

Charlotte 2025 Grand Prix Challenge Athlete Selection Principles

OVERVIEW

World Taekwondo (WT) has recently announced updates for the 2025 Grand Prix Challenge events to include all of the following restrictions:

- Maximum of 50 athletes per Olympic weight category.
- Maximum of 4 athletes per country per Olympic weight category.
- Registration only through MNA (re: Taekwondo Canada).
- Registrations accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

Taekwondo Canada is now going through the process of generating an entry list to meet the WT requirements. Athletes must submit their interest in participating at the Charlotte 2025 Grand Prix Challenge by **March 10th, 2025 at 17:00 Eastern time** by completing the online form (<https://www.cognitoforms.com/TaekwondoCanada1/ExpressionOfInterestCharlotte2025WorldTaekwondoGrandPrixChallenge>).

ATHLETE PRIORITIZATION FOR ENTRY

Taekwondo Canada will enter athletes up to the restricted limit of 4 per Olympic weight category. If more than 4 athletes express their interest to participate, Taekwondo Canada will utilize the following prioritization.

Priority 1: 2025-2026 Sport Canada Carded Athletes

- Eligible athletes that have achieved and are receiving 2025-2026 Sport Canada Athlete Assistance will be entered in their respective Olympic division.

Priority 2: 2025 Canadian Taekwondo National Champions

- The winner of each World Weight division from the 2025 Canadian Taekwondo National Championships will be entered into their declared Olympic division as per the following process:
 - a. The athlete that won the World Weight that corresponds exactly to the Olympic Weight will be entered first (re: M-58kg winner will be first entry in the M-58kg Olympic division).
 - b. The athletes that won the boundary divisions (re: for M-58kg, the boundary divisions are M-54kg and M-63kg), will be ranked based on their March 2025 WT Olympic rankings and entered accordingly.

Priority 3: March 2025 WT Olympic Rankings

- Athletes will be entered in rank order based on their March 2025 WT Olympic Ranking.

Priority 4: 2025 Canadian Taekwondo National Championships Results

- If any additional spots remain after Priorities 1 through 3, athletes will be entered based on their finishing position at the 2025 Canadian Taekwondo National Championships.
- In order to break potential ties (re: 3rd place, 5th place, 9th place, etc...), athletes that lost to the higher finishing athlete will be ranked higher.
 - For example, the Bronze medalist that lost to the Gold medalist will be ranked ahead of the Bronze medalist that lost to the Silver medalist.

Any divisions with fewer than 4 athletes requesting to be registered will remain with those entries and no additional athletes will be entered. All athletes must meet the eligibility requirements established by WT and published in the official event outline.

Completing the Expression of Interest form does not guarantee athletes entry into the event. Final registrations will be determined by World Taekwondo based on all MNA submissions that they received. **Any athlete that requests to be registered but does not attend or attends and does not make weight will not be permitted to enter into the next WT Grand Prix Challenge.**

Any questions regarding the Charlotte 2025 Grand Prix Challenge entry process can be sent to Taekwondo Canada's High Performance Director, Allan Wrigley awrigley@taekwondo-canada.com.