

## High Performance International Event Update for 2023 Poomsae and Kyorugi National Teams

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### OVERVIEW

2022 was a very successful year for World Taekwondo (WT) and the Pan American Taekwondo Union (PATU) who were able to successfully re-start the international competition calendar after the pandemic disruption. Taekwondo Canada was able to support national teams at a number of events in both Poomsae and Kyorugi where the results highlighted how well the Canadian coaches and clubs were able to maintain their programs through difficult restrictions. With the 2023 season underway and our National Championships completed, we are looking forward to what our clubs, coaches, and athletes will be able to achieve as we lead up to the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games and Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification. In order to assist coaches and athletes in planning for events, Taekwondo Canada will be following the general principles below with regards to participation at specific events.

### BAKU 2023 WORLD TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIPS (KYORUGI)

Currently scheduled from May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup> in Baku, Azerbaijan, this event represents the priority tournament for our Senior Kyorugi athletes. **Taekwondo Canada will offer national team spots in all World Weight divisions as per the [2023 Senior Kyorugi Selection Criteria](#).**

### SANTIAGO 2023 PAN AMERICAN GAMES AND QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT (POOMSAE & KYORUGI)

With the qualification tournament currently scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, and the Games scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> in Santiago, Chile, these events represent the next priority tournament for our Senior Kyorugi athletes, and the priority event for the Senior high performance Poomsae athletes that meet the Games eligibility requirements. **Taekwondo Canada will offer national team spots in all Olympic Weight divisions as well as the eligible Poomsae divisions as per the [Internal Nomination Procedures](#).**

### 2023 WORLD TAEKWONDO GRAND PRIX SERIES AND FINAL (KYORUGI)

The three Grand Prix Series events are currently scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> in Rome, Italy, August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup> in Paris, France, and October in Taiyuan, China. The Grand Prix Final is currently scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in Manchester, England. Those Senior Kyorugi athletes that meet the WT event entry requirements will continue to participate in this critically important series of events. Not only does the Grand Prix Series offer the greatest number of WT Olympic ranking points, success at these events will play a critical role in our athletes being able to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

### CHENGDU 2023 FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES (POOMSAE & KYORUGI)

Currently scheduled from July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup> in Chengdu, China, with the Taekwondo events running from July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>. While to this point Taekwondo Canada has received only preliminary information, the projected costs estimates for participation that have been provided by USport Canada are extremely high. It is our understanding that USport is consulting with all National Sport Organizations and conducting a feasibility review for participating in the event. Unless there are substantial changes to the event participation requirements from USport, **Taekwondo Canada will not be sending a team to this event.**

## SARAJEVO 2023 WORLD TAEKWONDO CADET CHAMPIONSHIPS (KYORUGI)

Currently scheduled from August 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. While Taekwondo Canada did send a Cadet team to this event in 2022, a review of the results, level of competition, and costs to participate have led to the determination that **Taekwondo Canada will not participate in this event for 2023**. With low registration and general lack of depth in the Cadet divisions domestically, we must look at other opportunities to develop the talent pool at this age group. As a World Championships should not be used as a development opportunity and there are no ranking points available to help with athletes as they progress to Junior and then Senior divisions, we would encourage all parents of Cadet athletes to speak with their coaches to determine more appropriate Open events that can be attended in 2023.

## LIMA 2023 CADET AND JUNIOR PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (POOMSAE & KYORUGI)

While there are no confirmed dates or event details, PATU has stated that they will move this event to the fall of 2023 and likely host it in October in Lima, Peru. The level of competition and duration of this PATU event makes it an ideal development opportunity for our Cadet and Junior athletes. While there are no event details published, we are currently working under the assumption that both Poomsae and Kyorugi disciplines will be offered, which is exactly the same as the equivalent event in 2022. Additionally, there is likely going to be an opportunity for those participating athletes to stay and attend the Peru Open immediately following the Pan American Championships. **Taekwondo Canada intends to offer national team spots in all Cadet and Junior World Weight divisions as per the [2023 Cadet Kyorugi Selection Criteria](#) and [2023 Junior Kyorugi Selection Criteria](#). Similarly, Taekwondo Canada intends to offer national team spots in all eligible Cadet and Junior Poomsae divisions as per the [2023 Poomsae National Team Selection Criteria](#).**

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