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# 2020 Olympic Games Tokyo, Japan

## Team Selection Protocol

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## 1. Introduction

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### 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 to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games team.
- The complete World Taekwondo (WT) Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Selection Criteria can be found here: <http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/competition/olympic-games/2020-tokyo-olympics/information/>
- 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 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 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 Olympic Games, the Team Leader (in consultation with head coach & PD) will have authority.

## 2. Athlete's Eligibility requirements

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At the time of nomination to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic 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 born on/or before 31 December 2003 (at least 17 years of age)
- 2.2 Must be a Canadian Citizen as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter.
- 2.3 Must be registered participant in good standing with Taekwondo Canada.
- 2.4 Must be a Kukkiwon Dan certificate holder.
- 2.5 Must hold a valid World Taekwondo Global Athlete License.
- 2.6 Must be eligible to represent Canada at major international events under the eligibility requirements of World Taekwondo (WT), Canadian Olympic Committee (COC), and Taekwondo Canada (TC).
- 2.7 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.
- 2.8 Must sign an Athlete Agreement as required by TC & COC
- 2.9 Must sign the Conditions of Participation Form required by Tokyo 2020 the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- 2.10 Should any of the eligibility requirements enumerated above change between the time of publication of this document and the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games for reasons that are beyond the control of Taekwondo Canada, all athletes will be promptly notified.



## 3. 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games Qualification System (WT)

3.1 Weight divisions for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games are established in accordance with the WT Olympic divisions. **Only one (1) athlete per Olympic weight division** (per National Olympic Committee) can qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games for their respective country.

World to Olympic Weight					
Women's Division			Men's Division		
World	→	Olympic	World	→	Olympic
-46, -49, -53kg	→	-49kg	-54, -58, -63kg	→	-58kg
-53, -57, -62kg	→	-57kg	-63, -68, -74kg	→	-68kg
-62, -67, -73kg	→	-67kg	-74, -80, -87kg	→	-80kg
-67, -73, +73kg	→	+67kg	-80, -87, +87kg	→	+80kg

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

- 1) Qualification through **WT Olympic Ranking**:
  - Top 5 in your division as per WT Olympic rankings published in Jan. 2020
- 2) Qualification through **Grand Slam Champions Series**
  - Highest ranked athlete in each division (after January 2020 Grand Slam event)
- 3) Qualification through **Continental Qualification Tournaments**
  - Finish Top 2 in your division (Continental Qualifications: Pan American continent)
- 4) Wild cards – Tripartite Commission Invitation
  - Invitation only (*not applicable for Canada*)

## 4. Canadian Selections and Nominations

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

- 4.1 Highest ranked Canadian athletes earning a qualifying spot through the WT Olympic ranking pathway (Top 5 as per WT Olympic rankings published in January 2020) will be automatically nominated to the Olympic Team.
- 4.2 Canadian athletes earning a qualifying spot through the WT Grand Slam Champions Series (Best ranked athlete after January 2020 Grand Slam event) will be nominated to the Olympic Team.
- 4.3 In the event less than 2 athletes in one gender qualified through 4.1 and 4.2, remaining Olympic Team spots (up to 2 per gender) will be earned at the 2020 WT Continental Qualification Tournament (scheduled to be in Costa Rica, March 11-12, 2020: subject to changes)
  - 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 Olympic Ranking.
  - II. According to the available spots left, the division(s) (up to 2 per gender) having the highest ranked Canadian athlete (WT Olympic Rankings) will be entered to compete at the 2020 Continental Qualification Tournament. 2019 Grand Prix Series highest results will be used to break ties. Taekwondo Canada will announce the available divisions to be selected at the 2020 TC Nationals within 14 days of the January 2020 WT published Olympic Rankings.
  - III. The winner of each selected division at the 2020 TC National Championships (Tentative dates: Feb. 2020) will be selected to compete at the 2020 Continental Qualification Tournament. The



second place finisher from the 2020 TC National Championships in the relevant division will be selected as the Alternate for the 2020 Continental Qualification Tournament.

- a) If the winner from the 2020 TC National Championships cannot compete (due to unforeseen circumstances such as illness or injury) at the 2020 Continental Qualification, the Alternate will replace the winner at the Continental Qualification Tournament. If the Alternate finishes in the Top 2 at the Continental Qualification Tournament, the Olympic spot entry will be given to the winner of a best of three fight-off between the winner of the 2020 National Championships and the Alternate.
  - b) If agreed by the TC PD, in consultation with the HPC, a division winner from the 2020 TC National Championships may decide to participate in a different division at the 2020 Continental Qualification Tournament, but only if there is an available entry in the division in which the athlete is seeking to compete at the 2020 Continental Qualification Tournament (i.e., no other athlete has earned the right to compete in the division as a result of their 2020 TC National Championships results);
- IV. Subject to the outcome of any fight offs as indicated in Section 4.3(III)(a), an athlete that finishes in the Top 2 at the 2020 Continental Qualification Tournament will earn a nomination to the Olympic Team **in the division in which they competed at the 2020 Continental Qualification Tournament.**

## 5. General Requirements to Maintain Nomination to 2020 Olympic Team

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- 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 Olympic 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 Olympic 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

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



## 7. Exceptional circumstances: Medal Contender Status

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- 7.1 An athlete will be considered a Medal Contender for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games if he or she meets the following criteria:
- **Medal at least in 2 of the 2019 Grand Prix Series event (June 2019 – Dec. 2019) OR**
  - **Podium at the 2019 World Championships in Manchester in an Olympic Division AND medal in one (1) of the 2019 Grand Prix Series event**
- 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. 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 Olympic 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

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- 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 Olympic 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 Olympic Games Team will be made at the sole discretion of the PD based on recommendations by the Taekwondo Canada HPC.
- 8.4 Substitutions after July 6, 2020 are subject to the IOC 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 the 2020 Tokyo Olympic 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 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Taekwondo Canada shall rank and identify the athletes with highest rank in the January 2020 WT Olympic Weight Divisions.
January 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2020	Deadline for TC Athlete Agreement
February 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Taekwondo Canada to announce the athlete(s) to be selected as part of the 2020 WT Continental Qualification Tournament Team.
March 11-12 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	2020 Olympic Games Continental Qualification Tournament
April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2020	Taekwondo Canada announces the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games Taekwondo Team – Tokyo, Japan

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 COC policies and guidelines will be outlined in a separate document.

