



**Australian
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Selection Policy

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1. Definitions

- (a) For the purposes of this Selection Policy:
 - (i) the “Team” means the Australian Team to compete at the 2021 World Taekwondo Championships;
 - (ii) the “Competition” means the 2021 Senior World Taekwondo Championships; which will take place from 12-18 October 2021 in Wuxi, China;
 - (iii) the “Qualifying Events” mean the:
 - (A) 2021 Sydney qualifier – April 10 2021
 - (B) 2021 Queensland qualifier – June 26 2021
 - (C) 2021 Final Qualifier – September 2021 (exact date to be determined)
 - (iv) the “Australian Taekwondo” means TKD Sports Taekwondo Australia Limited trading as Australian Taekwondo
 - (v) the “World Taekwondo” means World Taekwondo being the sport’s International Federation.
 - (vi) the “Chief Executive Officer” means the Chief Executive Officer of Australian Taekwondo
 - (vii) the “National Coach” means the Taekwondo National Coach of Combat Institute of Australia.
 - (viii) the “Team Size” means the maximum number of team members as defined in Clause 3.
 - (ix) the “Selection Process and Criteria” means the requirements as defined in Clause 5.
 - (x) the “Extenuating Circumstances” means the circumstances as defined in Clause 6(b).

2. Background

- (a) This Selection Policy details the process and criteria by which Australian Taekwondo (AT) will select athletes to the Team to compete at the Competition, which among other things, requires athletes to:

- (i) meet the eligibility requirements in Clause 4 and meet the performance criteria at the Qualifying Events as outlined in Clause 5.
- (b) The Selection Policy can be amended at any time by the Board of Australian Taekwondo if in its opinion such an amendment is necessary for any of the following reasons:
 - (i) as a result of any change in Team eligibility criteria or rules;
 - (ii) as a result of any change in the rules governing the Competition or a particular event in the Competition;
 - (iii) to give effect to the Selection Policy following a drafting error or oversight; or
 - (iv) to clarify any ambiguity or otherwise give effect to the intended meaning of the Selection Policy.
 - (v) In response to circumstances that prevent the Selection Policy from being appropriately applied
- (c) Australian Taekwondo will publish amendments to the Selection Policy on its website, and those amendments shall take effect immediately.

3. Team Composition and Size

- (a) When selecting the Team, the Head Coach will select the Team in accordance with this Selection Policy.
- (b) Neither this Selection Policy, nor Australian Taekwondo or World Taekwondo require the selection of the maximum possible number of athletes to a Team. Accordingly, final Team members and composition of the Team are determined at the absolute discretion of the Head Coach as set out in this Selection Policy. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Selection Policy operates so as to require the Head Coach to select any athletes to the Team or fill all available positions on the Team.
- (c) The Team Size will, in accordance with applicable eligibility requirements for the Competition, consist of a maximum of 16 athletes, one per World Taekwondo weight division. Australian Taekwondo is not required to select the maximum number of athletes to the team should athletes fail to meet the Selection Policy.
- (d) Where reasonable and having taking into consideration all other relevant factors, Australian Taekwondo will endeavour to ensure that the Team is suitably represented across both genders. However for the avoidance of doubt, this clause is non-binding and does not require the selection or non-selection of athletes based on their gender in order to alter the gender composition of the Team.
- (e) The Team list will be forwarded as soon as practicable for verification by the Board of Australian Taekwondo and thereafter publication.

4. Eligibility criteria for selection in the Team

To be eligible for selection in the Team for the Competition, an athlete must:

- (a) be an Australian citizen who is eligible to represent Australia at the Competition as per the World Taekwondo, International Olympic Committee or International Paralympic Committee nationality requirements;
- (b) owe no outstanding financial liabilities to Australian Taekwondo or Combat Institute of Australia;
- (c) be a minimum Kukkiwon 1st Dan;
- (d) meet all eligibility rules, including any age requirements, imposed by World Taekwondo;
- (e) be a registered member of, and in good standing with, Australian Taekwondo and World Taekwondo;
- (f) have at all times acted in a proper manner and not have engaged in any conduct that has or is likely to bring Australian Taekwondo, Combat Institute of Australia, World Taekwondo or the sport of taekwondo into disrepute, censure or ridicule; and
- (g) hold an active World Taekwondo Global Athlete Licence
- (h) have competed at the 2021 Final Qualifier

5. Athlete Selection Process and Criteria

The requirements to be met by an athlete in order to be considered for selection for different events at the Competition are as follows and are subject at all times to adjustment in accordance with Clause 3 of this Selection Policy.

Automatic Selection (subject to Clause 6)

- (a) Athletes that accumulate the most points within a single weight division across the Qualifying Events will be selected to the Team
- (b) The points available at the Qualifying Events are:
 - (i) The 2021 Sydney Qualifier
 - Gold – 3 points
 - Silver – 2 points
 - Bronze – 1 point
 - (ii) The 2021 Queensland Qualifier
 - Gold – 3 points
 - Silver – 2 points
 - Bronze – 1 point
 - (iii) The 2021 Final Qualifier
 - Gold – 5 points
 - Silver – 3 points
 - Bronze – 1 point

- (c) In the instance where more than one athlete has equally met clause 5(a), that being attained equal points across the Qualifying Events, of those athletes that have equally met clause 5(a), the athlete with the highest placing at the 2021 Final Qualifier will be selected.
- (d) In the instance where more than one athlete has equally met clause 5(c), that being attained equal points across the Qualifying Events and equal placing at the 2021 Final Qualifier, the National Coach with support from an AT appointed legal practitioner, will use their discretion to select an athlete to that division, taking into consideration, but not limiting themselves to, the factors outlined in 5(g) through 5(i).
- (e) In the instance where a Qualifying Event is unable to proceed due to Covid-19 related matters, or any other matter, this policy will be applied with the removal of that Qualifying Event.
- (f) For the avoidance of doubt, should a circumstance arise that is not covered objectively by clause 5(a) through 5(e), the Head Coach shall apply discretion to select athletes as outlined in clauses 5(g) through 5(i), and with consideration to Clause 3 and Clause 6.

Discretionary Selection

- (g) As per Clause 5(d), Should athletes attain equal points across the Qualifying Events and equal placing at the 2021 Final Qualifier, the Head Coach at their absolute discretion will select athletes to the Team to compete in the Competition. Without in any way limiting the discretion of the Head Coach, in determining which athletes to select to the Team under this clause, the Head Coach may consider the following factors:
 - (i) performances at the Qualifying Events;
 - (ii) current skills as shown at the Qualifying Events;
 - (iii) performances at other domestic and international events;
 - (iv) current physical and technical skills as exhibited at domestic training camps and in ongoing daily training environments;
 - (v) planning and preparation for the 2024 Olympic Games; and
 - (vi) any other factors the Head Coach considers relevant.
- (h) The discretion granted to the Head Coach is absolute and is not required to be exercised. In exercising their discretion, the Head Coach may consider any factor, or combination of factors that is, in the opinion of the Head Coach, relevant for consideration when selecting athletes to the Team, and may attribute whatever weight they deem appropriate to any factor when making their decision.
- (i) For the avoidance of doubt, the Head Coach is not required to consider, turn its mind to, or rely on all the Factors in the exercise of their discretion to make a selection decision (for example, the Head Coach is entitled to rely on one factor, two factors, three factors, etc. or a combination of several factors in the exercise of their discretion to make a selection decision).

6. Extenuating Circumstances

- (a) Notwithstanding anything contained within the Selection Policy, the Head Coach may make a change to the athletes selected to the Team following the application of clause 5, due to Extenuating Circumstances preventing an athlete from otherwise meeting the Performance Requirements.
- (b) Only Extenuating Circumstances that prevent an athlete from meeting the Performance Requirements will be considered. In considering the performances of athletes at the Qualifying Events, the Head Coach at their absolute discretion, may give weight to Extenuating Circumstances, which shall include one or more of the following:
 - (i) injury or illness;
 - (ii) equipment failure;
 - (iii) travel delays;
 - (iv) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member;
 - (v) an unanticipated event occurring at a Qualifying Event; or
 - (vi) any other factors reasonably considered by the Head Coach at their absolute discretion, to constitute Extenuating Circumstances.
- (c) A decision as to whether Extenuating Circumstances may apply to an athlete will be made by the Head Coach on an individual case by case basis.

7. Appeals

Athletes may appeal their non-selection to the National Sports Tribunal.

8. Withdrawal

Should an athlete withdraw from the Team following their selection to the Team, the Head Coach may, but is not required to, select a replacement athlete. The Head Coach may select any athlete at their absolute discretion as outlined in Clause 5(g) through 5(i) provided the replacement athlete has met Clause 4.

9. Team Membership

- (a) Athletes selected to a Team must sign an Athlete Agreement to confirm their selection to that Team, and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Athlete Agreement.
- (b) Athletes agree that the Head Coach may remove an athlete from the Team where one or more of the following occur:
 - (i) that athlete has not met Australian Taekwondo's requirements in relation to training and participation in training camps as required by the Head Coach in their absolute discretion;
 - (ii) the Head Coach is not satisfied that the athlete is appropriately committed to training, and has both achieved and is maintaining an

appropriate level of health and fitness to achieve their peak performance at the Competition; or

- (iii) that athlete has not completed, signed and returned to Australian Taekwondo the Athlete Agreement, including any additional documents required to be completed under that Agreement.

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