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2018 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Championships

Selection Protocol

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. Taekwondo Canada, through its membership in World Taekwondo will be eligible to select athletes for the 2018 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Championships (2018 PAPTC).
- 1.2. This document:
 - 1.2.1. sets out the process and requirement for identifying athletes and inviting those selected to be on the Canada 2018 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Team to participate at the 2018 PAPTC, or invited to be an alternate.
 - 1.2.2. will apply to any other international para taekwondo competitions, additional competitions will be identified on the TC webpage.
- 1.3. 2018 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Championships (2018 PAPTC) at the time of this publication is to be announced by the Pan Am Taekwondo Union (PATU).
- 1.4. Selection for the 2018 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Championships does not automatically provide financial funding for event participation.
- 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 High Performance Director (HP Director) or designate.
- 1.6. Taekwondo Canada's objective is to identify the Canadian athletes to be named to the 2018 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Championships Team.



2. Eligibility requirements

- 2.1. Athletes must be age 16 and over.
 - 2.1.1. The age limits for each division is based on the year, not on the date, when the Championships are held. For example, in the Junior Division, contestants shall be between 15 and 17 years old. In this regard, if the Championships are held on November 15, 2018, contestants born between 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2003 are eligible to participate in this division.
- 2.2. Athletes must be a Canadian Citizen at the time of 2018 Canadian National Championships registration.
- 2.3. Athletes must be registered members in good standing of Taekwondo Canada.
- 2.4. Athletes must be Kukkiwon Poom or Dan certificate holders.
- 2.5. Athletes must hold a valid World Taekwondo Global Athlete License.
- 2.6. Athletes must currently be eligible to represent Canada at major international events under the eligibility requirements of World Taekwondo, and Taekwondo Canada.
- 2.7. Athletes must go through World Taekwondo classification and be assigned Sport Class and Sport Class Status before competing at the 2018 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Championships.
- 2.8. Athletes must adhere to the World Anti-Doping Code.
- 2.9. To be named to the 2018 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Championships Team, athletes must sign an Athlete Agreement as required by Taekwondo Canada.
- 2.10. This protocol is subject to change if there are changes initiated by World Taekwondo (WT) or Pan American Taekwondo Union (PATU).



3. Para Taekwondo Divisions

Kyorugi

Classes
K41
K42
K43
K44

Men's Events	Women's Events
Under 61 kg	Under 49 kg
Under 75 kg	Under 58 kg
Over 75 kg	Over 58 kg

Poomsae

P10- Visual Impairments	
Age Categories	Sport Divisions
Junior (12-15 years old)	P11: Visual acuity poorer than LogMAR 2.6
Under 30 (16-29 years old)	P12: Visual acuity ranging from LogMAR 1.5 to 2.6 (inclusive) and/or Visual field constricted to a diameter of less than 10 degrees
Over 30 (30 years old and older)	P13: Visual acuity ranging from LogMAR 1.4 to 1.0 (inclusive) and/or Visual field constricted to a diameter of less than 40 degrees
P20 - Intellectually Impaired	
Age Categories	Description
Junior (12-15 years old)	Intellectually Impaired athletes competing in Para Taekwondo Poomsae must first establish INAS provisional or full eligibility through the INAS member in the pertinent country.
Under 30 (16-29 years old)	
Over 30 (30 years old and older)	
P30 - Motor Impairments	
Age Categories	Sport Classes
Junior (12-15 years old)	P31: diplegia, asymmetric diplegia, double hemiplegia or triplegia
Under 30 (16-29 years old)	P32: dyskinesias athetosis, dystonia, ataxia, mild spastic quadriplegia or a combination of the above
Over 30 (30 years old and older)	P33: spastic hemiplegia or very mild spastic dystonia
	P34: very mild hemiplegia, diplegia, athetosis, dystonia, hemi-dystonia and very mild ataxia



P50 - Wheelchair Classes	
Age Categories	Sport Classes
Junior (12-15 years old) Under 30 (16-29 years old) Over 30 (30 years old and older)	The P50 Sport classes are being developed by the WT
P60 - Deaf	
Age Categories	Sport Classes
Junior (12-15 years old) Under 30 (16-29 years old) Over 30 (30 years old and older)	Pairs Competition: Pairs composed of one (1) female and one (1) male athlete in the age categories listed Team competition: Teams composed of three (3) female or three (3) male competitors in the age categories listed

***The divisions may be changed by the event organizing committee and/or WT.

**** The most recent World Taekwondo Athlete Classification rules will be used.

4. 2018 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Championships Team National Selection Event

4.1. A Canadian selection for the 2018 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Championships Team will occur within the 2018 Canadian National Championships, from February 15 to 18, 2018.

5. Selection and Invitation

5.1. The 1st place winners will be given priority to enter in the 2018 Pan Am Para Championships.

5.1.1. Should there is no entry limitation, the athletes who participate at the 2018 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Team selection event will be nominated to the Pan Am Para Taekwondo Championships Team.

5.2. The final team selection will be based on World Taekwondo classification confirmation.



6. General Requirements to Maintain Invitation to Team

- 6.1. Maintain ongoing requirements to be eligible for and to maintain the invitation;
- 6.2. Sign the Athlete Agreement as required by Taekwondo Canada to compete at the 2018 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Championships;
- 6.3. Submit required medical examination reports when requested by the HP Director or designate. Additionally, an emergency report is to be filed when necessary.
- 6.4. Nominated athletes are expected to provide a plan of preparation to be competition ready for the approved events, 2018 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Championships and, upon request, to prove appropriate competitive readiness for these events through the submission of a training diary.
 - 6.4.1. A Training and Competition Plan may be required, and if required it must include the following:
 - 6.4.1.1. The athlete's training schedule, plans and targets
 - 6.4.1.2. Injury prevention and medical intervention strategies, if applicable.
 - 6.4.2. Athletes must file:
 - 6.4.2.1. A medical fitness report when requested;
 - 6.4.2.2. A Medical or Emergency Incident report if and when the athlete suffers an injury, illness, or disability that may affect meeting training targets, ongoing performance and training, or prevent the athlete from competing in the application competitions.
- 6.5. Loss of Invitation
 - 6.5.1. An Invitation to an athlete may be withdrawn at any time, even after notification, acceptance, or signing of an Athlete's Agreement, if, in the opinion of the Executive Director, the athlete has failed to:
 - 6.5.1.1. fulfill eligibility to be selected and be invited; or
 - 6.5.1.2. fulfill ongoing obligations of the athlete under this policy.



- 6.6. Following team nomination to the TC, any such removals are subject to the approval of the Executive Director based on the recommendations of the HP Director or designate.

7. Exceptional circumstances

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. Should an injury or unforeseen circumstance prevent an athlete from competing in the required events, the athlete must notify Taekwondo Canada, within in 10 days in writing, before the event with a thorough explanation. The decision to nominate the athlete to the 2018 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Championships Team will be made at the sole discretion of the Executive Director based on recommendations by the HP Director or designate, taking into consideration the accumulated results during the selection period, the overall potential of the athlete, and the written explanation of the athlete's health status, recovery, and training plan.
- 7.3. In the event of an injured athlete, a health care practitioner licensed in Canada can make the medical recommendation. Should there be a difference of opinion amongst health care providers, the opinion of Taekwondo Canada's designated medical shall be considered as the sole authoritative.
- 7.4. Substitutions after 2018 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Championships Registration Entry deadline are subject to the sole discretion of the Executive Director based on the recommendation of the HP Director or designate.

8. Approval and Appeal Process

- 8.1. Final decisions on the selection and nomination of athletes to participate on the 2018 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Championships Team shall be made by the Executive Director or designate based on recommendations by the HP director or designate.
- 8.2. Issues not otherwise addressed by this Selection Protocol shall be resolved by the Executive Director or designate based on recommendations by the Taekwondo Canada HP director or designate.



- 8.3. Any decision relating to this protocol may be appealed by an athlete who is materially affected by that decision and who is a registered participant of Taekwondo Canada in good standing. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the Taekwondo Canada appeals policy.
- 8.4. If both parties are in agreement, the Taekwondo Canada Appeals Policy can be bypassed and the matter can be brought immediately before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) who will then manage the appeals process.

9. General

9.1. Key Target Dates:

February 15-18, 2018	2018 Canadian Selection Event
February 28, 2018	Deadline for Athlete Agreement
February 28, 2018	Deadline for Athlete to submit training plan to Taekwondo Canada
March 15, 2018	Taekwondo Canada announces the 2018 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Championships Team

- 9.2. Issues not otherwise covered by this document are subject to the decision of the Executive Director based on recommendations by the HP Director or designate.