



# TAEKWONDO CANADA

## Eligibility Criteria

Pre-Qualification Tournament for  
Paris 2024 Olympic Games

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## Eligibility Criteria to Participate in the Taekwondo Canada Pre-Qualification Tournament Towards Pan American Qualification for Paris 2024 Olympic Games

### OVERVIEW

Taekwondo Canada will be hosting a pre-qualification tournament to select athletes in eligible Olympic Weight Classes in order to determine entries for the Pan American Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The selection of athletes will precede Taekwondo Canada's evaluation and determination of which weight classes will be selected for entry.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 **Purpose:** The purpose of this criteria is to select Taekwondo Canada's athletes for the 2024 Pan American Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- 1.2 **Objective:** The objective of this document is to have a fair and transparent selection process which selects the best athletes and divisions to represent Canada.
- 1.3 **Participation of Taekwondo Canada:** Taekwondo Canada can send one (1) athlete per Olympic Weight Class, up to a maximum of two (2) athletes per gender. Available weight classes will be dependent on the Qualification Pathway outlined in the "Qualification System – Games of the XXIII Olympiad – Paris 2024" document (see Appendix A).
- 1.4 **Rationale:** The eligibility criteria to participate in the Taekwondo Canada Pre-Qualification Tournament towards Pan American Qualification for Paris 2024 has been created with a primary goal of providing the greatest potential for Taekwondo Canada to qualify additional athletes for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. This pre-qualification process is the first of two steps towards Olympic qualification via the continental tournament pathway.

### 2. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All athletes wishing to compete at the Taekwondo Canada Pre-Qualification tournament and potentially be selected to attend the 2024 Pan American Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games 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.
- 2.4 Must hold a valid 2023 and World Taekwondo Global Athlete License.
- 2.5 Must be eligible to represent Canada at major international events under the eligibility requirements of World Taekwondo (WT) and Taekwondo Canada (TC).
- 2.6 Athletes must be Canadian citizens to represent Canada at official international events or to compete at national championships.
- 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 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](https://taekwondo-canada.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/TC-Policy-COVID-19-Vaccination.pdf)).

### 3. ATHLETE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY

- 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 2024 Pan American Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- 3.3 A medical report (from a Taekwondo Canada recognized medical staff member) can be requested.

### 4. LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY STATUS

- 4.1 An athlete's eligibility 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 the 2024 Pan American Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Olympics, the athlete must immediately notify Taekwondo Canada in writing.
- 5.2 An alternate athlete may be named as the replacement. No entry will be made in the respective weight class if the alternate athlete is also unable to compete.
- 5.3 The decision to enter athletes to a particular weight class 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 athlete selection for the 2024 Pan American Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Olympics. Taekwondo Canada reserves the right to modify the published eligibility criteria, which could include selecting athletes based on World Taekwondo Olympic and/or World rankings. 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 eligibility 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 the 2024 Pan American Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Olympics, will be made by Taekwondo Canada's HPD. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Taekwondo Canada will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

### 7. PRE-QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1 Weight Classes
  - 7.1.1 Weight classes will be as per the WT Senior Olympic Weight Classes.
  - 7.1.2 All eligible WT Olympic Weight Classes will be contested.
- 7.2 Athletes will be eligible to register for the tournament if they meet the following minimum criteria:
  - 7.2.1 Athletes with a ranking in the Top thirty-two (32) in a WT Olympic Weight Class as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, will be eligible to register for the tournament.
  - OR
  - 7.2.2 Within the 12-month qualification period from November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 athletes that that have earned thirty (30) WT ranking points in a WT Olympic Weight Class will be eligible to register for the tournament.

- i. Any WT Olympic Weight Class points earned prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, will not count towards the minimum required thirty (30) points.
- ii. Athletes that have earned the minimum required thirty (30) WT ranking points in a WT World Olympic Class must enter into their WT declared Olympic Weight Class as per the [WT Ranking Bylaw](#):

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

## 8. DETERMINATION OF WEIGHT CLASSES FOR ENTRY INTO THE 2024 PAN AMERICAN QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT FOR THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS

After athlete selection has been completed, Taekwondo Canada will undergo a review and evaluation in order to determine which of the eligible weight classes will be entered into the 2024 Pan American Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The following factors will be used in the selection of weight classes for entry (not in priority order):

- 8.1 The ranking of the selected athlete in the corresponding WT Olympic Weight Class as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023,  
*AND*
- 8.2 The relative ranking of the selected athlete in the corresponding WT Olympic Weight Class when only other Pan American Taekwondo Union (PATU) athletes are included.  
*AND*
- 8.3 Past performance history of the selected athlete.
  - 8.3.1 The past performance history will include (but is not limited to) results at past World Championships, WT Grand Prix Series events, Pan American Games, Pan American Championships, and match performance in the Olympic Weight Class.

## 9. APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS

- 9.1 Final decisions on the selection of weight classes for entry and athlete selection to those weight classes shall be made by Taekwondo Canada's HPD.
- 9.2 Issues not otherwise addressed by this eligibility document shall be resolved by Taekwondo Canada's HPD.
- 9.3 Appeals on matters of team selections can be brought directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Center of Canada (SDRCC).