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# 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships

## Selection Protocol

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## 1. Introduction

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- 1.1. Taekwondo Canada (TC), through its membership in World Taekwondo will be eligible to select athletes for the Taipei 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships (2018 WTPC).
- 1.2. Taipei 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships (2018 WTPC) is scheduled to be held in Taipei, Taiwan from November 15 to 18, 2018.
- 1.3. This document:
  - 1.3.1. sets out the process and requirement for identifying athletes and inviting those selected to be on the Canada 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Team to participate at the 2018 WPTC, or invited to be an alternate.
  - 1.3.2. will apply to any other international Poomsae competitions, additional competitions will be identified on the TC webpage.
- 1.4. Selection for the 2018 World Poomsae Taekwondo Championships does not automatically provide financial funding for event participation.
- 1.5. Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate in the 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships Team shall be made by the Executive Director based on recommendations by the HP Director or designate.
- 1.6. Taekwondo Canada's objective is to identify the Canadian athletes to be named to the 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships Team.



## 2. Eligibility requirements

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### 2.1. Athletes must:

#### 2.1.1. be age 12 and over.

2.1.1.1. The age limit for each division is based on the year, not on the date, when the Championships are held. For example, in 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.

#### 2.1.2. Be a Canadian Citizen at the time of 2018 Canadian National Championships registration.

#### 2.1.3. Be registered participants in good standing of Taekwondo Canada.

#### 2.1.4. Be Kukkiwon Poom or Dan certificate holders.

#### 2.1.5. Hold a valid World Taekwondo Global Athlete License.

#### 2.1.6. Currently be eligible to represent Canada at major international events under the eligibility requirements of World Taekwondo, and Taekwondo Canada.

#### 2.1.7. Adhere to the [World Anti-Doping Code](#).

#### 2.1.8. Sign Athlete Agreement as required by Taekwondo Canada.

### 2.2. This protocol is subject to change if there are changes initiated by World Taekwondo.



### 3. Poomsae Categories

At the time of this publication, the 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships Outline has not been officially released. Canada entries to the 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships are subject to the announcements of the 2018 World Outline and update rules. This includes number of categories, regardless of style, and introduction of new categories. Should there be a requirement to select athletes for additional new categories or for amalgamated categories, Taekwondo Canada will establish supplemental protocol as soon as possible.

<b>Recognized Poomsae Categories</b>		
<b>Individual</b>		
<b>Age</b>	<b>Categories</b>	
12-14	Cadet Male	Cadet Female
15-17	Junior Male	Junior Female
18-30	Under 30 Male	Under 30 Female
31-40	Under 40 Male	Under 40 Female
41-50	Under 50 Male	Under 50 Female
51-60	Under 60 Male	Under 60 Female
61-65	Under 65 Male	Under 65 Female
66+	Over 65 Male	Over 65 Male
<b>Pair (2)</b>		
12-14	Cadet Pair Male/Female	
15-17	Junior Pair Male/Female	
18-30	Under 30 Pair Male/Female	
31+	Over 30 Pair Male/Female	
<b>Team (3)</b>		
12-14	Cadet Male Team	Cadet Female Team
15-17	Junior Male Team	Junior Female Team
18-30	Under 30 Team	Under 30 Team
31+	Over 30 Team	Over 30 Team
<b>Freestyle Poomsae Categories</b>		
<b>Individual</b>		
12-17	Under 17 Male	Under 17 Female
18+	Over 17 Male	Over 17 Female
<b>Pair (2)</b>		
12-17	Under 17 Male/Female	
18+	Over 17 Male/Female	



<b>Team (5)</b>	
12-17	Under 17 Five members: at least two males and two females plus alternate
18+	Over 17 Five members: at least two males and two females plus alternate

## 4. Team Canada Regional Training Camps

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- 4.1. To be eligible for selection to the Taipei 2018 World Taekwondo Championships Team, invited athletes and alternates must participate in the 2018 Team Canada Poomsae Training Camp, dates to be determined. This is to provide optimal preparation for the World Taekwondo and Pan Am Poomsae Championships.
- 4.2. The 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships Team Training Camps must be attended regardless of the style of Poomsae, and regardless of whether individual, pair or team, Recognized or Freestyle.

## 5. Taipei 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships Team National Selection Event

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- 5.1. The 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships Team will be selected at the 2018 WTPC Team selection event, which will run concurrently with the 2018 Canadian National Taekwondo Championships, from February 15 to 18, 2018.
- 5.2. Athletes may enter in maximum of FOUR (4) categories of competition regardless of style (Recognized, Freestyle or Mix).
- 5.3. Drawing of Lots and Required Poomsae
  - 5.3.1. The drawing of lots shall be conducted at the Technical meeting one day or 2 days prior to the first competition day at the 2018 Canadian National Taekwondo Championships.
  - 5.3.2. The 2018 WTPC Team selection event format of competition will be determined and announced by the Referee Chair during the Technical Meeting at the 2018 Canadian National Taekwondo Championships.
  - 5.3.3. A list of the required Poomsae for the 2018 Canadian National Taekwondo Championships will be announced and posted on the 2018 Nationals event page.



## 6. Selection and Invitation

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- 6.1. The athletes who finish 1<sup>st</sup> place in each of the List of Poomsae Divisions at the 2018 WTPC Team selection event will be nominated to the 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships Team that will compete in Taipei, Taiwan from November 15 to 18, 2018.
- 6.2. The athletes who finish 2<sup>nd</sup> place in each of the List of Poomsae Categories at the 2018 WTPC selection event will be named as an alternate.
- 6.3. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will be given priority to enter in Taipei 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.
  - 6.3.1. Should the 1<sup>st</sup> place decline, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place will be nominated to the position.
  - 6.3.2. Should 2<sup>nd</sup> place decline, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner will receive the invitation, and should 3<sup>rd</sup> place decline, the 4<sup>th</sup> place winner will receive the invitation.
  - 6.3.3. Taekwondo Canada will not invite beyond the top 4 finishes in each category.
- 6.4. Vacant or Uncontested Team Position
  - 6.4.1. Should there be any Individual, Pair or Team position in Recognized or Freestyle divisions that is/are vacant or uncontested with no invited persons, TC, at the discretion of the Executive Director based on recommendation from the HP Director or designate and Poomsae Committee may or may not choose to fill the position as outlined below.
  - 6.4.2. The Executive Director will have full discretion to make the decision in filling any vacant Individual, Pair or Team position(s) in Recognized or Freestyle Poomsae per age category, in consultation with the HP Director or designate and 2018 TWPTC Poomsae Coaches.
  - 6.4.3. To be eligible for a vacant or uncontested position, athletes must have met the selection protocol and competed at the 2018 Canadian National Taekwondo Championships in at least one division and minimum one Team Canada Regional Training camp.
  - 6.4.4. Decisions will be made using the following as guidelines:
    - 6.4.4.1. Results earned at the 2018 Canadian Nationals.
    - 6.4.4.2. Compatibility and results potential in pairs and teams.
    - 6.4.4.3. Previous National and International Results.



## 7. Athlete Replacements

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- 7.1. In the event of a withdraw or injury of a member within a selected 2018 WTPC team (Recognized or Freestyle) they may replace their roster to the starting number that was formed at the 2018 Nationals.
  - 7.1.1. To be eligible for replacement, athletes must have met the selection protocol, competed and placed in top 4 at the 2018 Canadian National Taekwondo Championships for at least one category and minimum one Team Canada Regional Training camp.
  - 7.1.2. Team replacement is no more than 50% of the team. For example, in a Recognized Team, only ONE replacement is permitted, for Freestyle up to TWO replacements are permissible.
  - 7.1.3. Team replacement is subject to meeting the 2018 WTPC Outline schedule and final approval by the Executive Director, in consultation with the HP Director or designate and 2108 TWPTC Poomsae Coaches.
  - 7.1.4. The number of categories entry by each contestant to the Taipei 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships maximum four (4) categories (Recognized Poomsae maximum 2 & Freestyle Poomsae maximum 2) of competition unless he or she is limited by gender or age, subject to changes to 2018 WTPC Outline to be announced in 2018.

## 8. Lima 2019 Pan Am Games Qualification Selection<sup>1</sup>

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- 8.1. 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae events, including Taipei 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships, 2018 Senior Pan Am Poomsae Championships and 2018 Canadian National Taekwondo Championships results may be considered as part of the selection process to 2019 Pan Am Games Qualification Team.

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<sup>1</sup> 2019 Lima Pan Am Games Qualification is a separate selection protocol.





## 9. General Requirements to Maintain Invitation to Team or as Alternate

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- 9.1. Maintain ongoing requirements to be eligible for and to maintain the invitation;
- 9.2. Sign the Athlete Agreement as required by Taekwondo Canada to compete at the 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships;
- 9.3. Submit required medical examination reports when requested by the HP Director or designate. Additionally, an emergency report is to be filed when necessary.
- 9.4. Upon request, provide a plan of preparation to be competition ready for the approved events, Taipei 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships and, to prove appropriate competitive readiness for these events through the submission of a training diary.
  - 9.4.1. A Training and Competition Plan may be required and if required it must include the following:
  - 9.4.2. The athlete's training schedule, plans and targets
  - 9.4.3. Injury prevention and medical intervention strategies, if applicable.
  - 9.4.4. Athletes must file:
    - 9.4.4.1. A medical fitness report when requested;
    - 9.4.4.2. 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.
- 9.5. Loss of Invitation or Alternate Status
  - 9.5.1. 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:
    - 9.5.1.1. fulfill eligibility to be selected and be Invited (to the team or as an alternate); or
    - 9.5.1.2. fulfill ongoing obligations of the athlete under this policy.
- 9.6. Following team nomination to the TC, any such removals are subject to the approval of the Executive Director or designate.



## 10. Exceptional circumstances

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- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. 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 the athlete to the Taipei 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae 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.
- 10.3. Should an injury or unforeseen circumstance prevent the selected athlete from competing on the Taipei 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships team, the athlete must immediately notify Taekwondo Canada in writing within 10 days of the injury. The decision to select an alternate is at the sole discretion of the Executive Director based on recommendations by the HP director or designate.
- 10.4. 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.
- 10.5. Substitutions after Taipei 2018 World 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.



## 11. Approval and Appeal Process

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- 11.1. Final decisions on the selection and nomination of athletes to participate on the Taipei 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships Team shall be made by the Executive Director or designate based on recommendations by the HP director or designate.
- 11.2. Issues not otherwise addressed by this Selection Protocol shall be resolved by the Executive Director or designate based on recommendations by the HP director or designate.
- 11.3. 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.
- 11.4. If both parties agree, 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.



## 12. General

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### 12.1. Key Target Dates:

February 15-18, 2018	2018 Canadian Selection Event
February 23, 2018	Deadline for Athlete Agreement
March 1, 2018	Taekwondo Canada to announce the Team Canada National Poomsae Training Camp
June 1, 2018	Taekwondo Canada announces the 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships Team
TBD	Taekwondo Canada to announce replacement for the 2018 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships Team

12.2. Issues not otherwise covered by this document are subject to the decision of the Executive Director or designate based on recommendations by the HP director, or in the absence of the HP Director or designate.