



TAEKWONDO CANADA

Selection Criteria

2023 Senior Kyorugi National Team

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OVERVIEW: 2023 TAEKWONDO CANADA SENIOR KYORUGI NATIONAL TEAM

Tour(s) Dates:	To be determined (TBD) based on high performance plan.
Competition(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Olympic Weights: 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Tournament, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, March 17-19, 2023.• World Weights: Baku 2023 World Taekwondo Championships, Baku, Azerbaijan, Dates TBD.• Other events TBD based on World Taekwondo published calendar.
Team Size(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximum of eight (8) athletes, one (1) athlete per Olympic weight class.• Maximum of sixteen (16) athletes, one (1) athlete per World weight class.
Team Leader(s):	Taekwondo Canada may appoint a Team Leader acting as the team manager.
Head Coach(es):	A Head Coach may be appointed.
Team Coaches:	Team coaches will be nominated based on allocated spots provided by the event organizers.
Selection Event(s):	2023 Taekwondo Canada Senior Kyorugi National Championships and Team Selections (hereby referred to as the “2023 Senior Team Selection Event”), dates and location TBD.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Purpose:** The purpose of this criteria is to select Taekwondo Canada’s Senior National Team(s) for 2023 Senior Kyorugi International Events in both World and Olympic weight classes.
- 1.2 Objective:** The objective of this document is to have a fair and transparent selection process which selects the best athletes and coaches to represent Canada.
- 1.3 Participation of Taekwondo Canada:** Taekwondo Canada can send up to one (1) athlete per weight class to official events, if Taekwondo Canada deems the event safe to attend.
- 1.4 Rationale:** The 2023 Senior Kyorugi National Team selection criteria has been created with a primary goal of providing the greatest potential for Taekwondo Canada to automatically qualify athletes for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games through World Taekwondo Olympic Ranking. This automatic qualification process is the first of three (3) Olympic qualification pathways, is the most direct, and provides the opportunity to qualify the greatest number of athletes for the Olympic Games.

2. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

At the time of nomination to an event, all athletes seeking nomination to the team(s) must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 2.1 Must have been born in 2006 or earlier.
- 2.2 Must be a registered participant in good standing with Taekwondo Canada.
- 2.3 Must be a Kukkiwon Dan holder.
- 2.1 Must hold a valid 2023 World Taekwondo Global Athlete License.
- 2.2 Must be eligible to represent Canada at major international events under the eligibility requirements of World Taekwondo (WT) and Taekwondo Canada (TC).
- 2.3 Athletes must be Canadian citizens to represent Canada at official international events or to compete at national championships.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 Must sign an Athlete Agreement as required by TC.

- 2.6 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 Taekwondo Canada, all athletes will be promptly notified.
- 2.7 Must comply with Taekwondo Canada's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy (taekwondo-canada.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/TC-Policy-COVID-19-Vaccination.pdf).

3. ATHLETE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN NOMINATION

- 3.1 Athletes must maintain ongoing eligibility requirements in accordance with [Section 2](#) above.
- 3.2 Athletes must declare to Taekwondo Canada any injury or illness (as soon as possible after it arises) that can affect their training preparation for the event they qualified for.
- 3.3 A medical report (from a Taekwondo Canada recognized medical staff member) can be requested.

4. LOSS OF NOMINATION STATUS

- 4.1 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:
 - 4.1.1 Fulfill eligibility to be selected and be invited (to the team or as an alternate);
 - OR
 - 4.1.2 Fulfill ongoing obligations under this policy.

5. REPLACEMENT OF AN ATHLETE

- 5.1 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 Taekwondo Canada in writing.
- 5.2 The alternate athlete may be named as the replacement. No nomination will be made to the team(s) if the alternate athlete is also unable to compete.
- 5.3 The decision to nominate an athlete to a particular event will be made at the sole discretion of the High Performance Director (HPD).

6. EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- 6.1 Taekwondo Canada is carefully following the evolution of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and how it may impact the selection criteria for 2023 Senior Kyorugi International Events. Taekwondo Canada reserves the right to modify the published selection criteria, which could include hosting additional selection events, based on the best available information. Any modifications will be made promptly and communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.
- 6.2 Further, situations may arise that do not allow the selection criteria to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional or unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including selection to teams, will be made by Taekwondo Canada's HPD, in accordance with the selection principles as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Taekwondo Canada will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

7. COACH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1 Must be 21 years of age or older at the time of respective international event participation.
- 7.2 Must be Performance Coach certified and have a valid Registered Coach or Chartered Professional Coach membership with the Coaching Association of Canada.
- 7.3 Must be a registered participant in good standing with Taekwondo Canada.
- 7.4 Must hold a valid 2023 World Taekwondo Global License.

- 7.5 Must be eligible to represent Canada at major international events under the eligibility requirements of World Taekwondo (WT) and Taekwondo Canada (TC).
- 7.6 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.
- 7.7 Must sign a Coach, Management, and Staff Agreement as required by TC.
- 7.8 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 Taekwondo Canada, all coaches will be promptly notified.
- 7.9 Must comply with Taekwondo Canada's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy (taekwondo-canada.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/TC-Policy-COVID-19-Vaccination.pdf).

8. COACH AND STAFF NOMINATION AND SELECTION

- 8.1 Taekwondo Canada may appoint a Team Leader acting as the team manager for 2023 Senior Kyorugi International Event team(s). This appointment shall be at the sole discretion of the Taekwondo Canada HPD.
- 8.2 The HPD may select sport science and/or medical support staff for 2023 Senior Kyorugi International Event team(s). These appointments shall be at the sole discretion of the Taekwondo Canada HPD.
- 8.3 A Head Coach for 2023 Senior Kyorugi International Event team(s) may be appointed. This appointment shall be at the sole discretion of the Taekwondo Canada HPD.
- 8.4 Team coaches will be nominated to 2023 Senior Kyorugi International Event team(s) based on allocated spots provided by the event organizers. If Taekwondo Canada is able to secure additional passes, additional coaches may be nominated to the team to ensure best possible performance and team cohesion. Athlete WT ranking and coaches with multiple athletes nominated to the team will be prioritized for coach appointments. The Taekwondo Canada HPD has the authority and sole discretion to nominate team coaches to 2023 Senior Kyorugi International Event team(s).
- 8.5 Coaches will need to sign and comply with a Taekwondo Canada Coach Agreement.
- 8.6 Must comply with Taekwondo Canada's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy (taekwondo-canada.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/TC-Policy-COVID-19-Vaccination.pdf).

9. FUNDING TO EVENTS

- 9.1 Funding for 2023 Senior Kyorugi International Event team(s) will be dependent on the Taekwondo Canada high performance event budget.

10. ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

- 10.1 **Weight Classes**
 - 10.1.1 Weight Classes will be as per the WT Senior World and Olympic Weight Classes.
- 10.2 **Athlete Ranking**
 - 10.2.1 When determining athlete ranking for the purposes of Priority selection through 10.3 Criteria, the athlete's relative WT World and/or Olympic Ranking will be used. The WT World and Olympic Ranking data is published in an absolute format without consideration of multiple athletes from a single member nation. Since only one athlete per member nation can claim a quota position within each weight division, the relative ranking of using only one athlete per member nation more accurately reflects the event qualification process. Relative ranking will be determined as per the following example:

Absolute Ranking	Member Nation	Only One (1) Athlete Per Member Nation	Relative Ranking	Member Nation
1	Korea	→	1	Korea
2	Germany	→	2	Germany
3	Spain	→	3	Spain
4	Korea	x	4	Canada
5	Canada	→	5	China
6	China	→	6	Mexico
7	Mexico	→		

10.3 All WT World Weight Classes will be contested at the *2023 Senior Team Selection Event*. Athletes with a relative ranking in the Top eight (8) in a WT World Weight Class as of December 1st, 2022, will be offered a bye to the Finals round in the corresponding weight class at the *2023 Senior Team Selection Event*.

10.4 **Criteria:** Taekwondo Canada will utilize the following priority order of selection criteria as outlined for both World and Olympic Weight classes

Priority-1 Any medalist at the 2022 World Taekwondo Senior Championships will be offered a position in the respective weight class that the medal was earned in on Taekwondo Canada's 2023 Senior Kyorugi International Event team(s) for events utilizing World Weight Classes.

Priority-2 Athletes with a relative ranking in the Top six (6) in a WT World Weight Class and a relative ranking in the Top six (6) Olympic Weight class as of the December, 2022 update to WT rankings, will be offered a position on Taekwondo Canada's 2023 Senior Kyorugi International Event team(s) for events utilizing the corresponding World and Olympic Weight Classes in the respective weight class that the rank was achieved in.

Priority-3 The winner (gold medalist) of each World Weight Class at the *2023 Senior Team Selection Event* without an athlete already selected through Priority-1 or Priority-2 will be offered a position on Taekwondo Canada's 2023 Senior Kyorugi International Event Team in the corresponding World Weight.

- i. The second place finisher (silver medalist) will be named as the alternate.
- ii. The winner (gold medalist) of each weight class at the *2023 Senior Team Selection Event* with an athlete already selected through Priority-1 or Priority-2 will be named as the alternate should the previously selected athlete decline nomination or is unable to compete on a specific event team.

Priority-4 Upon the conclusion of the World Weight Class selection at the *2023 Senior Team Selection Event*, Olympic Weight Class spots will be contested through a fight-off. Fight-offs will be offered to winners of each World Weight Class at the *2023 Senior Team Selection Event* based on the following table:

Olympic Weight Class	Contestant 1		Contestant 2
M-58kg	Winner of M-54kg	vs	Winner of M-58kg
M-68kg	Winner of M-63kg	vs	Winner of M-68kg
M-80kg	Winner of M-74kg	vs	Winner of M-80kg
M+80kg	Winner of M-87kg	vs	Winner of M+87kg
W-49kg	Winner of W-46kg	vs	Winner of W-49kg
W-57kg	Winner of W-53kg	vs	Winner of W-57kg
W-67kg	Winner of W-62kg	vs	Winner of W-67kg
W+67kg	Winner of W-73kg	vs	Winner of W+73kg

The winner (gold medalist) of each fight-off in an Olympic Weight Class without an athlete already selected through Priority-2 will be offered a position on Taekwondo Canada's 2023 Senior Kyorugi International Event Team in the corresponding Olympic Weight.

- i. The second place finisher (silver medalist) will be named as the alternate.

- ii. The winner (gold medalist) of each Olympic Weight Class fight-off at the *2023 Senior Team Selection Event* with an athlete already selected through Priority-2 will be named as the alternate should the previously selected athlete decline nomination or is unable to compete on a specific event team.
- 10.5 Any remaining vacant divisions following nominations from Priority-1 through to Priority-4 will remain vacant.

11. COMPETITIVE READINESS

- 11.1 “Competitive readiness” is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying.
- 11.2 Athletes who do not remain competitively ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the specific event team that is impacted based on proximity and dates of competition.
- 11.3 Taekwondo Canada’s HPD and the National Team Physician will make the final decision on competitive readiness in concert once the nomination process is completed. These two individuals will have absolute discretion about which factors they will consider in making their final decision.
- 11.4 Injured or ill athletes may be subject to a proof of readiness to be determined by the HPD and National Team Physician in consultation with the athlete’s personal coach. These athletes will not travel with the team until this requirement has been satisfied. Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate in a specific event shall be made by the HPD.

12. APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS

- 12.1 Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate in a specific event shall be made by the HPD.
- 12.2 Issues not otherwise addressed by this selection document shall be resolved by the HPD.
- 12.3 Appeals on matters of team selections can be brought directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Center of Canada (SDRCC).