Athlete Categorisation Criteria – to apply from May 2018

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Australian Taekwondo Athlete Categorisation criteria – May 2018

Athlete Categorisation is an Australian sport system-wide framework for categorising athletes in an attempt to provide consistency across sports in identifying and subsequently supporting Australia’s best current and future medal prospects at Olympic, World Championship and Commonwealth Games level. Below is the criteria as it applies to Australian Taekwondo. All sports undertake a review of their categorisation twice annually in-line with their domestic and international training and competition requirements.

1.1 Athlete Categories
The Athlete Categories as it relates to taekwondo consists of six levels. Podium, Podium Ready, Podium Potential, Developing and Emerging categories are the podium pathway, and where Australian Taekwondo and the AIS Combat Centre resources will be prioritised. The International category is being considered for the first time to recognise those athletes that have yet to meet the performance criteria within the podium pathway but have represented Australia at the sport’s most recent benchmark event.

An athlete categorised within the podium pathway may receive a level of resource support for competitions and training camps throughout the remainder of 2018. The level of support will be aligned to the athlete’s categorisation level and Individual Performance Plan – a requirement explained below at clause 1.3 – Conditions, and is dependent on available resources.

Should an exceptional circumstance prevent an athlete from achieving the required criteria at any level, special consideration may be sought using evidence to demonstrate the athlete should be included in one of these categories. The AIS, following the advice of AT, reserves the right to confirm any athlete nominated.

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| Podium                                           | Medallist at latest Senior World Championships or equivalent event and considered capable of winning a medal at the next Senior World Championship or equivalent event | • Medal at 2017 Senior World Championships  
• Medal at 2017 Grand Prix Final |
| Podium Ready                                     | 4-8th at latest Senior World Championship or equivalent event and considered capable of progressing to Podium level | **Sole Requirement:**  
• 5th-8th at 2017 Senior World Championships; or  
• 4th-8th at 2017 Grand Prix Final |
| Podium Potential | Individual athlete considered capable of progressing to at least *Podium Ready* in the next two years | **Primary Requirement (to be considered, not automatically selected):**  
- Top 8 at 2017 Grand Prix events; or  
- Medals in senior divisions at ‘High Quality’ G1/G2 events since January 2017 (see definition below); or  
- Medal at 2016 Junior World Championships; or  
- Top 16 at 2017 Senior World Championships  

**Additional considerations may include:**  
- Olympic Rankings (list including all comps to April 2018);  
- Podium results at ‘other’ G1/G2 events (senior/junior)  
- Positive international performance trend  
- Physical and technical competencies as tested at National Camps and as determined by AT Coaching Director  
- Quality and number of wins at above events  

| Developing | Individual athlete considered capable of progressing to at least *Podium Potential* in the next two years | **Primary Requirement (to be considered, not automatically selected):**  
- Top 8 at 2016 Junior World Championships; or  
- Top 8 results in senior divisions at ‘High Quality’ G1/G2 events since January 2017 (see definition below);  
- Top 16 at 2017 Grand Prix events; and  
- Born no earlier than 1993  

**Additional considerations may include:**  
- Physical and technical competencies as tested at National Camps and as determined by AT Coaching Director  
- Olympic Rankings (list including all comps to April 2018);  
- Podium results at ‘other’ G1/G2 events (senior/junior)  
- Quality and number of wins at above events  
- Positive international performance trend |
Emerging Individual athlete considered capable of progressing to at least Developing in the next two years

**Primary Requirement:**
- Born no earlier than 1997

**Additional considerations may include:**
- Performances at 2017 National Senior Championships or 2017 Senior World Championship selection event;
- Podium results in junior divisions at ‘High Quality’ G1/G2 events since January 2017 (see definition below); and
- Podium results at other G1/G2 events (senior/junior)
- Physical and technical competencies as tested at National Camps and as determined by AT Coaching Director
- Positive performance trend

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*High Quality G1/G2 events:*
US Open  
Turkish Open  
Dutch Open  
Belgian Open  
Spanish Open  
German Open  
Korean Open  
Africa Presidents Cup  
European Presidents Cup  
Asian Presidents Cup  
Pan American Presidents Cup
1.2 Eligibility
In order to be eligible for AWE Categorisation (Taekwondo), athletes must:
   i. Be an Australian citizen;
   ii. Satisfy all relevant World Taekwondo (WT) and International Olympic Committee (IOC) eligibility and nationality rules;
   iii. Be actively training in a taekwondo event that is to be contested at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games;
   iv. Be a registered member of Australian Taekwondo (AT);
   v. Must turn 17 years of age by 31 December 2018.

1.3 Conditions
Categorisation is seen as an investment in an athlete to assist meeting the aims of the sport of Taekwondo with the primary focus being the Campaign through to the 2020 Olympic Games. Selection requires athletes to:
   i. Complete, sign and return paperwork as required, committing to the requirements of Categorisation. (Individual squad membership does not formally commence until an athlete signs and returns their Athlete Agreement).
   ii. Sign and adhere to an Individual Performance Plan (IPP), that has been negotiated between the athlete, their club coach and the National Coaching Director;
   iii. Engage in a review of IPP following every key event;
   iv. Maintain and update personal details (i.e. address, email, phone number) with AIS and AT;
   v. Commit to participate in training camps as required;
   vi. Commit to compete in all domestic events as outlined in their IPP;
   vii. Commit to compete (if selected) at international events for Australia as outlined in their IPP;
   viii. Comply with all anti-doping requirements for taekwondo, AT and the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) including the completion of e-learning modules and updates as requested from time to time;
   ix. Maintain the high standard of personal behaviour expected of an athlete representing Australia;
   x. Abide by both the rules and spirit of the sport of taekwondo;
   xi. Not bring the sport of taekwondo, AT, AIS or any stakeholders into disrepute;
   xii. Comply with all gambling, integrity and anti-match fixing requirements for AT and the ASC including the completion of e-learning modules and updates as requested from time to time;
   xiii. Maintain a lifestyle conducive to sporting excellence; and
   xiv. Commit to be a part of a team and contribute to a culture that inspires and fosters respect and success.
1.3 Selection Panel
The Selection Panel appointed by Australian Taekwondo from time to time, will, where practicable, comprise a mix of:

(i) the AT Coaching Director;
(ii) the AIS Combat Sports Manager;
(iii) up to two internationally experienced AT Coaches;
(iv) an internationally experienced ex-athlete; and
(v) the Chief Executive Officer (non-voting ex-officio)

This Panel, at its sole discretion, may use a number of factors in assessing athletes who have the best chance of contributing to the achievement of both short and long term AWE goals including but not limited to (and in no particular order):

i. An athlete’s responses assessed against attributes that make up a taekwondo performance (i.e. physical, tactical, technical, psychological, psycho-social);
ii. An athlete’s ongoing commitment and application, including communication with national coaches, adherence to individual training plans, motivation to succeed and use of all available resources within a daily training environment to increase performance;
iii. Recent domestic competition performance;
iv. Recent international competition performance (if applicable) with a particular emphasis on the quality of opposition and placing achieved;
v. An athlete’s performance trend over recent times.
vi. An athlete’s willingness to commit to the level of training necessary to achieve the desired performance;
vii. The depth and quality of talent in each event here in Australia in comparison to our international competitors;
viii. Size of the squad in relation to available funding; and
ix. Subjective assessment of the athlete’s character, work ethic and talent.

1.4 Timing or Reviews
The Selection Panel will review both the Performance Indicators and the athletes that meet those criteria twice annually.

1.5 The Selection Process
Successful athletes will be selected by the Selection Panel and notified by AT. Selection will be based objectively off an athlete’s comparability to the Performance Indicators in the above AWE criteria.
Once selected, athletes will be required to complete documentation committing to the above conditions (clause 1.3), to finalise their involvement and to enable any resourcing to be forthcoming. Categorised athletes will have their names listed on the AIS website and will be nationally recognised using this Framework terminology.

1.6 Application Review Process
If an athlete is not selected, they may seek a review within 14 days of the Selection Date, being the date at which the athletes are notified. A request for a review must include the reasons why the athlete feels their omission, or the decision of the Selection Panel is incorrect. The Panel will consider the request within 14 days of receipt and inform the athlete of the outcome. Following this process, there shall be no right to further review or appeal.