



2026 Poomsae World Championships Selection Policy

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1. Purpose

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 World Taekwondo World Championships Team (the Team).

Definitions

For the purposes of this Selection Policy:

- (i) the “Team” means the 2026 Australian World Championships Team;
- (ii) The term ‘Team’ in this policy shall refer to any Athlete member that has been designated to the 2026 World Taekwondo Championship Team, in compliance with this Selection Policy.
- (iii) the “Competition” means the 2026 World Championship Selection Event; which will take place at a time and location as determined by Australian Taekwondo;
- (iv) “Selection Event” means 2026 World Championships Poomsae Selection 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 sport’s International Federation.
- (vii) the “Chief Executive Officer” means the Chief Executive Officer of Australian Taekwondo
- (viii) The “Team Size” means the maximum number of team members as defined in Clause 2.
- (ix) The “Selection Process and Criteria” means the requirements as defined in Clause 3.
- (x) “Extenuating Circumstances” means the circumstances as defined in Clause 9.

2. Composition and Selection of All Teams

The Selection Event (referred to in Clause 1) is the selection event for the Team.

- a. The final composition and size of the 2026 Team will be determined by AT.
- b. The maximum quota will be no more than that as designated by World Taekwondo and this will be the maximum number of team members.
- c. Only current registered members of AT, with no outstanding financial obligations or sanctions, will be considered for 2026 Team membership.
- d. Amendments to the Team may be made in accordance with this policy

3. Selection of Athletes

- a. The 2026 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.

- b. Athletes to the 2026 Team will be selected from current AT registered members (must hold Basic Membership and a National Athlete License) 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 World Taekwondo Championships.
- c. 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.
- d. Athletes must be aged 12 Years or Older as of December 31st, 2026
- e. Athletes who have first placing results at the 2026 Selection Event shall be selected to the Team for the 2026 World Taekwondo Championships. Athletes who receive 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place placings, will form part of the selection group/cohort for their age division and may be eligible for selection for teams and pairs events. Athletes will be considered for teams and pairs events in placing order. The exception will be uncontested athletes who may be required to fulfill the requirements outlined in 3.j.
- f. 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
- g. In the event that a selected athlete in a particular Division 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.
- h. The Team list will be forwarded to the Australian Taekwondo CEO by the Australian Taekwondo Poomsae Performance Pathway Lead, as soon as is practicable for verification and publication.
- i. Any matter that is not specifically stated in this Policy that affects the selection of an athlete will be referred to the Selection Panel.
- j. 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, competition capabilities and prior competition record.

4. Selection Panel

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

- (i) Australian Taekwondo Head of Performance
- (ii) Australian Taekwondo Poomsae Performance Pathway Lead
- (iii) Australian Taekwondo Poomsae Performance Pathway Technical Coordinator

The Selection Panel will select the Team.

5. Expectations of team and squad athletes

Athletes must:

- a. Hold or attain a WT GAL via AT upon notice of selection
- b. Attendance at any required Team Training camp or preparation competition event, prior to the 2026 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.

6. Removal from Australian 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.
- f. 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.

7. Funding

Selection to the Team does not guarantee funding to any events, camps or the World Championships.

8. Extenuating Circumstances

- a. 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.
- b. 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:
 - 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 the Qualifying Event; or
- c. 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.

9. Amendments

- 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 Government recognized Health or infectious disease Epidemics that affect 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 endeavor to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any amendment or supplement to this Policy.

10. 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 and Performance Pathway Lead 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](#).