



2025 Senior World Championships Selection Policy

Wuxi 2025 World Taekwondo
Championships

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1. Definitions

For the purposes of this Selection Policy:

- i. The “Team” means the 2025 Australian Senior World Championships Team.
- ii. The term ‘Team’ in this policy shall refer to any Athlete member that has been designated to the 2025 Senior World Taekwondo Championship Team in compliance with this Selection Policy.
- iii. the “Competition” means the 2025 Senior World Championship Selection Event; which will take place at a time and location as determined by Australian Taekwondo;
- iv. “Selection Event” means 2025 World Championships Selection for Senior World Championships categories the “Competition”.
- v. The “Selection Panel” means the Panel as appointed by Australian Taekwondo per Clause 5.
- vi. “World Taekwondo” (WT) means World Taekwondo being the International Federation.
- vii. AT means Australian Taekwondo (AT) and shall be represented by the Chief Executive Officer of Australian Taekwondo.
- viii. 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)
- ix. The “Team Size” means the maximum number of team members as defined in Clause 2.
- x. The “Selection Process and Criteria” means the requirements as defined in Clause 3.
- xi. “Extenuating Circumstances” means the circumstances as defined in Clause 9.

2. Background

Australian Taekwondo (AT) is tasked with offering opportunities for athletes to enhance their potential for success with an opportunity to be selected for the Australian 2025 World Taekwondo World Championships Senior Team (the Team).

The Team will be selected via the 2025 Senior World Championships Selection Event to be held in Sydney, Australia on the 31st of May 2025 (the Selection Event).

The Selection event will also be used to select athletes for the World University Games and the World U21 Championships. Refer to section 12 for relevant information on these events.

3. Composition and Selection

- 3.1 The Selection Event (referred to in Clause 1) is the selection event for the Team.
- 3.2 The final composition and size of the 2025 Team will be determined by AT.
- 3.3 The maximum quota of team members will be no more than that designated by WT in each of the Senior categories.
- 3.4 Only current registered members of AT, with no outstanding financial obligations, will be considered for selection.
- 3.5 Amendments to the Team/s may be made in accordance with this policy.

4. Selection of Athletes

- 4.1 The 2025 Team will be selected from members contesting the Selection Event in one of the available divisions as per the World Taekwondo (WT) divisions and requirements.
- 4.2 Athletes to the 2025 Team/s 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 2025 World Taekwondo Championships.
- 4.3 Applicants for selection shall be a Kukkiwon Dan holder or have submitted an application for Kukkiwon Certification through AT as of the date of submitting their entry application to the Selection Event.
- 4.4 Athletes must be registered through their actual Club/Academy. Athletes found to be registering through proxy Clubs/Academies will face sanctions.
- 4.5 Senior Athletes must be aged 18 years and above at December 31st 2025.
- 4.6 Athletes who have first placing results in their nominated division at the 2025 Selection Event shall be selected to the Team for the 2025 Senior World Taekwondo Championships.
- 4.7 Athletes in uncontested divisions who request a refund will be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition and therefore will not be eligible for selection.
- 4.8 In the event that a selected athlete in a particular weight category is deemed to be ineligible to take a position on the Team pursuant to the conditions specified in this Policy, the CEO of AT will refer the matter to the Selection Panel for consideration.
- 4.9 The Team list will be forwarded to the Australian Taekwondo CEO by the Chairperson of Selection panel as soon as is practicable.
- 4.10 Any matter that is not specifically stated in this Policy that affects the selection of an athlete will be referred to the Selection Panel.
- 4.11 In the event an athlete is uncontested, the athlete may be screened by the Selection Panel for international competition readiness. The Panel will assess attributes including, but not limited to: technical skills, fighting capabilities and prior competition record. Athletes and coaches will be provided a time and place for any such screening. Such screening may be conducted live or through zoom or other communication technologies at the sole discretion of the Selection Panel.

5. Selection Panel

The Selection Panel appointed by Australian Taekwondo from time to time, which, where practicable will comprise of:

- i. The Australian Taekwondo Head of Performance (Panel Chairperson)
- ii. The Combat Australia High Performance Manager
- iii. The Head Coach of the Senior World Championships Team

The Selection Panel will select the Team.

6. Expectations of team and squad athletes

- a. Attain a WT GAL via AT upon notice of selection
- b. Attendance at any required Team Training camp or competition prior to the 2025 World Championships

- c. Notification to AT of any illness or injury that will affect preparation, including a Recovery Plan.
- d. Notification to AT of any other circumstances that will affect preparation.

7. Removal from Team

Any athlete may be removed who:

- a. By reason of illness or injury is unable to perform to the required standard in the opinion of the Selection Panel (after having received advice from a medical practitioner).
- b. Breaches or fails to fulfill a requirement of anti-doping requirements of the World Taekwondo (WT) and/or AT.
- c. Breaches or fails to observe the conditions described in the Application Form, Team Agreement or Code of Conduct.
- d. Fails to meet the Team expectations without reasonable explanation and failure to inform AT.
- e. In the consideration of the AT Selection Panel fails or breaches any rules of AT that at its sole discretion warrants removal from the Team.

Any athlete removed from the Team may be replaced in compliance with this Selection Policy. Athletes from the Team may be replaced with athletes from the Squad subject to them having met all of the Team and Squad expectations.

8. Funding

Selection to the Team does not guarantee funding to any events, camps or the World Championships. Funding will be available for athletes subject to the funding sources available to AT.

9. Extenuating Circumstances

- 9.1 Notwithstanding anything contained within the Selection Policy, the Selection Panel may make a change to the athletes selected to the Team for any event, due to Extenuating Circumstances preventing an athlete from otherwise meeting the Performance Requirements or Required Event/s.
- 9.2 Only Extenuating Circumstances that prevent an athlete from meeting the Performance Requirements or Required Event/s will be considered. In considering the performances of athletes at the Required Event/s, the Selection Panel at their absolute discretion, may give weight to Extenuating Circumstances, which shall include one or more of the following:
 - 9.2.1 injury or illness.
 - 9.2.2 equipment failure.
 - 9.2.3 travel delays.
 - 9.2.4 bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member.
 - 9.2.5 an unanticipated event occurring at the Qualifying Event; or
- 9.3 Any other factors reasonably considered by the selection panel at their absolute discretion, to constitute Extenuating Circumstances.

A decision as to whether Extenuating Circumstances may apply to an athlete will be made by the Selection Panel on an individual case by case basis.

10. Amendments

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 Any such variation or amendment must be advised in writing by 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

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 The Non-Selected Athlete must provide reasons to support their notice of dispute. The Written Notice must be accompanied by an AUD \$200 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.
- 11.3 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 [here](#).

12. World University Games

- 12.1 The selection event will be used to select athletes for the World University Games in Germany 20-27 July.
- 12.2 Athletes will be required to select they wish to be considered for selection for the University Games when entering the seniors selection event
- 12.3 The highest ranking athlete in each division that is eligible for the World University Games will be nominated for selection to the World University Games Team
- 12.4 In the event 2 athletes eligible for the University Games are of equal ranking at the event e.g. equal 3rd after losing in the semi-finals, they will be required to fight each other with the winner being nominated for selection to the University Games Team.