanges.** Lost, stolen or forgotten tickets will NOT be replaced or refunded.

TICKET PRICING		
Event Ticket	In Advance (Online ONLY)	At-Door
Adult All-Events (18+)	\$50.00	Not Available
Adult Single Day (18+)	\$15.00	\$18.00
Children Single Day (6-17)	\$10.00	\$12.00
Children 5 & Under	Free	Free