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Presidents and Secretaries General,
World Taekwondo Member National Associations

CHARLOTTE 2025 WORLD TAEKWONDO GRAND PRIX CHALLENGE

Dear Taekwondo family,

For the first time in history, the World Taekwondo Grand Prix Challenge is set to take place in Charlotte, USA, from June 13-15, 2025. This milestone event marks the beginning of an exciting journey toward the prestigious LA Olympics 2028.

I am thrilled that Charlotte will host this significant event, welcoming Taekwondo athletes from around the world, especially those striving to make their mark on the global stage. The Grand Prix Challenge is an unparalleled opportunity for Taekwondo athletes to demonstrate their potential and take their first steps toward international success.

The World Taekwondo Grand Prix Challenge has continuously proven to be an ideal stage for rising stars to launch their careers. I am confident that this year's edition in Charlotte will inspire and empower the next generation of Taekwondo champions.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the authorities in USA Taekwondo and all those who have contributed to making this event possible. Your dedication to the sport is instrumental in providing these athletes with an opportunity to shine on the world stage event and for giving the athletes a chance to shine.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chungwon Choue".

Chungwon Choue
President





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OUTLINE

**CHARLOTTE 2025 WORLD TAEKWONDO
GRAND PRIX CHALLENGE**

Event Date : June 13 -15, 2025

1. PROMOTER: WORLD TAEKWONDO (WT)

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2. ORGANIZING MNA: USA TAEKWONDO

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3. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE: US PERFORMANCE CENTER

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4. VENUE: Charlotte Convention Center (501 S. College St. Charlotte, NC 28202)

5. QUALIFICATIONS

In accordance with *Article 4: Qualification of Contestant* of the WT Competition Rules, the contestant must be:

CRITERION #1:	Holder of an active approved WT Global Athlete Licence(GAL) <i>* Any questions on the WT GAL please contact your assigned WT GMS Manager</i>
CRITERION #2:	Holder of the Kukkiwon Dan or Poom Certificate (* A copy of the Dan certificate should be uploaded to GMS when registering for the event. In case a contestant has applied for a Kukkiwon Dan certificate but has not received it yet, a copy of the Dan application form and the remittance certificate sent to the Kukkiwon must be uploaded to GMS when registering for the event. Please refer to the Kukkiwon Web site (www.kukkiwon.or.kr) for more information.)
CRITERION #3:	An athlete must be 17 years old or older. An athlete who was born in the year of 2008 or before is eligible to participate in the competition.

6. COMPETITION RULES

WT Competition Rules as of September 30, 2024 shall be applied.

7. METHOD OF COMPETITION

- i. Best of 3 System shall be applied
- ii. Single elimination system with bronze medal contest
- iii. Event Grade: G-2
- iv. Number of athletes: Maximum 400 athletes for 8 weight categories
(Maximum 50 athletes per weight category without exceeding maximum quota per nation - 4)
- v. Maximum quotas per Nationality: Maximum four(4) athletes per weight category

8. ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

- i. Athletes who meet the eligibility criteria may register and participate through their Member National Associations (MNAs)
- ii. Each MNA may register up to four(4) athletes per weight category
- iii. Maximum 50 athletes per weight category will be included in the athletes list. The selection is made based on the order of registration on GMS(first-come, first-served basis)
 - A. In case registration made by a MNA exceeds 4 athletes in each weight category, very first 4 athletes in the order of registration will be selected
 - B. In case more than 4 athletes are registered by a MNA simultaneously, 4 athletes with the higher ranking on the registration date will be selected
- iv. Athletes who registered but not selected will be placed on a waitlist. If a selected athlete withdraws, WT may allocate the spot to the next athlete on the waitlist in order of registration made on GMS.

9. ATHLETE QUOTA

- i. Maximum four(4) athletes per weight category for each MNA
- ii. Host Country Quota: There is no Host Country Quota.
The host country is allocated with maximum quota of four(4) athletes per weight category

10. SEEDING AND DRAWING OF LOTS

- i. All ranked athletes based on 2025 June WT Olympic ranking shall be seeded accordingly.
- ii. In case of athletes without WT Olympic ranking as of 2025 June shall be seeded randomly among those without WT Olympic ranking.
- iii. Host Country Seeding: There is no host country seeding for GP Challenge
- iv. Draw of Lots will be conducted one(1) day before the competition following the general weigh in.
- v. Draw will be uploaded on WT website – GP Challenge notice page

11. INVITATION TO 2026 WORLD TAEKWONDO GRAND PRIX SERIES 1

- i. Athletes who are placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd (Gold Medalist, Silver Medalist, and Bronze Medalist) will receive an invitation to the 2026 WT Grand Prix Series 1.
- ii. The maximum invitation quota to the 2026 WT Grand Prix Series 1 is limited to one(1) athlete per MNA in each weight category.

12. REGISTRATION TIMELINE

- i. Registration will open 13 weeks before the competition starts (March 14th) and close 7 weeks before the start of the competition (April 25th) to ensure time for visa applications.
- ii. Once the MNA makes registration on GMS, no changes shall be made – changes includes but not limited to the athletes' name, weight categories, or other details related to participating athletes – after the registration deadline except for Late Athlete Replacements(LAR).
- iii. The list of selected athletes will be published or communicated within 1 week from the registration deadline.
- iv. Athletes registered but not selected will be removed from GMS registration for the event.

13. WITHDRAWAL PENALTIES

- v. Penalty
 - Any confirmed athlete who withdraws within two(2) weeks before 00:00 Swiss local time on the date of Head of Team Meeting, for any reason(including medical purposes), will not be allowed to participate in the next GP Challenge.
 - All selected athletes should apply and obtain entry visa for USA in advance. No athlete will be excused for cancelling the registration due to visa except athletes additionally selected as a replacement after May 25th the abovementioned penalty will be given to the athlete.

14. LATE ATHLETE REPLACEMENT (LAR)

- i. Late Athlete Replacement due to injury will be handled case by case – MNA must inform WT Sport & Event Management Department for any decision related to the LAR. LAR is only applicable for athletes within same weight category.
- ii. LAR requests will be accepted up to 48 hours before the Head of Team Meeting (Local time). After the mentioned period, there is no LAR case accepted under any circumstances.

15. WEIGHT CATEGORIES

Men's division		Women's division	
Under 58kg	Not exceeding 58 kg	Under 49kg	Not exceeding 49 kg
Under 68kg	Over 58 kg & Not exceeding 68 kg	Under 57kg	Over 49 kg & Not exceeding 57 kg
Under 80kg	Over 68 kg & Not exceeding 80 kg	Under 67kg	Over 57 kg & Not exceeding 67 kg
Over 80kg	Over 80 kg	Over 67kg	Over 67 kg

16. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Round trip airfare and accommodation charges of room and board shall be borne by the participating athlete or Member National Association.

17. WT GLOBAL LICENCE & ONLINE REGISTRATION

- i. WT Global License Registration
All athletes and team officials must FIRST be registered with active WT Global Athlete License (GAL) or Global Official License (GOL).
- ii. Entry will only be accepted through the WT online registration system and registration is only possible with a valid WT Global Licence. Team GMS admins will be notified via email once online registration is open. All athletes and officials must be registered under team name "Country Name", for example **"Uzbekistan National Team" or "Uzbekistan team"**

18. ENTRY FEES

The OC shall collect the entry fees from the participating teams. Each team shall pay entry fee to the Organizing Committee by online payment on GMS. In case of any teams incapable of making online payment, the bank transfer will be available. Athletes shall not be allowed to compete without successful payment of entry fee to the Organizing Committee. Those athletes that cancel due to medical reasons and authorized by WT Medical Chair, shall not be charged entry fee.

REGULAR ENTRY FEES: The teams must **complete registration and entry fee payment** during this period.

- US \$100 per athlete.
- Regular entry fee period will begin on March 14th, 17:00 Local Swiss Time.
- Regular entry fee period will end on April 25th, 17:00 Local Swiss Time.

Following close of Registration Period:

Following the end of the registration on **April 25th**, the WT Sport & Event Management Department will review the online registration list and athletes list *will be posted on the WT website GP Challenge notice section* from **April 28th**

19. ENTRY DEADLINES & IMPORTANT DATES

- i. Entry deadline for registration period is **April 25th, 17:00 Local Swiss Time**. Entry submission after this date will be not accepted under any circumstances.
 - ii. Following the end of the registration on **April 25th**, the WT Sport & Event Management Department will review the online registration list and the athletes list in each category will be posted on-the WT website GP Challenge notice section from **April 28th**. *Athletes who are not selected within athletes list will be automatically excluded from the GMS registration.*
 - iii. The registered athletes or team officials may be replaced **without any penalty** until **April 25th**. Entry fee of US\$100 per athlete will be charged in case of cancellation of participation after **April 25th**.
 - **Athletes:** MNAs must submit entry online by logging into the WT GMS for athlete(s). A MNA can send a maximum 4 athletes per weight category. No entry will be accepted or modified at the accreditation center(s) in Charlotte.
 - **Team officials:** MNAs have to register online by logging in to the WT GMS (Refer to 15. Team Entries per country)
 - **Penalty:** Penalty of US\$100 per person shall be paid to the Organizing Committee at the accreditation center in Charlotte in the following cases.
 1. Any team official who is not registered online wants to be accredited at the accreditation center in Charlotte although the total number of team officials does not exceed the designated number.
 2. In case of exceeding designated number of MNA officials wants to be accredited at the accreditation center in Charlotte or any MNA official who is not registered online wants to be accredited at the accreditation center in Charlotte.
 3. Any changes or additions to team official after April 25th. This penalty will be considered the onsite fee for approved additions or changes to the national team list.
- **Any WT Global License registration completed onsite will be charged a US\$50 onsite processing fee for each WT Global License required.**

20. CLASSIFICATION OF RESULTS

Medals will be awarded to the top athletes in the respective weight category of the pertinent competition:

1st PLACE:	GOLD MEDAL & CERTIFICATE & Invitation to 2026 WT Grand Prix Series 1
2nd PLACE:	SILVER MEDAL & CERTIFICATE & Invitation to 2026 WT Grand Prix Series 1
3rd PLACE:	BRONZE MEDAL & CERTIFICATE & Invitation to 2026 WT Grand Prix Series 1

* * Maximum invitation quota to 2026 WT Grand Prix Series 1 is one(1) per nation. In case 1st and 2nd placed athletes are from same nation, the invitation to 2026 WT Grand Prix Series 1 is granted to the next highest placed athlete.

For allocation of invitation to 2026 WT Grand Prix Series 1, athletes ranking within Charlotte 2025 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Challenge shall be allocated as follows.

Position	Remark
1 st place	Gold Medalist
2 nd place	Silver Medalist
3 rd place	Winner of Bronze Medal Contest
4 th place	Loser of Bronze Medal Contest
5 th place	Loser to 1 st placed athlete at Quarter-Final
6 th place	Loser to 2 nd Placed athlete at Quarter-Final
7 th place	Loser to 3 rd Placed athlete at Quarter-Final
8 th Place	Loser to 4 th Placed athlete at Quarter-Final

All athletes will get ranking point. The points will be reflected on WT World Ranking and WT Olympic Ranking. The ranking points per winners of the competition shall be allocated as follows.

Position	Ranking Point
1 st place	20.00
2 nd place	12.00
3 rd place	7.20
4 th places	4.32
5 th places	3.02
9 th places	2.12
17 th Places	1.48
33 rd Places	1.04

21. TEAM ENTRIES PER COUNTRY

POSITION	MAX. NO. OF MEMBERS	
	MALE	FEMALE
HEAD OF TEAM	1	
MANAGER	1	1
COACH	3	3
TRAINER	2	2
TEAM MEDICAL STAFF	3	3
CONTESTANTS	4 per weight category	4 per weight category

22. WT-RECOGNIZED TAEKWONDO UNIFORM AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- i. **DAEDO EPRO 2990 GEN 3 v2 Protector and Scoring System (PSS)** including PSS Headgear will be used for the competition.
- ii. Participating contestants are required to wear **WT-recognized Kyorugi competition uniform** and WT-

recognized protective equipment. The latest version of WT-recognized manufacturers' list is available at the website of WT (<http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wtf-partners/recognized>).

- iii. The Organizing Committee will provide Protector and Scoring System (PSS) to the participating contestants. Participating contestants are required to bring their own groin guards, mouthguard, gloves, sensing socks and shin and forearm guards for their personal use.
- iv. Before entering the field of play, all contestants will proceed to the inspection desk for inspection of competition uniform and protective equipment. **Any contestant who wears unofficial competition uniform or protective equipment will not be permitted to enter Field of Play and compete.**
- v. The top has to cover completely the buttocks. However, the bottom of top should be more than 15cm above the knee cap.
- vi. Instant Video Replay (IVR) System will be used.

23. IDENTIFICATION OF NOC CODE AND MANUFACTURER

- i. National flag shall be located between 3 to 3.5cm below from the shoulder line of the right arm.
- ii. NOC Code is a three-letter National Olympic Committee abbreviation, and it shall be printed at the back in black and centred at 5cm or higher from the bottom line of the upper garment within the size of 30cm width x 12cm height. The font of the letters shall be in bold "Verdana".
- iii. Manufacturer's identifications (name, designation trademark, logo or any distinctive sign of the manufacturer) shall be located one for the top of Kyorugi competition uniform within 30cm² and between 3 to 3.5cm below the shoulder line of the left arm, one for bottoms of Kyorugi competition uniform within 30cm² located above the knee and center of the right leg, and one for Kyorugi belt within 6cm² at the end of the belt.

24. SPONSOR'S IDENTIFICATION

- i. ONE sponsor's identification (logo) is allowed to each of Kyorugi competition uniform's top and bottoms.
- ii. The sponsor's identification shall be located within 50cm² except the location of WT logo, manufacturer's identification, national flag, and NOC code.

25. MEDICAL CONTROL

- i. The WT Anti-Doping Rules, and where necessary the Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency, shall apply throughout the competitions.
- ii. Compulsory anti-doping tests will be carried out for all medalists as well as random selection basis. The WT and/or WADA may carry out random out-of-competition testing prior to the competition.
- iii. TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption)
Athletes who take any substance or medicine listed in the "Prohibited List" of the WT Anti-Doping Rules and Anti-Doping Code of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for therapeutic purposes are requested to submit TUE applications via ADAMS, together with the required medical information. If you do not have an ADAMS account yet, please contact tue@ita.sport to have it set up. Otherwise, please download the TUE Application Form [HERE](#) and once duly completed and signed, send it together with the required medical file to tue@ita.sport with copy to antidoping@worldtaekwondo.org, by at least 30 days before the first competition day. For more details, please see the following page of the WT website: http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/anti_doping-wt/therapeutic.html
- iv. WT Mouth guard, Taping and Bracing rules
http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/viewer_pdf/external/pdfjs-2.1.266-dist/web/viewer.html?file=http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/att_file/documents/WT-Mouthguard-brace-taping-and-padding-rules_FINAL_Feb-10-2020.pdf

26. HEAD OF TEAM MEETING

- i. The head of team meeting shall be conducted two (2) days prior to the start of the competition that is June 11th, in the presence of the WT officials and the representatives of the participating nations.
- ii. At least one representative from each team must attend the head of team meeting. In case of no representative can be at the meeting, the team must designate a proxy and inform Technical Delegate or WT Sport & Event Management Department before the meeting.

27. WEIGH-IN

- i. General weigh-in of the contestants shall take place on the day before their respective weight category.
- ii. Random weigh-in of the contestants shall take place in the morning on the competition day of their respective
- iii. weight category except M+80 & W+67. All contestants in draw must be presented
- iv. Random weigh-in shall apply to following number of contestants per each weight category with 5% allowance as below table.

Weight Category	5% allowance	Weight Category	5% allowance
M-58	Not exceeding 60.9kg	W-49	Not exceeding 51.5kg
M-68	Not exceeding 71.4kg	W-57	Not exceeding 59.9kg
M-80	Not exceeding 84kg	W-67	Not exceeding 70.4kg

Number of contestants in weight category	Number (%) of random weigh-in contestants
More than 32	20%
17-32	6
9-16	4
4-8	2
Below 4	0

- v. During the weigh-in, male contestants shall wear underpants and female contestants shall wear underpants and brassieres. However, contestants may weigh-in in the nude if they wish to do so.

28. INDEMNITIES

- i. All participants shall be responsible for own effective travel & medical insurance coverage.
- ii. Participants without proper insurance coverage will not be allowed to compete at the competition.
- iii. The Organizing Committee will acquire general Public Liability event insurance.

29. ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORTATION

Participating teams are required to make reservation via link provided by the Organizing Committee - <https://taekwondo.fastbreaktravel.com/Event/7b5c/> by no later than April 25th, 2025. Both hotel information and reservation is available in the link.

Accommodation must be secured by participating athletes and teams, and is not subject to any refund after the given period mentioned in the reservation link.

30. VISA INFORMATION

The Organizing Committee can provide Visa invitation letters for visa applications.

However, MNAs are required to check the USA entry visa application waiting times in their own countries and submit requests for recommendation letters to the organizing committee. The Organizing Committee cannot guarantee entry into the United States and can only offer assistance.

Visa invitation letter is available for the registered participants upon registration, and it is the responsibility of each athlete and MNA to apply for and secure the correct entry visa for the United States.

The guideline on the Visa application will be provided by the Organizing Committee, and can be found in both WT website and GMS/Simplycompete for participants.



31. COACH'S REQUIREMENTS

All coaches are required to hold **WT Coach Certificate Level II (2)**. Coaches those do not hold Level II coach certificate will be deleted from the registration and not allowed to coach.

All coaches are required to wear formal suit such as tie, jacket, dress shirt (long or short), trousers, and sport shoes during Semi-Finals and Finals. If any coach refuses to wear abovementioned attire, he or she will not be allowed to coach for Charlotte 2025 World Taekwondo GP Challenge as well as Muju Taekwondowon 2025 World Taekwondo GP Challenge.

32. TEAM DOCTOR'S MEETING

In order to receive accreditation card, all registered team medical staff must attend team doctor's meeting on June 11th, 2025.

※ Attachment

1. Timetable

TIMETABLE

(Subject to Change)

Date	Time	Event	Place
June 9 - 10	10:00 -18:00	Team Arrival & Registration	Venue
	09:00-18:00	Team Training	Venue
June 11	11:00-12:00	Team Doctors Meeting	Venue
	13:00-15:00	Head of Team Meeting	Venue
June 12	10:00-12:00	Referee Training – Morning Session	Venue
	10:00-12:00	General weigh-in for M-68kg, W-57kg, and W+67kg	Venue
	14:00-18:00	Referee Training – Afternoon Session	Hall B
June 13	08:00	Random weigh-in for M-68kg and W-57kg	Venue
	10:00-12:00	General weigh-in for M-58kg, W-67kg, M-80kg	Venue
	09:00-12:30	Round of 64 for DAY 1 : M-68kg, W-57kg, and W+67kg	Hall B
	12:30-13:30	Lunch break	Hall B
	13:30-19:00	Round of 32, Round of 16, and Quarterfinals	Hall B
	19:00-19:30	Session break	Hall B
	20:00-21:50	Semi-Finals, Bronze medal contest, Finals and Victory Ceremonies (Bronze medal contest and Finals will take place in main court)	Hall B
June 14	08:00	Random weigh-in for M-58kg, W-67kg, M-80kg	Venue
	10:00-12:00	General weigh-in for M+80kg, W-49kg	Venue
	09:00-12:30	Round of 64 for DAY 2 : M-58kg, W-67kg, M-80kg	Hall B
	12:30-13:30	Lunch break	Hall B
	13:30-19:00	Round of 32, Round of 16, and Quarter finals	Hall B
	19:00-19:30	Session break	Hall B
	20:00-21:50	Semi-Finals, Bronze medal contest, Finals and Victory Ceremonies (Bronze medal contest and Finals will take place in main court)	Hall B
June 15	08:00	Random weigh-in for W-49kg	Venue
	09:00-11:30	Round of 64 for DAY 3 : M+80kg, W-49kg	Hall B
	11:30-12:30	Lunch break	Hall B
	12:30-16:00	Round of 32, Round of 16, and Quarter finals	Hall B
	16:00-16:30	Session break	Hall B
	16:30-18:20	Semi-Finals, Bronze medal contest, Finals and Victory Ceremonies (Bronze medal contest and Finals will take place in main court)	Hall B