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2020 Paralympic Game Tokyo, Japan Team Selection Protocol



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1. Introduction

Purpose

- The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by Taekwondo Canada (**TC**) to select athletes who will be nominated to the CPC for be part of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games team.
- The complete World Taekwondo (**WT**) Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Selection Criteria can be found in this appendix.
- Any changes in the selection criteria and procedures necessitated by a change in WT rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes as soon as reasonably possible. Should such a circumstance occur, TC will review and amend these Internal Nomination Procedures to comply with the new regulations or conditions. Amendments to this document will be communicated directly to the affected athletes directly as well as posted on the Taekwondo Canada website.

Objectives

- The primary objective of this document is to have a fair and transparent Selection Process.
- The other main goal is to select and nominate individuals who have demonstrated an ability to achieve podium results.

Process for Approval

- The Performance Director (**PD**), in consultation with the High Performance Committee (**HPC**), will make final decisions.
- For decisions to be taken during the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, the Team Leader (in consultation with head coach & PD and the CPC) will have authority.

2. Athlete's Eligibility requirements

At the time of nomination to the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games team and until the conclusion of the Games, all athletes seeking nomination to the team must meet the following eligibility requirements:



- 2.1 Must be a Canadian Citizen
- 2.2 Must be born on/or before 31 December 2004 (at least 16 years of age) by 31 December 2020; and
- 2.3 Must be registered participant in good standing with Taekwondo Canada.
- 2.4 Host a WT Global Athlete License for the year 2020;
- 2.5 Be internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review after 31 December 2020;
- 2.6 Hold either a Taekwondo Dan issued by the WT/Kukkiwon or a MNA recognized 5-1 Geup;
- 2.7 Have complete at least one (1) international, sanctioned WT Para Taekwondo competition between 1 January 2018 and 30 April 2020.
- 2.8 Must be eligible to represent Canada at major international events under the eligibility requirements of World Taekwondo (WT), Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC), and Taekwondo Canada (TC).
- 2.9 Must not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation or be under a provisional suspension following the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation by either WT, the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport or any other Anti-Doping Organization.
- 2.10 Must sign an Athlete Agreement as required by TC & CPC.
- 2.11 Must sign the Conditions of Participation Form required by Tokyo 2020 the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).
- 2.12 Should any of the eligibility requirements enumerated above change between the time of publication of this document and the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games for reasons that are beyond the control of Taekwondo Canada, all athletes will be promptly notified.

3. 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games Qualification System (WT)

- 3.1 Weight divisions for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games are established in accordance with the WT Paralympic divisions. **Only one (1) athlete per medal event** (per National Paralympic Committee) can qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games for their respective country, exception may apply for Bipartite invitations.

World to Paralympic Weight	
Women's Division	Men's Division
K44 under 49kg*	K44 under 61kg*
K44 under 58kg*	K44 under 75kg*
K44 over 58kg*	K44 over 75kg*



*K44 medal events are open to K43 athletes of the same weight category.

3.2 Athletes can be nominated to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games in the following pathway (in chronological order):

- 1) Qualification through **WT Para Taekwondo Ranking**:
 - The four (4) highest-ranked K44 athletes in each weight category on the WT Para taekwondo World Ranking list as of 1 January 2020.
 - The two (2) highest-ranked K43 athletes in each weight category on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking list as of 1 January 2020.
- 2) Qualification through Continental Qualification Tournaments
 - Highest ranked athlete in each medal event (Continental Qualifications: Pan American continent)
 - In case a Continental qualification Tournament does not take place or a particular medal event is not offered at a Continental qualification tournament, the qualification slot(s) shall be awarded to the highest ranked athlete(s) from that continent on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking list as of 1 May 2020.
- 3) Wild cards – Bipartite Commission Invitation
 - Invitation only

4. Canadian Selections and Nominations

Subject to Section 7.4 below, athletes may be nominated for and selected to the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games Team in their respective division as follows (in priority order):

- 4.1 Highest ranked Canadian athletes earning a qualifying spot through the WT Para Taekwondo ranking pathway (Top 4 K44 and top 2 K43 as per WT Para Taekwondo rankings published in January 2020) will be automatically nominated to the Paralympic Team.
- 4.2 In the event less than 2 male athletes and/or 2 female athletes qualified through the allocation methods above, remaining Paralympic Team spots will be earned at the 2020 WT continental (Pan American) qualification (location and date are to be announced).
 - I. Available spots left, if any, to enter in the 2020 Continental Qualification Tournament shall be announced by TC within 14 days of January 2020 WT published Para Taekwondo Ranking.
 - II. Taekwondo Canada will announce the available divisions to be selected at the 2020 TC Nationals within 14 days of the January 2020 WT published Paralympic Rankings.
 - III. The winner of the 2020 TC National Championships (Tentative dates: Feb. 2020) will be selected to compete at the 2020 Continental Qualification Tournament for each of the selected division(s).
 - IV. Canadian athletes finishing the highest at the 2020 Continental Qualification Tournament will earn a nomination to the Paralympic Team.
- 4.3 In case a Continental qualification Tournament does not take place or a particular medal event is not offered at a Continental qualification tournament, the qualification slot(s) shall be awarded to the highest ranked athlete(s) from that continent on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking list as of 1 May 2020.



5. General Requirements to Maintain Nomination to 2020 Paralympic Team

- 5.1 Maintain ongoing eligibility requirements in accordance with Section 2 above.
- 5.2 Athletes must declare to the PD any injury or illness (as soon as it arises) that can affect their training preparation for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games.
- 5.3 A medical report (from a TC recognized medical staff) can be requested by the PD.
- 5.4 A Training & Competition Plan may be required at any time by the PD in preparation for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games. An athlete may also have to prove appropriate competitive readiness through the submission of a training diary and a successful official weigh-in. This submission may, at the PD's discretion, include:
 - The athlete's training schedule, plans and targets;
 - Updated Test results (on identified gaps from previous tests);
 - Injury status, if applicable; or
 - Injury prevention, treatments and medical intervention strategies, if applicable.

6. Loss of Nomination Status

An athlete's nomination may be withdrawn at any time, even after notification, acceptance, or signing of an Athlete's Agreement, if in the opinion of the PD in consultation with the HPC, an athlete has failed to:

- ⇒ fulfill eligibility to be selected and be Invited (to the team or as an alternate); or
- ⇒ fulfill ongoing obligations of the athlete under this policy.

Following team nomination to the CPC, any such removals would be preceded by an official warning first and will be subject to the approval of the CPC Team Selection Committee.



7. Exceptional circumstances: Medal Contender Status

- 7.1 An athlete will be considered a Medal Contender for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games if he or she meets the following criteria:
- **World Ranking top 3 in his/her own weight and class on Jan, 2019 World Para Taekwondo ranking.**
- 7.2 Should an injury or unforeseen circumstance that is beyond the athlete's control prevent a Medal Contender from competing at the 2020 TC National Championships and/or the 2020 Continental Qualification Tournament, the athlete must notify Taekwondo Canada, in writing, before the start of the qualifying event (2020 TC National Championships and / or the 2020 Continental Qualification Tournament). In the case of an injury, the Medal Contender must provide Taekwondo Canada with a thorough explanation from a medical doctor licensed in Canada with respect to the nature of their injury, their prognosis, rehabilitation timeline and plan and the estimated date on which the athlete will be ready for competition.
- 7.3 In such circumstances, Taekwondo Canada may seek the opinion of its official physician regarding the Medal Contender's injury, prognosis, rehabilitation timeline and plan, and the estimated date on which the Medal Contender will be ready for competition. In the event of a disagreement between the opinion of the Medal Contender's doctor and that of Taekwondo Canada's official physician, Taekwondo Canada's physician's opinion will prevail.
- 7.4 If, in the opinion of the Taekwondo Canada physician and on the basis of the recommendation made by the Taekwondo Canada PD & HPC, it is considered that the Medal Contender will be ready to compete at the 2020 WT Continental Qualification Tournament Team and/or at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games, the PD may, at its sole discretion, nominate the Medal Contender for either team, notwithstanding any other provision in this document. Note: a fight off might be considered if requested by the PD.

8. Replacement of an athlete

- 8.1 Should an injury or unforeseen circumstance prevent a selected athlete from competing at the 2020 WT Continental Qualification Tournament and/or the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games, the athlete must immediately notify Taekwondo Canada in writing.
- 8.2 The next highest ranked eligible male or female athlete in the 2020 TC National Championships shall be considered as replacement.
- 8.3 The decision to nominate the athlete to the 2020 WT Continental Qualification Tournament Team and/or the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games Team will be made at the sole discretion of the PD based on recommendations by the Taekwondo Canada HPC.
- 8.4 Substitutions after June 6, 2020 are subject to the IPC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.



9. Approval and Appeal Process

- 9.1 Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate on the 2020 WT Continental Qualification Tournament Team and nomination of athletes to Canadian Paralympic Committee to the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games team shall be made by the PD based on recommendations by the Taekwondo Canada HPC.
- 9.2 Issues not otherwise addressed by this Selection Protocol shall be resolved by the PD based on recommendations by the Taekwondo Canada HPC.
- 9.3 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 Appeal policy. ([link](#))
- 9.4 If both parties agree, the internal appeal process may be bypassed, and the appeal can be brought directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC), who will then manage the appeal process.

10. General

Key Target Dates:

January 7 th , 2020	With World Taekwondo's notification, Taekwondo Canada shall identify the Canadian athlete(s) who qualify for 2020 Paralympic Games via World Taekwondo Para Taekwondo ranking
January 12 th , 2020	Deadline for TC Athlete Agreement
February 15 th , 2020	Taekwondo Canada to announce the athlete(s) to be selected as part of the 2020 WT Continental Qualification Tournament Team.
TBD	2020 Paralympic Games Continental Qualification Tournament
April 1 st , 2020	Taekwondo Canada announces the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games Taekwondo Team – Tokyo, Japan

In the event of changes by the World Taekwondo to the selection and eligibility criteria, Taekwondo Canada is bound by these changes and will inform the members as soon as possible.

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

11. Staff Selection

The process for selection for coaches and team leaders consistent with CPC policies and guidelines will be outlined in a separate document.





Appendix



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Medal Events

Male	Female	Mixed	Total
3	3	0	6
K44 under 61kg* K44 under 75kg* K44 over 75kg*	K44 under 49kg* K44 under 58kg* K44 over 58kg*		

*K44 medal events are open to K43 athletes of the same weight category

Athlete Quota

Male	Female	Gender Free	Total
36	36	0	72

Allocation of Qualification Slots

The qualification slot is allocated to the NPC, not to an individual athlete. Any slot obtained through the K44 or K43 World Ranking List Allocation methods (including reallocation) must be filled by an athlete who is ranked in the top-20 of the respective sport class and weight category on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking list at one point between 1 January and 1 May 2020.

In the case of a Bipartite Commission Invitation the slot is allocated to the individual athlete, not to the NPC.

Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of three (3) male and three (3) female qualification slots for a maximum total of six (6) slots as long as all of these slots are earned through the K44 and K43 World Ranking List Allocation methods. An NPC obtaining slots through the Continental Qualifier Allocation method can only be allocated a maximum of two (2) male and two (2) female qualification slots for a maximum total of four (4) slots. Exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method.



Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, athletes must:

- hold a WT Global Athlete License for the year 2020;
- be internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2020;
- hold either a Taekwondo Dan issued by the WT/Kukkiwon or a MNA recognized 5-1 Geup;
- be at least sixteen (16) years of age by 31 December 2020; and
- have competed in at least one (1) international, sanctioned WT Para Taekwondo competition between 1 January 2018 and 30 April 2020.

Maximum Entry per NPC

An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) eligible athlete per medal event. Exceptions may apply for Bipartite Invitations. Each entry must be made in the medal event for which the NPC has obtained a qualification slot.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated as follows:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
K44 World Ranking List Allocation	The four (4) highest-ranked K44 athletes in each weight category on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking List as of 1 January 2020 each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC. If an NPC has more than one athlete ranked in the top-4, the respective slot(s) shall be allocated to the next highest athlete from an NPC not yet qualified. Any slots that cannot be allocated under this method shall be allocated via the Bipartite Invitation method.	12 male athletes 12 female athletes
K43 World Ranking List Allocation	The two (2) highest-ranked K43 athletes in each weight category on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking List as of 1 January 2020 each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC. If an NPC has more than one athlete ranked in the top-2, or if the NPC has already obtained a qualification slot in the respective medal event, the slot(s) shall be allocated to the next highest athlete from an NPC not yet qualified.	6 male athletes 6 female athletes



	Any slots that cannot be allocated under this method shall be allocated via the Bipartite Invitation method.	
2020 Continental Qualifier Allocation	<p>The highest ranked athlete in each medal event at each of the five (5) Continental Qualification Tournaments obtains one (1) qualification slot for their NPC. Only athletes may enter their Continental Qualification Tournament whose NPC has not yet obtained at least two (2) male and/or two (2) female qualification slots through the allocation methods above. Athletes can only enter a medal event for which their NPC has not yet obtained a qualification slot.</p> <p>In case a Continental Qualification Tournament does not take place or a particular medal event is not offered at a Continental Qualification Tournament, the qualification slot(s) shall be awarded to the highest ranked athlete(s) from that Continent on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking List as of 1 May 2020.</p> <p>Any slots that cannot be allocated under this method shall be allocated via the Bipartite Invitation method.</p>	<p>15 male athletes</p> <p>15 female athletes</p>
Host Country Allocation	<p>The host country directly qualifies three (3) athletes who must be the host country's highest ranked athletes in their respective medal event on the WT World Para Taekwondo Ranking List as of 1 January 2020. At least one of these athletes must be female.</p> <p>Should the host country obtain any slot(s) via the allocation methods above, the respective reserved slot(s) will be allocated via the Bipartite Commission Invitation method.</p>	3 athletes
Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation	<p>Eligible athletes will be considered by the IPC and WT for Bipartite Commission Invitation slots up to the total quota per medal event (twelve (12) entries per event).</p> <p>To be considered for a Bipartite slot, NPCs must submit an official application in writing to WT by 18 May 2020.</p>	3 athletes



Total		36 male athletes 36 female athletes
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TIMELINE

1 January 2018	Begin of the period for athletes to gain eligibility for entry into the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games
6 January 2020	WT notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of slots under the World Ranking List allocation method and host country slots
13 January 2020	Deadline for NPCs to confirm acceptance of World Ranking List qualification slots and host country slots
20 January 2020	WT notifies in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of unused World Ranking List qualification slots and host country slots
tbd 2020	Europe Continental Qualification Tournament
tbd 2020	Africa Continental Qualification Tournament
tbd 2020	Oceania Continental Qualification Tournament
tbd 2020	Asia Continental Qualification Tournament
tbd 2020	Americas Continental Qualification Tournament
4 May 2020	WT notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of slots obtained at Continental Qualification Tournaments
4 May 2020	Start of the Bipartite Commission Invitation application process
8 May 2020	Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List")
18 May 2020	Deadline for NPCs to confirm acceptance of qualification slots obtained at Continental Qualification Tournaments
18 May 2020	Deadline for NPCs to submit applications for Bipartite Commission Invitations



25 May 2020	WT notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots and the reallocation of unused Continental Qualification slots
3 August 2020	Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By 25 May 2020 WT will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 25 May 2020 it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated slots for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. Any NPC that does not use its allocated slots may be subject to sanctions by IPC and WT.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any World Ranking List slot not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked athlete (not otherwise qualified) on the respective ranking list and up to the maximum quotas per NPC. Any Continental Qualification slot not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next-highest ranked athlete (not otherwise qualified) at the same tournament and up to the maximum quotas per NPC. Any slot(s) not reallocated under these methods shall be allocated via the Bipartite Invitation method.

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