



2017 Poomsae Junior and Cadet National Team Selection Protocol

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1. Introduction

1.1. Guiding principles

- 1.1.1. Taekwondo Canada, through its membership in the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) and Pan American Taekwondo Union (PATU), will be eligible to send a team to represent Team Canada at official international poomsae Junior and Cadet events in 2017.
- 1.1.2. This document sets out the process for identifying those athletes who will be eligible to be named to the Poomsae Junior and Cadet National Team.
- 1.1.3. The Poomsae Junior and Cadet National Team will be valid from the completion of the National Championships until January 31, 2018.
- 1.1.4. Selection to the Poomsae Junior and Cadet 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 Poomsae Junior and Cadet 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 facilitate the participation of athletes eligible to be named to the 2017 Poomsae Junior and Cadet National Team.



2. Eligibility requirements

- 2.1. Junior athletes must be born in the years 2000, 2001, or 2002. Cadet athletes must be born in the years 2003, 2004, 2005.
- 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. Athletes 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 the World Anti-Doping code.
- 2.8. To be named to the Poomsae Junior and Cadet National team, the athlete and his or her parent or guardian, must sign an Athlete Agreement as required by Taekwondo Canada.



3. Poomsae categories

3.1. Poomsae categories for the poomsae Junior and Cadet National Team are in accordance with the WTF divisions.

3.2. The junior and cadet poomsae categories are:

Cadet Recognized Poomsae (12-14)				
Individual		Pair	Team	
Male	Female	One (1) Male and One (1) Female	Three (3) Male	Three (3) Female
Junior Recognized Poomsae (15-17)				
Individual		Pair	Team	
Male	Female	One (1) Male and One (1) Female	Three (3) Male	Three (3) Female
Freestyle Poomsae (U17)				
Individual		Pair	Mixed Team	
Male	Female	One (1) Male and One (1) Female	Two (2) Male and Three (3) Female or Three (3) Male and Two (2) Female	

4. Selection Process

4.1. Athletes to be considered for selection will be: (i) those athletes who compete at the 2017 Canadian National Championships, (ii) those athletes who express interest in representing the team and who provided materials as outlined below, and (iii) those athletes who are eligible under the exceptional circumstances section outlined below. The athletes to be considered for selection from each group are:

4.1.1. *Among those athletes who compete at the 2017 Canadian National Championships*

athletes who finish in 1st place (gold medalist) at the 2017 Canadian National Championships in the applicable poomsae junior and cadet categories shall be considered as priority among those to be named to the 2017 poomsae junior and cadet national team.





- 4.1.2. *Among those athletes who express interest in representing the team* they must submit their competition results from the previous year (international, national, and provincial or local results) and their competition training plan on or before June 14, 2017 at 2:00 pm ET. Consideration will be based on superior performance and identification of engagement in a targeted training plan
- 4.2. Athletes who qualify in more than two categories must select the two categories in which they will accept nomination to the Poomsae Junior and Cadet National Team within three (3) days after the last day of 2017 Canadian National Championships.
- 4.3. In the case that there is a vacancy in one of the categories an alternate athlete may be considered to fill the spot. The alternate athlete to be considered shall include athlete who finish in 2nd place (silver medalist) at the 2017 Canadian National Championships, those athletes who express interest in representing the team and who provided materials, and those athletes who are eligible under the exceptional circumstances section.
- 4.4. Pairs and members of Poomsae Teams are treated as a unit and must each fulfill the requirements and obligations under this protocol.
- 4.5. Athletes who are named to the Poomsae Junior and Cadet National team may be eligible to compete in the 2017 Pan Am Junior and Cadet Championships.

5. Selection of Styles and Categories

- 5.1. Selection categories for athletes will be based upon the categories 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 Poomsae Junior and Cadet 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 a selected athlete from competing on the Poomsae Junior and Cadet 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 Chief Medical Advisor for Taekwondo Canada will have final authority.

7. Approval and Appeal Process

- 7.1.** Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate with the Poomsae Junior and Cadet 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.