



2017 Senior 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), will be eligible to send a team to the 2017 Senior World 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 Senior National Team.
- 1.1.3. The Senior National Team will be valid from the completion of the National Championships until December 31, 2017.
- 1.1.4. Selection to the Senior 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 Senior National Team shall be made by the Executive Director based on recommendations by the Taekwondo Canada High Performance Director.

1.2. Objective

- 1.2.1. Taekwondo Canada's objectives is to identify the best Canadian athletes, per weight category, to be named to the Senior National Team each year.

2. Eligibility requirements

- 2.1. Athletes must be Canadian Citizens and hold a valid Canadian passport.
- 2.2. Athletes must be registered participants in good standing of Taekwondo Canada.
- 2.3. Athletes must be Kukkiwon Dan certificate holders.
- 2.4. Athletes must hold a valid GAL.





- 2.5. Athletes must currently be eligible to represent Canada at all major international events under the eligibility requirements of the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF), Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) and Taekwondo Canada (TC).
- 2.6. Athletes must adhere to all IOC, COC, WADA, and Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable by national anti-doping agencies and national and international federations.
- 2.7. To be named to the Senior National team, athletes must sign an Athlete Agreement as required by Taekwondo Canada.
- 2.8. **These protocols are subject to change if there are changes initiated by the WTF and/or the PATU.**

3. Weight Divisions

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

3.2. The senior weight divisions are:

Senior WTF Weight divisions	
Male	Female
-54kg	-46kg
-58kg	-49kg
-63kg	-53kg
-68kg	-57kg
-74kg	-62kg
-80kg	-67kg
-87kg	-73kg
+87kg	+73kg





4. Selection Process

- 4.1. The athlete with the highest finish at the Canadian National Championships will be named to the senior national team until December 31, 2017.
- 4.2. The senior national team will be the only athletes invited to 2017 Senior World Championships unless one of these athletes chooses not to go, and then an alternate may or may not be named. Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate on the Senior National Team shall be made by the Executive Director based on recommendations by the Taekwondo Canada High Performance Director

5. Selection of Weight Division

- 5.1. Selection of weight division for athletes will be based the weight the athlete competes in at the 2017 Canadian National Championships.

6. Exceptional Circumstances

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. Should an injury or unforeseen circumstance prevent an athlete from competing in the required events, the athlete must notify Taekwondo Canada, in writing, before the event with a thorough explanation. The decision to nominate an alternate athlete to the Senior National Team will be made at the sole discretion of the Executive Director based on recommendations by the Taekwondo Canada High Performance Director taking into consideration the accumulated results, the overall potential of the athlete and the written explanation of the athlete's health status, recovery and training plan.
- 6.3. Should an injury or unforeseen circumstance prevent the selected athlete from competing on the senior national team the athlete must immediately notify Taekwondo Canada in writing. The decision to select an alternate is the decision of the Executive Director taking into consideration the recommendations made by the Taekwondo Canada High Performance Director.
- 6.4. In the event of an injured athlete, only 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 Senior National Team shall be made by the Executive Director based on recommendations by the Taekwondo Canada High Performance Director.
- 7.2. Issues not otherwise addressed by this selection protocol shall be resolved by the Executive Director based on recommendations by the Taekwondo Canada 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, which is available on the Taekwondo Canada website.

8. General

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

