



# **2026 Oceania Championships Selection Policy**

**Sydney 2026 Oceania Taekwondo  
Championships.**

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# 1. Definitions

For the purposes of this Selection Policy:

- i. The “Team” means the 2026 Australian Oceania Championships Team.
- ii. The term ‘Team’ in this policy shall refer to any Athlete member that has been designated to the 2026 Australian Oceania Championships Team in compliance with this Selection Policy.
- iii. “Selection Event” means 2026 Oceania Championships Selection Event for the Oceania Taekwondo Championships categories the “Competition”.
- iv. The “Selection Panel” means the Panel as appointed by Australian Taekwondo per Clause 5.
- v. “World Taekwondo” (WT) means World Taekwondo being the International Federation.
- vi. Oceania Taekwondo means the Oceania Taekwondo Union
- 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 2026 Oceania Taekwondo Championships Team (the Team).

Oceania Championships will be held in Sydney in 27-28 March 2026

The Team will be selected via the 2026 Oceania Championships Selection Event (the Selection Event) 7-8 February 2026 at Whitlam Leisure Centre, Liverpool NSW.

## 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 2026 Team will be determined by AT.
- 3.3 The maximum quota of team members will be no more than that designated by Oceania in each of the Senior, junior and cadet categories outlined below. Each country can qualify up to 2 athletes per senior division and up to 4 in each cadet and junior division. According to the ‘The Presidents Cup - Oceania Region Qualification By-Law’ for Senior Divisions the highest finishing Australian Athlete in each division from the 2025 President’s Cup automatically qualifies for the 2026 Oceania Championships. The remaining spot will be offered to the winner in each division at the selection event.
- 3.4 As cadet and junior divisions were not confirmed as being part of the 2026 Oceania Championships at the time of the 2025 President’s Cup all athletes in these divisions will be required to qualify through the Oceania Championships Selection event with the top 4 qualifying.
- 3.5 Weight divisions for each age group are outlined below.

SENIOR	
Male	Female
-54kg	-46kg
-58kg	-49kg
-63kg	-53kg
-68kg	-57kg
-74kg	-62kg
-80kg	-67kg
-87kg	-73kg
+87kg	+73kg

JUNIOR	
Male	Female
-45kg	-42kg
-48kg	-44kg
-51kg	-46kg
-55kg	-49kg
-59kg	-52kg
-63kg	-55kg
-68kg	-59kg
-73kg	-63kg
-78kg	-68kg
+78kg	+68kg

CADET	
Male	Female
-33kg	-29kg
-37kg	-33kg
-41kg	-37kg
-45kg	-41kg

-49kg	-44kg
-53kg	-47kg
-57kg	-51kg
-61kg	-55kg
-65kg	-59kg
+65kg	+59kg

3.6 Only current registered members of AT, with no outstanding financial obligations, will be considered for selection.

3.7 Amendments to the Team/s may be made in accordance with this policy.

## 4. Selection of Athletes

4.1 Senior athletes must be aged 17 years + at December 31st 2026

4.2 Junior athletes must be aged 15-17 years at December 31st 2026

4.3 Cadet athletes must be aged 12-14 years at December 31st 2026

4.4 Youth athletes must be aged 10-11 years at December 31st 2026

4.5 Para athletes must be aged 16 years + at December 31st 2026

4.6 The 2026 Team will be selected from members contesting the Selection Event as per the World Taekwondo (WT) divisions and requirements.

4.7 Athletes to the 2026 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 2026 Oceania Championships.

4.8 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.

4.9 Athletes must be registered through their actual Club/Academy. Athletes found to be registering through proxy Clubs/Academies will face sanctions.

4.10 If any athlete who qualifies withdraws from the team the spot will be offered to the next highest placed athlete.

4.11 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.

4.12 In the event that a selected athlete in a particular weight category is subsequently deemed ineligible under the conditions outlined in this Policy, the AT CEO will refer the matter to the Selection Panel for review and determination.

4.13 The Team list will be forwarded to the Australian Taekwondo CEO by the Chairperson of Selection panel as soon as is practicable.

- 4.14 Any matter that is not specifically stated in this Policy that affects the selection of an athlete will be referred to the Selection Panel.
- 4.15 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 will comprise of:

- i. The Australian Taekwondo Head of Performance (Panel Chairperson)
- ii. The AT Performance Pathways Lead
- iii. The Combat Australia Performance Director

## 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 2026 Oceania 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 Oceania Championships. Funding will be available for athletes subject to the funding sources available to AT and Combat Australia.

## 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](#).