



TAEKWONDO CANADA

Selection Criteria

2023 Poomsae National Team

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OVERVIEW: 2022 TAEKWONDO CANADA POOMSAE NATIONAL TEAM

Tour(s) Dates:	To be determined (TBD) based on high performance plan.
Competition(s):	Events TBD based on World Taekwondo published calendar.
Team Size(s):	Maximum of one entry per poomsae division.
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 National Championships and Team Selections (hereby referred to as the “2023 Poomsae National Team Selection Event”), dates and location TBD.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 **Purpose:** The purpose of this criteria is to select Taekwondo Canada’s Poomsae National Team(s) for 2023 Poomsae International Events.
- 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) entry per division to official events if Taekwondo Canada deems them safe to attend.

2. 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 be a registered participant in good standing with Taekwondo Canada.
- 2.2 Must be a Kukkiwon Dan holder.
- 2.3 Must hold a valid 2023 World Taekwondo Global Athlete License.
- 2.4 Must be eligible to represent Canada at major international events under the eligibility requirements of World Taekwondo (WT) and Taekwondo Canada (TC).
- 2.5 Athletes must be Canadian citizens to represent Canada at official international events or to compete at National Championships.
- 2.6 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.
- 2.7 Must sign an Athlete Agreement as required by TC.
- 2.8 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 athletes will be promptly notified.
- 2.9 Must comply with Taekwondo Canada’s COVID-19 Vaccination Policy (taekwondo-canada.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/TC-Policy-COVID-19-Vaccination.pdf).

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 Taekwondo Canada's 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 Poomsae 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 Poomsae International Event team(s). This appointment shall be at the sole discretion of Taekwondo Canada's HPD.
- 8.2 Taekwondo Canada may select sport science and/or medical support staff for 2023 Poomsae International Event team(s). These appointments shall be at the sole discretion of Taekwondo Canada's HPD.
- 8.3 A Head Coach for 2023 Poomsae International Event team(s) may be appointed. This appointment shall be at the sole discretion of Taekwondo Canada's HPD.
- 8.4 Team coaches will be nominated to 2023 Poomsae International Event team(s) based on allocated spots provided by the event organizers. If Taekwondo Canada is able to secure additional accreditations, additional coaches may be nominated to the team to ensure best possible performance and team cohesion. Coaches with multiple athletes nominated to the team will be prioritized for coach appointments. Taekwondo Canada's HPD has the authority and sole discretion to nominate team coaches to the 2023 Poomsae 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 Poomsae International Event team(s) will be dependent on the Taekwondo Canada high performance event budget.

10. ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

- 10.1 Divisions**
 - 10.1.1 Poomsae classifications and divisions will be as per WT Poomsae Competition Rules.
- 10.2 Individual Selection**
 - 10.2.1 The winner (gold medalist) in each individual poomsae division at the *2023 Poomsae National Team Selection Event* will be offered a position on Taekwondo Canada's 2023 Poomsae International Event team(s) provided the division at the event corresponds to the division at the *2023 Poomsae National Team Selection Event*.
 - 10.2.2 Should the winner decline the nomination, the second place finisher (silver medalist) from the *2023 Poomsae National Team Selection Event* in the same division may be offered a position on Taekwondo Canada's 2023 Poomsae International Event team(s).
 - 10.2.3 Any remaining vacant divisions following nominations from 10.2.1 and 10.2.2 will remain vacant.
- 10.3 Mixed Pair Selections**
 - 10.3.1 The winner (gold medalist) in each pairs poomsae division at the *2023 Poomsae National Team Selection Event* will be offered a position on Taekwondo Canada's 2023 Poomsae International Event team(s) provided the division at the event corresponds to the division at the *2023 Poomsae National Team Selection Event*.
 - 10.3.2 Should the winner decline the nomination, the second place finisher (silver medalist) from the *2023 Poomsae National Team Selection Event* in the same division may be offered a position on Taekwondo Canada's 2023 Poomsae International Event team(s).
 - 10.3.3 Any remaining vacant divisions following nominations from 10.3.1 and 10.3.2 will remain vacant.

10.4 Team Selection

- 10.4.1 The winner (gold medalist) in each teams poomsae division at the *2023 Poomsae National Team Selection Event* will be offered a position on Taekwondo Canada's 2023 Poomsae International Event team(s) provided the division at the event corresponds to the division at the *2023 Poomsae National Team Selection Event*.
- 10.4.2 Should any member of a team decline the nomination, the remaining team members may appoint a replacement provided that the replacement has also competed in any division at the *2023 Poomsae National Team Selection Event* and meets all eligibility requirements. Recognized poomsae teams (three members) are allowed one (1) replacement. Freestyle poomsae teams (five members) are allowed up to two (2) replacements.
- 10.4.3 Should more than one (1) member of a Recognized poomsae team or two (2) members of a Freestyle poomsae team decline nomination, the team position will be offered to the second place team (silver medalist) from the *2023 Poomsae National Team Selection Event*.
- 10.4.4 Any remaining vacant divisions following nominations from 10.4.1 and 10.4.3 will remain vacant

10.5 Over Qualifying Athletes

- 10.5.1 Should there be any athletes who qualify more than two (2) divisions for Taekwondo Canada's 2023 Poomsae International Event team(s), the athletes must select the two (2) divisions in which they wish to retain their National Team Positions.

10.6 Event Entry and Vacant Divisions

- 10.6.1 Selection does not guarantee specific event entry. Individual entries and team composition will be determined by Taekwondo Canada's HPD and appointed Team Coach(es) with the goal being to maximize podium potential at the specific event.
- 10.6.2 Upon completion of the athlete selection process for a specific Taekwondo Canada 2023 Poomsae International Event team as outlined through 10.2 to 10.5 AND prior to the finalization of event entries, Taekwondo Canada's HPD and appointed Team Coach(es) have the sole discretion to fill vacant divisions using athletes already selected through 10.2 to 10.5 AND already named to the team.
- 10.6.3 Any necessary changes in athlete specific event entries to fill vacant divisions must still meet the requirements under 10.5 for Over Qualifying Athletes, as well as the team member replacement limitations as outlined under 10.4.2.

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 Taekwondo Canada's 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 Taekwondo Canada's 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 Taekwondo Canada's HPD.

- 12.2 Issues not otherwise addressed by this selection document shall be resolved by Taekwondo Canada's HPD.
- 12.3 Appeals on matters of team selections can be brought directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Center of Canada (SDRCC).