

San Jose to host USA Taekwondo's Senior National Championships

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SAN JOSE (Oct. 20, 2005) – San Jose will host a preview of America's Olympic taekwondo future in next week's U.S. Senior National Taekwondo Championships.

Approximately 1,000 of the sport's top athletes will participate Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 27-30, in the McEnery Convention Center, and the field will include the top male and female candidates for the U.S. Olympic Team that will compete in the 2008 Beijing Games.

The competitors in the World Class Division qualified earlier this by finishing in the top three at one of six qualifying events held nationwide. The qualifiers included a San Jose competition last March, which drew a field of 3,000 to the convention center.

The top four finishers in each weight division of the U.S. Senior National Championships qualify for a selection tournament for the 2006 World Cup Team Championships to be held next October at Bangkok, Thailand.

Also part of next week's four-day competition is Saturday's Taekwondo Assembly at 7 p.m. in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This annual meeting of the sport's community includes a question-and-answer session with USA Taekwondo's board of directors and a speech from CEO Bob Gambardella.

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