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2018 Senior Pan Am Kyorugi Championships Team Selection Protocol

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 Taekwondo Canada, through its membership in World Taekwondo, will be eligible to send a team to the 2018 Senior Pan Am Taekwondo Kyorugi Championships.
- 1.2 This document sets out the process for identifying those athletes who will be invited by Taekwondo Canada to be named to the 2018 Senior Pan Am Taekwondo Kyorugi Championships.
- 1.3 The dates and location of the 2018 Senior Pan Am Taekwondo Kyorugi Championships at the time of this publication is to be announced by the Pan Am Taekwondo Union (PATU).
- 1.4 Selection to the 2018 Senior Pan Am Taekwondo Kyorugi Championships does not automatically provide financial funding for event participation.
- 1.5 Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate in the 2018 Senior Pan Am Taekwondo Kyorugi Championships 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 Senior Pan Am Taekwondo Kyorugi Championships.

2 Eligibility Requirements

- 2.1 Minimum age of 17¹.
 - 2.1.1 Canadian Citizen at the time of 2018 Canadian National Championships registration.
 - 2.1.2 Registered members in good standing of Taekwondo Canada.
 - 2.1.3 Kukkiwon Poom or Dan certificate holders.
 - 2.1.4 Hold a valid World Taekwondo Global Athlete License.
 - 2.1.5 Currently be eligible to represent Canada at major international events under the eligibility requirements of World Taekwondo, and Taekwondo Canada.
 - 2.1.6 Adhere to the [World Anti-Doping Code](#).
 - 2.1.7 Sign Athlete Agreement as required by Taekwondo Canada.
- 2.2 This protocol is subject to change if there are changes initiated by World Taekwondo and/or Pan Am Taekwondo Union.



3 Weight Divisions

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

3.2 The Senior WT 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

¹ The age limit is based on the year, not on the date. For example, the minimum Senior age is 17, the athlete year of birth must be between January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001.



4 Selection of Weight Division

- 4.1 A Canadian selection event for 2018 Senior Pan Am Taekwondo Kyorugi Championships Team will occur within the 2018 Canadian National Championships.
- 4.2 The 2018 Senior Pan Am Taekwondo Kyorugi Championships Canadian selection format will be double elimination.
- 4.3 Selection of weight division for athletes will be based the weight the athlete competes at in the applicable national championships.

5 Selection Process

- 5.1 The athlete with the highest finish at the 2018 Canadian National Championships and who has met this selection protocol criteria will be named to the Senior Pan Am Taekwondo Kyorugi Championships.
- 5.2 The decision to invite 2nd place to fill a vacant position shall be made by the Executive Director based on recommendations by the HP Director or designate.



6 ⁱGeneral Requirements to Maintain Invitation to Team or as Alternate

- 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 Senior Pan Am Taekwondo Kyorugi Championships;
- 6.3 Submit a required medical examination report when requested by the HP Director or designate. Additionally, an emergency report is to be filed when necessary;
- 6.4 Upon request, provide a plan of preparation to be competition ready for the approved events, 2018 Senior Pan Am Taekwondo Kyorugi Championships and, to prove appropriate competitive readiness for these events through the submission of a training diary and a successful official weigh-in;
- 6.5 A Training and Competition Plan may be required and if required it must be provided as follows:
 - 6.5.1 The athlete's training schedule, plans and targets
 - 6.5.2 Injury prevention and medical intervention strategies, if applicable.
- 6.6 Athletes must file:
 - 6.6.1 A medical fitness report when requested;
 - 6.6.2 A Medical or Emergency Incident report if 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.
- 6.7 Loss of Invitation or Alternate Status
 - 6.7.1 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:
 - 6.7.2 fulfill eligibility to be selected and be Invited (to the team or as an alternate);
or
 - 6.7.3 fulfill ongoing obligations of the athlete under this policy.
- 6.8 Following team announcement, 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 10 days in writing, before the event with a thorough explanation. The decision to nominate an alternate athlete to the 2018 Senior Pan Am Taekwondo Kyorugi Championships Team will be made at the sole discretion of the Executive Director based on recommendations by the HP 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.
- 7.3 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 at the sole discretion of the Executive Director based on recommendations by the HP director taking into consideration the accumulated results, the overall potential of the athlete and the training plan.
- 7.4 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.

8 Approval and Appeal Process

- 8.1 Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate on the 2018 Pan Am Senior Taekwondo Championships Team shall be made by the Executive Director 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 based on recommendations by the HP director, or in the absence of the 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 agree, the Taekwondo Canada Appeals Policy can be by-passed, 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 Senior Pan Am Taekwondo Kyorugi Championships Canadian Selection Event
February 28, 2018	Deadline for Athlete Agreement
March 15, 2018	Taekwondo Canada announces the 2018 Senior Pan Am Taekwondo Kyorugi Championships

- 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.

ⁱ At the time of publication, Pan Am Taekwondo Union (PATU) has not announced the dates for 2018 Senior Pan Am Taekwondo Kyorugi & Poomsae Championships.