



TAEKWONDO CANADA

Policy

Affiliation, National Registration & Dual Citizenship

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1. TAEKWONDO CANADA AFFILIATION AND REGISTERED PARTICIPANT OVERVIEW

1.1 Purpose

- 1.1.1 As per Taekwondo Canada's By-Laws, it is the responsibility of Taekwondo Canada and its Board of Directors to determine Taekwondo Canada's registration and affiliation systems, conditions, and fees. This policy provides the framework for an individual or club/school to become affiliated with Taekwondo Canada.
- 1.1.2 Taekwondo Canada is committed to working towards collaboration with affiliates, members, **Registered Participants (RPs)** and partners to create a unified "Taekwondo in Canada" community. The strategic goal is to build a system where every person involved with taekwondo in Canada is connected to the sport's governing body. With all participants in the sport having an affiliation connection, the sport will be in a stronger position.
- 1.1.3 More specifically, an integrated and seamless registration and affiliation system that engages taekwondo participants all over the country will contribute to the achievement of excellence at the highest levels of the sport, will broaden participation in the sport, will enhance the capacity of clubs, schools, and Provincial/Territorial Sports Organization (PTSO) across the country, and will increase interaction among all components of the system.
- 1.1.4 This policy is specifically in reference to RP. This does not exclude participation by non-Canadians or non-Registered Participants if Taekwondo Canada chooses to designate an event or educational opportunity to meet its objectives in promoting Taekwondo Canada or its programs to the taekwondo community.
- 1.1.5 This policy applies to Taekwondo athletes, coaches, officials, and any other relevant participants. That represent other nations.

1.2 Objectives

- 1.2.1 The objectives of this registration and affiliation policy are to:
 - 1.2.1.1 Harmonize categories of affiliation/registered participants across Canada and link them to the stages of long-term athlete development (LTAD).
 - 1.2.1.2 Provide communication and interaction among Taekwondo Canada and all of its PTSO partners.
 - 1.2.1.3 Provide support for athlete, coach, and officials development systems within Taekwondo Canada.
 - 1.2.1.4 Assist all segments of the Taekwondo in the Canadian community with their marketing and promotion efforts by communicating and elevating the Taekwondo Canada brand.
 - 1.2.1.5 Provide support to PTSO and Clubs with best practices to better administer their memberships.
 - 1.2.1.6 Align PTSO and Taekwondo Canada registration and affiliations lists to ensure that individuals and clubs are both a member of the former in order to be a member of the latter as required to be compliant with Taekwondo Canada Bylaws and Policies.

1.3 Code of Conduct and Safe Sport

- 1.3.1 All categories of Registered participant are subject to all Taekwondo Canada Bylaws, Policies and Directives.
- 1.3.2 Any member, RP and/or volunteer, upon registration or participation in any role with Taekwondo Canada, is committing to behaviour in compliance with the Code of Conduct of Taekwondo Canada, including any member, registrant and/or volunteer designated by Taekwondo Canada as participants subject to all Taekwondo Canada Policies; and equivalent documents from the PTSOs where applicable.
- 1.3.3 Taekwondo Canada shall in its discretion publish the name, offence and sanction resulting from an investigation and/or discipline process where any registrant, member or any other person is found to have breached the UCCMS or any of the Taekwondo Canada Policies.

- 1.3.4 In addition, where serious misconduct is alleged which affects the individual's ability to participate in Taekwondo Canada events in a safe, non-discriminatory, and ethical manner, including but not limited to conduct which results in the laying of criminal charges, Taekwondo Canada may impose an interim suspension against the individual as per Taekwondo Canada Discipline Policy Suite.
- 1.3.5 RPs who participate in Taekwondo Canada National events will be under the jurisdiction of OSIC and will be subject to the terms in the UCCMS for duration of the event.
- 1.3.6 Screening
 - 1.3.6.1 All aspects of screening will be handled as per Taekwondo Canada's Screening Policy.

2. CATEGORIES OF AFFILIATION AND REGISTERED PARTICIPANT (RP)

2.1 Affiliation and RP Category List

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| 2.1.1 | Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization Affiliation RP | (PTSO RP) |
| 2.1.2 | Club Affiliation Registered Participant | (CLUB RP) |
| 2.1.3 | Recreational Registered Participant | (REC RP) |
| 2.1.4 | Competitive Registered Participant | (COMP RP) |
| 2.1.5 | Coach Registered Participant | (COACH RP) |
| 2.1.6 | Official Registered Participant | (OFFICIAL RP) |

2.2 Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization Affiliation (PTSO RP)

- 2.2.1 PTSOs shall be a PTSO RP of Taekwondo Canada.
- 2.2.2 Only registered PTSOs can benefit from Taekwondo Canada programs.
- 2.2.3 A PTSO that is not registered with Taekwondo Canada will not be able to enter athletes in national competitions or use Taekwondo Canada member programs and services.
- 2.2.4 Registration obligations and process is outlined in Section 3.

2.3 Club Affiliation (CLUB RP)

- 2.3.1 Clubs RPs must be both a Club RP of their PTSO member and Taekwondo Canada.
- 2.3.2 Only registered clubs can benefit from PTSO and Taekwondo Canada programs.
- 2.3.3 A club that is not registered with its PTSO will not be able:
 - 2.3.3.1 to enter athletes national competitions,
 - 2.3.3.2 use Taekwondo Canada nor PTSO member programs and services.
- 2.3.4 Registration obligations and process is outlined in Section 3.

2.4 Recreational Registered Participant Registration (REC RP)

- 2.4.1 Includes all club/school individual participants.
- 2.4.2 REC RPs affiliate annually with Taekwondo Canada by a registration process by the relevant PTSO RP.
- 2.4.3 To participate in any PTSO or Taekwondo Canada Program or sanctioned event the REC RP must be a Member in Good Standing with both Taekwondo Canada and the PTSO.
- 2.4.4 Registration obligations and process is outlined in Section 3.

2.5 Competitive Registered Participant (COMP RP)

- 2.5.1 Meet all conditions of REC RP plus:
 - 2.5.1.1 This category will be mandatory for black belt RPs who will be participating in national or international events.
 - 2.5.1.2 Are responsible for acquiring a WT Global Athlete License (GAL) that will only be authorized to individuals who are on an RP list provided by a PTSO.
 - 2.5.1.3 Comp RPs will be eligible to compete only if they are Members in Good Standing with Taekwondo Canada and an affiliated Club RP that is also registered with the PTSO and Taekwondo Canada.

2.5.2 Registration obligations and process is outlined in Section 3.

2.6 Coach Registered Participant (COACH RP)

2.6.1 Meet all conditions of REC RP plus:

2.6.1.1 Meet the trained and certification requirements as specified in Taekwondo Canada's NCCP Guideline.

2.6.1.2 Are responsible for acquiring a WT Global Athlete License (GAL) that will only be authorized to individuals who are on an RP list provided by a PTSO.

2.6.1.3 Coach RPs will be eligible to coach only if they are Members in Good Standing with Taekwondo Canada and an affiliated Club RP that is also registered with the PTSO and Taekwondo Canada.

2.6.2 Registration obligations and process is outlined in Section 3.

2.7 Official Registration (OFFICIAL RP)

2.7.1 Meet all conditions of Rec RP plus:

2.7.1.1 Official RPs will be eligible to participate at Taekwondo Canada and PTSO Programs and sanctioned events if they are Members in Good Standing with both Taekwondo Canada and the PTSO.

2.7.2 Registration obligations and process is outlined in Section 3.

3. TAEKWONDO CANADA RP REGISTRATION PROCESS AND FEE REMITTANCE STRUCTURE

3.1 General Overview for all RP Categories

3.1.1 The level of Registration Fees is set by the Board of directors for each category of Registered Participant.

3.1.2 The Taekwondo Canada membership cycle begins annually on January 1st and ends on December 31st of each year.

3.1.3 The PTSO will collect the RP Registration data and fees from the CLUB RPs for each and every participant in the club.

3.1.4 The PTSO will submit to Taekwondo Canada a complete list of RP members and category of those members.

3.1.5 Taekwondo Canada will invoice the PTSO RP as per submitted reports.

3.1.6 Taekwondo Canada invoices the PTSO for the calendar year's RP registration fees by March 31st of each year.

3.1.7 Failure to adhere to the payment schedule or provide a complete registration list as outlined above may result in loss of registration and/or affiliation.

3.1.8 New Club RPs may register or update at any time during the year with their PTSO and may also add new names to the RP category list for their club at any time.

3.1.9 The PTSO is obligated to submit any additional updates, along with pertinent RP fees to Taekwondo Canada on an urgent basis.

3.1.10 Clubs that do not complete the annual registration fee collection and payment process to their respective PTSO will lose their affiliation status with both the PTSO and Taekwondo Canada.

3.1.11 In addition to the base registration fee for REC RPs, athletes that compete in local, regional, and/or provincial tournaments shall pay their competition fee to the relevant PTSO as determined by the province in which the registered club operates. All competitors must be Members in Good Standing of a Club RP that is registered with both Taekwondo Canada and the PTSO.

3.1.12 For COMP RPs, Coach RPs, and OFFICIAL RPs, the WT Global Athlete License System (GAL/GOL) shall be the national/international participant fee.

3.2 PTSO RP Procedure

- 3.2.1 The PTSO RPs register annually with Taekwondo Canada upon meeting submission requirements as outlined in this sub-section.
 - 3.2.1.1 The authority over its members, and the privileges and responsibilities of members, are defined in the By-Laws and Policies of the respective PTSO and Taekwondo Canada.
 - 3.2.1.2 Each PTSO has the authority to create, define, and enforce their own annual renewal process for club, athlete, coach, and official registration, while ensuring that they are also aligned and compliant with all Taekwondo Canada RP rules and Procedures.
- 3.2.2 The following are required to be submitted annually to Taekwondo Canada. Failure to provide the requirements may result in loss of voting privileges at the Taekwondo Canada AGM.
- 3.2.3 The PTSO is required to have an internal registration process that collects the information of each and every RP category within the province.
- 3.2.4 PTSO members will be responsible for implementation of the data and fee collection system within their province.
- 3.2.5 The PTSO will determine the manner and total combined TC/PTSO RP fee amount on which the PTSO will charge, that embodies all categories of the Taekwondo Canada RP Registration Fees projected to be remitted.
- 3.2.6 The PTSO is required to collect complete and accurate RP information annually from each affiliated club in their province.
- 3.2.7 The PTSO shall then compile a list of the RPs within the province and remit this list to Taekwondo Canada deadline as set by Taekwondo Canada Head Office.
- 3.2.8 Any updates to the RP list should be reported semi annually.
- 3.2.9 The Club RP and Rec RP individual participant is obligated to ensure to promptly register with the PTSO RP that must in turn report to Taekwondo Canada.
- 3.2.10 The following demographic information is mandatory for each REC RP and must be submitted annually by the respective PTSO to Taekwondo Canada:
 - a. First and Last Name
 - b. Respective Club Membership
 - c. Date of Birth
 - d. Postal Code
 - e. Belt Level:
 - i. Colour Belt
 - ii. Kukkiwon Black Belt number
 - iii. Date of Kukkiwon Issue
 - f. Email Address
 - g. Competition Gender of Registration
 - h. Category of Membership (Rec RP, Club RP Comp RP, Coach RP, and Official RP)
- 3.2.11 Failure of the PTSO to comply with Section 3.2 will be forwarded to the Discipline Committee.

3.3 PTSO RP ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ANNUAL REPORTS AND VERIFICATIONS

- 3.3.1 Annual General Meeting minutes or link to online location (within 30 days of PTSO AGM).
- 3.3.2 PTSO RP official notice to Taekwondo Canada on any updates or revisions to Constitution, Bylaws and Policy Manuals that includes pdf files or the link to online location within 30 days of final approval.
- 3.3.3 Certificate of Not for Profit Corporation status.
- 3.3.4 Letter of good standing with the P/T Sports Ministry.
- 3.3.5 Completion of any requested TC Survey or Membership Evaluation Status Report
- 3.3.6 PTSO audited financial statements where required by Provincial or Canadian law or approved financial statements (most recent) which include the signatures of two current Board of Directors.
 - 3.3.6.1 RP lists collected by the PTSO and submitted to Taekwondo Canada should match the member lists provided to the pertinent overseeing government organizations.

- 3.3.6.2 RP fees collected and remitted on behalf of Taekwondo Canada should be accurately reflected in the audit and compare to the member lists provided to the pertinent overseeing government organizations.

3.4 Club RP Procedures

- 3.4.1 Clubs must affiliate with their respective PTSO on an annual basis. Registration is for the period of January 1st to December 31st of each year.
- 3.4.2 Club registration becomes final upon payment of all applicable fees to the respective PTSO and the submission of required club contact information and other documentation as set by the PTSO.
- 3.4.3 Club affiliation is applied for and approved through the PTSO. Upon acceptance and affiliation, clubs are also agreeing to comply with the policies, procedures, and rules of the PTSO and Taekwondo Canada.
- 3.4.4 The Club RP and Rec RP individual participant is obligated to ensure to promptly register with the PTSO RP that must in turn report to Taekwondo Canada.
- 3.4.5 Clubs will remit the RP registration fee payment to the PTSO, who shall then compile a list of the RPs within the province and remit this list to Taekwondo Canada. RP lists collected by the PTSO must match the member lists provided to overseeing government organizations.
- 3.4.6 The following demographic information is mandatory for each REC RP and must be submitted annually to the respective PTSO.
- a. First and Last Name
 - b. Respective Club Membership
 - c. Date of Birth
 - d. Postal Code
 - e. Belt Level
 - i. Colour Belt
 - ii. Kukkiwon Black Belt Number
 - iii. Date of Kukkiwon issue
 - f. Email Address
 - g. Competition Gender of Registration
 - h. Category of Membership (Rec RP, Club RP, Comp RP, Coach RP, and Official RP)
- 3.4.7 Failure of the Club RP to comply with Section 3.4 will be forwarded to the Discipline Committee.

3.5 Recreational Registered Participant (REC RP) Procedures

- 3.5.1 Taekwondo Canada supports a club-based model or structure, meaning Taekwondo Canada's RPs must register with a club that is an affiliated member of the respective PTSO.
- 3.5.2 Registration of participants with Taekwondo Canada must be processed annually by an affiliated club that is a Member in Good Standing through their respective PTSO.
- 3.5.3 It is the responsibility of the Club RP to initiate registration, and registration must be completed as directed by Taekwondo Head Office.
- 3.5.4 As it relates to this document and National Team selection, a transgender RP must meet international federation criteria prior to declaring availability for selection at any National Team selection event. The transgender CRP must show proof in writing from the international federation that they are eligible to compete at Olympic, Paralympic, WT events.
- 3.5.5 The WT Gender Policy is the document that is utilized by this Taekwondo Canada policy.
- 3.5.6 Upon registration, all RPs must select their gender of registration. The two options will be male and female. This is the gender that will appear in the event results.
- 3.5.7 RPs will have the choice to complete the optional self-declaration of their gender identification (Cisgender, Non-Binary, Transgender). This optional self-declaration will have no effect on the gender of registration but will provide valuable information as we continue to develop and grow programming.
- 3.5.8 RPs can only identify with one registration gender (male or female) at a time. An RP changing their gender of registration is required to initiate a new registration for the new gender. Only one

registration can be active at a time. Reversal of registration gender will require re-activation of the previous gender of registration.

3.6 Competitive Registered Participant (COMP RP) Procedures

- 3.6.1 All COMP RP individuals must meet the REC RP conditions plus:
- 3.6.2 be required to sign a waiver with Taekwondo Canada:
 - 3.6.2.1 to comply with the PTSO and Taekwondo Canada's policies,
- 3.6.3 must be eligible for and obtain a WT GAL in order to compete in WT and/or Taekwondo Canada sanctioned competitions and Programs.
- 3.6.4 Individuals are responsible for arranging their own up to date WT GAL
- 3.6.5 Permanent non-resident Canadian citizens should find a PTSO through which to register as a REC RP. If rejected by all PTSOs then can apply to Taekwondo Canada directly to be considered on a case by case basis.
- 3.6.6 Changing of clubs is a matter handled by the PTSOs.

3.7 Coach Registered Participant (COACH RP) Procedures

- 3.7.1 In addition to REC RP requirements the COACH RP must:
 - 3.7.1.1 Complete any additional registration requirements set by the PTSO.
 - 3.7.1.2 Complete screening as per the PTSO criteria and the NCCP in accordance with the standards set in the Taekwondo Canada Screening Policy.
 - 3.7.1.3 Have completed and be up to date training with an approved Safe Sport workshop such as: Respect in Sport for Activity Leader Training OR Coaching Association of Canada's Safe Sport Training.
 - 3.7.1.4 Meet minimum NCCP certification or training requirements as outlined in the Coaching Standards & NCCP policy.
- 3.7.2 Independent and Non-resident Independent Coaches who are not affiliated with any club, must still apply for Coach RP through a PTSO.
 - 3.7.2.1 The PTSO may have a designated PTSO independent club to accommodate this unique situation.
 - 3.7.2.2 Non-resident Independent Coaches, proof of this could instead be facilitated by TC Staff as designated by Executive Director in co-operation with foreign coach certification equivalency to Taekwondo Canada's minimum NCCP certification or training requirements as outlined in the Coaching Standards & NCCP policy must be provided. Additionally, proof of equivalent screening as per the Taekwondo Canada Screening Policy must also be provided.
 - 3.7.2.3 If an Independent Coach RP can not find a PTSO to approve, and has exhausted all PTSO avenues: they can apply directly to Taekwondo Canada for RP consideration on a case by case basis.

3.8 Official Registered Participant (OFFICIAL RP) Procedures

- 3.8.1 Complete all required steps for REC RP plus:
- 3.8.2 must be designated as an official annually with Taekwondo Canada and a PTSO.
- 3.8.3 are required to agree to comply with Taekwondo Canada's policies duration of Taekwondo Canada National Events in which they are a participant.
- 3.8.4 it is the responsibility of the Official to manage their certification levels.
- 3.8.5 is expected to contribute and give back time and service to the PTSO RP with which they are registered in order to be eligible for appointment at Taekwondo Canada sanctioned events.

4. TRANSFER TO NEW PTSO RP

4.1 Transfers of REC RP, COMP RP, COACH RP, and OFFICIAL RP to new PTSO

- 4.1.1 The **RP Transfer process** is meant to:

- 4.1.1.1 act as a formal mechanism to terminate a REC/COMP/COACH/OFFICIAL RPs affiliation (Individual RP) with one PTSO and to initiate their affiliation with a new PTSO.
- 4.1.1.2 relocate a RPs registration and competition history, and
- 4.1.1.3 serve as a method to identify any conflicts/issues with a RPs previous PTSO.

4.1.2 **Transfer Requests:**

- 4.1.2.1 These rules do not apply to transfers between affiliated clubs within a PTSO.
- 4.1.2.2 An RP transfer process within one PTSO will be handled by the PTSO procedures and reported to Taekwondo Canada.
- 4.1.2.3 An RP transfer process between two PTSO will be handled by both PTSO procedures and reported to Taekwondo Canada.
- 4.1.2.4 Upon written request and acceptance by the new PTSO, the transfer application should be considered interim during a probational period of 120 days in which any disagreement or outstanding discipline matters among the involved stakeholders are resolved.
- 4.1.2.5 If requested a resolution can be facilitated by Taekwondo Canada.
- 4.1.2.6 A serious discipline infraction during the initial request for transfer may impact the interim probationary status of the PTSO transfer.
- 4.1.2.7 An RP transferring to a club in another PTSO will pay any provincial fees.

4.1.3 **COACH RP (Additional RP Transfer Requirements)**

- 4.1.3.1 Complete all required steps for REC RP plus:
- 4.1.3.2 Complete screening as per the new PTSO criteria and the NCCP in accordance with the standards set in the Taekwondo Canada Screening Policy.
- 4.1.3.3 Complete any additional registration requirements set by the new PTSO.

4.1.4 **Suspended RP**

- 4.1.4.1 An individual RP that has a standing suspension in one PTSO may not apply through the regular PTSO transfer process but must utilize this suspended process.
- 4.1.4.2 The individual RP must have a letter of acceptance from the new PTSO that includes acknowledgement of the suspension within the original PTSO.
- 4.1.4.3 The individual RP must supply a new background check if the suspension involved a major infraction.
- 4.1.4.4 The original PTSO must also supply a letter outlining the terms of the suspension and conditions of re-instatement.
- 4.1.4.5 Taekwondo Canada can act as the facilitator to resolve minor infractions that may be impeding transfer.

4.2 RP Benefits

- 4.2.1 Registration and affiliation reflect the commitment of individuals, groups, teams, and leagues to support the vision, missions, and values of Taekwondo Canada.
- 4.2.2 An aligned and unified Taekwondo Canada will succeed in developing, managing, promoting, and growing taekwondo across the country. The strength, vibrancy and sustainability of taekwondo depends on our ability to bring together all the participants in the game with transparent and equally applied rules for all.
- 4.2.3 Affiliation and Registration with Taekwondo Canada will aim to provide the following benefits and value:
- 4.2.4 Provide support for best management practices for PTSO members and clubs.
- 4.2.5 Pride in knowing that you are contributing to Taekwondo Canada's mission "to excel at all levels of Taekwondo while building champions for life and achieving international success".
- 4.2.6 Working with key stakeholders and establish clear guidelines for the Art and Sport of Taekwondo for across Canada, re-enforcing development of the art and sport at all levels; local, national, and international level.

- 4.2.7 Supports education and skills instruction related to taekwondo.
- 4.2.8 Implementation of LTAD which provides a framework and resources to ensure progressive, holistic, and values-driven athlete development.
- 4.2.9 Competitive opportunities for athletes to go to tournaments, provincial, national championships, and international events.
- 4.2.10 Access to certified officials and developmental programs for officials.
- 4.2.11 A National Team Program providing access to coaching, facilities, competitions, Carding support and participation in PATU and World Taekwondo events and the Olympic/Paralympic Games.
- 4.2.12 The ability to obtain sanctions to host provincial, national, and international Taekwondo competitions and events.
- 4.2.13 A national web site and related social media platforms to enhance communications and networking about Taekwondo activities.
- 4.2.14 A national registration system and national database.
- 4.2.15 National advocacy for the sport through Sport Canada, Canadian Olympic Committee, Canadian Paralympic Committee, Own the Podium, and Canada Games Council, etc.
- 4.2.16 An elevated and visible “Taekwondo in Canada” brand.

4.3 Implementation

- 4.3.1 RP registrations and affiliations are valid for the calendar year in which registration takes place.
- 4.3.2 It is the goal of Taekwondo Canada to have all of the clubs register through the PTSOs in January of each year.
- 4.3.3 Affiliation set up and remittance:
- 4.3.4 Every Club within the PTSO must provide a detailed individual RP list of every RP Category within the club.
- 4.3.5 Taekwondo Canada requires the minimum data as per the template in Section 3.2.10.
- 4.3.6 Taekwondo Canada shall send an invoice to PTSO member based on the RP list provided.
- 4.3.7 PTSO member shall remit from their own account by bank transfer or cheque, payable to Taekwondo Canada.

5. DUAL CITIZENSHIP AND REPRESENTATION OF OTHER NATION’S AT EVENTS

- 5.1 Although Registered Participants¹ may be eligible to be affiliated with more than one country, Registered Participants (RPs) shall not accept benefits² from more than one national Taekwondo governing body or National Olympic Committees at the same time.
- 5.2 It is therefore a breach of this Policy for any RP to accept a benefit from Taekwondo Canada if they are also receiving benefits from another country’s national governing body or National Olympic Committee at the same time.
- 5.3 Notwithstanding the aforementioned, training with (or in the case of a coach, training) athletes from a country other than Canada in another country or in Canada does not constitute a breach of this Policy.
- 5.4 In addition to this Policy, all RPs must respect any World Taekwondo, the International Olympic Committee, and/or the Canadian Olympic Committee policy (including without limitation the Olympic Charter) in relation to dual or multiple citizenships. Taekwondo Canada will respect these policies and will not infringe upon another organization’s rights under these policies.

¹ “Registered Participants” refers to all categories of individual members and/or registrants defined in the By-laws of Taekwondo Canada who are subject to the policies of Taekwondo Canada, as well as all people employed by, contracted by, or engaged in activities with, Taekwondo Canada including but not limited to, employees, contractors, Athletes, coaches, instructors, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members, parents or guardians, spectators, directors or officers

² “Benefits” refers to the direct or indirect receipt or provision of funding (or other value except for funding), including, without limitation gains, gifts and other advantages to the Participant.

- 5.5 While a coach or athlete is a Taekwondo Canada registered participant, the individual enjoys the privilege of participating in Taekwondo Canada Events, representing Canada, and accessing funding programs through Taekwondo Canada and its partners. RPs shall immediately lose their status as a Taekwondo Canada member, and any related benefits when:
- 5.5.1 They notify Taekwondo Canada in writing of their intention to participate for another country or;
 - 5.5.2 They participate for another country at an international event listed in Section 5.6.
- 5.6 **The following is a list of international events for which this Policy applies:**
- 5.6.1 Olympic Games
 - 5.6.2 World Championships
 - 5.6.3 Regional Games (e.g. Pan Am Games)
 - 5.6.4 Continental Championships (e.g. Pan Am Championships)
 - 5.6.5 Francophone Championships (e.g. Francophone World Cup)
 - 5.6.6 Commonwealth Championships
 - 5.6.7 International Opens (e.g. US Open)
 - 5.6.8 Military Championship
 - 5.6.9 University Championship (e.g. World University Championships)
 - 5.6.10 National Championship (e.g. United States National Championship)
 - 5.6.11 Notwithstanding the above, other events may fall under the scope of this Policy. It is therefore the responsibility of the RP to check with Taekwondo Canada prior to registration at any event to determine if it triggers the application of this Policy.
- 5.7 **Notification:**
- 5.7.1 If an RP wishes to represent a country, other than Canada in any event, including those listed in Section 5.6, they must provide Taekwondo Canada with ninety (90) days prior written notice before they represent the other country. Taekwondo Canada membership and benefits will be suspended immediately upon this notification.
 - 5.7.2 If the Taekwondo Canada Member does notify Taekwondo Canada properly, they will be able to return to full membership status and privileges immediately upon acquiring the proper releases.
 - 5.7.3 Officials and Coaches can arrange within the notification process to Taekwondo Canada for a pre-approved return date to Canada Taekwondo.
- 5.8 **Failure to Notify:**
- 5.8.1 If the RP fails to provide the ninety (90) days prior notice required by section 5.8, they will not be able to have their Taekwondo Canada membership and privileges restored for a period of one year starting from the last date on which they participated for another country in an event. After the expiry of the aforementioned one-year period, Taekwondo Canada membership and benefits may be restored, subject to acquiring the proper releases.
- 5.9 **Releases:**
- 5.9.1 If you wish to return to be an RP with full benefits, you must acquire releases from the necessary organizations that may include:
 - 5.9.2 The International Olympic Committee,
 - 5.9.3 the National Olympic Committee of the country for which you participated, and/or
 - 5.9.4 the national Taekwondo governing body for which you represented.
 - 5.9.5 Please note that these organizations may have the right to not give you your release which could prevent you from becoming a Taekwondo Canada Registered Participant. If these organizations do not wish to release you there is nothing Taekwondo Canada can do for you, it was solely your choice to represent the other country and accept their policies.

6. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

List of related documents with up-to-date current rules and references:

- 6.1 ***Excerpt From Olympic Charter (July 2023) - Rule 41 Nationality of competitors****
- 6.2 ***Definitions Policy List - Taekwondo Canada***