



TAEKWONDO CANADA

Selection Criteria

2025 Junior Kyorugi National Team

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Tour(s) Dates:	To be determined (TBD) based on published competition dates.
Competition(s) Dates:	TBD
Location(s):	TBD
Team Size(s):	Maximum of 20 athletes, one (1) athlete per weight class.
Team Leader(s):	Taekwondo Canada may appoint a Head of Team.
Head Coach(es):	A Head Coach may be appointed.
Team Coaches:	Team coaches will be nominated based on allocated spots provided by the event organizers.
Selection Event(s):	2025 Taekwondo Canada National Championships and Team Selections (hereby referred to as the “2025 Junior Team Selection Event”), dates and location TBD.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 **Purpose:** The purpose of this criteria is to select Taekwondo Canada’s Junior National Team(s) for 2025 Junior Kyorugi International Events.
- 1.2 **Objective:** The objective of this document is to have a fair and transparent selection process which selects the best athletes and coaches to represent Canada.
- 1.3 **Participation of Taekwondo Canada:** Taekwondo Canada is able to send up to one (1) athlete per weight class to official events, if Taekwondo Canada deems them safe to attend.

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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

- 2.1 Must have been born in 2008, 2009 or 2010.
- 2.2 Must be a registered participant in good standing with Taekwondo Canada.
- 2.3 Must be a Kukkiwon Dan/Poom certificate holder.
- 2.4 Must hold a valid 2025 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.
- 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 Must sign an acknowledgement and consent form and agree to be under the jurisdiction of OSIC and be subject to the terms in the UCCMS for the duration of Taekwondo Canada National Events in which they are participants.
- 2.9 Must not be serving a period of ineligibility for a code violation or be under a provisional suspension following the assertion of a code violation by the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner (OSIC) that is responsible for the administration of the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS).
- 2.10 Must sign an Athlete Agreement as required by Taekwondo Canada.
- 2.11 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 athletes will be promptly notified.

3. ATHLETE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN NOMINATION

- 3.1 Athletes must maintain ongoing eligibility requirements in accordance with [Section 2](#) above.
- 3.2 Athletes must declare to Taekwondo Canada any injury or illness (as soon as possible after it arises) that can affect their training preparation for the event they qualified for.
- 3.3 A medical report (from a Taekwondo Canada recognized medical staff member) can be requested.

4. LOSS OF NOMINATION STATUS

- 4.1 An athlete's nomination may be withdrawn at any time, even after notification, acceptance, or signing of an Athlete Agreement, if in the opinion of Taekwondo Canada, an athlete has failed to:
 - 4.1.1 Fulfill eligibility to be selected and be invited (to the team or as an alternate);
 - OR
 - 4.1.2 Fulfill ongoing obligations under this policy.

5. REPLACEMENT OF AN ATHLETE

- 5.1 Should an injury or unforeseen circumstance prevent a selected athlete from competing at a specific event for which they qualified, the athlete must immediately notify Taekwondo Canada in writing.
- 5.2 The alternate athlete may be named as the replacement. No nomination will be made to the team(s) if the alternate athlete is also unable to compete.
- 5.3 The decision to nominate an athlete to a particular event will be made at the sole discretion of the High Performance Director (HPD).

6. EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- 6.1 Situations may arise that do not allow the selection criteria to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional or unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including selection to teams, will be made by Taekwondo Canada's HPD, in accordance with the selection principles as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Taekwondo Canada will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

7. COACH AND STAFF SELECTION

- 7.1 Must be 21 years of age or older at the time of respective international event participation.
- 7.2 Must be Performance Coach certified and have a valid Registered Coach or Chartered Professional Coach membership with the Coaching Association of Canada.
- 7.3 Must be a registered participant in good standing with Taekwondo Canada.
- 7.4 Must hold a valid 2025 World Taekwondo Global License.
- 7.5 Must be eligible to represent Canada at major international events under the eligibility requirements of WT and Taekwondo Canada.
- 7.6 Must not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation or be under a provisional suspension following the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation by either WT, the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport or any other Anti-Doping Organization.
- 7.7 Must sign an acknowledgement and consent form and agree to be under the jurisdiction of OSIC and be subject to the terms in the UCCMS for the duration of Taekwondo Canada National Events in which they are participants.
- 7.8 Must not be serving a period of ineligibility for a code violation or be under a provisional suspension following the assertion of a code violation that inhibits their ability to fully act in the role of a coach by the OSIC that is responsible for the administration of the UCCMS.

- 7.9 Must sign a Coach, Management and Staff Agreement as required by Taekwondo Canada.
- 7.10 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.

8. COACH AND STAFF NOMINATION AND SELECTION

- 8.1 Taekwondo Canada may appoint a Head of Team and/or team manager for 2025 Junior Kyorugi International Event team(s). This appointment shall be at the sole discretion of the Taekwondo Canada HPD.
- 8.2 The HPD may select sport science and/or medical support staff for 2025 Junior Kyorugi International Event team(s). These appointments shall be at the sole discretion of the Taekwondo Canada HPD.
- 8.3 A Head Coach for 2025 Junior Kyorugi International Event team(s) may be appointed. This appointment shall be at the sole discretion of the Taekwondo Canada HPD.
- 8.4 Team coaches will be nominated to 2025 Junior Kyorugi International Event team(s) based on allocated spots provided by the event organizers. If Taekwondo Canada is able to secure additional passes, additional coaches may be nominated to the team to ensure best possible performance and team cohesion. Coaches with multiple athletes nominated to the team will be prioritized for coach appointments. Coaches of athletes that have earned a Wildcard entry through the Pan American Taekwondo Union (PATU) will be considered for team nomination in accordance with the same principles and are not guaranteed a coaching appointment solely on the merits of a Wildcard entry. The Taekwondo Canada HPD has the authority and sole discretion to nominate team coaches to 2025 Junior Kyorugi International Event team(s).
- 8.5 Coaches will need to sign and comply with a Taekwondo Canada Coach, Management and Staff Agreement.

9. FUNDING TO EVENTS

- 9.1 Funding for 2025 Junior Kyorugi International Event team(s) will be dependent on the Taekwondo Canada high performance event budget.

10. ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

- 10.1 **Weight Classes**
 - 10.1.1 Weight Classes will be as per the WT Junior World Weight Classes.
- 10.2 **Criteria**
 - 10.2.1 The winner (gold medalist) of each weight class at the *2025 Junior Team Selection Event* will be offered a position on Taekwondo Canada's 2025 Junior Kyorugi International Event team(s).
 - i. The second-place finisher (silver medalist) will be named as the alternate.
 - 10.2.2 Any remaining vacant divisions following nominations from 10.2.1 will remain vacant.
- 10.3 **Wildcard Entries**
 - 10.3.1 Any athlete that has earned a Wildcard entry through PATU must still meet eligibility requirements in accordance with [Section 2](#) and are considered as earning a position on Taekwondo Canada's 2025 Junior Kyorugi International Event team(s) with all aspects of the 2025 Junior Kyorugi National Team Selection Criteria applied.

11. COMPETITIVE READINESS

- 11.1 “Competitive readiness” is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying.
- 11.2 Athletes who do not remain competitively ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the specific event team that is impacted based on proximity and dates of competition.
- 11.3 Taekwondo Canada’s HPD and the National Team Physician will make the final decision on competitive readiness in concert once the nomination process is completed. These two individuals will have absolute discretion about which factors they will consider in making their final decision.
- 11.4 Injured or ill athletes may be subject to a proof of readiness to be determined by the HPD and National Team Physician in consultation with the athlete’s personal coach. These athletes will not travel with the team until this requirement has been satisfied. Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate in a specific event shall be made by the HPD.

12. APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS

- 12.1 Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate in a specific event shall be made by the HPD.
- 12.2 Issues not otherwise addressed by this selection document shall be resolved by the HPD.
- 12.3 Appeals on matters of team selections can be brought directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Center of Canada (SDRCC).