



TAEKWONDO CANADA

Internal Nomination Procedures

2024 Olympic Games

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INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES: 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES

Tour Dates:	To be determined (TBD) based on planning with selected coaches and Canadian Olympic Committee (COC).
Competition Dates:	July 26 th to August 11 th , 2024 (Taekwondo events from August 7 th to August 10 th , 2024)
Location:	Paris, France
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 2024 Olympic 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:	Subject to obtaining all available quota spots, Taekwondo Canada will nominate up to a maximum of four (4) Team coaches based on accreditation allocations.
Head Coach:	A Head Coach may be appointed.
Selection Events:	2023 Taekwondo Canada Pre-Qualification Tournament for Paris 2024 Olympic Games, November 2023. Specific location, dates TBD. Wuxi 2023 World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series, Wuxi, China, December 16 th to 17 th , 2023. Pan American Continental Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2023 Olympic Games, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, January 30 th to 31 st , 2024.
Responsibilities:	Taekwondo Canada is responsible for developing and approving the INP for the team that will be nominated to the COC for the 2024 Olympic Games. All team nominations, including alternates and staff, will be ratified by the High Performance Director (HPD). The 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 2024 Olympic 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 2024 Olympic Games.
- 1.3 **Participation of Taekwondo Canada:** Taekwondo Canada can nominate up to one (1) Kyorugi athlete per weight class 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 2024 Olympic Games.

2. DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

- 2.1 Nominations to Taekwondo Canada's 2024 Olympic Games Team will be selected by the HPD.

- 2.2 All Taekwondo Canada nominations are also subject to the approval of the COC.
- 2.3 The HPD has the final authority over the nomination of the team. After the selection process is completed, if any spots remain unfilled, the 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 the HPD
- 2.5 The 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 2024 Olympic Games, all final decision making authority will reside with the HPD or designated Team Leader.
 - 2.6.2 If the 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 the HPD or designated Team Leader is able to resume their functions.

3. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION CRITERIA

- 3.1 The World Taekwondo (WT) criteria can be found in Appendix A, and in the event of a discrepancy, the original WT version will prevail. In the event of changes by WT 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 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 Olympic Games qualification system of WT. An athlete nominated by Taekwondo Canada must also qualify for entry in the Olympic Games according to the WT qualification system.
- 3.4 WT has established that a maximum of 128 taekwondo athletes may participate in the 2024 Olympic Games. WT has established that each member federation has a maximum of eight (8) Kyorugi quota places for the 2024 Olympic 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.

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 in the year of the Games (have been born in 2007 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 2024 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 February 11, 2025.
- 4.8 Be in compliance with all relevant WT, PATU, and COC requirements for eligibility.
- 4.9 Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Eligibility Conditions form for Olympic Games no later than June 24, 2024. 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 2024 Olympic 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 2024 Olympic Games will only be allowed to use equipment that meets the rules and regulations of WT.
- 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.

5. TAEKWONDO CANADA ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS

- 5.1 As per the WT Qualification System found in Appendix A, there are three (3) qualification pathways towards earning a quota spot and nomination to the 2024 Olympic Games team:
 - 5.1.1 WT Olympic Ranking:
 - i. A total of forty (40) athletes will obtain a quota spot for their respective country through the WT Olympic Ranking.
 - ii. The highest five (5) ranked athletes in each weight category on the WT Olympic Ranking after the completion of the 2023 Grand Prix Final will obtain one (1) quota spot for the Olympic Games. Only athletes that have been ranked within the top twenty (20) WT Olympic ranking between June 1, 2022, and May 1, 2024, may be entered under this quota spot.
 - 5.1.2 WT Grand Slam Champions Series:
 - i. A total of eight (8) athletes will obtain a quota spot for their respective country through the WT Grand Slam Champions Series.
 - ii. The highest ranked athlete in each weight category on merit points standing after the Grand Slam Champions Series in December 2023, will obtain one (1) quota spot for the Olympic Games. Only athletes that have been ranked within the top twenty (20) WT merit points standing between June 1, 2022, and May 1, 2024, may be entered under this quota spot.
 - 5.1.3 Qualification through Continental Qualification Tournaments:
 - i. Only countries that have earned less than two (2) quota spots per gender through the WT Olympic Ranking or WT Grand Slam Champions Series can participate in the Continental Qualification Tournaments.
 - ii. Each country may enter a maximum of two (2) athletes per gender in the Continental Qualification Tournament. Countries that have earned one (1) quota spot in a given

- gender through the WT Olympic Ranking or WT Grand Slam Champions Series may only enter one (1) athlete in that respective gender for the Continental Qualification Tournament.
- iii. A total of seventy-two (72) athletes will obtain a quota spot for their respective country through the five (5) Continental Qualification tournaments.
 - iv. A total of sixteen (16) quota spots are available through the Pan American Continental Qualification Tournament where the two (2) highest placed athletes per weight division will each obtain one (1) quota spot for the Olympic Games.
- 5.2 While the WT Qualification System for the 2024 Olympic Games stipulates that quota spots are earned for the respective country, Taekwondo Canada will nominate those athletes that have earned the quota spots by name.
- 5.3 Athlete nominations to the COC for the 2024 Olympic Games will follow the priority order of quota spots earned through:
- i. WT Olympic Ranking
 - ii. WT Grand Slam Champions Series
 - iii. Qualification through Continental Qualification Tournaments
- 5.4 Taekwondo Canada will be hosting a pre-qualification tournament to select athletes in eligible Olympic Weight Classes to determine entries for the Pan American Continental Qualification Tournament for the 2024 Olympic Games. The selection of athletes will precede Taekwondo Canada's evaluation and determination of which weight classes will be selected for entry, and the Eligibility Criteria can be found in Appendix B.
- 5.4.1 All eligible WT Olympic Weight Classes will be contested.
- i. Eligible WT Olympic Weight Classes are defined as the WT Senior Olympic Weight Classes that do not have a Canadian athlete with a ranking in the top six (6) WT Olympic Ranking as of the October 2023 WT ranking update.
 - ii. In the event that a Canadian athlete that is ranked in the top six (6) WT Olympic Ranking as of the October 2023 WT ranking update does not earn or maintain a top five (5) WT Olympic ranking through to the close of qualification through WT Olympic Ranking timeframe as published in the WT Qualification System, that athlete and respective weight class will be entered into the 2024 Pan American Continental Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- 5.4.2 After athlete selection has been completed at the Pre-Qualification Tournament, Taekwondo Canada will undergo a review and evaluation to determine which of the eligible weight classes will be entered into the 2024 Pan American Continental 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):
- i. The ranking of the selected athlete in the corresponding WT Olympic Weight Class as of October 31st, 2023,
AND
 - ii. The relative ranking of the selected athlete in the corresponding WT Olympic Weight Class when only other PATU athletes are included.
AND
 - iii. Past performance history of the selected athlete. 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.
- 5.4.3 As the published WT Qualification System in Appendix A includes direct qualification processes that may occur after Taekwondo Canada's Pre-Qualification Tournament towards Pan American Continental Qualification for Paris 2024, athletes that earn quota spots

through WT Olympic Ranking or the WT Grand Slam Champions Series will take priority over Taekwondo Canada's pre-qualification process. This may make an Olympic Weight Class no longer eligible for the 2024 Pan American Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

- 5.4.4 In announcing the final selections for the Pan American Continental Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, Taekwondo Canada will also announce alternate athletes who may be called to replace an athlete who is unable to compete at the Continental Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games for any reason.
- 5.5 Upon conclusion of the Pan American Continental Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, athletes that have met the 2024 Olympic Games qualification criteria as outlined by WT will be nominated by name to the COC. WT will confirm quota places no later than March 21st, 2024.
- 5.6 If necessary, no later than May 16th, 2024, WT 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 5.1 will also be nominated to the COC if they are awarded the unclaimed quota spot.
- 5.7 Final 2024 Olympic Games team selection will be announced following COC approval and timelines. The COC team nomination deadline is July 3, 2024.

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 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.
- 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 Subject to any revisions required by an athlete's decision to decline a nomination to be a member of the 2024 Olympic 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 WT, Taekwondo Canada shall submit its list of athletes and any potential alternates being nominated to the COC for the 2024 Olympic Games Team by no later than February 14, 2024.
- 8.2 Substitutions after the February 14, 2024, long list nomination deadline must be approved by the COC. Any such replacements are also subject to the WT Qualification System for the Olympic Games.
- 8.3 Should a nominated athlete, at any time between the sport entry deadline and the sport technical meeting for the 2024 Olympic 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 as well as the International Olympic Committee's Late Athlete Replacement Policy for Olympic 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 the 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, the HPD in consultation with the ED, reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action.
- 9.4 The 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 or PATU that affect the selection criteria set out in this document. In the event that the selection criteria are 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 2024 Olympic 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 2024 Olympic 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 2024 Olympic 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 Olympic Games qualification, obtaining Olympic Games quota spots and domestic nomination to the 2024 Olympic 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 2024 Olympic 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 Olympic Games qualification, ability to obtain Olympic Games quota spots or domestic nomination to the 2024 Olympic Games Team.

10. APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS

- 10.1 Taekwondo Canada nominations to the COC for the 2024 Olympic 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 2024 Olympic 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 the ED. The appeals must follow Taekwondo Canada's appeal procedures in place at the time the team is announced and can be found at: <https://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 June 14, 2024.
 - 10.5 Appeals must be resolved by no later than 04:59 EST on July 8, 2024.
 - 10.6 Issues not otherwise addressed by this selection document shall be resolved by the 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 2024 Olympic Games will be published prior to July 26, 2023. 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 The HPD has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff including Team Leader and coach(es) for the 2024 Olympic 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 four (4) coaches will be selected. Athlete WT Olympic 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 2024 Olympic 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 Support Staff Agreement and Eligibility Conditions form for Olympic Games no later than June 24, 2024.
- 12.4.7 Must hold a valid 2024 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.

13. TIMELINES SUMMARY

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

Date	Associated Requirement
July 26, 2023	Deadline for INP published and circulated.
September 30, 2023	Confirmation of host country quota places for the 2024 Olympic Games.
November, 2023	Athlete selection for Pan American Qualification Tournament for the 2024 Olympic Games.
December 2 – 3, 2023	Manchester 2023 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final, Manchester, England.
December 16 – 17, 2023	Wuxi 2023 World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series, Wuxi, China.
December 19, 2023	COC long list deadline.
December 22, 2023	WT confirms in writing to the COC the quota places obtained.
January 5, 2024	The COC confirms to WT the use of the allocated quota places.
January 6, 2024	WT to reallocate all unused quota places.
January 6, 2024	WT Olympic Ranking published.
January 10, 2024	Games Portal launch to long list.
January 11, 2024	WT confirms in writing to the COC if there are reallocated quota places obtained.
January 25, 2024	The COC confirms to WT the use of the reallocated quota places
January 30, 2024	WT to reallocate all unused quota places
January 30 – 31, 2024	Pan American Continental Qualification Tournament, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
February 5, 2024	WT to confirm in writing to the COC of the allocated quota places obtained.
February 14, 2024	The COC confirms to WT the use of the allocated quota places
February 19, 2024	WT to reallocate all unused quota places.
February 27 – March 12, 2024	Pre-delegation registration meeting with Sport Services.
April 6, 2024	Last of the Continental Qualification Tournaments.
April 26, 2024	WT to reallocate all unused quota places
May 2, 2024	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Universality places where applicable.
May 16, 2024	WT to reallocate all unused quota places.

May 31, 2024	Confirmation notification to qualified Taekwondo Canada athletes for the 2024 Olympic Games.
June 14, 2024	Deadline for filing an appeal to 2024 Olympic Games team selection.
June 17, 2024	Team will be nominated to the COC.
June 24, 2024	Deadline for signing and submitting all required Taekwondo Canada and COC documents, forms, and agreements.
July 3, 2024	Deadline for nominations to the COC.
July 3 – 7, 2024	Athlete substitution pending COC Teal Selection Committee.
July 8, 2024	Paris 2024 Sport Entries deadline.
July 8, 2024	LARP is in effect.
TBD	If applicable, mandatory 2024 Olympic Games team training camp.
July 26 – August 11, 2024	Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

14. FUNDING

- 14.1 Funding for the 2024 Olympic 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
PATU: Pan American Taekwondo Union
SDRCC: Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada
TBD: To Be Determined
WT: World Taekwondo

APPENDIX A: WT QUALIFICATION SYSTEM



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD – PARIS 2024

WORLD TAEKWONDO (WT)

TAEKWONDO

A. EVENTS (8)

Men's events (4)	Women's events (4)
-58kg	-49kg
-68kg	-57kg
-80kg	-67kg
+80kg	+67kg

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for Taekwondo:

	Quota places	Host country quota places	Universality places	Total
Men	60	2	2	64
Women	60	2	2	64
	120	4	4	128

B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC):

	Quota places per NOC
Men	4 (one per event)
Women	4 (one per event)
	8 (one per event)

An NOC may qualify a maximum of four (4) men and four (4) women athletes through the WT Olympic Ranking and WT Grand Slam Champions Series with a maximum of one (1) athlete per weight category.

An NOC may qualify a maximum of two (2) men and two (2) women athletes through the Continental Qualification Tournaments with a maximum of one (1) athlete per weight category.



B.3. Maximum number of athletes per event

	Number of athletes per event**
Men`s events (4)	16
Women`s events (4)	16

** In the case of additional athletes selected for the Refugee Olympic Team, the maximum number of athletes per event may increase.

B.4. Type of allocation of quota places:

Quota places are allocated to the NOC(s).

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

C.1. Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules

All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).

Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, plus the rules of World Taekwondo, may participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

C.2. Age requirements

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024, athletes must be born on or before 31 December 2007 (at least 17 years of age) ([Art. 4.1 Competition Rules and Interpretation](#)).

C.3. Additional IF eligibility criteria

Athletes must also comply with the following general criteria:

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024, all athletes must:

- Be a Kukkiwon Dan certificate holder
- Hold a WT Global Athlete License

C.3.1. For those athletes qualified via the **WT Olympic Ranking** and the **WT Grand Slam Champions Series** they must, in addition to the general criteria:

- If the quota place for a weight category was obtained through the **WT Olympic Ranking**, the NOC may only enter an athlete who has been ranked within the top 20 of the WT Olympic Ranking at point in time between 1 June 2022 and 1 May 2024.
- If the quota place was obtained through the **WT Grand Slam Champions Series**, the NOC may only enter athlete(s) who have been ranked within the top 20 of the WT merit points standing of WT Grand Slam Champions Series at point in time between 1 June 2022 and 1 May 2024.
- If the quota place was obtained through the **Continental Qualification Tournaments**, the NOC may only enter athlete(s) who meet one of the following requirements:



- Be a medal winner (1st or 2nd or 3rd places) at any of the competitions enlisted on the WT event calendar between 1 June 2022 and 1 May 2024 or;
- Be ranked within 20th place at least once in the WT World Ranking between 1 June 2022 and 1 May 2024 or;
- Have advanced to round of 16 or higher at either WT World Taekwondo Championships (2022 or 2023) or;
- Have advanced to quarter-finals or higher at either Continental Taekwondo Championships held between 1 June 2022 and 1 May 2024 or at Continental Taekwondo Qualification Tournament or;
- Be the winner of national Taekwondo championships held between 1 June 2022 and 1 May 2024.

C.3.2. For those athletes qualified via the **Universality places** or through the **host country places** they must, in addition to the general criteria meet one of the following requirements:

- Be a medal winner (1st or 2nd or 3rd places) at any of the competitions enlisted on the WT event calendar between 1 June 2022 and 1 May 2024 or;
- Be ranked within 20th place at least once in the WT World Ranking between 1 June 2022 and 1 May 2024 or;
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- Be the winner of national Taekwondo championships held between 1 June 2022 and 1 May 2024.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

D.1. QUOTA PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.
An athlete can obtain a maximum of one (1) quota place for his/her NOC.

Men / Women

Number of quota places	Qualification events
24 Men 24 Women (Total 48 athletes)	<p>Qualification through WT Olympic Ranking and WT Grand Slam Champions Series</p> <p>A maximum of one (1) athlete per weight category can obtain a quota for their NOC through WT Olympic Ranking or WT Grand Slam Champions Series.</p> <p>An NOC can obtain a quota from a maximum of eight (8) athletes, four (4) men and four (4) women, through the WT Olympic Ranking or WT Grand Slam Champions Series</p>



	<p>WT Olympic Ranking: A total of 40 athletes (20 men and 20 women) will obtain a quota for their respective NOC for the Olympic Games through the WT Olympic Ranking.</p> <p>The highest five (5) ranked athletes in each weight category on the WT Olympic Ranking which reflected result until Grand Prix Final of December 2023 will obtain one (1) quota place each for their NOC for the Olympic Games.</p> <p>In case of a tie in the number of WT Olympic Ranking points among qualifiers, the athlete who won the ranking points at the higher graded events will receive the quota place. The hierarchy of the grades is shown below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="531 734 1501 1178"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade</th> <th>Event</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>20</td> <td>Olympic Games</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14</td> <td>WT World Taekwondo Championships</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10</td> <td>GP Final</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>GP Series</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Continental Championships (2-year cycle) and Continental Multi-sport Games (4-year cycle), WT Women's Open Championships</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>University Games, CISM World Games & WT G2 Open tournaments</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>GP Challenge, WT G1 Open Tournaments, Multi-sport Games other than Continental multi-games with 4-year cycle, World Military Championships</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>WT Grand Slam Champions Series: A total of eight (8) athletes (four (4) men and four (4) women) will obtain a quota for their respective NOC for the Olympic Games through the WT Grand Slam Champions Series.</p> <p>The highest ranked athlete in each weight category on merit points standing of WT Grand Slam Champions Series after the Grand Slam Champions Series of December 2023 will obtain one (1) quota place each for their NOC for the Olympic Games.</p> <p>In case of a tie in the number of merit point standing points among qualifiers, the athlete who achieved higher rank in 2023 World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series will receive quota place.</p> <p>Explanation on merit points standing can be found here.</p>	Grade	Event	20	Olympic Games	14	WT World Taekwondo Championships	10	GP Final	6	GP Series	4	Continental Championships (2-year cycle) and Continental Multi-sport Games (4-year cycle), WT Women's Open Championships	2	University Games, CISM World Games & WT G2 Open tournaments	1	GP Challenge, WT G1 Open Tournaments, Multi-sport Games other than Continental multi-games with 4-year cycle, World Military Championships
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1	GP Challenge, WT G1 Open Tournaments, Multi-sport Games other than Continental multi-games with 4-year cycle, World Military Championships																
<p>36 Men 36 Women (Total 72 athletes)</p>	<p>Qualification through Continental Qualification Tournaments: A total of 72 athletes (36 men and 36 women) will obtain a quota place for their respective NOC for the Olympic Games through the five (5) Continental Qualification Tournaments, as per the table below.</p>																



	<p>Only NOCs which have quotas for less than two (2) athletes per gender through the WT Olympic Ranking or WT Grand Slam Champions Series can participate in the Continental Qualification Tournaments.</p> <p>If an NOC has qualified two (2) or more men and two (2) or more women athletes through the WT Olympic Ranking or WT Grand Slam Champions Series, it cannot participate in Continental Qualification Tournament unless it declines quota places obtained through the WT Olympic Ranking or WT Grand Slam Champions Series in the respective gender. Number of quota places by continent are represented in the table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="539 638 1497 891"> <thead> <tr> <th>Continent</th> <th>Qualification places</th> <th>Remarks</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Africa</td> <td>16</td> <td>Highest placed 2 athletes per weight category</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asia</td> <td>16</td> <td>Highest placed 2 athletes per weight category</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Europe</td> <td>16</td> <td>Highest placed 2 athletes per weight category</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oceania</td> <td>8</td> <td>Highest placed athlete per weight category</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pan America</td> <td>16</td> <td>Highest placed 2 athletes per weight category</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>72</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The host country is not eligible to participate in the respective Continental Qualification Tournament.</p>	Continent	Qualification places	Remarks	Africa	16	Highest placed 2 athletes per weight category	Asia	16	Highest placed 2 athletes per weight category	Europe	16	Highest placed 2 athletes per weight category	Oceania	8	Highest placed athlete per weight category	Pan America	16	Highest placed 2 athletes per weight category	Total	72	
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D.1. HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country may qualify a maximum number of four (4) quota places, two (2) for men and two (2) for women athletes, through the WT Olympic Ranking or WT Grand Slam Champions Series.

In case the host country fails to obtain the four (4) quota places through the WT Olympic Ranking or WT Grand Slam Champions Series, the following shall apply:

- The host country can choose two (2) men quota places and two (2) women quota places with a maximum of one (1) athlete per weight category, and shall be seeded fourth in each of the chosen weight category.
- The athletes must meet the minimum eligibility requirements as detailed in Paragraph C. Athlete Eligibility.

D.2. UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Four (4) Universality places are made available to eligible NOCs at the Olympic Games Paris 2024: details of allocation (men’s, women’s).

On 1 October 2023, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Universality places. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests is 15 January 2024. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Universality places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period for the sport concerned.

Detailed information on Universality places is contained in the “*Games of the XXXIII Olympiad, Paris 2024 - Olympic Games Universality Places - Allocation Procedure and Regulations*” document.



E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

E.1 CONFIRMATION OF QUOTA PLACES

Following the Grand Slam Champions Series in December 2023, World Taekwondo will publish all qualifiers on its website at www.worldtaekwondo.org and confirm in writing to the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have two (2) weeks to confirm to World Taekwondo if they wish to use the quota places in section **G. Qualification Timeline**.

Following each continental qualification tournament, World Taekwondo will publish the results of the event on its website at www.worldtaekwondo.org and confirm in writing to the respective NOCs within five (5) days after the last day of each continental qualification tournament of their allocated quota places. The NOC will then have two (2) weeks to confirm to World Taekwondo if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section **G. Qualification Timeline**.

E.2. CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country must confirm in writing to World Taekwondo by 30 September 2023 the use of its host country places by confirming the two (2) men's categories and two (2) women's categories that will be using the host country quota places.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

F.1. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the quota place was obtained through the WT Olympic Ranking, it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible athlete in the same weight category based on the WT Olympic Ranking which reflected results including Grand Prix Final of December 2023, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC specified in section **B. Quota Places**.
- If the quota place was obtained through the WT Grand Slam Champions Series, it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible athlete in the same weight category based on the WT Merit Point Standing which reflected results including WT Grand Slam Champions Series of December 2023, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC specified in section **B. Quota Places**.
- If the quota place was obtained through a Continental Qualification Tournament, it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible athlete in the same weight category at the respective Continental Qualification Tournament, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC specified in section **B. Quota Places**.



If a Continental Qualification Tournament is cancelled and a quota place is not filled up, it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible athlete based on the WT Olympic Ranking of athletes in the same weight category in the pertinent continent, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC specific in section **B. Quota Places**. The WT Olympic Ranking must reflect results including the Grand Prix Final of December 2023.

If a quota place through a Continental Qualification Tournament is not filled up due to less than four (4) competing athletes per event for any of the following reasons, such as (but not limited) to no-show, failed weigh-in, no next highest ranked athlete, or a doping offence, the quota place will be reallocated according to the principle below:

- It will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible athlete in any continent in the same weight category based on the WT Olympic Ranking, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC specific in section **B. Quota Places**. The WT Olympic Ranking must reflect results including Grand Prix Final of December 2023.

F.2. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the host country has already qualified quota places through the WT Olympic Ranking or WT Grand Slam Champions Series, the number of host country places shall be reduced accordingly; the unused host country places shall be reallocated through the Universality places.

The same process applies should the host country decide not to use the available host country places or should the selected athlete(s) by the host NOC do not meet the minimum eligibility requirements; these places shall be reallocated through the Universality places.

F.3. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Any unused Universality place(s) will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible athlete in the same weight category based on the WT Olympic Ranking which reflected results including Grand Prix Final of December 2023, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC specified in section **B. Quota Places**. The process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
30 September 2023	Confirmation of host country quota places
1 October 2023 – 15 January 2024	Eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Universality places
2 – 3 December 2023	Manchester 2023 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final (Manchester, GBR)
16 – 17 December 2023	Wuxi 2023 World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series (Wuxi, CHN)
22 December 2023	World Taekwondo confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.



5 January 2024	The NOCs to confirm to World Taekwondo the use of the allocated quota places.
6 January 2024	World Taekwondo to reallocate all unused quota places.
6 January 2024	World Taekwondo Olympic Ranking published
11 January 2024	World Taekwondo confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.
25 January 2024	The NOCs to confirm to World Taekwondo the use of the allocated quota places.
30 January 2024	World Taekwondo to reallocate all unused quota places.
30 – 31 January 2024	Pan Am Qualification Tournament (Santo Domingo, DOM)
5 February 2024	World Taekwondo to confirm in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.
14 February 2024	The NOCs to confirm to World Taekwondo the use of the allocated quota places.
19 February 2024	World Taekwondo to reallocate all unused quota places.
10 – 11 February 2024	Africa Qualification Tournament (Dakar, SEN)
16 February 2024	World Taekwondo to confirm in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.
26 February 2024	The NOCs to confirm to World Taekwondo the use of the allocated quota places.
1 March 2024	World Taekwondo to reallocate all unused quota places.
1 – 2 March 2024	Europe Qualification Tournament (Berlin, GER)
7 March 2024	World Taekwondo to confirm in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.
15 March 2024	The NOCs to confirm to World Taekwondo the use of the allocated quota places.
20 March 2024	World Taekwondo to reallocate all unused quota places.
15 – 16 March 2024	Asia Qualification Tournament (Tai'an, CHN)
21 March 2024	World Taekwondo to confirm in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.
1 April 2024	The NOCs to confirm to World Taekwondo the use of the allocated quota places.
5 April 2024	World Taekwondo to reallocate all unused quota places.
6 April 2024	Oceania Qualification Tournament (Honorio, SOL)
11 April 2024	World Taekwondo to confirm in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.
22 April 2024	The NOCs to confirm to World Taekwondo the use of the allocated quota places.
26 April 2024	World Taekwondo to reallocate all unused quota places.
2 May 2024	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Universality places to the NOCs (where applicable).
16 May 2024	World Taekwondo to reallocate any unused quota places.
8 July 2024	Paris 2024 Sport Entries deadline
26 July – 11 August 2024	Olympic Games Paris 2024

APPENDIX B: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – PRE-QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT FOR PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES



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).

3. ATHLETE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN ELEGIBILITY

- 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 ELIBIGILITY 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-QUALIFICAITON 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.
 - i. Eligible WT Olympic Weight Classes are defined as the WT Senior Olympic Weight Classes that do not have a Canadian athlete with a ranking in the Top Six (6) WT Olympic Ranking as of the October 2023 WT ranking update.
 - ii. In the event that a Canadian athlete that is ranked in the Top Six (6) WT Olympic Ranking as of the October 2023 WT ranking update does not earn or maintain a Top Five (5) WT Olympic ranking through to the close of qualification through WT Olympic Ranking timeframe as published in the Qualification System – Games of the XXXIII

Olympiad – Paris 2024 document, that athlete and respective weight class will be entered into the 2024 Pan American Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

- 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 31st, 2023, will be eligible to register for the tournament.
- OR
- 7.2.2 Within the 12-month qualification period from November 1st, 2022, to October 31st, 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 1st, 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 31st, 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.

As the published Qualification System – Games of the XXXIII Olympiad – Paris 2024 document includes direct qualification processes that may occur after Taekwondo Canada's Pre-Qualification Tournament towards Pan American Qualification for Paris 2024, athletes that earn quota spots through WT Olympic Ranking or the WT Grand Slam Champions Series will take priority over Taekwondo Canada's pre-qualification process. This may make an Olympic Weight Class no longer eligible for the 2024 Pan American Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

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).