

# 2021 Junior Pan Am Games Selection Criteria

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

#### Purpose

The purpose of this Selection Criteria is to select a team of athletes with the greatest medal potential to represent Canada at the 2021 Junior Pan Am Games scheduled to take place in Cali, Columbia in September 2021. This selection criteria will become moot should the Junior Pan Am Games be cancelled due to COVID-19, or for any other reason.

#### Objective

The primary objective of this document is to have a fair and transparent selection process which selects the best athletes and coaches to represent Canada.

#### Participation of Taekwondo Canada

Taekwondo Canada ("**TC**") is able to send two (2) athletes to the Junior Pan Am Games as per the quota set by the Canadian Olympic Committee (the "**COC**").

#### 2. ATHLETE'S ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

2.1 All athletes seeking nomination to the team must meet the following eligibility requirements:

2.1.1 Must have been born in 2001, 2002, 2003 or 2004;

2.1.2 Must be a registered participant in good standing with Taekwondo Canada.

2.1.3 Must be a Kukkiwon Dan holder.

2.1.4 Must hold a valid 2021 World Taekwondo Global Athlete License.

2.1.5 Must be eligible to represent Canada at major international events under the eligibility requirements of World Taekwondo (WT) and TC.

2.1.6 Must be Canadian citizens to represent Canada at official international events or to compete at national championships.

2.1.7 Must have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before March 19, 2022.

2.1.8 Must have submitted a call for interest by March 19, 2021.

2.1.9 Must be in compliance with all World Taekwondo, World Taekwondo Pan America and Pan Am Sports requirements for eligibility.

2.1.10 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 World Taekwondo, the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport or any other Anti-Doping Organization.

2.1.11 Must sign an Athlete Agreement as required by TC.



2.1.12 Must sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organising Committee Eligibility Conditions form no later than August 9, 2021. If the athlete is under the age of 18 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.

2.1.13 Should any of the eligibility requirements enumerated above change between the time of publication of this document and the time of the event for reasons that are beyond the control of TC, all athletes will be promptly notified.

### 3. NOMINATION TIMELINE

3.1 Taekwondo Canada will submit the final team nomination no later than August 14, 2021.

3.2 Substitutions after nomination to the COC are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Any such replacements after August 19, 2021 are also subject to the Pan Am Sports Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

## 4. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN NOMINATION TO A SPECIFIC TEAM OR EVENT

4.1 Maintain ongoing eligibility requirements in accordance with Section 2 above.

4.2 Athletes must declare to TC any injury or illness (as soon as possible after it arises) that can affect their training preparation for the event they qualified for.

4.3 A medical report (from a TC recognized medical staff member) can be requested by Taekwondo Canada.

## 5. LOSS OF NOMINATION STATUS

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

5.1.1 Fulfill eligibility to be selected and be invited (to the team or as an alternate);

OR

5.1.2 Fulfill ongoing obligations under this policy.

## 6. REPLACEMENT OF AN ATHLETE

6.1 Should an injury or unforeseen circumstance prevent a selected athlete from competing at a specific event for which they qualified, the athlete must immediately notify TC in writing.

6.2 The next highest ranked eligible athlete in the same weight class selected through the selection process in accordance with the selection criteria will be named as the replacement. No nomination will be made to the team if the second highest ranked athlete is also unable to compete.

6.3 Ultimately, the decision to nominate an athlete to a particular event will be made at the sole discretion of the Executive Director (ED).



## 7. EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

7.1 Due to the timing of the events and the current pandemic situation, no exceptional circumstances will be entertained.

7.2 In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Taekwondo Canada that prevents the organization from fairly implementing these criteria as written, the ED shall have full discretion to resolve the matter as he/she sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that they deem relevant.

#### 8. COACH SELECTION

8.1 For the Junior Pan Am Games, Taekwondo Canada expects to have one (1) coach pass. This will be offered to the coach of the athlete with the highest WT Olympic ranking as of June 6, 2021 who has been selected to the Junior Pan Am Games team. In order to be eligible for selection, coaches must have the WT coach licenses and all other criteria as per Taekwondo Canada's NCCP Policy.

8.2 Coaches will need to sign and comply with a Coach Agreement.

#### 9. FUNDING

9.1 Funding of athletes and coach(es) for this event is subject to the COC.

#### **10. SELECTION CRITERIA**

#### 10.1 Weight Classes

Ladies:	F-49kg	F-57kg	F-67kg	F+67kg
Men:	M-58kg	M-68kg	M-80kg	M+80kg

#### 10.2 Selection to the Junior Pan Am Games

10.2.1 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, TC has been and continues to be unable to run a national selection event.

10.2.2 A points total for each athlete will be calculated based on the sum of points in Sections 10.2.2.1 and 10.2.2.2 as follows:

10.2.2.1: G2 2020 Events Gold medalist: 20 points Silver medalist: 12 points Bronze medalist: 7.2 points **Note: only results in senior divisions will be considered** 

#### <u>AND</u>

10.2.2.2 The total number of points earned and recorded in the WT Olympic ranking in one Olympic division as of May 1, 2021



10.2.3 Should there by a tie after the sum of points in 10.2.2.1 ad 10.2.2.2 have been calculated, the highest points as per Section 10.2.2.2 will be the tie breaker.

## 11. APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS

11.1 Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate in a specific event shall be made by the ED.

11.2 Issues not otherwise addressed by this selection document shall be resolved by the ED.

11.3 Appeals on matters of team selections can be brought directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Center of Canada (SDRCC).