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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Global Media Professionals,

**W**elcome to taekwondo at Rio 2016! Rio is famed for its carnivals, and taekwondo will rock the city with a “**festival of fight**” - lively ring announcements, thunderous music, gravity-defying demonstrations by the WTF Demonstration Team and the world’s top taekwondo stars competing for glory.

I hope you note the sport’s innovations. For over a decade, we have leveraged technology to make taekwondo as fair and transparent as possible – we have even been dubbed “techwondo!” London saw the first Olympic use of a PSS (Protector and Scoring System) trunk protector, in which sensors electronically register points; Rio marks the Olympic debut of the Head PSS. We have also tweaked scoring to encourage the most spectacular kicks, and made our mats octagonal to promote lively movement.

I hope you recognize our focus on **equality**. Taekwondo is a true **sport for all**, one of the most economical and democratic sports on earth. In Rio, our team of international referees is split exactly 50-50, male-female. And while para-taekwondo athletes are not competing in Rio, they will make their Paralympic debuts in Tokyo 2020.

I hope you take an interest in a new initiative: The **Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF)**. Taekwondo requires minimal equipment, so is one of the easiest sports to deploy. It delivers physical fitness, mental discipline, self-defence and self-respect. Since late 2015, the **THF has been teaching taekwondo** to some of those who need its benefits the most: Refugees and displaced persons. THF programs are underway in Syrian **refugee camps** in Jordan and Turkey, and in earthquake-struck regions of Nepal.

I hope you approach me with questions, queries or comments. Myself and the WTF Council will be at the venue, and we want to hear what media professionals make of Olympic taekwondo.

And I hope you talk to our athletes. Taekwondo boasts over 70 million practitioners, making it one of the globe’s top participation sports. When you meet our elite players here in Rio, you will find they are some of the most open, friendly and courteous sportspeople anywhere. I conclude with one request: In your coverage of taekwondo in Rio, please do our athletes justice!

Thank you and yours in sport -

*Chungwon Choue*

**Chungwon Choue**

President, World Taekwondo Federation



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# About Taekwondo





WTF Global Membership

206<sup>+1</sup>

The WTF has 206 Member National Associations +1. The “+1” stands for refugees. The WTF allowed refugee athletes to compete in the Olympic qualification tournaments for the first time as an IF.

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PAN AMERICA

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| Antigua & Barbuda      | Guatemala                    |
| Argentina              | Guyana                       |
| Aruba                  | Haiti                        |
| Bahamas                | Honduras                     |
| Barbados               | Jamaica                      |
| Belize                 | Martinique                   |
| Bermuda                | Mexico                       |
| Bolivia                | Curacao                      |
| Brazil                 | Nicaragua                    |
| British Virgin Islands | Panama                       |
| Canada                 | Paraguay                     |
| Cayman Islands         | Peru                         |
| Chile                  | Puerto Rico                  |
| Colombia               | St. Lucia                    |
| Costa Rica             | St. Kitts & Nevis            |
| Dominican Republic     | Surinam                      |
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| Dominica               | Trinidad and Tobago          |
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| Benin                    | Mauritania          |
| Botswana                 | Mauritius           |
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| Burundi                  | Mozambique          |
| Cameroon                 | Niger               |
| Cape Verde               | Nigeria             |
| Central African Republic | Rwanda              |
| Comoros                  | Sao Tome & Principe |
| Cote d'Ivoire            | Senegal             |
| Congo                    | Seychelles          |
| D.R. of the Congo        | Sierra Leone        |
| Egypt                    | Somalia             |
| Equatorial Guinea        | South Africa        |
| Ethiopia                 | Sudan               |
| Gabon                    | South Sudan         |
| Gambia                   | Swaziland           |
| Ghana                    | Chad                |
| Guinea                   | Tanzania            |
| Kenya                    | Togo                |
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| Liberia                  | Uganda              |
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| Madagascar               | Zambia              |

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| Armenia              | Latvia                                |
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| Azerbaijan           | Luxembourg                            |
| Belarus              | Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia |
| Belgium              | Malta                                 |
| Bosnia & Herzegovina | Moldova                               |
| Bulgaria             | Monaco                                |
| Croatia              | Montenegro                            |
| Cyprus               | The Netherlands                       |
| Czech Republic       | Norway                                |
| Denmark              | Poland                                |
| Estonia              | Portugal                              |
| Finland              | Romania                               |
| France               | Russia                                |
| Georgia              | San Marino                            |
| Germany              | Serbia                                |
| Great Britain        | Slovakia                              |
| Greece               | Slovenia                              |
| Hungary              | Spain                                 |
| Iceland              | Sweden                                |
| Ireland              | Switzerland                           |
| Isle of Man          | Turkey                                |
| Israel               | Ukraine                               |

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ASIA

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| Afghanistan    | Malaysia             |
| Bahrain        | Mongolia             |
| Bangladesh     | Myanmar              |
| Bhutan         | Nepal                |
| Brunei         | Oman                 |
| Cambodia       | Pakistan             |
| China          | Palestine            |
| Chinese Taipei | Philippines          |
| Hong Kong      | Qatar                |
| India          | Saudi Arabia         |
| Indonesia      | Singapore            |
| Iran           | Sri Lanka            |
| Iraq           | Syria                |
| Japan          | Tajikistan           |
| Jordan         | Thailand             |
| Kazakhstan     | Timor-Leste          |
| Korea          | Turkmenistan         |
| Kuwait         | United Arab Emirates |
| Kyrgyzstan     | Uzbekistan           |
| Laos           | Vietnam              |
| Lebanon        | Yemen                |
| Macao          |                      |

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| American Samoa   | New Caledonia    |
| Australia        | New Zealand      |
| Cook Islands     | Palau            |
| Fiji             | Papua New Guinea |
| French Polynesia | Samoa            |
| Guam             | Solomon Islands  |
| Kiribati         | Tonga            |
| Marshall Islands | Tuvalu           |
| Micronesia       | Vanuatu          |
| Nauru            |                  |

## Origins



For some 2000 years, a range of martial arts were practiced on the Korean peninsula. However, the martial arts that would form what we now call “taekwondo” first appeared in Korea after the Japanese colonial period (1910-1945) ended. Following the Korean War (1950-1953), a number of these martial arts styles and schools agreed to cooperate and use the name “taekwondo” (literally: “The way of fist and foot”) to describe what they did in 1959. In 1965, the name taekwondo was officially adopted.

## Defining Taekwondo

Judo and taekwondo are both modern, unarmed martial arts, but while judo is based on grappling, taekwondo is based on striking. What differentiates taekwondo from its cousins, wushu and karate, is its emphasis on high kicking. For reasons that may be linked to physiology - Koreans inhabit a mountainous peninsula, and have the cultural habit of sitting on the floor, granting them legs that are both strong and flexible— and/or may be linked to national character – the Korean spirit is emotive and passionate – taekwondo emphasizes spectacular leg moves. Today’s taekwondo provides its practitioners with a physical encyclopedia of high, spinning and jumping kicks that challenge the boundaries of athletic endeavor.



## From Combat Sport to Olympic Sport

Taekwondo’s first appearance at the Summer Olympic Games was in Seoul, in 1988, as a demonstration event. It appeared, again as a demonstration sport, at the Barcelona Summer Games in 1992. There were no demonstration sports at Atlanta in 1996, but taekwondo reappeared as a full medal sport at Sydney in 2000, then at Athens in 2004, at Beijing in 2008 and at London in 2012. Rio 2016 marks taekwondo’s fifth consecutive appearance on the Olympic program as a full medal sport.

## Competitive Formats

Two competitive formats exist for taekwondo: Poomsae, or solo patterns of taekwondo movements; and kyorugi, or sparring. Only kyorugi is an Olympic event. Kyorugi offers a plethora of national, regional and global championships, from Cadets and Juniors to Opens and Worlds. An invitational Grand Prix series was instituted in 2013 to create a regular circuit for the sport’s elite athletes, to incubate stars and to upgrade the sport’s media exposure.



# From Korean Martial Art to Global Combat Sport

## Going Global



While a small number of itinerant Korean masters travelled the world teaching the martial art from the mid-1950s onwards, taekwondo went global during the Vietnam War, when it was taught to Korean and South Vietnamese troops for physical conditioning and combat training. Many U.S. troops stationed in Vietnam and Korea also learned taekwondo, then taught it when they returned to the U.S., joining a growing number of Korean masters. In the 1970s, taekwondo received a huge boost from the world-wide martial arts movie boom.

## From Martial Art to Combat Sport

With the advent of protective gear, the martial art morphed into a combat sport. Under the auspices of the Korea Taekwondo Association, the first world championships were held in Seoul in 1973, with 161 athletes from 16 nations competing. The World Taekwondo Federation, or WTF, was founded in Seoul in 1973 as the international governing body, replacing an earlier body, the International Taekwondo Federation. Under the auspices of the WTF, taekwondo evolved in all aspects, from its competitive systems to its technical repertoire. It also saw a massive expansion in its geographical reach, its number of practitioners and its range of championships.

## A Global Sport

While the sport was customarily dominated by Koreans, this is no longer the case: In London 2012, only one gold medal went to Korea. Taekwondo is now a truly global sport with one of the widest medal distributions in the Olympic Games: In London, the eight gold medals on offer went to eight different nations. As it requires no real equipment other than the human body, it is an economical and democratic sport, offering developing nations some of their best opportunities for Olympic success. An estimated 70 million people practice WTF taekwondo, making it one of the world’s most popular participant sports.

## A Global Organization

Today, the WTF has two headquarters: One in Seoul, Korea, and another in Lausanne, Switzerland. The current WTF president is Chungwon Choue (Korea) and the current WTF secretary general is Hoss Rafaty (USA). Taekwondo is practiced in 206 countries and territories worldwide, administered by five Continental Unions (Africa, Asia, Europe, Pan America and Oceania).





## A Sport for **ALL**

Taekwondo is not only a global sport, it is a “sport for all” that leaves no athlete behind. Para-taekwondo is rising in popularity. Five World Para-Taekwondo Championships have been contested since 2009, and para-taekwondo makes its Paralympic debut in Tokyo in 2020. WTF President Choue is also president of the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation, or THF, which was established in April 2016 and operates out of the WTF’s Lausanne office. The THF leverages taekwondo’s deployability to empower refugees and displaced persons by teaching them the sport and martial art. Programs for Syrian refugees in Jordan and Turkey, and for earthquake victims in Nepal, are underway.

## A Sport with **EVERYTHING**

Taekwondo is not just for the athletic elite. It provides a near-perfect exercise system, inculcating flexibility, agility, grace, power, speed and stamina. And as a combat sport, its practice fosters courage. For these reasons, it is practiced by people of all ages, colors and creeds: As an anti-aging remedy for the old, as recuperation for the injured and as an education in physical and mental discipline for children.

## A Sport with **VALUES**

While taekwondo is a combat sport, it retains many of the practices of a martial art. These include its code of conduct, exemplified in the “Tenets of Taekwondo:” courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control and indomitable spirit. These tenets are fully in synch with Olympic values. Former IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch noted: “We find [in taekwondo] principles which come close to, one might almost say merge with, those advocated by Baron de Coubertin.” Before and after fighting, taekwondo athletes bow to one another. Taekwondo, it is said, begins and ends with courtesy.

# TAEKWONDO



# How to Play the Game

The below is a basic guide to the sport of taekwondo. Due to space constraints, it is necessarily short. For the sport's full "Competition Rules and Interpretations" please visit the WTF website. Address:

[www.worldtaekwondofederation.net](http://www.worldtaekwondofederation.net)

## How to Play



- The aim of taekwondo is for the athlete to kick and punch the opponent, while avoiding being kicked and punched.
- Matches are fought on a matted, octagonal field of play, which encourages lively footwork, evasive movement and demands good use of peripheral vision.
- Matches consist of three rounds of two minutes each, with one-minute breaks between rounds.
- Gold and silver medals are won in the final match. Two bronze medals are won via repechage.

## How to Win, How to Lose

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### Athletes win by:

Amassing more points than their opponent.  
Amassing a 12-point difference, after which the match is automatically halted at the end of the second round, or at any time during the third round.

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### Athletes lose by:

Accumulating fewer points than their opponent.  
Being 12 points behind their opponent.  
Being unable to continue due to injury or stoppage by referee.  
Amassing five full penalty points.

## How to Score

Taekwondo is a kick-punch sport, with a specialization in kicks. High and turning/spinning kicks are awarded with higher points. Most points are scored via impact with the electronic sensors embedded in the protective head and trunk armour, known as the Protector and Scoring System, or PSS. Punches to the trunk are scored by corner judges with hand-held scoring devices. "Technical points" – that is, additional points for spinning kicks – are awarded by corner judges with hand-held scoring devices. Kicks to the face – which is not covered by the open-faced head PSS – are also awarded by corner judges with hand-held scoring devices.

## Point awards

### Points are scored by:

Kicks to the trunk PSS, head PSS and face.  
Punches to the trunk PSS.

+4



Spinning  
kick to the  
head/face

+3



Kick  
to the  
head/face

+3



Spinning  
kick to the  
trunk

+1



Punch  
to the  
trunk

+1



kick  
to the  
trunk



Overtime, ‘Golden Point’ and Superiority

If two athletes have equal points at the end of the third round, the match goes to “golden point” – ie whoever scores the first point wins the match. The “golden point” round lasts for a maximum of two minutes. If no point is scored by either fighter within two minutes, the match is decided on superiority (ie whoever has amassed the most hits on the PSS).

Fouls and Penalties



Apart from punches to the trunk and kicks to trunk, head and face, all other combative techniques (throws, foot sweeps, knee strikes, elbow strikes, gouges, head butts, etc) are disallowed. Penalties are divided into kyong-go (warning/half-point penalty) and gam-jeom (full-point deduction). Two kyong-go result in one gam-jeom. Any athlete who amasses five penalty points automatically loses.



- Crossing the Boundary Line
- Falling down
- Avoiding or delaying the match
- Grabbing, holding or pushing the opponent
- Lifting the knee to block or/and impede the opponent’s kicking attack
- Kicking below the waist
- Misconduct of contestant or coach



The same fouls as above – if they are more excessive or repeated.

Referees and Corner Judges

The referee controls the match. The role of the three corner judges is to score “technical points,” punches and face kicks with hand-held scoring devices. Two out of the three judges must signal the points within one second for the points to be awarded.



Video Replays

Each coach is permitted to appeal for one video replay per competition. The coach signals his/her appeal to the referee by card. If the coach’s appeal is successful, he/she is allowed to keep the card and reuse it. If the appeal is unsuccessful, the coach loses the card for the remainder of the competition.

For medal matches, each coach has his/her video replay quota of one card restored, regardless of how many times his/her card was used in the preliminary matches.

As the head PSS does not cover the face, but kicks to the face are permitted techniques, coaches often call video replays for kicks that contacted (or appeared to contact) the face.

A video replay jurist reviews the appeal and decides on whether to award the point(s) or not. The video replay is shown to the audience on the overhead screens.



## Inside the

# PROTECTOR AND SCORING SYSTEM

**T**aekwondo's Protector and Scoring System, or PSS, was first adopted for Olympic competition at the London Summer Olympics in 2012.

Essentially, the PSS is a system of electronic impact sensors built into the protective gear of the taekwondo athlete – the socks, the trunk protector and the head protector – which is wirelessly linked to the electronic scoreboard. When impact is made with the correct part of the foot to the opponent's head or torso, points flash up on the scoreboard automatically.

The advent of the PSS was hailed as a major step forward for the transparency and fairness of taekwondo competition. In terms of transparency, it gives the audience an immediate view of who is scoring. In terms of fairness, it obviates human error: Previously, taekwondo had relied upon judges to score techniques.

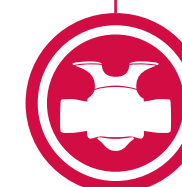
However, the three corner judges, using hand-held scoring devices, still score punches to the trunk and add "technical points" scored by turning/spinning kicks (which earn extra points, compared to basic kicks). The open-faced head protector does not cover the front of the face, which is a legitimate target, so face kicks are also scored by judges. If the point is not registered by the judges, the coach can call for a video replay, which is decided upon by the video replay jury.

The PSS is in a constant process of technical evolution. Rio 2016 will feature the first use of head PSS in Olympic competition; in London, only the socks and trunk protector were used. Naturally, the technology has been widely tested and proven in global competition prior to its adoption for Rio 2016.



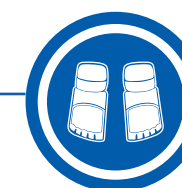
### Head PSS

Rio will be the first Olympic competition to include PSS in the head protector. Kicks to the head do not need to be as powerful, in terms of impact, as kicks to the trunk to register on the PSS. Prior to matches beginning, athletes hold out their head gear for their opponent to lightly kick to ensure that the sensors are working correctly.



### Trunk PSS

PSS was included in the trunk protector for the first time in London. There are no significant changes to this technology in Rio.



### Sensing Socks

At Rio in 2016, there will be 11 proximity sensors on each sock – an upgrade from seven in London in 2012. The four new sensors are on the heel, the top/center of the toes, the side of the big toe and the inner ankle. This will ensure that kicks of different types of techniques will score.



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# About Olympic Taekwondo





# Taekwondo Medalists

Sydney 2000 - London 2012



## Medals by NOCs at the Olympic Games (Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, Beijing 2008 and London 2012)



Rank	NOC Code	NOC	G(M)	S(M)	B(M)	T(M)	G(W)	S(W)	B(W)	T(W)	G	S	B	T
1	KOR	South Korea	4	2	1	7	6	0	1	7	10	2	2	14
2	CHN	China	0	0	2	2	5	1	0	6	5	1	2	8
3	USA	United States	2	1	2	5	0	1	2	3	2	2	4	8
4	TPE	Chinese Taipei	1	1	3	5	1	0	2	3	2	1	5	8
5	MEX	Mexico	1	1	1	3	1	0	2	3	2	1	3	6
6	IRI	Iran	2	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	5
7	TUR	Turkey	1	1	1	3	0	2	1	3	1	3	2	6
8	GRE	Greece	1	2	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	4
8	ESP	Spain	1	2	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	4
10	CUB	Cuba	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	3	1	2	2	5
11	ITA	Italy	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
12	AUS	Australia	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	2
13	GBR	Great Britain	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	2	3
14	ARG	Argentina	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
14	SRB	Serbia	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
16	FRA	France	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	4	0	2	4	6
17	NOR	Norway	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2
18	RUS	Russia	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	2	3
18	THA	Thailand	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3
20	CAN	Canada	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	2
20	GER	Germany	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2
22	DOM	Dominican Rep	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
22	GAB	Gabon	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
22	VIE	Vietnam	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
25	CRO	Croatia	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	3
26	AFG	Afghanistan	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
26	VEN	Venezuela	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2
28	BRA	Brazil	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
28	COL	Colombia	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
28	EGY	Egypt	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
28	JPN	Japan	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
28	KAZ	Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
28	NGR	Nigeria	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL			16	16	24	56	16	16	24	56	32	32	48	112

(M) Men / (W) Women



Men’s Division

<b>under 58kg</b>	<b>under 68kg</b>
<div><div>GOLD</div><div><div></div><div>MOUROUTSOS Michalis</div><div>Greece</div></div></div>	<div><div>GOLD</div><div><div></div><div>LOPEZ Steven</div><div>United States</div></div></div>
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Men’s Division

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Women’s Division

<b>under 49kg</b>	<b>under 57kg</b>
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<div><div>BRONZE</div><div><div></div><div>OKAMOTO Yoriko</div><div>Japan</div></div></div>	<div><div>BRONZE</div><div><div></div><div>BOSSHART Dominique</div><div>Canada</div></div></div>



Women’s Division

<b>under 49kg</b>	<b>under 57kg</b>
<div><div>GOLD</div><div><div></div><div>CHEN Shih Hsin</div><div>Chinese Taipei</div></div></div>	<div><div>GOLD</div><div><div></div><div>JANG Ji Won</div><div>Korea</div></div></div>
<div><div>SILVER</div><div><div></div><div>LABRADA DIAZ Yanelis Yuliet</div><div>Cuba</div></div></div>	<div><div>SILVER</div><div><div></div><div>ABDALLAH Nia</div><div>United States</div></div></div>
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Men’s Division

<b>under 58kg</b>	<b>under 68kg</b>
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>GOLD</b>
● PEREZ Guillermo Mexico	● SON Tae Jin Korea
<b>SILVER</b>	<b>SILVER</b>
● MERCEDES Gabriel Dominican REP	● LOPEZ Mark United States
<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
● NIKPAI Rohullah Afghanistan	● SUNG Yu-Chi Chinese Taipei
● CHU Mu-Yen Chinese Taipei	● TAZEGUL Servet Turkey
<b>under 80kg</b>	<b>over 80kg</b>
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>GOLD</b>
● SAEI Hadi Iran	● CHA Dong Min Korea
<b>SILVER</b>	<b>SILVER</b>
● SARMIENTO Mauro Italy	● NIKOLAIDIS Alexandros Greece
<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
● LOPEZ Steven United States	● CHUKWUMERIJE Chika Yagazie Nigeria
● ZHU Guo China	● CHILMANOV Arman Kazakhstan

Men’s Division

<b>under 58kg</b>	<b>under 68kg</b>
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>GOLD</b>
● GONZALEZ BONILLA Joel Spain	● TAZEGUL Servet Turkey
<b>SILVER</b>	<b>SILVER</b>
● LEE Dae Hoon Korea	● BAGHERI MOTAMED Mohammad Iran
<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
● DENISENKO Alexey Russia	● JENNINGS Terrence United States
● MUNOZ OVIEDO Oscar Colombia	● NIKPAI Rohullah Afghanistan
<b>under 80kg</b>	<b>over 80kg</b>
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>GOLD</b>
● CRISMANICH Sebastian Eduardo Argentina	● MOLFETTA Carlo Italy
<b>SILVER</b>	<b>SILVER</b>
● GARCIA HEMME Nicolas Spain	● OBAME Anthony Gabon
<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
● MUHAMMAD Lutalo Great Britain	● DESPAIGNE Robelis Cuba
● SARMIENTO Mauro Italy	● LIU Xiaobo China



Women’s Division

<b>under 49kg</b>	<b>under 57kg</b>
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>GOLD</b>
● WU Jingyu China	● LIM Su Jeong Korea
<b>SILVER</b>	<b>SILVER</b>
● PUEDPONG Buttree Thailand	● TANRIKULU Azize Turkey
<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
● CONTRERAS Dalia Venezuela	● ZUBCIC Martina Croatia
● MONTEJO Daynellis Cuba	● LOPEZ Diana United States
<b>under 67kg</b>	<b>over 67kg</b>
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>GOLD</b>
● HWANG Kyung Seon Korea	● ESPINOZA Maria del Rosario Mexico
<b>SILVER</b>	<b>SILVER</b>
● SERGERIE Karine Canada	● SOLHEIM Nina France
<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
● EPANGUE Gwladys France	● STEVENSON Sarah Great Britain
● SARIC Sandra Croatia	● FALAVIGNA Natalia Brazil

Women’s Division

<b>under 49kg</b>	<b>under 57kg</b>
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>GOLD</b>
● WU Jingyu China	● JONES Jade Great Britain
<b>SILVER</b>	<b>SILVER</b>
● YAGUE ENRIQUE Brigitte Spain	● HOU Yuzhuo China / CHN
<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
● SONKHAM Chanatip Thailand	● HARNOIS Marlene France
● ZANINVOIC Lucija Croatia	● TSENG Li-Cheng Chinese Taipei
<b>under 67kg</b>	<b>over 67kg</b>
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>GOLD</b>
● HWANG Kyung Seon Korea	● MANDIC Milica Serbia
<b>SILVER</b>	<b>SILVER</b>
● TATAR Nur Turkey	● GRAFFE Anne-Caroline France
<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
● FROMM Helena Germany	● BARYSHNIKOVA Anastasia Russia
● McPHERSON Paige United States	● ESPINOZA Maria del Rosario Mexico



# What's New in

Taekwondo is in a constant process of evolution and innovation as the WTF seeks to make the sport ever more fair, transparent, athlete-centric and enjoyable for spectators. In the four years since London 2012, a number of changes have been made in areas ranging from point adjustments and technological upgrades to referee composition and field of play shape. The major changes are as follows:



## General

### First Olympic Taekwondo Appearances

Seven countries will compete in Olympic taekwondo for the very first time at Rio 2016. These countries are Aruba, Belarus, Cape Verde, DR. Congo, Moldova, Mongolia and Tonga.

### Fifth Olympic Taekwondo Appearance

Steven Lopez (USA) is the first taekwondo athlete ever to qualify for five Olympic Games.

### 100 Percent Seeding for Athletes

Athletes will be seeded based on the WTF Olympic rankings of July 1, 2016. The final 128 to athletes to compete in Rio will be seeded after the closing of entry on July 18. Host country athletes shall receive no. 4 seeds. In London, only the top eight athletes in each 16-person weight category were seeded.

## The Game

### Head PSS

In Rio, both the head guard and trunk protector feature PSS (Protector and Scoring System – i.e. electronic impact sensors built into the protective gear) for optimal transparency and fairness. In London, only the trunk protector and sensing socks, featured PSS.

### 3 Points for Spinning Kick to Body

In London two points were awarded, but in Rio, this has been upgraded to three to encourage use of the spectacular spinning back kick, spinning roundhouse kick and spinning heel kick.

### Octagonal Mat

In Rio, octagonal mats, which promote livelier footwork, more movement and demand peripheral vision, replace the rectangular mats used in London.

### Increased Penalty Points

In London, when it came to penalties, if an athlete received four full penalty points (eight kyong-go, or warnings/half-point penalties, and/or four gam-jeoms, or full-point penalties) in a match, he or she was disqualified. In Rio, this has been extended to five penalty points (ten kyong-go and/or five gam-jeom). This change has been made to encourage players to engage more closely.







## Game Management

### Equal Gender Ratio for Referees

In Rio, 15 male and 15 female referees – a 50-50 gender split - will be fielded for the first time as part of the WTF's commitment to gender equality.

### Yellow Card

In Rio, for the first time, referees will have a yellow card to sanction coaches who display un-sportsmanlike behavior. If a coach gets a yellow card, his or her athlete also receives a kyung-go (warning).

### Corner Judges Outside Podium

In Rio, the three corner judges will sit outside the podium, removing visual clutter and creating a clearer field of play. In London, they were in the podium.

### Wireless Communication Between Referee and Review Jury

In Rio, for the first time, there will be wireless communications between the referee and the review jury to save time during the review process. The public announcer will also be wired it, so he can inform the crowd what is going on.

### Lightweight Tracking Camera

In a Rio first, this technology will provide TV viewers with better-than-ever views of the action.

### Real Time Display Signal at Athlete Calling and Warm-up Area

For the first time in Rio, athletes will be able to see the progress of action in the arena from their calling and warm-up areas.

### Using Radio Frequency for PSS Signal

In London, a wifi system was used, which can be subject to interference. A radio frequency, to be introduced in Rio, is more reliable.

### Options for Coaches to Wear Suits

Coaches will be able to wear either suits or NOC outfits.

## Athlete Presentation

### Colored Pants

Athletes can choose to wear colored uniform pants, or pants in the style of their national flag, if they wish. In London, traditional, plain white pants were worn.

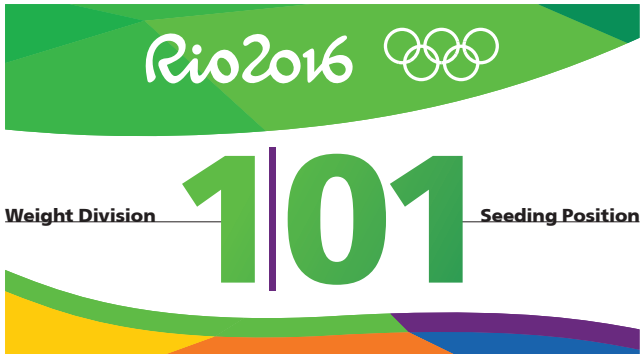
### Bib Numbers Means Something

In Rio for the first time, the athletes' bibs will include information on their weight division and their seeding position, giving the audience more information at a glance. (Weight division 1= W-49kg / 2=M-58kg / 3= W-57kg / 4= M -68kg / 5= W-67kg / 6= M-80kg / 7= W+67kg /8= +80kg. Seeding = 1 through 16)

### Intro Music Chosen by Athletes

In Rio, for the first time, the intro music that plays when the athletes march onto the field of play will be chosen by the athletes themselves

### Bib Number for Rio 2016



## Visual Spectacle/ Spectator Engagement

### Taekwondo Demonstrations Expanded

In London, displays by the WTF Demonstration Team took place in the gaps between the day's three sessions. In Rio, these popular demonstrations will also take place in gaps between matches.

### Match Tree Displayed on Jumbo Screen

In Rio for the first time, spectators will be kept constantly in the know on the progress of athletes, thanks to the match tree display on the venue's big screen.



# NOCs Qualified for Rio 2016



No	NOC	No. of Quota	By WTF Olympic Ranking	Host Country	Tripartite	By EQT	By AFQT	By OQT	By PQT	By AQT
1	Korea	5	W-49, W-67, M-58, M-68, M+80	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	France	4	M+80, W-49, W-67, W+67	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	Mexico	4	M-58, M-68, W-49, W+67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	Great Britain	4	W-57, W+67, M-80	N/A	N/A	M+80	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	Azerbaijan	4	M+80	N/A	N/A	W-49, W-57, M-80	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	Brazil	4	0	W-49,W-57, M-58, M+80	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	Australia	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	W-57, W-67, M-58, M-80	N/A	N/A
8	USA	4	W+67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M-80, M+80, W-67	N/A
9	China	4	W-49, W+67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M+80, M-58
10	Iran	4	M-58, M-80, M+80	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	W-57
11	Russia	3	M-68, M-80, W-67	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
12	Croatia	3	W-49, W-57	N/A	N/A	M-68	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
13	Germany	3	M-58, M-80	N/A	N/A	W-67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
14	Spain	3	M-68, W-57	N/A	N/A	M-58	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
15	Morocco	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M-58, W+67, W-57	N/A	N/A	N/A
16	Cote D'Ivoire	3	M-80	N/A	N/A	N/A	W-67, W+67	N/A	N/A	N/A
17	Egypt	3	W-57	N/A	N/A	N/A	W-67, M-68	N/A	N/A	N/A
18	Tunisia	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M+80, M-80, W-57	N/A	N/A	N/A
19	Dominican Republic	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M-80, W+67, M-58	N/A
20	Chinese Taipei	3	W-67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M-80, W-49
21	Uzbekistan	3	M+80	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M-80, W-67
22	Kazakhstan	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	W-49, M+80, W-67
23	Thailand	3	W-49	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M-58, W-57
24	Belgium	3	M-58, M-68, W-57	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25	Sweden	2	W-57 ,W-67	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
26	Poland	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	M-68, M-80	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
27	Serbia	2	W+67	N/A	N/A	W-49	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
28	Turkey	2	M-68, W-67	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
29	Papua New Guinea	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	W+67, M-68	N/A	N/A
30	Colombia	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	W-57, M-58	N/A

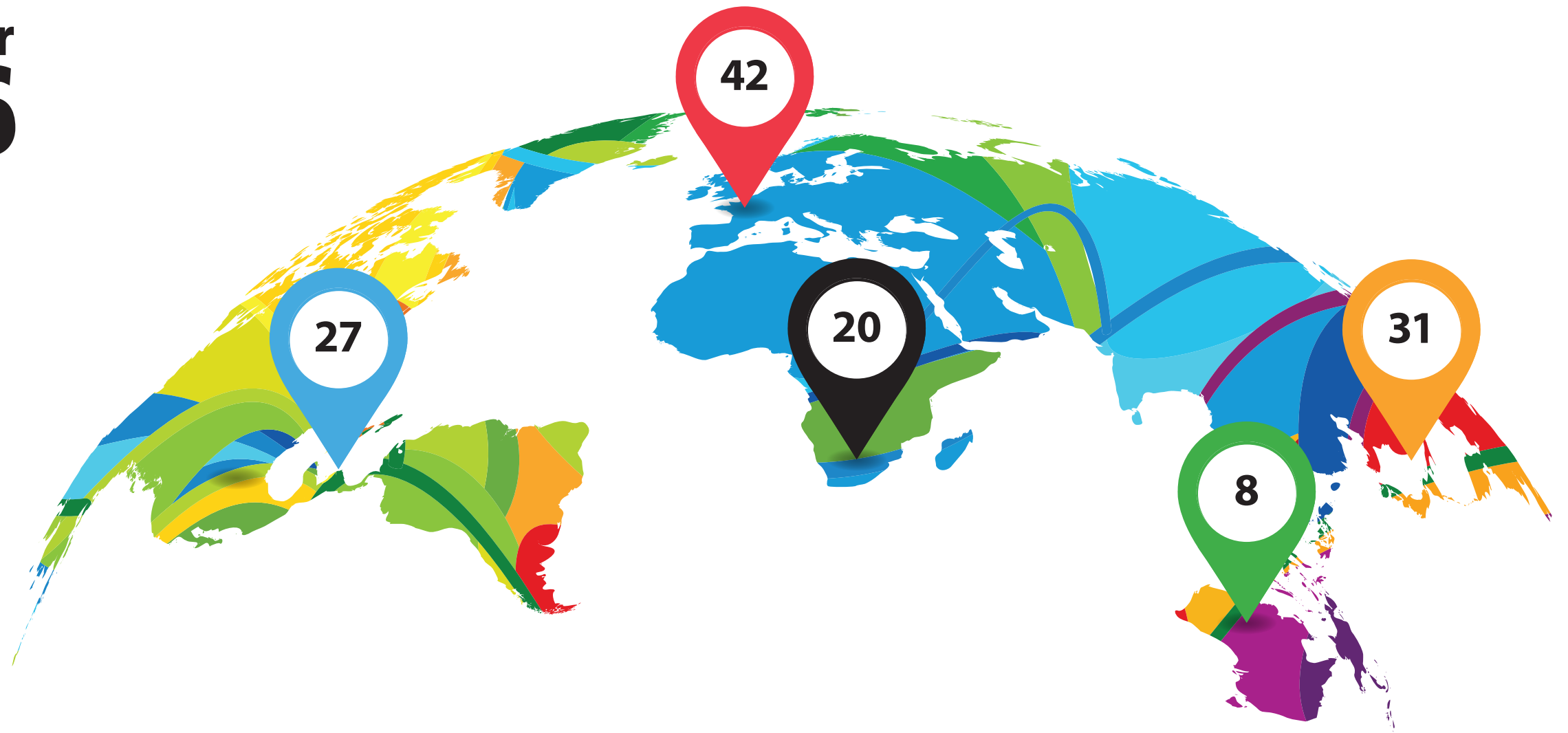




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31	Gabon	1	M+80	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
32	Japan	1	W-57	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
33	Moldova	1	M-80	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
34	Portugal	1	M-58	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
35	Belarus	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	M+80	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
36	Finland	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	W-57	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
37	Israel	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	M-58	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
38	Netherlands	1	0	N/A	N/A	W+67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
39	Norway	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	W+67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
40	Cape Verde	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	W-49	N/A	N/A	N/A
41	DR. Congo	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	W-49	N/A	N/A	N/A
42	Libya	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M-58	N/A	N/A	N/A
43	Niger	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M+80	N/A	N/A	N/A
44	Senegal	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M-68	N/A	N/A	N/A
45	Mali	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M-80	N/A	N/A	N/A
46	New Zealand	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	W-49	N/A	N/A
47	Tonga	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M+80	N/A	N/A
48	Panama	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	W-57	N/A
49	Aruba	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	W-49	N/A
50	Cuba	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M+80	N/A
51	Peru	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	W-49	N/A
52	Puerto Rico	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	W+67	N/A
53	Venezuela	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M-68	N/A
54	Canada	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	W-67	N/A
55	Chile	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M-68	N/A
56	Philippines	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	W+67
57	Cambodia	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	W+67
58	Jordan	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M-68
59	Mongolia	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M-68
60	Central Africa	1	N/A	N/A	M-68	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
61	Honduras	1	N/A	N/A	M-80	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
62	Haiti	1	N/A	N/A	W-67	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
63	Nepal	1	N/A	N/A	W+67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
Total		128	48	4	4	16	16	8	16	16



CONTINENT	NOC	Quota
AFRICA	12	20
ASIA	13	31
EUROPE	19	42
OCEANIA	4	8
PAN AMERICA	15	27
TOTAL	63	128



No	AFRICA	Quota	ASIA	Quota
1	CAF	1	CAM	1
2	CIV	3	CHN	4
3	COD	1	IRI	4
4	CPV	1	JOR	1
5	EGY	3	JPN	1
6	GAB	1	KAZ	3
7	LBA	1	KOR	5
8	MAR	3	MGL	1
9	MLI	1	NEP	1
10	NIG	1	PHI	1
11	SEN	1	THA	3
12	TUN	3	TPE	3
13			UZB	3
14				
15				
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17				
18				
19				
Total Quota: 128		20		31

EUROPE	Quota	OCEANIA	Quota	PAN AMERICA	Quota
AZE	4	AUS	4	ARU	1
BEL	3	NZL	1	BRA	4
BLR	1	PNG	2	CAN	1
CRO	3	TGA	1	CHI	1
ESP	3			COL	2
FIN	1			CUB	1
FRA	4			DOM	3
GBR	4			HAI	1
GER	3			HON	1
ISR	1			MEX	4
MDA	1			PAN	1
NED	1			PER	1
NOR	1			PUR	1
POL	2			USA	4
POR	1			VEN	1
RUS	3				
SRB	2				
SWE	2				
TUR	2				
42		8		27	



# Competition Schedule

Day <b>1</b>	Aug. 17 (WED) <b>W-49kg &amp; M-58kg</b>
Day <b>2</b>	Aug. 18 (THU) <b>W-57kg &amp; M-68kg</b>
Day <b>3</b>	Aug. 19 (FRI) <b>W-67kg &amp; M-80kg</b>
Day <b>4</b>	Aug. 20 (SAT) <b>W+67kg &amp; M+80kg</b>

<b>1st Session</b> 9:00 - 13:00 Preliminary round of 16
<b>2nd Session</b> 15:00 - 18:00 Quarter-final Contests Semi-final Contests
<b>3rd Session</b> 20:00 - 23:15 Repechage Contests Bronze medal Contests Final Contests Victory Ceremony

# Sample of a Draw Sheet

Bib No.	NOC Code	Name	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Gold Medal Contest
Seeding number					
13					
4					
5					
12					
9					
8					
1					
16					
15					
2					
7					
10					
11					
6					
3					
14					

Pool  
**A**

Pool  
**B**

**Gold Medalist**



# The Full List of 128 Qualified Athletes by Category

\*The athlete list is subject to change 24 hours before the head of team meeting only when the athlete is injured.  
The head of team meeting will be held on August 15, 2016, at 14:00

Seeding

WTF Olympic Ranking



## W-49kg

1	WU, JINGYU	CHN	1
2	WONGPATTANAKIT, PANIPAK	THA	2
3	ZANINOVIC, LUCIJA	CRO	3
4	SING, IRIS	BRA	6
5	MANJARREZ, ITZEL	MEX	4
6	AZIEZ, YASMINA	FRA	5
7	KIM, SOHUI	KOR	10
8	BOGDANOVIC, TIJANA	SRB	13
9	ABAKAROVA, PATIMAT	AZE	21
10	DIEZ CANSECO, JULISSA	PER	28
11	PIMENTEL RODRIGUEZ, MONICA	ARU	48
12	KELEKU LUKUSA, ROSA	COD	52
13	KILDAY, ANDREA	NZL	74
14	YESBERGENOVA, AINUR	KAZ	125
15	ANDRADE, MARIA	CPV	129
16	HUANG, HUAI-HSUAN	TPE	243

## W-67kg

1	NIARE, HABY	FRA	1
2	JOHANSSON, ELIN	SWE	2
3	CHUANG, CHIA-CHIA	TPE	3
4	TATAR, NUR	TUR	4
5	BARYSHNIKOVA, ANASTASIIA	RUS	5
6	OH, HYERI	KOR	6
7	MC PHERSON, PAIGE	USA	10
8	ELSAWALHY, SEHAM	EGY	11
9	GBAGBI, RUTH MARIE CHRISTELLE	CIV	13
10	AZIZOVA, FARIDA	AZE	14
11	PAGNOTTA, MELISSA	CAN	15
12	GULEC, RABIA	GER	16
13	MARTON, CARMEN	AUS	21
14	DENIZ, CANSEL	KAZ	51
15	TURSUNKULOVA, NIGORA	UZB	93
16	LOUISSAINT, ANIYA NECOL	HAI	120

## W-57kg

1	JONES, JADE	GBR	1
2	CALVO GOMEZ, EVA	ESP	2
3	WAHBA, HEDAYA	EGY	3
4	VASCONCELOS DOS SANTOS, JULIA	BRA	24
5	GLASNOVIC, NIKITA	SWE	4
6	HAMADA, MAYU	JPN	5
7	ZANINOVIC, ANA	CRO	6
8	CARSTENS, CAROLENA	PAN	15
9	ASEMANI, RAHELEH	BEL	20
10	ALIZADEH ZENOORIN, KIMIA	IRI	21
11	BEN ALI, RAHMA	TUN	22
12	MARTON, CAROLINE	AUS	23
13	MIKKONEN, SUVI	FIN	33
14	PATINO MARIN, DORIS ESMID	COL	40
15	HARNSUJIN, PHANNAPA	THA	64
16	BAKKAL, NAIMA	MAR	73

## W+67kg

1	ESPINOZA, MARIA DEL ROSARIO	MEX	1
2	ZHENG, SHUYIN	CHN	2
3	WALKDEN, BIANCA	GBR	3
4	GALLOWAY, JACKIE	USA	4
5	OOGINK, RESHIMIE	NED	5
6	MANDIC, MILICA	SRB	7
7	EPANGUE, GWLADYS	FRA	8
8	RODRIGUEZ PEGUERO, KATHERINE JULISSA	DOM	20
9	DISLAM, WIAM	MAR	21
10	KONE, MAMINA	CIV	26
11	SKAAR, TINA	NOR	31
12	SORN, SEAVMEY	CAM	33
13	WEEKES, CRYSTAL BIRTHANY	PUR	46
14	KASSMAN, SAMANTHA	PNG	99
15	RAWAL, NISHA	NEP	289
16	ALORA, KIRSTIE ELAINE	PHI	Unranked

## M-58kg

1	ASHOURZADEH FALLAH, FARZAN	IRI	1
2	KIM, TAEHUN	KOR	2
3	BRAGANCA, RUI	POR	4
4	TEIXEIRA, VENILTON	BRA	26
5	NAVARRO VALDEZ, CARLOS RUBEN	MEX	5
6	TUNCAT, LEVENT	GER	6
7	KETBI, SI MOHAMED	BEL	8
8	ZHAO, SHUAI	CHN	11
9	TORTOSA CABRERA, JESUS	ESP	13
10	SAFWAN, KHALIL	AUS	14
11	PIE, LUISITO	DOM	20
12	SHRIHA, YOUSEF	LBA	45
13	ATIAS, RON	ISR	48
14	MUNOZ OVIEDO, OSCAR LUIS	COL	56
15	HANPRAB, TAWIN	THA	64
16	HAJJAMI, OMAR	MAR	80

## M-80kg

1	KHODABAKHSHI, MAHDI	IRI	1
2	COOK, AARON	MDA	2
3	CISSE, CHEICK SALLAH JUNIOR	CIV	3
4	GAUN, ALBERT	RUS	4
5	MUHAMMAD, LUTALO	GBR	5
6	GUELEC, TAHIR	GER	9
7	RAFALOVICH, NIKITA	UZB	10
8	COULIBALY, ISMAEL	MLI	14
9	BEIGI HARCHGANI, MILAD	AZE	15
10	QUESLATI, OUSSAMA	TUN	17
11	HERNANDEZ ENCARNACION, MOISES DANIEL	DOM	19
12	SHKARA, HAYDER	AUS	20
13	LOPEZ, STEVEN	USA	21
14	PAZINSKI, PIOTR	POL	23
15	LIU, WEI-TING	TPE	32
16	FERRERA, MIGUEL	HON	50

## M-68kg

1	ACHAB, JAOUAD	BEL	1
2	LEE, DAE-HOON	KOR	2
3	GUTIERREZ, SAUL	MEX	3
4	DENISENKO, ALEXEY	RUS	4
5	TAZEGUL, SERVET	TUR	5
6	GONZALEZ BONILLA, JOEL	ESP	6
7	AHMED, GHOFRAH	EGY	16
8	ROBAK, KAROL	POL	17
9	DIEYE, BALLA	SEN	22
10	ABUGHAUSH, AHMAD	JOR	40
11	GRGIC, FILIP	CRO	43
12	MORALES, IGNACIO	CHI	61
13	CONTRERAS, EDGAR	VEN	92
14	PUREVJAV, TEMUUJIN	MGL	112
15	BOUI, DAVID SYLVERE PATRICK	CAF	115
16	KASSMAN, MAXEMILLION	PNG	Unranked

## M+80kg

1	SHOKIN, DMITRIY	UZB	1
2	MARDANI, SAJJAD	IRI	3
3	ISAEV, RADIK	AZE	4
4	SIQUEIRA, MAICON	BRA	51
5	N DIAYE, M BAR	FRA	5
6	CHA, DONGMIN	KOR	7
7	OBAME, ANTHONY MYLANN	GAB	8
8	TRABELSI, YACINE	TUN	9
9	CASTILLO, RAFAEL	CUB	11
10	CHO, MAHAMA	GBR	12
11	SILLA, ARMAN-MARSHALL	BLR	13
12	ISSOUFOU ALFAGA, ABDOULRAZAK	NIG	14
13	LAMBDIN, STEPHEN	USA	19
14	ZHAPAROV, RUSLAN	KAZ	49
15	TAUFATOFUA, PITA NIKOLAS	TGA	157
16	QIAO, SEN	CHN	Unranked





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## Qualified Athletes' Profile

Women  
**-49kg**

Women  
**-57kg**

Women  
**-67kg**

Women  
**+67kg**

Men  
**-58kg**

Men  
**-68kg**

Men  
**-80kg**

Men  
**+80kg**



Women -49kg



Seeding	Athlete	NOC	DOB	Event Name	Event Location	Event Date	Division	Place	WTF Olympic Ranking
1	WU, JINGYU	CHN	1987-02-01	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Asian Games 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2010 Asian Games 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2008 Beijing Olympic Games	Mexico City, Mexico Chelyabinsk, Russia Incheon, Republic of Korea London, Great Britain Gyeongju, Republic of Korea Guangzhou, China Copenhagen, Denmark Beijing, China	5th - 6th December 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 19th September - 4th October 2014 8th - 11th August 2012 1st - 6th May 2011 17th - 20th November 2010 14th - 18th October 2009 27th - 30th August 2008	F -49kg F -49kg F -53kg F -49kg F -49kg F -49kg F -49kg F -49kg	1 2 3 1 1 1 3 1	1
2	WONGPATTANAKIT, PANIPAK	THA	1997-08-08	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Asian Games 2014 Youth Olympic Games	Mexico City, Mexico Chelyabinsk, Russia Incheon, Republic of Korea Nanjing, China	5th - 6th December 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 19th September - 4th October 2014 17th - 21st August, 2014	F -49kg F -46kg F -46kg F -44kg	3 1 3 1	2
3	ZANINOVIC, LUCIJA	CRO	1987-06-26	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico London, Great Britain Gyeongju, Republic of Korea	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013 8th - 11th August 2012 1st - 6th May 2011	F -49kg F -49kg F -49kg F -49kg F -49kg F -49kg F -49kg	5 3 9 1 3 3 5	3
4	SING, IRIS	BRA	1990-08-21	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 Pan American Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final	Mexico City, Mexico Toronto, Canada Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico	5th - 6th December 2015 19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014	F -49kg F -49kg F -46kg F -49kg	5 3 3 5	6
5	MANJARREZ, ITZEL	MEX	1990-04-10	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 Pan American Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Toronto, Canada Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico Gyeongju, Republic of Korea	5th - 6th December 2015 19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013 1st - 6th May 2011	F -49kg F -49kg F -49kg F -49kg F -46kg F -46kg	4 2 17 5 9 5	4
6	AZIEZ, YASMINA	FRA	1991-01-23	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Gyeongju, Republic of Korea Copenhagen, Denmark	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 1st - 6th May 2011 14th - 18th October 2009	F -49kg F -49kg F -49kg F -49kg F -49kg F -49kg	2 9 5 3 9 3	5
7	KIM, SOHUI	KOR	1994-01-29	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2010 Asian Games 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Incheon, Republic of Korea Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico Gyeongju, Republic of Korea	5th - 6th December 2015 19th September - 4th October 2014 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013 1st - 6th May 2011	F -49kg F -46kg F -49kg F -46kg F -46kg	5 1 5 1 1	10
8	BOGDANOVIC, TIJANA	SRB	1998-05-04	2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia	12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015	F -49kg F -49kg	2 3	13
9	ABAKAROVA, PATIMAT	AZE	1994-10-23	2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico	12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 15th - 21st July 2013	F -49kg F -49kg F -49kg	3 9 9	21
10	DIEZ CANSECO, JULISSA	PER	1989-06-05	2015 Pan American Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2011 Pan American Games	Toronto, Canada Chelyabinsk, Russia Guadalajara, Mexico	19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 15th - 18th October 2011	F -49kg F -49kg F -49kg	11 5 2	28
11	PIMENTEL RODRIGUEZ, MONICA	ARU	1989-01-07	2015 Pan American Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Toronto, Canada Chelyabinsk, Russia	19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015	F -49kg F -49kg	11 17	48
12	KELEKU LUKUSA, ROSA	COD	1995-01-16	2015 All African Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Brazzaville, Congo Chelyabinsk, Russia	16th - 18th September 2015 12th - 18th May 2015	F -49kg F -49kg	2 33	52
13	KILDAY, ANDREA	NZL	1982-08-05	2016 U.S. Open Taekwondo Championships 2016 2015 Pacific Games	Reno, United States of America Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea	2nd - 7th February, 2016 14th-17th July, 2015	F -49kg F -46kg	9 1	74
14	YESBERGENOVA, AINUR	KAZ	1998-02-11	2016 Austrian Open 2016 Fujairah Open Taekwondo Championship	Innsbruck, Austria Fujairah, United Arab Emirates	4th-5th June, 2016 23rd-25th February 2016	F -49kg F -49kg	9 3	125
15	ANDRADE, MARIA	CPV	1993-03-19	2016 African Senior Championships 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Port Said, Egypt Chelyabinsk, Russia	20th-21st May, 2016 12th - 18th May 2015	F -49kg F -49kg	5 33	129
16	HUANG, HUAI-HSUAN	TPE	1997-07-07	2016 Asian Taekwondo Championships 2014 Youth Olympic Games	Manila, Philippines Nanjing, China	19th-20th April, 2016 17th - 21st August, 2014	F -53kg F -49kg	5 2	243



Women -57kg



Seeding	Athlete	NOC	DOB	Event Name	Event Location	Event Date	Division	Place	WTF Olympic Ranking
1	JONES, JADE	GBR	1993-03-21	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2010 Youth Olympic Games	Montreux, Switzerland Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico London, Great Britain Gyeongju, Republic of Korea Singapore	19th-22th May, 2016 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013 8th - 11th August 2012 1st - 6th May 2011 15th - 19th August 2010	F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg F-55kg	1 1 5 1 5 1 2 1	1
2	CALVO GOMEZ, EVA	ESP	1991-07-29	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013	F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg	2 3 2 2 3	2
3	WAHBA, HEDAYA	EGY	1993-04-21	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 All Africa Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 All African Games	Mexico City, Mexico Brazzaville, Congo Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico London, Great Britain Maputo, Mozambique	5th - 6th December 2015 16th September - 18th September 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013 8th - 11th August 2012 14th - 17th September 2011	F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg F -62kg F -57kg F -57kg	1 2 5 4 5 17 1	3
4	VASCONCELOS DOS SANTOS, JULIA	BRA	1992-06-15	2015 Pan American Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Toronto, Canada Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico	19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 15th - 21st July 2013	F -67kg F -62kg F -62kg	5 5 5	24
5	GLASNOVIC, NIKITA	SWE	1995-01-17	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013	F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg	4 3 9 5 9	4
6	HAMADA, MAYU	JPN	1994-01-31	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Asian Games 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games	Mexico City, Mexico Chelyabinsk, Russia Incheon, Republic of Korea Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico London, Great Britain	5th - 6th December 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 19th September - 4th October 2014 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013 8th - 11th August 2012	F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg	5 1 2 3 2 5	5
7	ZANINOVIC, ANA	CRO	1987-06-26	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico London, Great Britain Gyeongju, Republic of Korea	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013 8th - 11th August 2012 1st - 6th May 2011	F -57kg F -57kg F -53kg F -57kg F -53kg F -57kg F -53kg	5 2 3 5 2 33 1	6
8	CARSTENS, CAROLENA	PAN	1996-01-18	2015 Pan American Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 Pan American Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Toronto, Canada Chelyabinsk, Russia London, Great Britain Guadalajara, Mexico Gyeongju, Republic of Korea	19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 8th - 11th August 2012 15th - 18th October 2011 1st - 6th May 2011	F -57kg F -57kg F -49kg F -49kg F -46kg	11 33 9 5 5	15
9	ASEMANI, RAHELEH	BEL	1989-06-21	2016 ETU European Taekwondo Championships 2016 WTF President’s Cup-European Region 2016 Lotto Dutch Open Taekwondo Championships	Montreux, Switzerland Bonn, Germany Eindhoven, Netherlands	19th-22th May 2016 7th - 10th April 2016 11th-13th March 2016	F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg	3 9 1	20
10	ALIZADEH ZENOORIN, KIMIA	IRI	1998-07-10	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Youth Olympic Games	Chelyabinsk, Russia Nanjing, China	12th - 18th May 2015 17th - 21st August, 2014	F -57kg F -63kg	3 1	21
11	BEN ALI, RAHMA	TUN	1993-09-15	2015 All African Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2011 All African Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Brazzaville, Congo Chelyabinsk, Russia Maputo, Mozambique Gyeongju, Republic of Korea	16th September - 18th September 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 14th - 17th September 2011 1st - 6th May 2011	F -53kg F -53kg F -53kg F -53kg	3 17 1 9	22
12	MARTON, CAROLINE	AUS	1984-04-14	2016 U.S. Open Taekwondo Championships 2016 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 US Open International Taekwondo Championships	Reno, United States of America Chelyabinsk, Russia Las Vegas, United States of America	2nd - 7th February, 2016 12th - 18th May 2015 18th - 24th February 2014	F -57kg F -53kg F -57kg	5 9 5	23
13	MIKKONEN, SUVI	FIN	1988-07-11	2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games	Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia London, Great Britain	12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 8th - 11th August 2012	F -57kg F -53kg F -57kg	11 5 5	33
14	PATINO MARIN, DORIS ESMID	COL	1986-05-01	2015 Pan American Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2011 Pan Am Games 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2008 Beijing Olympic Games	Toronto, Canada Chelyabinsk, Russia Guadalajara, Mexico Copenhagen, Denmark Beijing, China	19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 15th - 18th October 2011 14th - 18th October 2009 27th - 30th August 2008	F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg F -57kg	3 33 2 5 33	40
15	HARNSUJIN, PHANNAPA	THA	1997-09-14	2016 Fujairah Open Taekwondo Championship 2016 2016 U.S. Open Taekwondo Championships 2016 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Fujairah, United Arab Emirates Reno, United States of America Chelyabinsk, Russia	23rd-25th February 2016 2nd - 7th February, 2016 12th - 18th May 2015	F -57kg F -57kg F -53kg	3 2 9	64
16	BAKKAL, NAIMA	MAR	1988-03-17	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Chelyabinsk, Russia Gyeongju, Republic of Korea Copenhagen, Denmark	12th - 18th May 2015 1st - 6th May 2011 14th - 18th October 2009	F -67kg F -67kg F -67kg	9 5 9	73



Women -67kg



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1	NIARE, HABY	FRA	1993-06-26	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico	5th - 6th December 2015	F -67kg	1	1
						12th-28th June, 2015	F -67kg	5	
						12th - 18th May 2015	F -67kg	5	
						3rd - 4th December 2014	F -67kg	2	
						15th - 21st July 2013	F -67kg	1	
2	JOHANSSON, ELIN	SWE	1990-08-05	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico London, Great Britain Gyeongju, Republic of Korea	5th - 6th December 2015	F -67kg	5	2
						12th-28th June, 2015	F -67kg	3	
						12th - 18th May 2015	F -67kg	5	
						3rd - 4th December 2014	F -67kg	1	
						15th - 21st July 2013	F -62kg	5	
3	CHUANG, CHIA-CHIA	TPE	1989-05-14	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Asian Games 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2010 Asian Games 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Chelyabinsk, Russia Incheon, Republic of Korea Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico Guangzhou, China Copenhagen, Denmark	5th - 6th December 2015	F -67kg	5	3
						12th - 18th May 2015	F -67kg	1	
						19th September - 4th October 2014	F -62kg	3	
						3rd - 4th December 2014	F -67kg	4	
						15th - 21st July 2013	F -67kg	2	
4	TATAR, NUR	TUR	1992-08-16	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico London, Great Britain Gyeongju, Republic of Korea Copenhagen, Denmark	5th - 6th December 2015	F -67kg	2	4
						12th-28th June, 2015	F -67kg	3	
						12th - 18th May 2015	F -67kg	2	
						3rd - 4th December 2014	F -67kg	5	
						15th - 21st July 2013	F -67kg	9	
5	BARYSHNIKOVA, ANASTASIIA	RUS	1990-12-19	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico London, Great Britain Gyeongju, Republic of Korea Copenhagen, Denmark	5th - 6th December 2015	F -67kg	4	5
						12th-28th June, 2015	F -67kg	1	
						12th - 18th May 2015	F -67kg	9	
						3rd - 4th December 2014	F -67kg	3	
						8th - 11th August 2012	F +67kg	3	
6	OH, HYERI	KOR	1988-04-30	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico Gyeongju, Republic of Korea	5th - 6th December 2015	F -67kg	5	6
						12th - 18th May 2015	F -73kg	1	
						15th - 21st July 2013	F -73kg	17	
						1st - 6th May 2011	F -73kg	2	
7	MC PHERSON, PAIGE	USA	1990-10-01	2015 Pan American Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 Pan American Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Toronto, Canada Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico London, Great Britain Guadalajara, Mexico Gyeongju, Republic of Korea	19th -22nd July, 2015	F -67kg	1	10
						12th - 18th May 2015	F -67kg	3	
						15th - 21st July 2013	F -67kg	9	
						8th - 11th August 2012	F -67kg	3	
						15th - 18th October 2011	F -67kg	2	
8	ELSAWALHY, SEHAM	EGY	1991-04-14	2015 All Africa Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 All African Games	Brazzaville, Congo Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico London, Great Britain Maputo, Mozambique	16th September - 18th September 2015	F -67kg	1	11
						12th - 18th May 2015	F -67kg	9	
						3rd - 4th December 2014	F -67kg	5	
						8th - 11th August 2012	F -67kg	33	
						14th - 17th September 2011	F -67kg	1	
9	GBAGBI, RUTH MARIE CHRISTELLE	CIV	1994-02-07	2015 All African Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 All African Games	Brazzaville, Congo Chelyabinsk, Russia London, Great Britain Maputo, Mozambique	16th September - 18th September 2015	F -62kg	1	13
						12th - 18th May 2015	F -62kg	17	
						8th - 11th August 2012	F -67kg	9	
						14th - 17th September 2011	F -57kg	3	
10	AZIZOVA, FARIDA	AZE	1995-06-06	2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games	Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico London, Great Britain	12th-28th June, 2015	F -67kg	2	14
						12th - 18th May 2015	F -67kg	9	
						3rd - 4th December 2014	F -67kg	5	
						15th - 21st July 2013	F -67kg	3	
						8th - 11th August 2012	F -67kg	33	
11	PAGNOTTA, MELISSA	CAN	1988-09-22	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2011 Pan American Games	Chelyabinsk, Russia Guadalajara, Mexico	12th - 18th May 2015	F -67kg	9	15
						15th - 18th October 2011	F -67kg	1	
12	GULEC, RABIA	GER	1994-06-05	2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico	12th-28th June, 2015	F -67kg	11	16
						12th - 18th May 2015	F -62kg	9	
						15th - 21st July 2013	F -62kg	3	
13	MARTON, CARMEN	AUS	1986-06-30	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2008 Beijing Olympic Games	Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico London, Great Britain Gyeongju, Republic of Korea Copenhagen, Denmark Beijing, China	12th - 18th May 2015	F -62kg	17	21
						15th - 21st July 2013	F -62kg	1	
						8th - 11th August 2012	F -67kg	5	
						1st - 6th May 2011	F -62kg	5	
						14th - 18th October 2009	F -62kg	9	
14	DENIZ, CANSEL	KAZ	1991-08-26	2016 Asian Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Manila, Philippines Puebla, Mexico	19th-20th April, 2016	F -73kg	5	51
						15th - 21st July 2013	F +73kg	5	
15	TURSUNKULOVA, NIGORA	UZB	1999-04-04	2016 Asian Taekwondo Chamipionships 2016 Fujairah Open Taekwondo Championship	Manila, Philippines Fujairah, United Arab Emirates	19th-20th April, 2016	F -67kg	3	93
						23rd-25th February 2016	F -67kg	3	
16	LOUISSAINT, ANIYA NECOL	HAI	1998-09-09	2015 Pan American Games 2015 Canada Open	Toronto, Canada Toronto, Canada	19th -22nd July, 2015	F -67kg	11	120
						13th - 15th February 2015	F -62kg	5	



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1	ESPINOZA, MARIA DEL ROSARIO	MEX	1987-11-29	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 Pan American Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2008 Beijing Olympic Games	Mexico City, Mexico Toronto, Canada Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico London, Great Britain Gyeongju, Republic of Korea Copenhagen, Denmark Beijing, China	5th - 6th December 2015 19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 8th - 11th August 2012 1st - 6th May 2011 14th - 18th October 2009 27th - 30th August 2008	F +67kg F +67kg F -73kg F +67kg F +67kg F -73kg F -73kg F +67kg	2 2 5 2 3 5 9 1	1
2	ZHENG, SHUYIN	CHN	1994-05-01	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2010 Youth Olympic Games	Mexico City, Mexico Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico Gyeongju, Republic of Korea Singapore	5th - 6th December 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 15th - 21st July 2013 1st - 6th May 2011 15th - 19th August, 2010	F +67kg F -73kg F +73kg F +73kg F +63kg	1 2 9 9 1	2
3	WALKDEN, BIANCA	GBR	1991-09-29	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico Gyeongju, Republic of Korea Copenhagen, Denmark	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 15th - 21st July 2013 1st - 6th May 2011 14th - 18th October 2009	F +67kg F +67kg F +73kg F +73kg F +73kg F +73kg	5 9 1 9 9 5	3
4	GALLOWAY, JACKIE	USA	1995-12-27	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 Pan American Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Toronto, Canada Chelyabinsk, Russia	5th - 6th December 2015 19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015	F +67kg F +67kg F -73kg	4 1 3	4
5	OOGINK, RESHIMIE	NED	1989-10-26	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico Gyeongju, Republic of Korea	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013 1st - 6th May 2011	F +67kg F +67kg F -73kg F +67kg F -73kg F -73kg	3 9 17 1 9 5	5
6	MANDIC, MILICA	SRB	1991-12-06	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico London, Great Britain Gyeongju, Republic of Korea	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013 8th - 11th August 2012 1st - 6th May 2011	F +67kg F +67kg F -73kg F +67kg F -73kg F +67kg F -73kg	5 2 5 5 5 1 3	7
7	EPANGUE, GWLADYS	FRA	1983-08-15	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2008 Beijing Olympic Games 2004 Athens Olympic Games	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Gyeongju, Republic of Korea Copenhagen, Denmark Beijing, China Athens, Greece	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 1st - 6th May 2011 14th - 18th October 2009 27th - 30th August 2008 25th - 28th August 2004	F +67kg F +67kg F +73kg F +67kg F -73kg F -73kg F -67kg F -67kg F -57kg	5 1 2 5 1 1 3 PAR	8
8	RODRIGUEZ PEGUERO, KATHERINE JULISSA	DOM	1991-12-18	2015 Pan American Games 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2011 Pan American Games	Toronto, Canada Puebla, Mexico Guadalajara, Mexico	19th -22nd July, 2015 15th - 21st July 2013 15th - 18th October 2011	F +67kg F +73kg F -67kg	9 9 3	20
9	DISLAM, WIAM	MAR	1987-10-22	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Chelyabinsk, Russia London, Great Britain Gyeongju, Republic of Korea Copenhagen, Denmark	12th - 18th May 2015 8th - 11th August 2012 1st - 6th May 2011 14th - 18th October 2009	F +73kg F +67kg F +73kg F +73kg	9 33 5 9	21
10	KONE, MAMINA	CIV	1988-12-27	2015 All African Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Brazzaville, Congo Chelyabinsk, Russia	16th September - 18th September 2015 12th - 18th May 2015	F -73kg F -73kg	3 9	26
11	SKAAR, TINA	NOR	1993-08-31	2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia	12th-28th June 2015 12th - 18th May 2015	F +67kg F -73kg	11 17	31
12	SORN, SEAVMEY	CAM	1995-09-14	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Asian Games	Chelyabinsk, Russia Incheon, Republic of Korea	12th - 18th May 2015 19th September - 4th October 2014	F -67kg F -73kg	PAR 1	33
13	WEEKES, CRYSTAL BIRTHANY	PUR	1998-01-14	2015 Pan American Games 2016 Pan-American Senior Taekwondo Championships	Toronto, Canada Queretaro, Mexico	19th -22nd July 2015 8th-9th June 2016	F +67kg F -73kg	9 3	46
14	KASSMAN, SAMANTHA	PNG	1984-01-23	2016 World Olympic Qualification Tournament 2015 Pacific Games	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea	27th February 2016 14th-17th July, 2015	F +67kg F-73kg	1 2	99
15	RAWAL, NISHA	NEP	1995-09-11	2015 Gwangju Summer Universiade	Gwangju, Republic of Korea	7th-13th July, 2015	F +73kg	17	289
16	ALORA, KIRSTIE ELAINE	PHI	1989-11-25	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2007 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Asian Games	Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico Copenhagen, Denmark Beijing, China Incheon, Republic of Korea	12th - 18th May 2015 15th - 21st July 2013 14th - 18th October 2009 18th - 22th May 2007 19th September - 4th October 2014	F -73kg F -73kg F -73kg F -59kg F -73kg	PAR PAR PAR PAR 3	Unranked



Men -58kg



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1	ASHOURZADEH FALLAH, FARZAN	IRI	1996-11-25	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Asian Games 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final	Mexico City, Mexico Chelyabinsk, Russia Incheon, Republic of Korea Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico	5th - 6th December 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 19th September - 4th October 2014 3rd - 4th December 2014	M -58kg M -58kg M -58kg M -58kg	2 1 1 1	1
2	KIM, TAEHUN	KOR	1994-08-15	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Asian Games 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Chelyabinsk, Russia Incheon, Republic of Korea Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico	5th - 6th December 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 19th September - 4th October 2014 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013	M -58kg M -54kg M -54kg M -58kg M -54kg	1 1 1 3 1	2
3	BRAGANCA, RUI	POR	1991-12-26	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Gyeongju, Republic of Korea	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 1st - 6th May 2011	M -58kg M -58kg M -58kg M -58kg M -58kg	4 1 17 5 2	4
4	TEIXEIRA, VENILTON	BRA	1995-09-06	2015 Pan American Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Pan American Senior Championships	Toronto, Canada Chelyabinsk, Russia Aguascalientes, Mexico	19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 12th - 14th September 2014	M -58kg M -54kg M -54kg	5 3 5	26
5	NAVARRO VALDEZ, CARLOS RUBEN	MEX	1996-05-08	2015 Pan American Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Toronto, Canada Chelyabinsk, Russia	19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015	M -58kg M -58kg	1 5	5
6	TUNCAT, LEVENT	GER	1988-07-29	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2008 Beijing Olympic Games	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Beijing, China	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 27th - 30th August 2008	M -58kg M -58kg M -58kg M -58kg M -58kg	5 3 5 4 33	6
7	KETBI, SI MOHAMED	BEL	1997-12-27	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015	M -58kg M -58kg M -58kg	5 3 2	8
8	ZHAO, SHUAI	CHN	1995-08-15	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Asian Games 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Chelyabinsk, Russia Incheon, Republic of Korea Puebla, Mexico Gyeongju, Republic of Korea	12th - 18th May 2015 19th September - 4th October 2014 15th - 21st July 2013 1st - 6th May 2011	M -58kg M -58kg M -58kg M -54kg	3 5 9 9	11
9	TORTOSA CABRERA, JESUS	ESP	1997-12-21	2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Youth Olympic Games	Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Nanjing, China	12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 17th - 21th August 2014	M -58kg M -54kg M -55kg	2 9 3	13
10	SAFWAN, KHALIL	AUS	1986-05-15	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games	Chelyabinsk, Russia London, Great Britain	12th - 18th May 2015 8th - 11th August 2012	M -58kg M -58kg	9 5	14
11	PIE, LUISITO	DOM	1994-03-04	2015 Pan American Games 2014 Pan Am Senior Championships	Toronto, Canada Aguascalientes, Mexico	19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 14th September 2014	M -58kg M -58kg	2 1	20
12	SHRIHA, YOUSEF	LBA	1991-11-18	2015 All Africa Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Brazzaville, Congo Chelyabinsk, Russia	16th September - 18th September 2015 12th - 18th May 2015	M -58kg M -58kg	5 33	45
13	ATIAS, RON	ISR	1995-04-19	2016 ETU European Taekwondo Championships 2014 Spanish Open 2013 Israel Open	Montreux, Switzerland Allicante, Spain Jerusalem, Israel	19th-22th May, 2016 16th - 18th May 2014 13th October 2013	M -58kg M -58kg M -58kg	2 3 2	48
14	MUNOZ OVIEDO, OSCAR LUIS	COL	1993-05-09	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 Pan Am Games	Chelyabinsk, Russia London, Great Britain Guadalajara, Mexico	12th - 18th May 2015 8th - 11th August 2012 15th - 18th October 2011	M -58kg M -58kg M -58kg	17 3 5	56
15	HANPRAB, TAWIN	THA	1998-08-01	2016 Asian Taekwondo Championships 2016 Fujairah Open Taekwondo Championship 2016 U.S. Open Taekwondo Championships	Manila, Philippines Fujairah, United Arab Emirates Reno, United States of America	19th-20th April, 2016 23rd-25th February 2016 2nd - 7th February, 2016	M -58kg M -58kg M -58kg	9 1 3	64
16	HAJJAMI, OMAR	MAR	1990-07-31	2016 African Senior Championships 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Port Said, Egypt Chelyabinsk, Russia	20th-21st May, 2016 12th - 18th May 2015	M -58kg M -58kg	5 17	80



Men -68kg



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1	ACHAB, JAOUAD	BEL	1992-08-20	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013	M -68kg M -68kg M -63kg M -68kg M -63kg	3 11 1 5 9	1
2	LEE, DAE-HOON	KOR	1992-02-05	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Asian Games 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2010 Asian Games	Mexico City, Mexico Chelyabinsk, Russia Incheon, Republic of Korea Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico London, Great Britain Gyeongju, Republic of Korea Guangzhou, China	5th - 6th December 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 19th September - 4th October 2014 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013 8th - 11th August 2012 1st - 6th May 2011 17th - 20th November 2010	M -68kg M -63kg M -63kg M -68kg M -63kg M -58kg M -63kg M -63kg	1 9 1 5 1 2 1 1	2
3	GUTIERREZ, SAUL	MEX	1992-12-28	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 Pan American Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final	Mexico City, Mexico Toronto, Canada Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico	5th - 6th December 2015 19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014	M -68kg M -68kg M -63kg M -68kg	2 1 3 5	3
4	DENISENKO, ALEXEY	RUS	1993-08-30	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2012 London Olympic Games	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico London, Great Britain	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 8th - 11th August 2012	M -68kg M -68kg M -68kg M -68kg M -58kg	4 3 2 1 3	4
5	TAZEGUL, SERVET	TUR	1988-09-26	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2008 Beijing Olympic Games	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico London, Great Britain Gyeongju, Republic of Korea Copenhagen, Denmark Beijing, China	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 8th - 11th August 2012 1st - 6th May 2011 14th - 18th October 2009 27th - 30th August 2008	M -68kg M -68kg M -68kg M -68kg M -68kg M -68kg M -68kg M -68kg	5 5 1 4 1 1 3 3	5
6	GONZALEZ BONILLA, JOEL	ESP	1989-09-30	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championship 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico London, Great Britain Gyeongju, Republic of Korea Copenhagen, Denmark	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013 8th - 11th August 2012 1st - 6th May 2011 14th - 18th October 2009	M -68kg M -68kg M -63kg M -68kg M -63kg M -58kg M -58kg M -58kg	5 3 2 2 5 1 1 1	6
7	AHMED, GHOFRAH	EGY	1992-09-30	2015 All African Games 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Brazzaville, Congo Puebla, Mexico	16th September - 18th September 2015 15th - 21st July 2013	M -68kg M -68kg	1 5	16
8	ROBAK, KAROL	POL	1997-08-24	2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia	12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015	M -68kg M -68kg	2 9	17
9	DIEYE, BALLA	SEN	1980-11-13	2015 All African Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2011 All African Games 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Brazzaville, Congo Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico Maputo, Mozambique Copenhagen, Denmark	16th September - 18th September 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 15th - 21st July 2013 14th - 17th September 2011 14th - 18th October 2009	M -68kg M -68kg M -68kg M -68kg M -68kg	2 33 3 5 3	22
10	ABUGHAUSH, AHMAD	JOR	1996-02-01	2016 Luxor Open 2016 Fujairah Open Taekwondo Championship 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	New Thebes City, Luxor, Egypt Fujairah, United Arab Emirates Chelyabinsk, Russia	4th-6th March 2016 23rd-25th February 2016 12th - 18th May 2015	M -68kg M -68kg M -68kg	1 1 33	40
11	GRGIC, FILIP	CRO	1989-10-25	2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Gyeongju, Republic of Korea	12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 1st - 6th May 2011	M -68kg M -68kg M -68kg	11 5 9	43
12	MORALES, IGNACIO	CHI	1995-08-12	2015 Pan American Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Toronto, Canada Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico	19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 15th - 21st July 2013	M -68kg M -63kg M -58kg	11 17 5	61
13	CONTRERAS, EDGAR	VEN	1992-07-16	2015 Pan American Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Toronto, Canada Chelyabinsk, Russia	19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015	M -68kg M -68kg	9 17	92
14	PUREVJAV, TEMUUJIN	MGL	1994-06-02	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Asian Taekwondo Championships	Chelyabinsk, Russia Tashkent, Uzbekistan	12th - 18th May 2015 28th May 2014	M -63kg M -63kg	17 5	112
15	BOUI, DAVID SYLVERE PATRICK	CAF	1988-06-28	2015 All African Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Brazzaville, Congo Chelyabinsk, Russia	16th September - 18th September 2015 12th - 18th May 2015	M -68kg M -68kg	9 33	115
16	KASSMAN, MAXEMILLION	PNG	1998-07-17	2016 World Olympic Qualification Tournament 2015 Pacific Games	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea	27th February 2016 14th-17th July, 2015	M -68kg M -58kg	1 3	Unranked



Men -80kg



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1	KHODABAKHSHI, MAHDI	IRI	1991-04-21	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Asian Games 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Chelyabinsk, Russia Incheon, Republic of Korea Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico	12th - 18th May 2015 19th September - 4th October 2014 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013	M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg M -87kg	1 1 2 5	1
2	COOK, AARON	MDA	1991-01-02	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2008 Beijing Olympic Games	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Beijing, China	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 27th - 30th August 2008	M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg	2 9 3 5 5	2
3	CISSE, CHEICK SALLAH JUNIOR	CIV	1993-09-19	2015 All Africa Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Brazzaville, Congo Chelyabinsk, Russia	16th September - 18th September 2015 12th - 18th May 2015	M -80kg M -80kg	1 9	3
4	GAUN, ALBERT	RUS	1992-06-21	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013	M -80kg M -80kg M -74kg M -80kg M -74kg	4 2 3 1 2	4
5	MUHAMMAD, LUTALO	GBR	1991-06-03	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico London, Great Britain	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013 8th - 11th August 2012	M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg M -87kg M -80kg	1 3 5 9 3	5
6	GUELEC, TAHIR	GER	1993-02-25	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013	M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg	5 11 3 5 1	9
7	RAFALOVICH, NIKITA	UZB	1993-10-10	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Asian Games	Chelyabinsk, Russia Incheon, Republic of Korea	12th - 18th May 2015 19th September - 4th October 2014	M -74kg M -74kg	2 2	10
8	COULIBALY, ISMAEL	MLI	1992-11-20	2015 All Africa Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2011 All African Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Brazzaville, Congo Chelyabinsk, Russia Maputo, Mozambique Gyeongju, Republic of Korea	16th September - 18th September 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 14th - 17th September 2011 1st - 6th May 2011	M -74kg M -74kg M -74kg M -74kg	1 3 3 3	14
9	BEIGI HARCHGANI, MILAD	AZE	1991-03-01	2016 ETU European Taekwondo Championships 2016 2015 European Games	Montreux, Switzerland Baku, Azerbaijan	19th-22th May, 2016 12th-28th June, 2015	M -80kg M -80kg	1 1	15
10	OUESLATI, OUSSAMA	TUN	1996-03-24	2015 All African Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Brazzaville, Congo Chelyabinsk, Russia	16th September - 18th September 2015 12th - 18th May 2015	M -80kg M -80kg	2 9	17
11	HERNANDEZ ENCARNACION, MOISES DANIEL	DOM	1993-03-22	2016 Pan-American Senior Taekwondo Championships 2015 Pan American Games 2014 Pan Am Senior Championships	Queretaro, Mexico Toronto, Canada Aguascalientes, Mexico	8th-9th June, 2016 19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 14th September 2014	M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg	3 2 5	19
12	SHKARA, HAYDER	AUS	1990-05-21	2016 U.S. Open Taekwondo Championships 2016 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Oceania Taekwondo Union Championships	Reno, United States of America Chelyabinsk, Russia Sydney, Australia	2nd - 7th February, 2016 12th - 18th May 2015 14th - 15th August 2014	M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg	5 9 1	20
13	LOPEZ, STEVEN	USA	1978-11-09	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2008 Beijing Olympic Games 2004 Athens Olympic Games 2000 Sydney Olympic Games	Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico London, Great Britain Copenhagen, Denmark Beijing, China Athens, Greece Sydney, Australia	12th - 18th May 2015 15th - 21st July 2013 8th - 11th August 2012 14th - 18th October 2009 27th - 30th August 2008 25th - 28th August 2004 27th - 30th September 2000	M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg M -68kg	5 5 33 1 3 1 1	21
14	PAZINSKI, PIOTR	POL	1987-08-07	2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico	12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 15th - 21st July 2013	M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg	11 33 9	23
15	LIU, WEI-TING	TPE	1995-01-06	2016 Asian Taekwondo Championships 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Asian Taekwondo Championships	Manila, Philippines Chelyabinsk, Russia Tashkent, Uzbekistan	19th-20th April, 2016 12th - 18th May 2015 28th May 2014	M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg	2 5 3	32
16	FERRERA, MIGUEL	HON	1981-05-25	2015 Pan American Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2008 Beijing Olympic Games	Toronto, Canada Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico Beijing, China	19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 15th - 21st July 2013 27th - 30th August 2008	M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg	11 33 9 1	50



Men +80kg



Seeding	Athlete	NOC	DOB	Event Name	Event Location	Event Date	Division	Place	WTF Olympic Ranking
1	SHOKIN, DMITRIY	UZB	1992-05-30	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Asian Games	Mexico City, Mexico Chelyabinsk, Russia Incheon, Republic of Korea	5th - 6th December 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 19th September - 4th October 2014	M +80kg M +87kg M +87kg	5 1 2	1
2	MARDANI, SAJJAD	IRI	1988-07-01	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Asian Games 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Chelyabinsk, Russia Incheon, Republic of Korea Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico	5th - 6th December 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 19th September - 4th October 2014 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013	M +80kg M +87kg M +87kg M +80kg M +87kg	1 9 5 3 2	3
3	ISAEV, RADIK	AZE	1989-09-26	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico	5th - 6th December 2015 12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 15th - 21st July 2013	M +80kg M +80kg M -87kg M -87kg	5 1 1 3	4
4	SIQUEIRA, MAICON	BRA	1993-01-09	2015 Australian Taekwondo Open 2015 Luxor Open 2015 2015 US Open Taekwondo Championships	Melbourne, Australia New Thebes City, Luxor, Egypt Orlando, United States of America	26th - 28th June 2015 27th February - 1st March 2015 20th - 25th January 2015	M +87kg M +87kg M +87kg	5 3 3	51
5	N DIAYE, M BAR	FRA	1983-06-15	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Puebla, Mexico	5th - 6th December 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 21st July 2013	M +80kg M -87kg M +80kg M -87kg	2 5 5 9	5
6	CHA, DONGMIN	KOR	1986-08-24	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2008 Beijing Olympic Games	Mexico City, Mexico Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico London, Great Britain Gyeongju, Republic of Korea Beijing, China	5th - 6th December 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 8th - 11th August 2012 1st - 6th May 2011 27th - 30th August 2008	M +80kg M +80kg M +80kg M -87kg M +80kg	5 1 17 2 1	7
7	OBAME, ANTHONY MYLANN	GAB	1988-09-10	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2015 All African Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2012 London Olympic Games 2011 All African Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Mexico City, Mexico Brazzaville, Congo Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico London, Great Britain Maputo, Mozambique Gyeongju, Republic of Korea	5th - 6th December 2015 16th September - 18th September 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 15th - 21st July 2013 8th - 11th August 2012 14th - 17th September 2011 1st - 6th May 2011	M +80kg M +87kg M +87kg M +87kg M +80kg M -87kg M -87kg	4 2 3 1 2 2 9	8
8	TRABELSI, YACINE	TUN	1990-07-12	2015 All African Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2011 All African Games	Brazzaville, Congo Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico Maputo, Mozambique	16th September - 18th September 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 15th - 21st July 2013 14th - 17th September 2011	M -87kg M -87kg M -87kg M -80kg	1 5 3 2	9
9	CASTILLO, RAFAEL	CUB	1993-08-12	2015 Pan American Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Toronto, Canada Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico	19th -22nd July, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 15th - 21st July 2013	M +80kg M -87kg M -87kg	1 3 1	11
10	CHO, MAHAMA	GBR	1989-08-16	2015 European Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final	Baku, Azerbaijan Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico	12th-28th June, 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014	M +80kg M +87kg M +80kg	11 17 5	12
11	SILLA, ARMAN-MARSHALL	BLR	1994-07-13	2016 ETU European Taekwondo Championships 2016 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 European Senior Championships	Montreux, Switzerland Chelyabinsk, Russia Baku, Azerbaijan	19th-22th May, 2016 12th - 18th May 2015 1st - 5th May 2014	M +87kg M +87kg M +87kg	1 9 1	13
12	ISSOUFOU ALFAGA, ABDOULRAZAK	NIG	1994-12-26	2015 All African Games 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Brazzaville, Congo Chelyabinsk, Russia	16th September - 18th September 2015 12th - 18th May 2015	M +87kg M +87kg	1 17	14
13	LAMBDIN, STEPHEN	USA	1988-03-09	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final 2011 Pan American Games 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships	Chelyabinsk, Russia Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico Guadalajara, Mexico Gyeongju, Republic of Korea	12th - 18th May 2015 3rd - 4th December 2014 15th - 18th October 2011 1st - 6th May 2011	M +87kg M +80kg M +87kg M +87kg	5 4 3 9	19
14	ZHAPAROV, RUSLAN	KAZ	1996-05-27	2015 Australian Taekwondo Open 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2015 US Open Taekwondo Championships	Melbourne, Australia Chelyabinsk, Russia Orlando, United States of America	26th - 28th June 2015 12th - 18th May 2015 20th - 25th January 2015	M -87kg M +87kg M -87kg	5 33 9	49
15	TAUFATOFUA, PITA NIKOLAS	TGA	1983-11-05	2014 Oceania Taekwondo Union Championships 2012 Australian Open	Sydney, Australia Sydney, Australia	14th - 15th August 2014 7th - 9th August 2012	M +87kg M +87kg	3 2	157
16	QIAO, SEN	CHN	1990-05-14	2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships 2014 Asian Games	Chelyabinsk, Russia Puebla, Mexico Incheon, Republic of Korea	12th - 18th May 2015 15th - 21st July 2013 19th September - 4th October 2014	M -80kg M -80kg M -80kg	PAR PAR 3	Unranked





# Qualification Process

From August 17-20, 2016, 128 taekwondo fighters, fighting in eight weight categories – four male (-58kg, -68kg, -80kg, +80kg) and four female (-49kg, -57kg, -67kg, +67kg) – do battle for Olympic medals at Carioca Arena 3, a purpose-built, combat sport-specialized arena in Rio’s Barra Olympic Park. This is how the athletes qualified.

The first tranche of 48 elite athletes won Rio quota places for their National Olympic Committees via ranking points accumulated after the Grand Prix Finals, held in Mexico City, in December 2015. Each NOC could qualify a maximum of one athlete per weight category. However, the athletes who won their NOCs the berths were not guaranteed places: The final decision on who actually filled the slots was made by national selectors.

Those NOCs which qualified fewer than two male and two female athletes via ranking points were eligible for the second tranche of Rio berths, fought

for at the Continental Qualification Tournaments. These five tournaments offered 72 Rio slots in the first half of 2016. Each NOC was able to qualify a maximum of two male and two female athletes (with a maximum of one fighter per weight category). The continental quotas broke down to: 16 athletes each from Africa, Asia, Europe and Pan-America; and eight from Oceania.

Brazil benefited from a quota of four host country places: two male (-58kg and +80kg) and two female (-49kg and -57kg).

Finally Tripartite Commission Invitations - better known as “wild cards” – offered a further four fighters the chance of Olympic glory in those categories not chosen by Brazil (ie male -68kg and -80kg, and female -67kg and +67kg).

The seeded athletes in each taekwondo weight division were announced on July 18, 2016, on the WTF website.

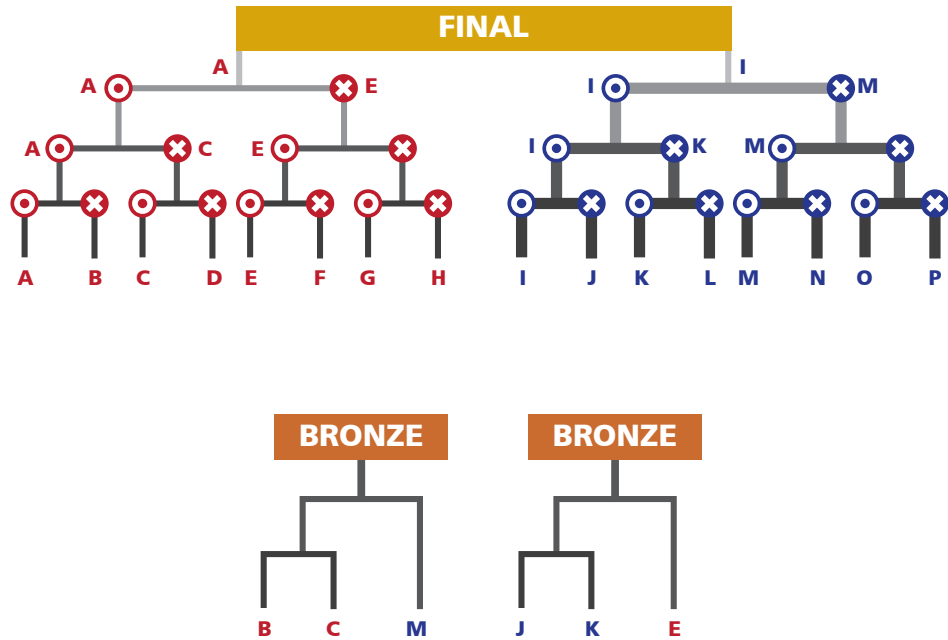
## The Breakdown

	WTF Olympic Ranking	Continental Qualification Tournaments	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	24	36	2	2	64
Women	24	36	2	2	64
Total	48	72	4	4	128

# About Repechage

Each of Olympic taekwondo’s eight weight categories consists of a single elimination tournament. The winner of the final receives the gold medal and the loser of the final receives the silver medal. Two bronze medals are awarded via repechage.

The repechage is conducted among all contestants who lost to the two finalists in the elimination phase. In the repechage, the losers of the semifinals during the elimination phase are seeded directly to each of the repechage finals, but on the opposite sides of the bracket. Other losers will advance to the repechage unseeded, at the same side of the bracket in which they contested during the elimination phase.





### Making History: Can Wu Win Olympic Gold #3?

At Rio, all eyes will be on China's Jingyu "Joy" Wu (W-49kg). A double Olympic gold medalist in Beijing and London, the burning question is: "Can she make it three in a row?" If she does, she would write history as the first taekwondo athlete in either male or female divisions to pull it off. Wu, voted the WTF's "2015 Female Player of the Year" by her peers, is a popular character as well as a brilliant fighter, and dominated her division in the 2015 Grand Prix series.

### Jackie Chan or Power Rangers?

Uzbekistan's Dmitry Shokin (M+80kg) and Turkey's Servet Tazegul (M-80kg) both credit Hong Kong movie star Jackie Chan's movies with getting them interested in martial arts. Moldova's Aaron Cook (M-80kg) preferred the "Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers."

### Olympic Gold: From Fiction to Fact

Speaking of Wu: Her first encounter with Olympic gold was fictional rather than factual: The then-unknown taekwondo athlete had a bit part, playing the heroine as a child, in the 2003 film "Taekwondo," about a Chinese athlete who wins Olympic gold. Fast forward to Beijing 2008, and Wu had a real Olympic gold medal around her neck.

### Making History: Lopez Attends Fifth Olympic Taekwondo Competition

Team U.S.A.'s Steven Lopez (M-80kg) is the first taekwondo athlete ever to fight in five Olympic competitions. A triple Olympic medalist, Lopez, who is coached by his brother Jean, seized golds in Sydney and Athens, and won bronze in Beijing. Lopez did not qualify for Rio via ranking points, but won a place in the Pan Am Continental Qualification event. Taekwondo has changed since Lopez's heyday, and he will be fighting young guns ten years his junior in Rio – but his vast experience, awesome reputation and fighting spirit could yet net him one more Olympic medal to add to his collection.

### Taekwondo: It's a Family Affair #1

Sisters Caroline and Carmen Marton, together with Carmen's husband Safwan Khalil, all won Olympic places for Australia. Caroline Marton won a berth in the women's -57kg category, Carmen Marton captured a spot in the women's -67kg division, while the latter's spouse, Safwan Khalil, won a place in the men's -58kg category. All three are coached by Ali Khalil, Safwan's brother - who presumably keeps family disputes in order...

### Taekwondo: It's a Family Affair #2

Papua New Guinea's Samantha Kassman won a place in the women's -67kg category at the Oceania Continental Qualification Tournament, while on the same mats, her nephew Maxemil-ion Kassman captured a berth in the men's +80kg division.

### Taekwondo: It's a Family Affair #3

Croatia's Lucija and Ana Zaninovic (W-49kg and W-57kg, respectively) are not just sisters - they are twins. The two are believed to be the first pair of twins to appear at two consecutive Olympic Games, London 2012 and Rio 2016. Lucija won bronze in London.

### From Bullying Victim to Heavyweight Champion

Speaking of Shokin: The Uzbek heavyweight is one of the most formidable presences in the game, combining a Homeric physique with an array of fighting techniques. Remarkably enough, he learned taekwondo as a child to fend off bullies. We don't see anyone bullying him now....

### The (Nick) Name of the Game

As is the case in other sports, many taekwondo athletes are known by their nicknames – some chosen by the players, others chosen by team mates, fans, pundits and journalists. They include:  
Farzan "The Tsunami" Ashourzadeh Fallah (M-58kg): The Iranian was given the nickname by a journalist who saw him in training.  
Albert "Big Ears" Gaun (M-80kg): The Russian has, well, big ears.  
Saul "The Spine" Gutierrez (M-68kg): The Mexican is tall and skinny.  
Jade "The Headhunter" Jones (W-57kg): The Briton is named for her talent with high kicks.  
Mahdi "The Terminator" Khodabakhshi (M-80kg): The Iranian star is a dominant force. Though his given name is equally appropriate: it means "God Given."  
Haby "The Abigator" Niare (W-67kg): Playing on her name and combining it with a carnivorous reptile, the French athlete's nickname was invented by her teammates.  
Dmitriy "Shock Force" Shokin (M+80kg): The Uzbek heavyweight hits very, very hard.  
Servet "The Cheetah" Tazegul (M-68kg): The Turkish hero is fast, stylish and dangerous.  
Bianca "Queen Bee" Walkden (W+67kg): The Briton's nickname comes from the short form of her name, Bianca, with the royal adjective attached as a prefix.  
Jingyu "Joy" Wu (W-49kg): The Chinese superstar's English name is a translation of her Chinese name)







# Stars To Watch

## Dong-min Cha



South Korea, M+80kg

**Gold Medalist, Beijing 2008**

Cha is one of the smallest players in the category and is known for his attacking style, his left front kick and his right-leg spinning back kick - a technique that both racks up points and intimidates opponents. Though calm and highly experienced, he is one of the smallest and oldest competitors in the game and will be under threat from bigger, younger guns, especially the number one seeded heavyweight, Uzbekistan's Dmitry "Shock Force" Shokin. Rio will be not just be Cha's last Olympics, but also his last taekwondo Competition - meaning this veteran competitor will give it his all.

## Aaron Cook



Moldova, M-80kg

**'WTF Best Kick of the Year' 2015**

Cook is one of taekwondo's most exciting fighters, noted for his all-out attacks and his wicked spinning kicks. British by birth, he was at the center of controversy when, despite being wildly popular with British fans and holding world No. 1 ranking, he was not selected to represent Team GB in London in 2012. (British selectors chose, instead, eventual bronze medalist Lutalo Muhammad). That snub spurred Cook to change his allegiance to Moldova, under whose flag he will fight in Rio. Whenever Cook fights the crowd comes to its feet - but if he fights Muhammad, there will be added drama.

## Maria Espinoza



Mexico, W+67kg

**Gold Medalist, Beijing 2008**

After winning gold in Beijing, Espinoza took bronze in London in 2012, making her probably the most famed taekwondo player in Mexico, where the sport has a huge following. A fierce and intense-looking competitor, Espinoza is one of the most combative of taekwondo's female fighters, feared for her spinning back kick and her powerful punch. The latter is one of the best in the game, and has led to her being dubbed "Fist of Fury." In Rio, she will face a steep challenge on the mats against players with a significant height advantage, forcing her to leverage her footwork to the max.

## Joel Gonzalez Bonilla



Spain, M-68kg

**Gold Medalist, London 2012**

Gonzalez has the ultimate physique for taekwondo: Tall and long-legged. He has a basic-but-smart style - step-by-step, point-by-point - but is also noted for his crowd-pleasing and point-scoring straight leg kicks to the face. However, he is fighting in one of the toughest divisions in the sport, crowded with stars such as Russia's Alexi Denisenko and Turkey's Servet Tazegul, and could be drawn against his all-time rival, Korea's Dae-hoon Lee - whose nose he once broke with that wicked high kick.



## Jade Jones



Great Britain, W-57kg  
**Gold Medalist, London 2012; 'WTF Female Player of the Year' 2014**

The Welsh girl became a national heroine after winning gold in London in 2012, and was subsequently honored by Queen Elizabeth II for services to taekwondo. She has had an impressive fighting season in 2015, peaking near the end of year with two dominant wins in the elite Grand Prix series over her arch-rival, Spain's Eva Calvo Gomez. Known as "The Headhunter" for the accuracy of her front-leg round kick – aided by the eagle eye of Coach Paul Green, whose success when calling video replies is unerring – Jones is the favorite to win a second Olympic gold in her category in Rio.

## Dae-hoon Lee



South Korea, M-68kg  
**'WTF Male Player of the Year' 2014, 2015**

The soft-spoken Korean fighter is wildly popular among his peers: He was voted "Man of the Year" twice consecutively, in 2014 and 2015. An ambidextrous fighter with significant experience and a full arsenal of varied turning kicks and spin heel kicks, he is a calm player who likens himself to a turtle! His number-one fan (and first taekwondo coach) will be on the edge of his seat in front of the TV when Lee does battle in Rio: His father.

## Steven Lopez



USA, M-80kg  
**Gold Medalist, Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004. 5th straight Olympic appearance**

Lopez is a legend. The most famous fighter the sport has ever produced, he is a winner of two Olympic gold medals and one bronze, as well as being a five-time world champion. His siblings Mark and Diana have also been taekwondo Olympians and his coach is older brother Jean. But now, the legend is in his career twilight: Born in 1978, Lopez is the oldest competitor on the Rio mats and the game has changed since his heyday. However, his technique, experience and fighting spirit are undeniable, and few if any athletes can equal this warrior's capacity for performing to the max at the most critical moment.

## Milica Mandic



Serbia, W+67kg  
**Gold Medalist, London 2012**

One of the sport's friendliest, most popular players, the Serbian became a national heroine when she won gold in London in 2012. As she proceeded through the preliminaries, countless Serbians went online to research taekwondo rules and techniques. Fighting through a string of injuries, Mandic recovered late in the grueling 2015 "Road to Rio" fighting season. Technically proficient at the front-leg high kick and the punch, she is, however, not as tall or leggy as some of the other fighters in her category, which also features some highly experienced players.

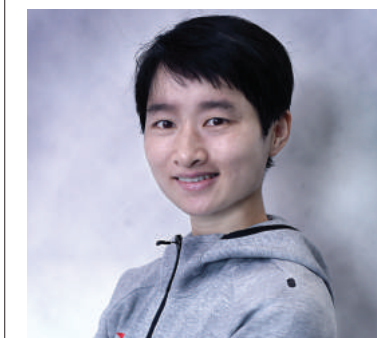
## Servet Tazegul



Turkey, M-68kg  
**Gold Medalist, London 2012**

Tazegul vies with Aaron Cook as the taekwondo fighter the crowd loves to watch the most. Known as "The Cheetah" for his killer moves and spectacular aerial techniques, he delighted taekwondo fans when he returned from a slump to seize World Championship gold in 2015. His final fight against Russia's Alexey Denisenko in that tournament was one of the all-time great taekwondo clashes – a high-scoring, high-velocity battle of flying feet – which could be re-fought in Rio. But regardless of the opponent, "The Cheetah" has one gear – forward – and one speed – all out.

## Jingyu Wu



China, W-49kg  
**Gold Medalist Beijing 2008 and London 2012; 'WTF Female Player of the Year' 2015**

In an extraordinary coincidence, the then-unknown Chinese athlete played a bit-role in the Chinese movie "Taekwondo" (2003) about a taekwondo player who wins Olympic gold. In 2008, fact followed fiction when Wu won gold in Beijing – a feat she repeated in London in 2012. A cool-headed master of footwork, tactics and game management, she dominated her category in 2015, making her a favorite for yet another gold in Rio. If she delivers, she will make Olympic history as the first taekwondo athlete to win three consecutive golds. When not training, Wu spends time working with disadvantaged children, and is popular with her peers: She was voted "WTF Female Player of the Year" in 2015. And on the sidelines of the competition, Wu is sure to exhibit the spirit which her Chinese name, Jingyu, translates to: "Joy."

# 10 Stars To Watch







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