



WAKO TEAM USA Kickboxing

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CHICAGO, IL – World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) Team USA Kickboxing is pleased to announce their 2019 Team for the Senior World Championships, to be held in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina October 19 to October 27, 2019. In this prestigious event, only one athlete per discipline and weight-class is allowed to represent her/his country. There are more than 120 countries announced to participate.

The 2019 Team for the WAKO World Championships in Bosnia will consist of eight female athletes and seventeen male athletes. Over the course of 5 consecutive days, the team will be fighting in K1, Low Kick, or Light Contact divisions. The eight female athletes include Angela Bahr, -52kg, Lillie Helton, -52kg, Erin Jimenez, -56kg, Liz Helton, -60kg, Anna Crutchfield, -60kg, Amanda Ginski, -65kg, Pam Sorenson -70kg, and Jennifer Morgan, -70kg. The seventeen male athletes include: Matthew Celio, -51kg, Taz Kalieopu, -54kg, Cody Lasconia, -57kg, Dominique Roundtree, -57kg, Jamon Cooke, -60kg, Romeo Orosco, -60kg, Brandon Abiva, -63.5kg, Alexei Pergande, -67kg, Jordan Willis, -71kg, Nate Richardson, -71kg, Kaecy Raddon, -75kg, Ricky Luckadoo, -81kg, Nate Gaston, -86kg, Greg Shepherd, -91kg, Konsta Myrick, +91kg, Zeus Frazier, +91kg, and Charles Baines, +94kg.

Alongside the 25 athletes, there will be nine coaches, including Chris Cichon and Mark Greubel, Team USA Kickboxing's official head coaches.

“This will be the largest and strongest Team USA ever to participate in a true World Championship. To be a real World Champion, you need to win a WAKO World Championship. We are very optimistic about bringing home some gold medals.” Said WAKO USA President Rob Zbilski.

About WAKO: **About WAKO USA:** WAKO Team USA Kickboxing is a registered 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization registered in the state of Illinois. It represents K1 Style, Full Contact, Low Kick, Point Fighting (USA - Sport Karate), Kick Light, Light Contact and Forms as tatami and ring sports in the USA.

WAKO USA is a full member of WAKO IF (International Federation). WAKO is the world largest Kickboxing Association with members located in all continents and recognized as the only Kickboxing Federation to representing its sport and disciplines by the IOC (International Olympic Committee), GAISF, FISU, ARIFS and The World Games.

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