

KARATE CANADA

Senior National Team Criteria

For Kata Athletes – 2018-19 Season



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These Selection Criteria are in line with the AAP Carding Criteria for 2019-2020, and apply to the National Senior Team Kata athletes only. The following items are addressed:

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PART I – Selection Framework

1. Overall philosophy of the Selection Criteria
2. How to get on the National Senior Team;
3. How to get an Athlete's status;
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5. How to be selected for participation in the Senior World Karate Championships (WKF).

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PART 1 – SELECTION FRAMEWORK

1.0 INTRODUCTION

All funding directed to athletes, as stipulated in Part II, Table 6, will be a function of Karate Canada's budget and the athlete's status.

These criteria will be applied to all Senior National Kata Team Roster members, taking into account any current points and statuses earned in the current and/or previous season (depending on point expiration) using the Senior National Team Points Criteria as identified in Part II, Table 3 of this document. For the purposes of this document, the term "season" designates the time period between (and including) the first Senior National Team Camp 1 (SNTC-1) and the start of the SNTC-1 in the following year. Also, any reference to the National Team Head Coach will refer to either the individual filling that position on a permanent basis or an appointed temporary substitute in the event that the Kata Head Coach position(s) is vacant.

The classification of "official", "development", "domestic", "continental" and "international" tournaments, and the points that athletes are able to accumulate at each one, will be determined by the National Head Coach on an annual basis, pending approval by the High Performance Committee. Please refer to Part II of this document for the point allocation for each competition for the current season.

The schedule of international tournaments and/or training camps chosen for the National Senior Team Roster can be modified during the course of the season by giving at least 8 (eight) weeks notice prior to the scheduled beginning of an event. Karate Canada may cancel participation in any of these events due to unforeseen circumstances, such as but not limited to, re-scheduling or cancellation of the event, or another event, by its respective organizing committee, availability of budget and/or other factors present at the time that are considered detrimental to Karate Canada's performance objectives as determined by the HP Committee.

Please note that Karate Canada reserves the right to amend these Criteria after the date of their original publication, in accordance with the primary objective of enhancing Karate Canada's chances of obtaining podium results and achieving success at certain WKF and/or PKF competitions, and as may be required in order to align with international karate sport governing bodies (WKF, PKF...) and other external agencies/partners (Canadian Olympic Committee, Sport Canada, Own The Podium...).

2.0 OVERALL PHILOSOPHY AND VALUES OF SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria is designed to meet 2 objectives

1. To ensure that Karate Canada fields the most competitive teams as possible in accordance with the long term objectives of the KC High Performance Plan, and;
2. To develop future athletes as and when appropriate to ensure a healthy and continuous pipeline of athletes representing Karate Canada at designated events.

The values used by the High Performance Committee when developing the Selection Criteria and for decision making in selection-related matters are as follows:

Transparency

Ensuring that the selection process and decisions are clearly and fully communicated to KC stakeholders.

Performance Excellence

Ensuring that decisions and criteria are guided by the philosophy of always selecting the best possible team for Karate Canada within consideration of funding, and of long-term performance objectives.

Athlete safety and well being

To ensure that athletes are not forced or coerced into over-competing and/or competing in inappropriate competitions, or at the wrong time of their training cycles.

3.0 HOW TO GET ON THE SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

An athlete must be invited by Karate Canada and must participate in the 1st Senior National Training Camp, or SNTC-1 (see possible exceptions in section 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5 & 6.2 below and in Appendix B). Athletes who achieve the following categories will receive an invitation to the SNTC 1:

- International A status-holding athletes.
- International B status-holding athletes.
- International C status-holding athletes.
- National A status-holding athletes.
- 4 medalists from the latest Canadian National Championships
- Coaches’ “Discretionary Selection” athletes

Considerations for Coaches’ “Discretionary Selection” athletes are athletes who are showing exceptional potential at an early age and need some experience at higher level competition or have missed selection due to exceptional circumstances such as illness, injury or other factors.

“Discretionary Selection” athletes must be approved by the High Performance Committee.

- Invited Athletes – are athletes showing potential and invited by the National Team Head Coach, if any. Those athletes will not be named onto the National Senior Team Roster at the conclusion of the SNTC-1, and are only included in the SNTC-1 by the National Team Head Coach for the purposes of gaining experience and/or as training partners.

Please note that the status of the athlete at the time of issuance of the invitation is to be considered. The invitation to the SNTC-1 is to be issued to athletes at least 21 (twenty-one) days before the start of the Camp. If eligible athletes are not invited at least 21 (twenty-one) before the start of the camp, they may decline the invitation without future penalty.

At the conclusion of the SNTC-1, a National Team Roster of eligible athletes will be announced.

The subsequent selection of specific athletes to represent Canada at major karate competitions during the season will:

- Occur at defined times prior to each competition (see Part II, Table 1);
- Be based on status and accumulated performance/ranking points at the time of the invitation.
- If the status and accumulation of performance/ranking points does not clearly determine a single specific athlete, the tie breaking criteria (Section 6.1) will be applied.
- Draw only from the National Team Roster at the time of the invitation (with the exception of situations described in sections 3.1 and 3.5 below).
- Depend on the total size of the Team at each event, as determined by Karate Canada's budget and High Performance Plan, and/or by the specific tournament Organizing Committee requirements.

3.1 Attendance at SNTC -1

For all athletes who have been issued an invitation to the SNTC-1, even in the case of injury/illness or (prescribed and active) recovery from injury/illness, the athlete will still be requested to attend the SNTC-1. Only athletes with exceptional circumstances (such as infectious disease or other exceptional medical or family circumstances) may be approved (or requested) not to attend by Karate Canada. Please refer to the exceptional circumstances section in Section 7 below, as well as to Appendix B.

Athletes who have been issued an invitation to the SNTC-1 based on status or as Coaches' Discretionary Selection and who do not participate in the SNTC-1 without approval for exceptional circumstances by the National Team Head Coach, will not be part of the National Senior Team Roster.

3.2 Late Entry to the National Team Roster

If an athlete accumulates enough points at **WKF Karate-1 events** throughout the year to gain status in a category listed above in Section 3.0, they will be added to the Senior National Team Roster, at the time that their accumulated points make them eligible, without waiting until the next SNTC-1 selection period.

3.3 Selection Of Athletes To Fill Vacant Spots

Participation in the entire SNTC-1 is mandatory for all invited athletes who want to be part of the Senior National Team Roster (see possible exemptions in Sections 6.2 and 7, and in Appendix B). However, if a certain spot or division is left vacant at the conclusion of the SNTC -1, the Kata National Team Head Coach may, in the course of the season, exceptionally choose another athlete or other athletes to fill this spot or division.

In such a case, the athlete(s) must be named to the National Team Roster at least 14 (fourteen) days before the beginning of the first event in which they will be selected to compete, must have at least earned a podium result (in kata) at the most recent KC National Championships (with the exception of Team Kata, for which participation in National Championships is sufficient, regardless of placement), and will be subject to all other Team requirements.

The selection of this (these) athlete(s) must be approved by the High Performance Committee.

3.4 Citizenship Requirements

Non-Canadian citizens may be named to the National Team Roster and, thereby, earn ranking points at National Championships and at Open tournaments if and only if they are permanent residents. Only upon the attainment of Canadian citizenship will they become eligible to be named to a National Team representing Canada at Pan American Championships or Games, and official Intercontinental or World Championships.

3.5 Selection Of Alternates / Late Replacement Athletes

Karate Canada is under no obligation to select an alternate for either a training camp or an international competition. See section 6.2 for the selection process and criteria for alternates. As soon as an athlete is named onto a team for a specific competition as an alternate or to fill a vacant spot, he /she immediately becomes a Senior National Team Roster athlete, for the remainder of the season.

3.6 National Team Competitions

Senior National Team Kata athletes will be invited to compete in specific competitions each season.

The list of targeted events for the current year is found in Part II of this document.

Senior National Team Roster Kata athletes may also choose to engage in other Open competitions if they so choose; however, no coaching staff, logistical support nor funding will be provided by KC to athletes participating in these self-selected additional tournaments.

Performance points from self-selected additional competitions will be awarded according to the results in designated competitions as per the point allocation in Part II Tables 4 and 5.

3.7 National, Regional and Inter-Regional Training Camps

In order to remain on the Senior National Team Roster, all invited Senior Kata National Team Roster athletes residing in Ontario or in Quebec must participate in all mandatory Regional and/or ON-QC Inter-Regional Training Camps, if they reside within a 200 km radius from the training camp venue, for Regional Camps, or within a 300 km radius from the training camp venue for Inter-Regional Camps. Athletes living outside of the 300 km perimeter will be exempt from mandatory participation in QC-ON Inter-Regional Training Camps.

Furthermore, in order to remain on the Senior National Team Roster, all invited Senior Kumite National Team Roster athletes must participate in all mandatory Regional Training Camps, if they reside within a 200 km radius from the training camp venue. Athletes living outside of this perimeter will be exempt from mandatory participation in Regional Training Camps.

The date(s) and location of each Camp will be announced at least 4 (four) weeks prior to the beginning of each training camp. KC has the right to change the dates and/or location of any of the mandatory camps, or cancel a camp, provided at least 2 (two) weeks notice is given to Senior National Team members.

See Part II for the list of mandatory Regional and/or Inter-Regional camps for the current season (dates and locations remains subject to change). Please note that Karate Canada may add another Regional Training Centre during the course of the season.

Other athletes may be invited to attend Regional and/or Inter-Regional Training Camps as training partners, but this does not mean they are on the Senior National Team Roster.

3.8 Mandatory Events For Carded Athletes

All Carded athletes will be required to participate in designated mandatory National and/or International Competitions and National/International Training Camps.

The dates and locations of the identified mandatory competitions and national/international training camps may change from season to season and will be published no later than 6 (six) weeks prior to the beginning of the camp or competition.

The list of mandatory competitions and camps for Sport Canada carded athletes is found in Part II of this document.

Carded athletes living in either Ontario or Quebec must also attend all Ontario-Quebec Inter-Regional Training Sessions (as listed in Part II).

Furthermore, all Carded athletes must attend all Regional Training Camps that they are invited to, if they reside within a 200 km radius from the training camp venue. Carded athletes living outside of this perimeter will be exempt from mandatory participation in Regional Training Camps.

Failure to meet the requirements for Carded athletes may result in Karate Canada recommending to Sport Canada that an athlete no longer benefit from AAP support.

4.0 HOW TO OBTAIN A STATUS

Athletes accumulate points for their performance at the events listed in Part II, and the Rules about Status and Points. In turn, a particular status can be obtained according to the following point accumulation:

- Until December 31st 2018 inclusively:

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| a. International A: | 400 or more points; |
| b. International B: | between 250 and 399 points; |
| c. International C: | between 120 and 249 points; |
| d. National A: | between 80 and 119 points. |

- As of January 1st 2019 inclusively:

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. International A: | 600 or more points; |
| b. International B: | between 201 and 599 points; |
| c. International C: | between 131 and 200 points; |
| d. National A: | between 75 and 130 points. |

4.1 Rules about Status and Points

1. All KC ranking points will be converted to the new value indicated in column G of the Ranking Points Table (Table 4, in Part II of this document) on January 1st 2019. As of that date, all new earned KC ranking points will be awarded using the values listed in that column (for Team divisions, the same will apply, using column E of the Ranking Points Table 5).
2. An athlete must win at least 2 bouts in order to be awarded 100% of the points as listed in Part II.
3. An athlete who obtains a result, with only 1 win, will be awarded only 50% of the points as listed in Part II.
4. If an athlete obtains a result with no win, he/she will not be awarded any ranking points.
5. A win through a bye and/or absence of an opponent will not be counted as a victory and will not be counted towards point accumulation.
6. Points obtained in team kata will remain in the team kata division and will not be added to any athlete's individual division. Should one of the three members who earned these points be replaced by another athlete (due to the replaced athlete being injured or having decided to retire or withdraw from the team willingly), the team will continue to benefit from these points from the date on which they were earned until the date of expiry. Should more than one of the original team members be replaced, points will be lost regardless of their original anticipated expiry date.
7. Points obtained in an individual division can only be accumulated within that same division. Those points cannot cross-accumulate with other individual disciplines (i.e. kata and kumite) age and weight divisions.
8. Only the events listed in Part II Table 3 of this document are considered for accumulation of points.

4.2 Strength of Field

In order to ensure that events in which points can be accumulated are competitive the following rules will also apply for point accumulation.

Points for all international WKF Karate-1 events will be reduced if the number of elite level competitors in that competition does not satisfy requirements.

Strength of field categories:

NOTE: Strength of Field categories only applies to Individual Kata competitions and NOT to Team Kata competitions.

- An athlete in Top 8 at the most recent World (WKF) Championships
- An athlete in the Top 5 at the most recent Pan American (PKF) Championships
- An athlete in the Top 5 at the most recent European (EKF) Championships
- An athlete in the Top 5 at the most recent Asian (AKF) Championships
- An athlete in the World Top 20 in the WKF Sport Data rankings

Requirements:

- In order to receive full points for gold at a Karate-1 event, there must be 2 opponents from any one of the 5 “Strength of Field” categories listed above in the athlete’s division at the event. If the division only includes 1 opponent from any one of the 5 “Strength of Field” categories below, then only 75% of that event’s designated points for gold are awarded. If the division does not include any opponent from any one of the 5 “Strength of Field” categories below, then only 50% of that event’s designated points are awarded.
- In order to receive full points for silver at a Karate-1 event, there must be 2 opponents from any one of the 5 “Strength of Field” categories listed above in the athlete’s division at the event, with at least one such athlete on the athlete’s side (half) of the elimination sheet. If the division only includes 1 opponent from any one of the 5 “Strength of Field” categories below, then 75% of that event’s designated points for silver are awarded. If the division does not include any opponent from any one of the 5 “Strength of Field” categories below, then only 50% of that event’s designated points are awarded.
- In order to receive full points for any other result (below a gold or silver finish) at a Karate-1 event, the athlete must be positioned on the same side (half) of the elimination sheet as at least 2 opponents from any one of the 5 “Strength of Field” categories listed above. If only 1 opponent from any one of the 5 “Strength of Field” categories below is on the same side/ in the same half of the elimination sheet as the athlete, then only 75% of that event’s designated points are awarded. If no opponents from the categories below are on the same side/ in the same half of the elimination sheet as the athlete, then only 50% of that event’s designated points are allocated for that event.

Please note: should performance points earned at a competition be subject to point devaluation both under the Strength of Field criteria above and based on the number of matches won (as per 4.1), Karate Canada will consider the lowest of the two point totals for the competition, and will not devalue the ranking points from table 3 (Part II) twice for a same competitive result.

4.3 Duration And Expiration Of Points

1. The start date of an athlete's points is the finishing date of the event where the athlete achieved the result for which the ranking points were awarded – (see notes following Part II).
2. An athlete's ranking points are valid:
 - From the end date of a National Championships to the start date of the following (annual) National Championships for points derived from performance at the that specific National Championships
 - From event to event, or 1 year if the event doesn't reoccur within the following season, for results obtained at the following events:
 - All WKF Karate-1 Premier League and Series A Competitions**
 - Senior Pan American Championships (except for a gold medal result – see below)
 - For 1 year for points derived from a top eight (8) finish at Senior World Championships;
 - From event to event or for two (2) years if the event doesn't reoccur within the following two (2) seasons for points derived from a medal at the Senior World Championship;
 - From event to the next subsequent edition of the same event, or for two (2) years if the event doesn't reoccur within the following two (2) seasons for points derived from a gold medal at the Senior Pan American Championship;
 - For two (2) years for points derived from a gold medal at the Senior Pan American Games;
 - For all ranking point awards that carry for a two (2) year duration, a reduction of 50% will occur on the 1st anniversary of the ranking point award and continue at that reduced amount for the remainder of the second year.
 - When an Athlete is awarded a Status through the accumulation of points, the impact on the Athlete's Status will only last as long as the points are maintained to keep that athlete within the respective brackets of status.

5.0 SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

(AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SNTC-1)

In order to become eligible for selection onto National Teams that will participate in Karate Canada-sanctioned events throughout the season, kata athletes will be selected onto the National Team Roster in the following order of priority, at the conclusion of the SNTC-1:

- International A status-holding athletes;
- International B status-holding athletes;
- International C status-holding athletes;
- National A status-holding athletes;
- Medalists from most recent Canadian National Championships
- ‘Coaches’ “Discretionary Selection” athletes – are athletes who may fill the open spots, if any, as selected by the Head Coaches.

Karate Canada and the Head Coaches are under no obligation to fill vacant spots, when selecting/naming the National Team Roster.

5.1 Tiebreaking Criteria for Selection onto the Senior National Team Roster

The tiebreaker process will be as follows for two or more athletes who hold the same status:

1. The athlete with the higher total number of current Karate Canada ranking points earned from performance at Senior World (WKF) Championships, Senior Pan American (PKF) Championships and WKF Karate-1 competitions will be selected.
2. If the tie persists, the athlete with the highest total number of matches won at (maximum 2) WKF Karate-1 competitions within the last year (if matches won at more than 2 Karate-1 events, the two events with highest totals of matches won only will be considered, after applying the Strength of Field Criteria) will be selected. Matches won at these international competitions will also be weighted and valued according to the “Strength of Field” criterion indicated at article 4.2.
3. If the tie persists, the athlete with the highest total number of matches won at the latest Senior Pan American (PKF) Championships will be selected. Matches won at these Championships will also be weighted and valued according to the “Strength of Field” criterion indicated at article 4.2.
4. If the tie persists, the athlete who obtained the best result (in that division) at the 2018 Karate Canada National Championships will be selected (only applicable if all tied athletes in a given division have competed in that division at these Championships).
5. If the tie persists, final selection will be decided by the National Team Kata Head Coach, and must be approved by the HP Committee.

The naming of an athlete to the National Team designated to attend a specific targeted event will be made in accordance with ranking point accumulation at the time of the selection (see section 6.0).

Unless specified otherwise in this document, selection onto the National Team for a targeted competition will occur no later than 30 (thirty) days before the start of this competition. Selection of National Teams for specific events will occur at specific dates (see Part II, Table 4).

6.0 SELECTION CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL TEAMS AT SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

In order to participate in any Karate Canada-sanctioned events, kata athletes will be selected from the National Team Roster (see possible exceptions at 3.5 & 6.2) and onto each specific event's National Team in the following order of priority, depending on the overall pre-set size of the Team (announced by Karate Canada at least 30 (thirty) days before the start of each international competition) and the number of athletes able to participate in each division at each of these events:

1. International A status-holding athletes;
2. International B status-holding athletes;
3. International C status-holding athletes;
4. National A status-holding athletes;
5. Athletes who were invited to participate in the current season's SNTC-1 as 'Coaches' Discretionary Selections'.

The previous selection order and criteria does not necessarily apply for "development competitions" that do not carry Karate Canada ranking points (as listed in Part II below). Athletes may be selected for participation in these competitions at the discretion of the Head Coach. Athletes must be notified of selection for these events at least 8 (eight) weeks prior to the start of the event.

6.1 Tiebreaking Criteria for National Team Selection

The tiebreaker process for selection onto the National Team for any specific event will be as follows, for two (or more) athletes who hold the same status:

1. The athlete with the higher total number of current Karate Canada ranking points earned from performance at Senior World (WKF) Championships, Senior Pan American (PKF) Championships and WKF Karate-1 competitions will be selected.
2. If the tie persists, the athlete with the highest total number of matches won at (maximum 2) WKF Karate-1 competitions within the last year (if matches won at more than 2 Karate-1 events, the two events with highest totals of matches won only will be considered, after applying the Strength of Field Criteria) will be selected. Matches won at these international competitions will also be weighted and valued according to the "Strength of Field" criterion indicated at article 4.2.
3. If the tie persists, the athlete with the highest total number of matches won at the latest Senior Pan American (PKF) Championships will be selected. Matches won at these Championships will also be weighted and valued according to the "Strength of Field" criterion indicated at article 4.2.
4. If the tie persists, the athlete who obtained the best result (in that division) at the 2018 Karate Canada National Championships will be selected (only applicable if all tied athletes in a given division have competed in that division at these Championships).
5. If the tie persists, final selection will be decided by the National Team Kata Head Coach, and must be approved by the HP Committee.

6.2 Alternates / Late Athlete Replacement

Alternate – definition:

An alternate is an athlete who is selected as a late replacement to fill a spot left vacant for a specific competition or training camp after an athlete originally selected through the ordinary selection process (see section 6) has pulled out or is declared unable to participate, due to injury, illness or other circumstances.

IMPORTANT: Karate Canada is under no obligation to select an alternate for either a training camp or an international competition.

6.2.1 Individual Divisions:

Should a selected athlete, at any time between the official date of team selection for a specific competition or training camp and the latest possible date on which Karate Canada may modify registrations in said event, have pulled out or have been declared unable to participate, due to injury, illness or other circumstances, that athlete may be replaced by the highest ranked eligible alternate in his or her division, according to the following decreasing priorities:

1. International A status-holding athletes;
2. International B status-holding athletes;
3. International C status-holding athletes;
4. National A status-holding athletes

If more than one eligible athlete hold the same status, tie breaking for the selection of alternates in individual divisions is to follow the Tie Breaking Criteria listed in Section 6.1 above.

The selection of alternates (in individual kata divisions) after exhaustion of the priorities listed above is at the discretion of the Senior National Team Kata Head Coach, but selected athletes must either be current (Junior or Senior) National Team Roster members or must have participated in the latest National Championships. Selection of alternates by the National Team Head Coach must also be approved by the HP Committee. As soon as an athlete is named onto a team for a specific competition as an alternate or to fill a vacant spot, he/she immediately becomes a Senior National Team Roster member, for the remainder of the season.

6.2.2 Team Kata:

The selection of alternates (for replacement of an athlete due to injury or who has decided to retire or withdraw from the team willingly), in Team Kata divisions, can be recommended by the remaining kata team members (athletes) themselves, but must be approved by the Senior National Team Kata Head Coach and by the HP Committee. Not more than one alternate may be selected per kata team.

As soon as an athlete is named onto a team for a specific competition as an alternate or to fill a vacant spot, he/she immediately becomes a Senior National Team Roster athlete, for the remainder of the season.

7.0 REQUIREMENTS, EXEMPTIONS AND APPEALS

7.1 Requirements

To remain on the National Team Roster each athlete must:

- Sign and adhere to the Karate Canada Athlete Agreement.
- Have and maintain a valid Canadian passport or be actively in the process of obtaining Canadian citizenship (as outlined in Section 3.2 above).
- Pay the required annual Senior National Team Package Fee in full and on time.
- Demonstrate an appropriate maintenance of fitness and health level consistent with a high performance athlete on a National Karate Team. The Head Coach may call for an independent fitness or health assessment in cases of concern about fitness and health.
- Always report any performance limiting injuries or physical conditions to the National Head Coach, no later than two (2) weeks prior to the next upcoming camp or competition, or within one (1) week of the occurrence of the illness or injury.
- Provide appropriate medical information on the injury and on its treatment. This includes diagnosis and proposed treatment protocol and estimated return to full training and/or competition.
- Keep the National Team Head Coach informed on the progress of their recovery plan and progress according to that plan.
- Provide an accurate mailing address, an active e-mail address and all phone numbers at which they can be reached. Any changes must be sent to the Karate Canada Head Office in a timely manner.

NOTE: it is an athlete's responsibility to update Karate Canada of any change to any and all relevant addresses for communication of important data. Karate Canada is not responsible for missed deadlines or failure to comply by an athlete if information is sent to an incorrect or inactive address(es) if Karate Canada was not notified of such changes.

7.2 Exemptions from National Team Camps or Competitions

Exemptions from mandatory national team activities due to exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to (also see Appendix B) :

- Recent death in the immediate family (within 1 one) month prior to the start of the Camp or Competition);
- Injury limiting participation and/or performance;
- Pregnancy; or
- Infectious disease

Requests must be made as soon as possible after the issue arises but no later than 24 (twenty-four) hours after the start of the event / activity, by notification in writing to Karate Canada. Notification of such an event must include details of the circumstances along with any supporting evidence scanned and emailed to the Karate Canada Head Office.

In the cases of injury, disease or other performance-limiting physical condition, the athlete must include a medical certificate indicating the specific problem, its severity and the estimated recovery time. Karate Canada has the right to seek its own medical opinion before rendering its final decision.

IMPORTANT: An athlete who has sustained an injury must be present at all mandatory training camps unless the ability to receive appropriate medical treatment for that injury precludes that athlete from attending, or unless waived by the National Team Head Coach.

An athlete whose condition persists and is unable to undergo full training during the 2 (two)-week period prior to an event may be withdrawn by Karate Canada from the team representing Canada at that event.

Karate Canada will accept or reject all exemptions requests and deliver its decision in writing within a reasonable time period following receipts of request for exemptions. Such decisions will be final and without appeal.

7.3 Participation in domestic events

Participation at Domestic competitions (other than National Championships and Training Camps announced in these Criteria) will be mandatory only if Karate Canada, or the event's organizing committee, covers the full costs of travel and accommodation, and if notice is given to the athlete at least eight 8 (eight) weeks prior to start of the event.

Exemptions to mandatory participation will be considered by the National Team Head Coach based on the same criteria contained in section 7.2 above.

7.4 Appeals

Appeals regarding team selection are limited to the incorrect application of criteria or development of new and previously unknown information relevant to the appeal. For any appeal, please refer to the Karate Canada's Appeal Policy.

8.0 LANGUAGE

Where / when there is a difference in interpretation between French and English versions of this document, the English version shall prevail.

PART II
POINT ALLOCATION AND EVENTS
FOR 2018-2019 SEASON

Table 1

– List of Targeted Camps and Competitions for the Senior National Team Roster Kata athletes, for the 2018-2019 Season. –

Event/Location	Date *	Comments
SNTC-1 (1 st Senior National Training Camp)	May 11-13, 2018	MANDATORY
2018 Senior Pan American Championships (Santiago, Chile)	June 15-17, 2018	Highly Recommended for selected athletes Mandatory for selected and eligible Carded Athletes
2018 Berlin Premier League Karate-1 Championships ** (Berlin, Germany)	September 14-16, 2018	Highly Recommended for eligible athletes Mandatory for eligible Carded Athletes
Training Camp at 2018 KC Summit (Toronto, ON*)	September 28-30 2018	Mandatory for Ontario and Quebec-based Sr Team Roster Kumite athletes and Carded athletes only
2018 Tokyo Premier League Karate-1 Championships ** (Tokyo, Japan)	October 12-14, 2018	Highly Recommended for eligible athletes Mandatory for eligible Carded Athletes
2018 Senior World Championships (Madrid, Spain)	November 6-11, 2018	Highly Recommended for selected athletes Mandatory for selected and eligible Carded Athletes
2018 North American Cup & Regional Qualification Event for the Lima 2019 Pan Am Games (Cancun, Mexico)	December 7-9, 2018	Highly Recommended for eligible athletes Mandatory for eligible Carded Athletes
2019 Paris Premier League Karate-1 Championships ** (Paris, France)	January 2019	Highly Recommended for eligible athletes Mandatory for eligible Carded Athletes
2019 Senior National Championships (Montreal QC)	January 19-20, 2019	Mandatory for invitation to 2019 SNTC-1 (see Appendix B)

* = Exact dates subject to change and will be confirmed prior to the event.

** = As per WKF rules in effect as of January 2018, open only to athletes in the top 100 of the WKF world ranking, with priority to the top 50 ranked athletes.

Table 2

– List of Mandatory Inter-regional and Regional Camps for Senior National Team Roster Kata athletes, for the 2018-2019 Season.* –

Quebec – Ontario Inter-Regional Camps (Kingston)	Quebec	British Columbia (Vancouver area)
-	June 3 rd (Terrebonne QC)	May 19 th (Surrey BC)
Camp 1	-	Camp 2
Camp 2	-	Camp 3
Camp 3	-	Camp 4

*= Dates to be determined.

Karate Canada reserves the right to add additional Training Centres and/or Camps during the course of the season.

Table 3

– Mandatory Camps and Competitions for Sport Canada Carded Kata Athletes for 2018-2019 season. * –

Event/Location	Date **	Comments
SNTC-1 (1 st Senior National Training Camp)	May 11-13, 2018	MANDATORY for ALL Carded athletes
2018 Senior Pan American Championships (Santiago, Chile)	June 15-17, 2018	Mandatory for all selected and eligible Carded Athletes
2018 Berlin Premier League Karate-1 Championships ** (Berlin, Germany)	September 14-16, 2018	Mandatory for eligible Senior level (SR1, SR2, Sr or C1) Carded Athletes
Training Camp at 2018 KC Summit (Toronto, ON*)	September 28-30, 2018	Mandatory for all Ontario and Quebec- based Carded athletes.
2018 Tokyo Premier League Karate-1 Championships ** (Tokyo, Japan)	October 12-14, 2018	Mandatory for all eligible Senior level (SR1, SR2, Sr or C1) Carded Athletes
2018 Senior World Championships (Madrid, Spain)	November 6-11, 2018	Mandatory for all selected and eligible Carded Athletes
2018 North American Cup & Regional Qualification Event for the Lima 2019 Pan Am Games (Cancun, Mexico)	December 7-9, 2018	Highly Recommended for eligible athletes Mandatory for eligible Carded Athletes
2019 Paris Premier League Karate-1 Championships** (Paris, France)	January 2019	Mandatory for all eligible Senior level (SR1, SR2, Sr or C1) Carded Athletes

* = Mandatory if and when invited. Exact dates and locations subject to change and will be confirmed prior to the events.

** = As per WKF rules in effect as of January 2018, open only to athletes in the top 100 of the WKF world ranking, with priority to the top 50 ranked athletes.

Table 4

– Point allocation for performances in individual divisions for 2018-2019 season . –
 (NOTE: Points contingent on Strength of Field as per Section 4.2 of Selection Criteria)

IMPORTANT:

All ranking points held by athletes on January 1st 2019 will, on that date, be converted to the values listed in Colum G.

A. Priority	B. Event	C. Team Selection Dates	D. Eligibility	E. Performance	F. Points (until December 31, 2018 inclusively)	G. Points (as of January 1 st 2019 inclusively)	H. Duration / Expiry
1	2018 WKF Senior World Championships (International)	(Approx) September 20th, 2018 (after 2018 Berlin Premier League Karate-1 event)	Selected athletes (1 spot per individual division) – must be Canadian citizens	Gold	650	1200	From event to event or 2 years if the event does not reoccur within the following 2 seasons. Points are reduced by 50% in the 2 nd year of possession.
				Silver	600	840	
				Bronze	550	480	
				5 th place	250	360	
				7 th place	150	240	
2	2018 PKF Senior Pan American Championships (International)	at conclusion of SNTC-1	Selected athletes (2 spots per individual division) – must be Canadian citizens	Gold	400	600	From event to the 2nd subsequent edition of the same event, or 2 years if the 2nd subsequent edition of the event does not reoccur within the following 2 seasons. Points are reduced by 50% in the 2 nd year of possession.
				Silver	350	420	
				Bronze	250	240	From event to event or 1 year if the event does not reoccur within the following season.
3	All WKF Karate 1 Premier League events held between the 2018 SNTC-1 and the 2019 SNTC-1 (International) ***	-	(top 100 in WKF World Ranking, with priority to top 100, at time of registration)	Gold	430	600	From event to event or 1 year if the event does not reoccur within the following season.
				Silver	370	420	
				Bronze	300	240	
				5 th place	70	120	
				7 th place	50	60	
				Every match won (if not at least 7 th) *****	10 *****	10	

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Table 4 (continued)

– Point allocation for performances in individual divisions for 2018-2019 season . –
 (NOTE: Points contingent on Strength of Field as per Section 4.2 of Selection Criteria)

IMPORTANT:

All ranking points held by athletes on January 1st 2019 will, on that date, be converted to the values listed in Column G.

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A. Priority	B. Event	C. Team Selection Dates	D. Eligibility	E. Performance	F. Points (until December 31, 2018 inclusively)	G. Points (as of January 1 st 2019 inclusively)	H. Duration / Expiry
4	All WKF Karate 1 Series A events held between the 2018 SNTC-1 and the 2019 SNTC-1 (International) ***	-	Open events	Gold	301	300	From event to event or 1 year if the event does not reoccur within the following season.
				Silver	259	210	
				Bronze	210	120	
				5 th place	49	90	
				7 th place	35	60	
			Every match won (if not at least 7 th) *****	7 *****	5		
5	2019 KC Senior National Championships (Domestic)****	-	Provincial / Territorial Team members only – see Event Information Bulletin for details	Gold	100	100	From event to event or 1 year if the event does not reoccur within the following season.
				Silver	80	70	
				Bronze (3 rd place)	50	40	
				Bronze (4 th place)	25	30	

*** All WKF Karate-1 Premier League and Series A competitions occurring between the conclusion of the 2018 SNTC-1 and the start of the 2019 SNTC-1 will be considered for ranking point accumulation; however, athlete ranking points will only be accumulated toward a status from their two (2) best Karate-1 performances from this period. Senior athletes who are not named onto the Senior National Team Roster for the 2018-2019 season at the conclusion of the 2018 SNTC-1 may still earn performance points and statuses at these international events.

It is these athletes' responsibility to provide Karate Canada with proof of the results obtained within 30 (thirty) days of the completion of the event where these points were earned.

**** = Participation in the 2019 National Championships will be mandatory for any athlete to be invited for participation in the subsequent Senior National Training Camp 1 (SNTC-1), and for possible selection onto the Senior National Team Roster for the following competitive season – unless otherwise exempted (see Appendix A).

***** = All rules about Status and Points mentioned in section 4 also apply to points for matches won (see sections 4.1 & 4.2 especially).

Table 5

– Points accumulated for performances in team kata divisions for 2018-2019 season. –

A. Priority	B. Event	C. Performance	D. Points (until December 31, 2018 inclusively)	E. Points (as of January 1 st 2019 inclusively)	F. Duration / Expiry
1	2018 Senior Pan American Championships	Gold	400	600	From event to event or 1 year if the event does not reoccur within the following season.
		Silver	300	420	
		Bronze	200	240	
2	All WKF Karate 1 Premier League events held between the 2018 SNTC-1 and the 2019 SNTC-1 (International*)	Gold	400	600	From event to event or 1 year if the event does not reoccur within the following season.
		Silver	300	420	
		Bronze	200	240	
3	All WKF Karate 1 Series A events held between the 2018 SNTC-1 and the 2019 SNTC-1 (International*)	Gold	280	300	From event to event or 1 year if the event does not reoccur within the following season.
		Silver	210	210	
		Bronze	140	120	
4	2019 KC National Championships	Gold	50	100	From event to event or 1 year if the event does not reoccur within the following season.

* = All WKF Karate-1 Premier League and Series A competitions occurring between the conclusion of the 2018 SNTC-1 and the start of the 2019 SNTC-1 will be considered for ranking point accumulation; however, athlete ranking points will only be accumulated toward a status from their two (2) best Karate-1 performances from this period. Senior athletes who are not named onto the Senior National Team Roster for the 2018-2019 season at the conclusion of the 2018 SNTC-1 may still earn performance points and statuses at these international events. It is these athletes' responsibility to provide Karate Canada with proof of the results obtained within 30 (thirty) days of the completion of the event where these points were earned.

Table 6

– Funding ratios for athletes on the National Senior Team invited to compete at international competitions for the 2018-2019 season.* –

Status	Ratio
International A	1.5 : 1
International B	1 : 1
International C	None
National A	None

Based on its budgets per event, Karate Canada may distribute additional funding to athletes participating in multiple divisions.

(* = Whenever funding is available, and in individual divisions only. Based on Karate Canada's available funds and overall budget for each event. This does not include enhanced/top-up targeted support available through the Team 2020 program.)

Upgrades in the status of athletes may be considered for athlete funding purposes after team selection for an event has occurred. The date on which statuses are to be considered for funding for an event will be at the discretion of Karate Canada.

APPENDIX A –

RULES FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM THE 2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR WKF TOP-RANKED CANADIAN ATHLETES

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As part of the qualification process towards participation in the 2020 Olympic Games, it is expected that athletes' international ranking point totals and WKF standings will be of great importance. Consequently, Karate Canada deems it imperative to adopt National Team selection rules and criteria that will not hinder its top-ranked athletes in their efforts to earn and accumulate additional WKF ranking points, through performance at key international events.

In accordance with the Organization Rules for the 2018 WKF Premier League Karate-1 events, only athletes whose standing is amongst the top 50 of their Senior division, in the WKF rankings, will be assured of the opportunity to participate in these competitions, where results will yield a very high WKF ranking point value.

In aligning with these rules, and while participation in the National Championships is normally a requirement for eligibility towards selection onto the National Team Roster for the ensuing season, Karate Canada will exempt all athletes who meet all three of the following conditions from mandatory participation in the 2018 National Championships, and these athletes will remain eligible for invitation to the 2018 First Senior National Training Camp (SNTC-1; and to the 2018 Junior National Training Camp, or JNTC, if applicable) and to nomination onto Karate Canada's National Team Roster for the 2018-2019 season:

1. The athlete is taking part in a WKF Karate-1 Premier League event occurring within four (4) weeks (28 days) of any of the dates of the 2018 National Championships (March 9-11); this means participation in any WKF Karate-1 Premier League event occurring any time between February 9th (inclusively) and April 8th 2018 (inclusively); see 2018 WKF Events Calendar in Appendix A;
2. The athlete is in the top 50 of the WKF world rankings of his / her Senior division at the time of the opening of registration for this WKF Karate-1 Premier League event;
3. The athlete is a member in good standing of the National Team Roster at the time of his / her registration in this WKF Karate-1 Premier League event.

So as to further ensure that these top-ranked athletes are not penalized by their pursuit of international ranking points and by their efforts towards qualifying for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, all athletes benefiting from the exemption mentioned above will also be awarded the KC ranking point amounts listed below (in accordance with the point value reflected in the appropriate season's Senior National Team Criteria):

- a. KC ranking points for results (matches won and podium placement) at the WKF Karate-1 Premier League event occurring within four (4) weeks (28 days) of any of the dates of the 2018 National Championships,

AND

(...)

(...)

- b. Amount of KC ranking points equivalent to that being awarded to gold medalists of the 2018 National Championships,

Note: Should the athlete also be age-eligible for competition in the U21 division (and / or Junior (16-17) division for kata athletes), he / she will also automatically be awarded the amount of KC ranking points equivalent to that being awarded to gold medalists of the 2018 National Championships in his / her relevant U21 division (and Junior division if applicable).

Please note: if the athlete participates in more than one WKF Karate-1 Premier League event occurring within four (4) weeks (28 days) of any of the dates of the 2018 National Championships, while they may earn more KC ranking points for their results at these different WKF Karate-1 Premier League events, they may only be awarded the amount of KC ranking points equivalent to that being awarded to gold medalists of the 2018 National Championships once, if applicable.

Please also note: in order to benefit from the automatic awarding of points equivalent to a gold medal at the 2018 National Championships, athletes eligible to benefit from this exemption (and therefore competing at a Karate-1 Premier League event within four (4) weeks (28 days) of any of the dates of the 2018 National Championships) may not compete at the 2018 National Championships in the individual divisions in which they will also compete at the adjacent Karate-1 Premier League event. Should eligible athletes choose to compete at the 2018 National Championships in those individual divisions, they will forfeit access to this exemption and therefore also to any linked benefit such as the guaranteed awarding of KC ranking points equivalent to a gold medal at the 2018 National Championships in those divisions.

APPENDIX B –

RULES FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM THE 2019 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & SNTC-1 FOR WKF TOP-RANKED CANADIAN ATHLETES

As part of the qualification process towards participation in the 2020 Olympic Games, it is expected that athletes' international ranking point totals and WKF standings will be of great importance. Consequently, Karate Canada deems it imperative to adopt National Team selection rules and criteria that will not hinder its top-ranked athletes in their efforts to earn and accumulate additional WKF ranking points, through performance at key international events.

In accordance with the Organization Rules for the 2018 WKF Premier League Karate-1 events, only athletes whose standing is amongst the top 50 of their Senior division, in the WKF rankings, will be assured of the opportunity to participate in these competitions, where results will yield a very high WKF and Olympic ranking point value. Furthermore, as of the start of the Tokyo Olympic Qualification period (July 2nd, 2018), results at WKF Series A Karate-1 will also yield a significant WKF and Olympic ranking point value.

A. 2019 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

In aligning with these rules, and while participation in the National Championships is normally a requirement for eligibility towards selection onto the National Team Roster for the ensuing season, Karate Canada will exempt all athletes who meet all three of the following conditions from mandatory participation in the 2019 National Championships, and these athletes will remain eligible for invitation to the 2019 First Senior National Training Camp (SNTC-1, and to the 2019 Junior National Training Camp, or JNTC, if applicable) and to nomination onto Karate Canada's National Team Roster for the 2019-2020 season:

1. The athlete is taking part in a WKF Karate-1 Premier League or Series A event occurring within four (4) weeks (28 days) of any of the dates of the 2019 Senior National Championships (January 19-20); this means participation in any WKF Karate-1 Premier League event occurring any time between December 20th 2018 (inclusively) and February 17th 2019 (inclusively);
2. The athlete is in the top 50 of the WKF world rankings of his / her Senior division at the time of the opening of registration for this WKF Karate-1 Premier League or Series A event;
3. The athlete is a member in good standing of the National Team Roster at the time of his / her registration in this WKF Karate-1 Premier League or Series A event.

So as to further ensure that these top-ranked athletes are not penalized by their pursuit of international ranking points and by their efforts towards qualifying for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, all athletes benefiting from the exemption mentioned above will also be awarded the KC ranking point amounts listed below (in accordance with the point value reflected in the appropriate season's Senior National Team Criteria):

KC ranking points for results (matches won and podium placement) at the WKF Karate-1 Premier League or Series A event occurring within four (4) weeks (28 days) of any of the dates of the 2019 Senior National Championships,

AND

(...)

- b. An amount of KC ranking points equivalent to that being awarded to medalists of the 2019 Senior National Championships, as follows:
 - i) for athletes ranked in the top 25 of their Senior division's WKF ranking at the time of the opening of registration for this WKF Karate-1 Premier League or Series A event: KC ranking points equivalent to that being awarded to gold medalists of the 2019 Senior National Championships;
 - ii) for athletes ranked between the top 26 and top 50 of their Senior division's WKF ranking at the time of the opening of registration for this WKF Karate-1 Premier League or Series A event: KC ranking points equivalent to that being awarded to silver medalists of the 2019 Senior National Championships

Please note: if the athlete participates in more than one WKF Karate-1 Premier League and / or Series A event occurring within four (4) weeks (28 days) of any of the dates of the 2019 Senior National Championships, while they may earn more KC ranking points for their results at these different WKF Karate-1 Premier League and / or Series A events, they may only be awarded the amount of KC ranking points equivalent to that being awarded to gold or silver medalists of the 2019 Senior National Championships (depending on their WKF ranking) once, if applicable.

Please also note: in order to benefit from the automatic awarding of points equivalent to a gold or silver medal at the 2019 Senior National Championships, athletes eligible to benefit from this exemption (and therefore competing at a Karate-1 Premier League or Series A event within four (4) weeks (28 days) of any of the dates of the 2019 Senior National Championships) may not compete at the 2019 Senior National Championships in the individual divisions in which they will also compete at the adjacent Karate-1 Premier League or Series A event. Should eligible athletes choose to compete at the 2019 Senior National Championships in those individual divisions, they will forfeit access to this exemption and therefore also to any linked benefit such as the guaranteed awarding of KC ranking points equivalent to a gold or silver medal at the 2019 Senior National Championships in those divisions.

B. 2019 FIRST NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP (SNTC-1):

Participation in the 2019 First National Training Camp (SNTC-1) for all invited athletes is normally a requirement for eligibility towards selection onto the National Team Roster for the ensuing (2019-2020) season. Karate Canada may, however, consider written exemption requests (from mandatory participation in the 2019 SNTC-1) submitted by any athlete who meets all three of the following conditions:

1. The athlete is taking part in a WKF Karate-1 Premier League or Series A event occurring no later than two (2) weeks (14 days) after the conclusion of the 2019 SNTC-1 (February 2019-exact date to be confirmed);
2. The athlete is in the top 50 of the WKF world rankings of his / her Senior division at the time of the opening of registration for this WKF Karate-1 Premier League or Series A event;

(...)

3. The athlete is a member in good standing of the National Team Roster at the time of his / her registration in this WKF Karate-1 Premier League or Series A event.

Requests for exemption from participation in the 2019 STNC-1 for athletes meeting the conditions described above must be submitted as soon as possible but no later than 24 (twenty-four) hours after the start of the event / activity, by notification in writing (email) to the Karate Canada Head Office.

Karate Canada will accept or reject all requests for exemptions and deliver its decision in writing within a reasonable time period following receipts of request for exemptions. Such decisions will be final and without appeal.

If their exemption request is approved, athletes meeting the conditions described above will remain eligible for selection and nomination onto Karate Canada's National Team Roster for the 2019-2020 season.

APPENDIX C –

AUTOMATIC INVITATIONS TO THE 2019 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Please note that Karate Canada will automatically invite the following to the 2019 National all Senior kata athletes holding a status (International A, B or C or National A) on October 1st 2018 or at the conclusion of the 2018 Karate Canada Summit (whichever occurs last).

All automatically invited athletes must still meet team eligibility requirements set by their respective PTSO (in terms of participation in provincial selection tournaments and / or training sessions, etc).

An athlete may not be automatically invited in a Senior division on the basis of their top 2 ranking in Junior divisions (Cadet, Junior and / or U21) or the basis of gold and silver medal results from Junior divisions (Cadet, Junior, U21) from the previous (2018) National Championships.

Additionally, all automatically invited athletes must be active and current members in good standing of the National Team Roster, according to Karate Canada's National Team Head Coaches and in accordance with published National Team Criteria, on October 1st, 2018 or at the conclusion of the 2018 Summit (whichever occurs last).

Automatically invited athletes may register (with their PTSO approval) in any and all divisions for which they are age and weight-eligible at the time of registration, with the following exceptions::

- Athletes automatically invited based on medals or ranking points earned in Cadet (kata) and / or Junior and U21 kata and kumite divisions will not be automatically invited to compete in Senior divisions (age 16+ for kata, 18+ for kumite).
- Athletes automatically invited based on medals or ranking points earned in one discipline (either kata or kumite) will not be automatically invited to compete in the other discipline (either kumite or kata) by virtue of these medals or results. That is, athletes automatically invited to compete in kata are not automatically invited to compete in kumite, and vice versa). Obviously athletes that qualify in both kata and kumite will be automatically invited to compete in both divisions.

Note: Karate Canada will release the list of automatically invited athletes in October 2018.