



2017 Junior National Team Selection Protocol

1. Introduction

1.1. Guiding principles

- 1.1.1. Taekwondo Canada, through its membership in the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) and the Pan American Taekwondo Union (PATU), will be eligible to send a team to represent Canada at the 2017 Pan Am Junior Taekwondo Championships.
- 1.1.2. This document sets out the process for identifying those athletes who will be invited by Taekwondo Canada to be named to the Junior National Team
- 1.1.3. The Junior National Team will be valid from the completion of the National Championships until January 31, 2018
- 1.1.4. Selection to the Junior National Team does not automatically provide financial funding for event participation.
- 1.1.5. Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate on the Junior National Team shall be made by the Executive Director on the basis of recommendations by the High Performance Director.

1.2. Objective

- 1.2.1. Taekwondo Canada's objective is to select the athletes, per weight category, to be named to the Junior National Team.



2. Eligibility requirements

- 2.1. Athletes must be 15–17 years based on the year of the year the competition is held, i.e. athletes on the Junior team in 2017 must be born in the years 2000-2002.
- 2.2. Athletes must be a Canadian Citizen and hold a valid Canadian passport.
- 2.3. Athletes must be a registered participant in good standing of Taekwondo Canada.
- 2.4. Athletes must be a Kukkiwon poom/dan certificate holder.
- 2.5. Athletes must hold a valid GAL.
- 2.6. The athlete must currently be eligible to represent Canada at all major international events under the eligibility requirements of the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) and Taekwondo Canada.
- 2.7. Athletes must adhere to IOC, WADA, and Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures.
- 2.8. To be named to the Junior National team, the athlete and his or her parent or guardian, must sign an Athlete Agreement as required by Taekwondo Canada.



3. Weight Divisions

3.1. Weight divisions for the Junior National Team are in accordance with the WTF divisions.

3.2. The junior weight divisions are:

Junior WTF weight divisions	
Male	Female
-45kg	-42kg
-48kg	-44kg
-51kg	-46kg
-55kg	-49kg
-59kg	-52kg
-63kg	-55kg
-68kg	-59kg
-73kg	-63kg
-78kg	-68kg
+78kg	+68kg



4. Selection Process

- 4.1. Athletes who finish in 1st place (gold medalist) at the 2017 Canadian National Championships in the applicable junior weight class shall be named to the 2017 Junior national team.
- 4.2. Athletes who finish in 2nd place (silver medalist) at the 2017 Canadian National Championships in the applicable junior weight class may be considered as an alternate to the 2017 Junior national team.
- 4.3. An athlete who does not meet the selection process set out above may be considered for selection if she or he meets the conditions of the Exceptional Circumstances provisions.

5. Selection of Weight Division

- 5.1. Selection of weight division for athletes will be based upon the weight the athlete competes in at the national championships.

6. Exceptional circumstances

- 6.1. Should an injury or unforeseen circumstance prevent an athlete from competing in the required event, the athlete must notify Taekwondo Canada, in writing, before the event with a thorough explanation. The decision to nominate the athlete to the Junior National Team will be made by the Executive Director on the basis of recommendations by the High Performance Director taking into consideration the previous results, the overall potential of the athlete, and the written explanation of the athlete's health status, recovery, and the training plan.
- 6.2. Should an injury or unforeseen circumstance prevent the selected athlete from competing on the junior national team the athlete must immediately notify Taekwondo Canada in writing. The decision to select an alternate will be made by the Executive Director on the basis of recommendations by the High Performance Director taking into consideration the previous results, the overall potential of the athlete, and the training plan.
- 6.3. In the case of an injured athlete, a medical doctor licensed in Canada can make the final medical recommendation. Should there be a difference of opinion amongst health care providers, the official licensed medical doctor for Taekwondo Canada will have final authority.



7. Approval and Appeal Process

- 7.1. Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate on the Junior National Team shall be made by the Executive Director on the basis of recommendations by the High Performance Director.
- 7.2. Issues not otherwise addressed by this Selection Protocol shall be resolved by the Executive Director on the basis of recommendations by the High Performance Director.
- 7.3. Any decision relating to this policy may be appealed by an athlete registered participant of Taekwondo Canada who is materially affected by that decision, and who is a registered participant in good standing. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the Taekwondo Canada Appeals Policy.

8. General

- 8.1. Issues not otherwise covered by this document are subject to the decision of the Executive Director on the basis of recommendations by the High Performance Director.