



TAEKWONDO CANADA

Internal Nomination Procedures

2023 Pan American Games

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INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES: 2023 PAN AMERICAN GAMES

Tour Dates:	To be determined (TBD) based on published competition dates.
Competition Dates:	October 20 th to November 5 th , 2023
Location:	Santiago, Chile
Kyorugi Team Size:	Maximum of eight (8) athletes, one (1) athlete per Olympic weight class. Subject to obtaining all available quota spots, Taekwondo Canada will nominate a team of eight (8) athletes to compete at the 2023 Pan American Games. A reserve/alternate athlete may also be nominated in accordance with the criteria and process described in this Internal Nomination Procedure (INP).
Poomsae Team Size:	Maximum of two (2) athletes, one (1) athlete per gender. Subject to obtaining all available quota spots, Taekwondo Canada will nominate a team of two (2) athletes to compete at the 2023 Pan American Games. A reserve/alternate athlete may also be nominated in accordance with the criteria and process described in this Internal Nomination Procedure (INP).
Team Leader:	Taekwondo Canada may nominate a Team Leader acting as the team manager.
Team Coaches:	Maximum of four (4) coaches for Kyorugi and one (1) coach for Poomsae. Subject to obtaining all available quota spots, Taekwondo Canada will nominate up to five (5) Team coaches based on allocated spots provided by the event organizers.
Head Coach:	A Head Coach may be appointed.
Selection Events:	2023 Taekwondo Canada National Championships and Team Selections, dates and location TBD. Qualification Tournament for the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, March 17 th - 19 th , 2023.
Responsibilities:	Taekwondo Canada is responsible for developing and approving the INP for the team that will be nominated to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for the 2023 Pan American Games. All team nominations, including alternates and staff, will be ratified by Taekwondo Canada's High Performance Director (HPD). Taekwondo Canada's HPD is responsible for ensuring that the process outlined in this document is properly followed and that the selection process is fair and equitable for all candidates.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 **Purpose:** The purpose of this INP is to select individuals for nomination to the COC for the 2023 Pan American Games.
- 1.2 **Objective:** The objective of the INP is to outline a clear and fair process that describes how athletes are identified and selected for nomination to the national team competing at the 2023 Pan American Games.
- 1.3 **Participation of Taekwondo Canada:** Taekwondo Canada can nominate up to one (1) Kyorugi athlete per weight class and two (2) Poomsae athletes to official events if Taekwondo Canada deems the event safe to attend.
- 1.4 **Rationale:** Taekwondo Canada is dedicated to developing high performance athletes with a focus on competing at the highest levels of international competitions. This document outlines our procedures as they pertain to domestic and international ranking and selection. These procedures include qualification standards and processes for qualification for the 2023 Pan American Games.

2. DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

- 2.1 Nominations to Taekwondo Canada's 2023 Pan American Games Team will be selected by Taekwondo Canada's HPD.
- 2.2 All Taekwondo Canada nominations are also subject to the approval of the COC.

- 2.3 Taekwondo Canada's HPD has the final authority over the nomination of the team. After the selection process is completed, if any spots remain unfilled, Taekwondo Canada's HPD has the authority to fill those spots.
- 2.4 If unanticipated circumstances arise that are not covered in the selection criteria, a final and binding decision will be made by Taekwondo Canada's HPD
- 2.5 Taekwondo Canada's HPD will confirm the final team composition for all major championships and Games using the criteria published in this document.
- 2.6 On-site Decision Making Authority:
 - 2.6.1 During the actual competition period onsite at the 2023 Pan American Games, all final decision making authority will reside with Taekwondo Canada's HPD or designated Team Leader.
 - 2.6.2 If Taekwondo Canada's HPD or designated Team Leader is prevented from exercising their functions for any reason, the authority to make decisions in accordance with this INP shall be vested in the Head Coach or named Team Coach until Taekwondo Canada's HPD or designated Team Leader is able to resume their functions.

3. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION CRITERIA

- 3.1 The Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) criteria can be found in [Appendix A](#), and in the event of a discrepancy, the original PASO version will prevail. In the event of changes by PASO to the selection and eligibility criteria, Taekwondo Canada is bound by these changes and will inform impacted individuals as soon as possible.
- 3.2 These INP are based on World Taekwondo (WT) and the Pan American Taekwondo Union (PATU) rules and regulations as presently known and understood and on the latest information available to Taekwondo Canada. Any changes in the selection criteria and procedures necessitated by a change in WT and/or PATU rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes as soon as reasonably possible. Should such a circumstance occur, Taekwondo Canada will review and amend these INPs to comply with the new regulations or conditions. However, any modifications made to WT and/or PATU rules and regulations shall come into effect as of the date specified by WT, irrespective of the date on which this INP has been modified. Amendments to this document will be communicated directly to the affected athletes, as well as posted on the Taekwondo Canada website.
- 3.3 [Appendix A](#) represents the most current copy of the Pan American Games qualification system of PASO. An athlete nominated by Taekwondo Canada must also qualify for entry in the Pan American Games according to the PASO qualification system.
- 3.4 PASO has established that a maximum of 136 taekwondo athletes may participate in the 2023 Pan American Games. PASO has established that each member federation has a maximum of eight (8) Kyorugi and two (2) Poomsae quota places for the 2023 Pan American Games subject to qualification and the following restrictions:
 - 3.4.1 A maximum of one (1) Kyorugi athlete per Olympic weight class.
 - 3.4.2 A maximum of four (4) Kyorugi athletes per gender.
 - 3.4.3 A maximum of two (2) Poomsae athletes. One (1) male Individual Recognized and one (1) female Individual Recognized, who must also be included in the Freestyle Pairs event.
 - 3.4.4 A maximum of one (1) Poomsae athlete per gender.
 - 3.4.5 A total maximum of five (5) athletes per gender.

4. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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

- 4.1 The athletes must be 17 years old or older (have been born in 2006 or earlier).
- 4.2 Must be a registered participant in good standing with Taekwondo Canada.

- 4.3 Must be a Kukkiwon Dan holder.
- 4.4 Must hold a valid 2023 World Taekwondo Global Athlete License.
- 4.5 Must be eligible to represent Canada at major international events under the eligibility requirements of WT and Taekwondo Canada.
- 4.6 Athletes must be Canadian citizens to represent Canada at official international events or to compete at National Championships.
- 4.7 Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire prior to **May 8, 2024**.
- 4.8 Be in compliance with all relevant WT, PATU, PASO, and COC requirements for eligibility.
- 4.9 Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Eligibility Conditions form for Pan American Games no later than the COC nomination deadline. Where the athlete is under the age of 18 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.
- 4.10 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 WT, the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport or any other Anti-Doping Organization.
- 4.11 Must sign an Athlete Agreement as required by Taekwondo Canada.
- 4.12 Athletes named to compete in the 2023 Pan American Games will be required to comply with dress code regulations of Taekwondo Canada and the COC. This will include Official Team Competition Clothing Policy and the Official Team Podium/Parade Clothing Policy.
- 4.13 Athletes named to the 2023 Pan American Games will only be allowed to use equipment that meets the rules and regulations of WT and/or PASO.
- 4.14 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.
- ~~4.15 Must comply with Taekwondo Canada's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy (taekwondo-canada.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/TC-Policy-COVID-19-Vaccination.pdf).~~

5. TAEKWONDO CANADA ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS

- 5.1 Kyorugi athletes that have earned a National Team spot in an Olympic Weight class at the 2023 Taekwondo Canada National Championships and Team Selections will be selected to attend the Qualification Tournament for the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, March 17th - 19th, 2023.
- 5.2 For each gender, Poomsae athletes that competed in the Individual Recognized and the Individual Freestyle events within the Under 30 and Over 17 divisions respectively at the 2023 Taekwondo Canada National Championships and Team Selections will be selected to attend the Qualification Tournament for the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, March 17th - 19th, 2023, based on the following criteria:
 - 5.2.1 The male athlete that competed in the Individual Recognized Under 30 and the Individual Freestyle Over 17 divisions with the highest combined final scores from both divisions will be selected.
 - 5.2.2 The female athlete that competed in the Individual Recognized Under 30 and the Individual Freestyle Over 17 divisions with the highest combined final scores from both divisions will be selected.
 - 5.2.3 If there is a tie for the highest combined scores for either or both male and female poomsae athlete selections, the following tie-breaking procedure will be used in priority order:
 - i. The athlete with the higher final score in the Individual Freestyle Over 17 division will be selected.
 - ii. The athlete with the higher final rank as determined by the event standings in the Individual Freestyle Over 17 division will be selected.
 - 5.2.4 The selected male from 5.2.1 and selected female from 5.2.2 will make-up the Freestyle Pair team.

- 5.3 In announcing the final selections for the Qualification Tournament for the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games, where indicated in the Taekwondo Canada 2023 Senior Kyorugi National Team and 2023 Poomsae National Team Selection Criteria, Taekwondo Canada will also announce alternate athletes who may be called to replace an athlete who is unable to compete at the Qualification Tournament for the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games for any reason.
- 5.4 A total of 108 athletes (46 female Kyorugi, 46 male Kyorugi, 8 female Poomsae, and 8 male Poomsae) taekwondo athletes can earn qualification at the Qualification Tournament for the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games.
- 5.5 Upon conclusion of the Qualification Tournament for the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games, athletes that have met the 2023 Pan American Games qualification criteria as outlined by PATU will be nominated by name to the COC. PATU will confirm quota places no later than April 14, 2023.
- 5.6 If necessary, no later than April 24, 2023, PATU will reallocate unused quota places to the next best placed athlete that has not yet qualified. Taekwondo Canada eligible athletes that did not earn their spot through 5.4 will also be nominated to the COC if they are awarded the unclaimed quota spot.
- 5.7 Final 2023 Pan American Games team selection will be announced following COC approval and timelines. The COC team nomination deadline is September 26, 2023.

6. COMPETITIVE READINESS

- 6.1 “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.
- 6.2 Athletes must agree to participate in any Taekwondo Canada designated camps related to this event. Failure to comply will lead to removal from the team.
- 6.3 Athletes who do not remain competitively ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from team based on proximity and dates of competition.
- 6.4 Taekwondo Canada’s HPD and the National Team Physician will make the final decision on competitive readiness in concert once the nomination and selection processes are completed. These two individuals will have absolute discretion about which factors they will consider in making their final decision.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 Injuries or illnesses that occur after the nomination and selection deadlines will be dealt with similarly, and subject to Games related Late Athlete Replacement Policy. If an athlete is injured during the Games, a decision regarding their continued participation at the Games will be made by the Chef de Mission Team, in consultation with the COC Chief Medical Officer, Taekwondo Canada Team Leader and the Integrated Support Team (IST) member responsible for the sport, and the athlete, and shall be governed by the terms of the Team Canada Athlete Agreement.

7. LOSS OF NOMINATION STATUS

- 7.1 During the nomination and qualification period, the Decision Making Authority (DMA) as outlined in [Section 2](#) may, at any time, and at their discretion, remove an athlete from the Canadian Team if, after following the relevant and applicable disciplinary process, the athlete has been found to have violated Taekwondo Canada’s Code of Conduct. Taekwondo Canada will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of their decision to remove them from the Canadian Team.
- 7.2 Athletes must maintain ongoing eligibility requirements in accordance with [Section 4](#).
- 7.3 Team nomination to the COC is subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Reasons for removal may include, but are not limited to:
 - 7.3.1 Inability to maintain high training standards.
 - 7.3.2 Inability to meet performance expectations in competition.

- 7.3.3 Failure to respect any conditions indicated in the signed Taekwondo Canada Athlete Agreement.
- 7.3.4 Inability to perform due to injury, illness or for other medical reasons as determined by Taekwondo Canada's medical staff and in consultation with COC Chief Doctor once on-site.
- 7.3.5 Violation of signed Taekwondo Canada Team Protocols.
- 7.3.6 Violation of the Taekwondo Canada Code of Conduct as signed in the Taekwondo Canada Athlete Agreement.
- 7.3.7 Detrimental conduct to the team and/or the image of Taekwondo Canada or the national team program.
- 7.3.8 Failure to adhere to the anti-doping rules or requirements of any anti-doping organization with authority over the athlete.
- 7.4 After nomination to the COC, the DMA reserves the right to withdraw an athlete's nomination from the Canadian Team:
 - 7.4.1 If the athlete has not taken part in the mandatory training camps organised by Taekwondo Canada prior to the event.
 - 7.4.2 If the athlete has not fulfilled their responsibilities as identified in the Taekwondo Canada Athlete Agreement.
 - 7.4.3 If the athlete has not fulfilled their responsibilities as identified in the Taekwondo Canada Code of Conduct as signed in the Taekwondo Canada Athlete Agreement.
 - 7.4.4 If the athlete has not followed any previously communicated training program and/or competition requirements
 - 7.4.5 If the athlete fails to respect any other conditions of nomination as specified by Taekwondo Canada at the time of nomination.
- 7.5 After the athlete has been nominated to the Canadian Team, the COC may remove an athlete from the Team if, after following the relevant and applicable disciplinary process, the athlete is found to have violated the COC's Code of Conduct, the terms of the COC Athlete Agreement or any other relevant and applicable COC policy

8. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRIES

- 8.1 By no later than April 14, 2023, Taekwondo Canada shall determine the athletes (and alternate athletes if applicable) it proposes to nominate to the COC for positions on the 2023 Pan American Games Team. Subject to any revisions required by an athlete's decision to decline a nomination to be a member of the 2023 Pan American Games Team, by an athlete's inability to participate at a competitive level due to a health-related curtailment of activities, or subject to the reallocation of unused quota places by PATU, Taekwondo Canada shall submit its list of athletes and any potential alternates being nominated to the COC for the 2023 Pan American Games Team by no later than April 26, 2023.
- 8.2 Substitutions after the September 26, 2023, nomination deadline to the COC are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Any such replacements are also subject to the PASO Late Athlete Replacement Policy for Pan Am Games.
- 8.3 Should a nominated athlete, at any time between the sport entry deadline and the sport technical meeting for the 2023 Pan American Games, decline their nomination or be declared unable to participate in a competitive manner, that athlete shall be replaced, subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Any replacements in relation to quota spots that have been earned by name shall be regulated by the applicable regulations of WT and/or PATU as well as the PASO Late Athlete Replacement Policy for Pan Am Games.
 - 8.3.1 For an athlete to be considered as a replacement, the athlete must have been nominated as an alternate on or before the COC Team Nomination deadline. Note that the Canadian Olympic Team privileges will be transferred to the incoming athlete while the privileges of the athlete who is being replaced will be re-evaluated by the COC and the NSO

9. AMENDMENTS AND UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

- 9.1 Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all affected parties. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of these INP unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. This is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes. In the event of a change to this document, Taekwondo Canada shall inform the COC of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.
- 9.2 In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Taekwondo Canada that prevents Taekwondo Canada's HPD from fairly implementing these Internal Nomination Procedures as written, Taekwondo Canada's Executive Director (ED) shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, considering factors and circumstances that they deem relevant.
- 9.3 In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the selection process to be fairly and objectively applied, Taekwondo Canada's HPD in consultation with Taekwondo Canada's ED, reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action.
- 9.4 Taekwondo Canada's HPD reserves the right to review and modify any selection criteria or decision related to the selection process in the case of rule or policy changes from WT and/or PASO that affect the selection criteria set out in this document. In the event that the selection criteria is modified, Taekwondo Canada will promptly post an announcement on its website announcing the changes.
- 9.5 Taekwondo Canada is carefully following the evolution of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and how it may impact the selection criteria for the 2023 Pan American Games. 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.
 - 9.5.1 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.
- 9.6 Should it be necessary to cancel or postpone any event specified in this INP that is conducted under the authority of Taekwondo Canada, such decision shall be made by the relevant person(s) or body within Taekwondo Canada under whose authority the event was originally to be held.
 - 9.6.1 Decisions to cancel or postpone any event specified in this INP shall be made:
 - i. Only when absolutely necessary, such as when it has become impossible or unreasonably difficult to hold the event at all or on the originally scheduled date.
 - AND
 - ii. As soon as reasonably possible after Taekwondo Canada has become aware that the event cannot be held.
 - 9.6.2 If any event specified in this INP is canceled, Taekwondo Canada shall determine whether it is feasible to reschedule the event in a different location and on a different date than previously scheduled and shall communicate any such decisions to reschedule the event to all impacted individuals as soon as reasonably possible, taking into account the time needed for athletes to prepare for the rescheduled event and for any logistical matters in relation to the event to be addressed, including, but not limited to, any matters related to Taekwondo Canada's organization of the event, as well as athlete and athlete entourage travel to the location of the rescheduled event.
 - 9.6.3 Taekwondo Canada may also determine, at its sole discretion, following consultation with the relevant and necessary individuals and/or committees within Taekwondo Canada's structure, to hold alternative replacement events or assessments for the purpose of nomination to the 2023 Pan American Games Team, but only where feasible and where the nomination

- procedure indicated in this INP, including the stated performance objectives, are not prejudiced.
- 9.6.4 Should any event specified in this INP be canceled, postponed, rescheduled or replaced, Taekwondo Canada shall update the nomination procedures indicated in this INP, as applicable, as soon as reasonably possible and shall communicate any modifications to all impacted individuals, as well as publish the modified INP on its website, prior to the postponed, rescheduled or replacement event.
- 9.6.5 Decisions made pursuant to this clause shall not be subject to appeal and do not apply to the cancellation of events that are conducted under the authority of organizations other than Taekwondo Canada.
- 9.7 As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Taekwondo Canada may be required, in the best interests of athlete, athlete entourage and staff safety, to not travel to and participate in events indicated in this INP that will be used for nomination to the 2023 Pan American Games Team, even in circumstances when the event may proceed as planned. Any such decisions will be made in consultation with relevant experts, including medical and public health safety experts, and will be communicated to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.
- 9.7.1 In such circumstances, Taekwondo Canada will determine if alternate events may be attended as a substitute for the event that Taekwondo Canada has decided not to participate in and, if so, will modify this INP accordingly, and inform all impacted individuals as soon as possible.
- 9.7.2 When making decisions regarding Taekwondo Canada's travel to and participation in events for safety reasons, Taekwondo Canada will endeavour to minimize any impact of such decisions on Pan American Games qualification, obtaining Pan American Games quota spots and domestic nomination to the 2023 Pan American Games Team. However, depending on the circumstances, athlete, athlete entourage and staff safety may be prioritized based on the advice of medical and public health safety experts.
- 9.7.3 Taekwondo Canada recognizes that athletes, athlete entourage and staff may, for safety reasons related to the COVID-19 pandemic, also decide not to travel to and participate in events indicated in this INP that will be used for nomination to the 2023 Pan American Games Team, even in circumstances when the event may proceed as planned, and even when Taekwondo Canada has decided that it will travel to and participate in the event because it has decided, following consultation with medical and public health safety experts, that it is safe to do so.
- i. In such circumstances, athletes will be responsible for any impact that their decision may have on their Pan American Games qualification, ability to obtain Pan American Games quota spots or domestic nomination to the 2023 Pan American Games Team.

10. APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS

- 10.1 Taekwondo Canada nominations to the COC for the 2023 Pan American Games may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in Taekwondo Canada's Appeal Policy. Any dispute relating to Taekwondo Canada's INP for the 2023 Pan American Games must be brought according to said Policy or may be brought directly to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) with the consent of all parties.
- 10.2 If an appeal is urgent and a decision must be made quickly, both parties may agree to bypass the internal appeal process and have the matter heard directly before the SDRCC.
- 10.3 Internal appeals shall be made in writing to Taekwondo Canada to the attention of Taekwondo Canada's ED. The appeals must follow Taekwondo Canada's appeal procedures in place at the time the team is announced and can be found at: taekwondo-canada.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/TC-Policy-Appeal-Revised-March-2022.pdf.
- 10.4 Appeals must be filed no later than 11:59pm (in the local time zone of the appellant) on April 28, 2023.

- 10.5 Issues not otherwise addressed by this selection document shall be resolved by Taekwondo Canada's HPD.

11. INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES PUBLICATION

- 11.1 According to basic principles of fairness, Taekwondo Canada's INP will be made available in advance of the competitions and events that will be used to select athletes and support team based on the following requirements:
- 11.1.1 Published 1 year in advance of the Games.
 - 11.1.2 Published in advance of any events that will form part of the selection process.
- 11.2 Taekwondo Canada's INP for the 2023 Pan American Games will be published prior to October 20, 2022. The INP will be circulated via Taekwondo Canada's social media accounts and posted on Taekwondo Canada's website. All subsequent amendments to the approved INP will be circulated via Taekwondo Canada's social media accounts and posted on Taekwondo Canada's website.
- 11.3 All NSO INPs must adhere to dates stated in the published COC Team Selection Policy. This policy sets the deadlines by which the COC must receive nominations so any nomination decisions must be completed in advance of that deadline.

12. STAFF SELECTION

- 12.1 Taekwondo Canada nominated Team Leaders must satisfy the expectations and requirements of the Canadian Olympic Committee's [Team Leader Position Description](#).
- 12.2 Taekwondo Canada's HPD has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff including Team Leader and coach(es) for the 2023 Pan American Games Team. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the Games. All selections are subject to COC approval.
- 12.3 A maximum of five (5) coaches will be selected. Athlete WT ranking and coaches with multiple athletes nominated to the team will be prioritized for coach appointments. Overall team composition and bilingual coaching support will also be considered.
- 12.4 Coach eligibility requirements:
- 12.4.1 Must be 21 years of age or older at the time of the 2023 Pan American Games.
 - 12.4.2 Must be Performance Coach certified and have a valid Registered Coach or Chartered Professional Coach membership with the Coaching Association of Canada.
 - 12.4.3 Must be a registered participant in good standing with Taekwondo Canada.
 - 12.4.4 Be in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada.
 - 12.4.5 Have a valid passport that does not expire for up to 6 months after the Games.
 - 12.4.6 Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Eligibility Conditions form for Pan American Games no later than the COC nomination deadline.
 - 12.4.7 Must hold a valid 2023 World Taekwondo Global License.
 - 12.4.8 Must be eligible to represent Canada at major international events under the eligibility requirements of WT and Taekwondo Canada.
 - 12.4.9 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.
 - 12.4.10 Must sign a Coach, Management, and Staff Agreement as required by Taekwondo Canada.
 - 12.4.11 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.
 - ~~12.4.12 Must comply with Taekwondo Canada's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy (taekwondo-canada.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/TC-Policy-COVID-19-Vaccination.pdf).~~

13. TIMELINES SUMMARY

13.1 The following table provides a summary of key dates and associated requirements:

Date	Associated Requirement
October 20, 2022	INP published and circulated.
TBD	Athlete selection for Qualification Tournament for the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games.
March 17 - 19, 2023	Qualification Tournament for the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games.
April 14, 2023	Confirmation notification for qualified athletes.
April 24, 2023	Notification of qualification through the reallocation of unused quota places by PATU.
April 26, 2023	Team will be nominated to the COC.
April 28, 2023	Deadline for filing an appeal to 2023 Pan American Games team selection.
May 1, 2023	Date of formal team announcement.
May 31, 2023	Deadline for signing and submitting all required Taekwondo Canada and COC documents, forms, and agreements.
TBD	If applicable, mandatory 2023 Pan American Games team training camp.

14. FUNDING

14.1 Funding for the 2023 Pan American Games team and any associated mandatory training camps will be dependent on the Taekwondo Canada high performance event budget.

15. CONTACT

15.1 For clarifications or questions on the contents of the INP, please contact either Allan Wrigley awrigley@taekwondo-canada.com or Brittany Rich brich@taekwondo-canada.com.

16. GLOSSARY

COC: Canadian Olympic Committee

DMA: Decision Making Authority

ED: Executive Director

HPD: High Performance Director

INP: Internal Nomination Procedures

IST: Integrated Support Team

PASO: Pan American Sports Organization

PATU: Pan American Taekwondo Union

SDRCC: Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada

TBD: To Be Determined

WT: World Taekwondo

APPENDIX A: PASO QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Taekwondo



Santiago
2023
Juegos Panamericanos



Taekwondo

EVENTS		
Men (4)		Women (4)
Kyorugi		
	-58kg	-49kg
	-68kg	-57kg
	-80kg	-67kg
	+80kg	+67kg
Poomsae		
Men (1)	Women (1)	Mixed (1)
Individual - Traditional	Individual - Traditional	Pairs Freestyle

KYORUGI QUOTA					
	Qualification	Wild Cards	Host Country	Cali 2021	Total
Men	46	4	4	4	58
Women	46	4	4	4	58
Total	92	8	8	8	116

QUOTAS BY DIVISION									
	Women				Men				
	-49	-57	-67	67	-58	-68	-80	80	Total
Qualification	12	12	12	10	12	12	12	10	92
Chile	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
Cali 2021	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8

POOMSAE QUOTA				
	Qualification	Host Country	Wild card	Total
Men	8	1	1	10
Women	8	1	1	10
Total	16	2	2	20

MAXIMUM QUOTA PER NOC	
	Total
Men	One per weight division (4) One per poomsae pair (1)
Women	One per weight division (4) One per poomsae pair (1)
Total	Maximum 8 (4 men and 4 women) in Kyorugi Maximum 2 (1 man and 1 woman) in Poomsae



. ** Except for the NOCs whose athletes qualified by quota in Cali 2021, who may have a maximum of two athletes in the weight division for which they have a qualified athlete. See the *Cali 2021 Quotas* section.

Athlete eligibility

The athletes must have signed and submitted the Athlete Eligibility Condition Form.

The athletes must have a 2023 Global Athlete License (GAL) of the World Taekwondo.

The athletes must be 17 years old or older (born after January the 1st, 2006)

National Team Member of WT / PATU MNA as applicable.

Team Members

- Athletes:
 - Kyorugi:
 - Men: One per Kyorugi weight division (Maximum 4 men per team)
 - Women: One per Kyorugi weight division (Maximum 4 women per team)
 - Poomsae:
 - Men: Maximum 1
 - Women: Maximum 1
 - Single category athletes who compete in the traditional style Poomsae event must be included in the freestyle pairs event (1 man, 1 woman).
- Coaches:
 - Kyorugi:
 - Men: Maximum 2 for the men's team
 - Women: Maximum 2 for the women's team
 - Poomsae:
 - Men: Maximum 1 for the men's team
 - Women: Maximum 1 for the women's team



Cali 2021 Quotas

The following athletes were the gold medal winners who qualified directly at the Cali 2023 Junior Pan American Games for the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games:

QUALIFIED ATHLETES FOR SANTIAGO 2023		
Event	Athlete	Quota
Women		
-49kg	Angie Jaqueline Venegas Rodriguez - MEX	1M
-57kg	Sandy Camila Leitw Macedo - BRA	1M
-67kg	Leslie Xcaret Soltero Garcia - MEX	1M
+67kg	Alena Viana - USA	1M
Men		
-58kg	Jhon Deivi Garrido Reyes - COL	1H
-68kg	Uriel Gomez Tagle Ballesteros - MEX	1H
-80kg	Carl Nickolas Jr - USA	1H
+80kg	Dallas Parker - USA	1H
TOTAL	4 women 4 men	8 athletes

If an athlete who qualified at the Cali 2021 Junior Pan American Games in a weight division does not participate in that same division at the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games, the quota will be lost and cannot be transferred to another NOC or athlete. If the athlete changes his/her weight division, he/she must earn a new quota through the Santiago 2023 qualification system within the maximum quota of the NOC.

An athlete who qualified at the Cali 2021 Junior Pan American Games cannot earn another quota for his/her NOC for the same weight division in which he/she qualified; however, another athlete can compete in the same weight division to earn another quota through the Santiago 2023 qualification system within the maximum quota per NOC.

Qualification system

DATE	EVENT	QUALIFIED ATHLETES
March 2023	Qualification Tournament for the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games	46 women for Kyorugi 46 men for Kyorugi 8 women for Poomsae 8 men for Poomsae



Wild Card

Wild cards for the Kyorugi and Poomsae events will be considered and granted ONLY to MNA participants that have not qualified any athlete at the qualification tournament. MNA of PATU that do not participate in the qualification event cannot be eligible to receive wild cards.

Confirmation of quota places

The PATU will confirm to Panam Sports and to the NOCs that have qualified no later than April 14, 2023.

The NOCs will confirm to Panam Sports and to the PATU the quotas they will use no later than April 17, 2023.

Reallocation of unused quota places

If necessary, no later than April 24, 2023, the PATU will reallocate unused quotas to the next best placed NOC that has not qualified yet.

The NOCs that receive reallocated quotas must confirm their participation no later than April 28, 2023.

Qualification for the Paris 2023 Olympic Games

At the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games, Taekwondo will be a G4 event. Therefore, athletes will be able to obtain up to 40 points in the Olympic ranking for qualification to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

TIMELINE	
Date	Key event
March 2023	Qualification Tournament for the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games
April 14, 2023	PATU will confirm to Panam Sports and to the NOCs the places that each NOC has qualified
April 17, 2023	The NOCs will confirm to Panam Sports and to the PATU the places they will use
April 24, 2023	Reallocation of quotas
April 28, 2023	NOCs that received reallocated quotas should confirm their participation
July 20, 2023	Entry by number deadline
September 29, 2023	Entry by name deadline



APPENDIX B: SELECTION CRITERIA - 2023 SENIOR KYORUGI NATIONAL TEAM



TAEKWONDO CANADA

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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.

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

- 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).

APPENDIX C: 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.

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 - 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).