



Selection Policy

**2023 World Para
Championships**

Team

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AUSTRALIAN TAEKWONDO TEAM SELECTION POLICY

2023 World Para Championships Team

Definitions

- (a) For the purposes of this Selection Policy:
- (i) Australian Taekwondo (AT) means Australian Taekwondo
 - (ii) the “Chief Executive Officer” (CEO) means the Chief Executive Officer of Australian Taekwondo and for the purposes of this policy shall mean Australian Taekwondo (AT)
 - (iii) “Classification” refers to a structure for Competition to ensure that an Athlete’s Impairment is relevant to sport performance, and that Athletes compete equitably with each other. The purpose of Classification is to define who is eligible to compete in Para Taekwondo
 - (iv) Event means the 2023 World Para Championships.
 - (v) Sports Class means an eligible Class included in the 2023 as designated by World Taekwondo as defined in Clause 5.
 - (vi) The “Selection Panel” means the Panel as appointed by Australian Taekwondo per Clause 7.
 - (vii) The “Selection Process and Criteria” means the requirements as defined in Clause 3.
 - (viii) the “Team” means the 2023 Australian World Para Championship Team;
 - (ix) The “Team Size” means the maximum number of team members as defined in Clause 2.
 - (x) The term ‘Team’ in this policy shall refer to any Athlete member that has been designated to the 2023 World Para Taekwondo Championship Team, in compliance with this Selection Policy.
 - (xi) “World Taekwondo” (WT) means World Taekwondo being the sport’s International Federation.

AUSTRALIAN TAEKWONDO ATHLETE SELECTION POLICY

2023 World Para Championship

1. Background

Australian Taekwondo (AT) is tasked with selecting Taekwondo athletes for selection in the 2023 World Para Championships (Event) Australian Team (the Team).

2. COMPOSITION AND SELECTION OF ALL TEAMS

The event (referred to in Clause.1) is the event that selected athletes will contest.

- a. The final composition and size of the 2023 Team will be determined by (AT)
- b. The maximum quota will be no more than the quota as determined by World Taekwondo.
- c. Only current registered members of AT, with no outstanding financial obligations, will be considered for 2023 Team membership.
- d. Amendments to the Team may be made in accordance with this policy

3. SELECTION OF ATHLETES

- a. Only Athletes who have filled out the Australian Taekwondo - Expression of Interest Form and Nominated in an eligible Sports Class (Referred to in Clause.5) will be considered for selection to the Team for the Event.
- b. Be a classified or eligible to be a classified athlete in the Sports Class Nominated.
- c. Athletes to the 2023 Team will be selected from current AT registered members who are Australian citizens, and either be eligible to apply for, or hold, a valid Australian passport that will not expire for six months after the 2023 World Para Championships.
- d. Dan applicants for selection shall be a Kukkiwon Dan holder and shall compete in A Class competition.
- e. Geup applicants for selection shall be a National Geup holder 4th – 1st Geup and shall compete in B class competition.
- f. Poomsae athletes must be aged 17 Years or Older in the year of the event.
- g. Kyorugi athletes must be aged 16 Years or Older in the year of the event.

- h. Athletes May be assessed via zoom or in person to determine eligibility.
- i. Athletes may be required to be accompanied by a guardian as directed by Australian Taekwondo to be eligible for selection.
- j. Selected Athletes must meet the requirements of the (AT) selection policy and Guidelines.
- k. The Selected Athlete list will be forwarded to the Australian Taekwondo CEO by the Chair of the Selection Panel as soon as is practicable for verification.
- l. Any matter that is not specifically stated in this Policy that affects the selection of an athlete will be referred to the Selection Panel.

4. CLASSIFICATION OF ATHLETES

- a. Athlete must go through International Classification in accordance with the World Para Taekwondo Athlete Classification Rules and be assigned a Sport Class and Sport Class Status prior to the tournament. Athletes found Not Eligible (NE) or with a Classification Not Complete(CNC) will not be able to compete. For more information refer to <https://austkd.com.au/aus-tkd-programs/para/>
- b. All P30 athletes will be assigned an "R", review Sport Class Status, and must go through classification again at their first tournament under the new World Para Taekwondo Athlete Classification Rules. It is essential that a new MDF be submitted to the WTCS no later than registration deadline of the 2023 10th World Para Taekwondo Championships
- c. For the P20 Sport Class, Virtus International Eligibility is still recognized. A new system for eligibility will be introduced. There will be an "MDF" for P20. IQ test from verified psychologist will be required as well as medical report. If AAI is present with downs syndrome this needs to be noted too. MDF and IQ test, AAI is required to be uploaded to the WTCS.

5. ELIGIBLE SPORTS CLASSES

- a. Competitions will be held in the Kyorugi “K”, K41 and K44 Sport Classes
- b. Competitions will be held in the Poomsae “P”, P21-23, P31-35, P51-53 and P72 Sport Classes.
- c. Poomsae competition will be further divided into A Class (Dan Grades) and B class Geup Grades (4th – 1st Geup)

6. COVID

- a. Be prepared to meet any vaccination requirements in place at the time of travel or have a medical exemption
- b. Be prepared to follow any instructions from team officials in regard to Covid minimisation instructions.

7. SELECTION PANEL

The Selection Panel will be appointed by the Chief Executive Officer (Australian Taekwondo) from time to time, which, where practicable will comprise of:

- (i) the National Performance Manager.
- (ii) Two AT Appointed Members

The Selection Panel will select the Team to be forwarded to Chief Executive Officer (Australian Taekwondo) for final verification.

8. EXPECTATIONS OF TEAM ATHLETES

- a. Attain a WT GAL via AT upon notice of selection.
- b. Attain a AT athlete licence upon notice of selection.
- c. Be medically able to complete all training and competition requirements leading up to and during the event.
- d. To present any medical certificates were required by AT.
- e. To pay all costs associated with individual para classifications.
- f. To be accompanied by a guardian if required by AT.
- g. To pay all costs as determined by Australian Taekwondo.

9. FUNDING

The team is self-funded and all costs related to the 2023 World Para Championships will be the responsibility of the selected athlete. Australian Taekwondo will where possible supply links and contacts to external agencies to assist in attaining external funding.

10. AMEDMENTS

- a. This policy may be amended or supplemented by AT at its discretion in order to achieve the objective and specifically where matters arise which, in the sole opinion of AT have not been provided for in this policy or where the literal application of this policy would not achieve the objective.
- b. This policy may be amended or supplemented by AT at its discretion where matters related to Covid effect the ability to implement the event or the policy in a manner that would not achieve the objectives set out in this policy. This includes but not limited to, changes to competition date, changes to competition location and or changes to selection method or criteria.
- c. Any such variation or amendment must be advised in writing to the AT Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The AT CEO will Endeavour to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any amendment or supplement to this Policy.

11. APPEALS

- a. Within [24] hours of the time that a Non-Selected Athlete receives notice of their non-selection, the Non-Selected Athlete must provide Written Notice to the CEO of Australian Taekwondo that the Non-Selected Athlete disputes their non-selection.
- b. The Non-Selected Athlete must provide reasons to support their notice of dispute. The Written Notice must be accompanied by an AUD200 application fee, which will be refunded to the Athlete should the outcome of the dispute or appeal process result in their selection for the Team for the Event.
- c. An appeal must follow the procedures as set out in the Australian Taekwondo Selection Appeals Policy. The full process for appeals is outlined in Clause 5 of the policy which can be viewed or downloaded [HERE](#). By clicking on the policy section of the menu.