

# **2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES CANADIAN KARATE TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA**

**(INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURE)**



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## I. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to outline the qualification process and selection procedures of Karate Canada (KC) for determining those athletes who will be selected to represent Canada at the Lima 2019 Pan American Games (PAG) as members of the Karate Canada team. Canadian representation may occur in the individual kumite, individual kata and team kata divisions.

### 1.2. Objectives:

The objective of this selection policy and procedures is to select the maximum number of medal potential athletes for the Lima 2019 PAGs

### 1.3. Contact Information

For any questions or clarifications on the contents of these Internal Nomination Procedures, please contact Karate Canada's Executive Director Mr. Olivier Pineau, at: [olivier@karatecanada.org](mailto:olivier@karatecanada.org).

### 1.4. Team Size:

Karate Canada may nominate to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) up to the maximum number permitted by the Lima 2019 PAG entry regulations. The size of the team is subject to the restrictions of the COC and financial considerations.

Karate Canada will be sending a maximum of 18 athletes, in the following Pan American Games karate divisions (maximum of 1 athlete per individual division and 3 athletes for each kata team):

Male	Female
-60 kg individual kumite	-50 kg individual kumite
-67 kg individual kumite	-55 kg individual kumite
-75 kg individual kumite	-61 kg individual kumite
-84 kg individual kumite	-68 kg individual kumite
+84 kg individual kumite	+68 kg individual kumite
Individual kata	Individual kata
Team kata	Team kata

## **II. DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY:**

### **2.1 Development and Approval of the Internal Nomination Procedure (INP)**

The Canadian Olympic Committee mandates Karate Canada to determine the Internal Nomination Procedures for the athletes and staff that will be nominated to the COC for the Lima 2019 PAGs.

Karate Canada's High-Performance Committee is responsible for developing (and recommending to Karate Canada's Board of Directors) the selection process and procedures for the athletes (team) that will be nominated to the COC for the Lima 2019 PAG

### **2.2. Implementation of the INP**

The Senior National Team Head Kumite Coach and Head Kata Coach, in consultation with the Executive Director, are responsible for the implementation of these Board-approved procedures. All team nominations will be ratified by the High-Performance Committee.

### **2.3. On-site Decision-Making Authority During the Games**

During the actual competition period onsite at the Lima 2019 PAG all final decision-making authority will reside with the Team Leader, or with a discipline-specific Senior National Team Head Coach (or designated substitute) in the absence of the Team Leader (This includes, but is not limited to, decisions around removal of an athlete from the team, management of injuries, etc.). Given that KC's National Team coaching structure utilizes discipline-specific Head Coaches, on-site decision-making authority, in the absence of the Team Leader, relating to a discipline-specific issues will lie with the Head Coach overseeing that discipline.

## **III. Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) Criteria**

The Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) Qualification System for the Lima 2018 PAG can be found at [http://karatecanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Karate\\_2019Lima\\_PAG\\_QualificationSystem.pdf](http://karatecanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Karate_2019Lima_PAG_QualificationSystem.pdf)

and in the event of a discrepancy, the original PASO version will prevail. In the event of changes by PASO to the Qualification System or the selection and eligibility criteria, Karate Canada is bound by these changes and will inform the membership as soon as possible.

These Internal Nomination Procedures are based on PASO rules and regulations as presently known and understood and on the latest information available to Karate Canada. Any changes in the selection criteria and procedures necessitated by a change in PASO rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes as soon as reasonably possible. Should such a circumstance occur, Karate Canada will review and amend these INP to comply with the new regulations or conditions. Amendments to this document will be communicated directly to the affected athletes, as well as being posted on Karate Canada's website.

All athletes who take part in the Lima 2019 PAG must achieve the minimum eligibility standards set forth by PASO, as well as meet Karate Canada's eligibility requirements (see section IV below).

## **IV. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

### **4.1 General**

In order to be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for the Lima 2019 PAG Team selection, an athlete must (at the time of this nomination):

- a) Be a Canadian citizen (as per the Regulations of the Pan American Games);
- b) Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before February 11, 2020 (passports must be valid for up to 6 months after the Games);
- c) Be in compliance with all relevant PASO, Pan American Karate Federation (PKF) and IOC requirements for eligibility, which includes meeting the age eligibility requirements established by the World Karate Federation (WKF) for participation in Senior kumite and kata events (see article 4.2 below);
- d) Have signed, submitted and committed to comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organizing Committee Conditions of Participation Form no later than May 1, 2019
- e) Be a registrant in good standing of a Provincial or Territorial Karate Organization which is, in turn, a member Association in good standing with Karate Canada.
- f) Be a member in good standing of the Canadian Senior National Team Roster at the time of selection (see article 4.3 below)
- g) Have paid all outstanding invoices to Karate Canada at least seven (7) days prior to departure for the 2019 PAG.

### **4.2. Age Eligibility Requirements:**

As per PASO's Lima 2019 PAG Karate Qualification System document, in order to be eligible for selection onto the Canadian Lima 2019 PAG National Team, athletes must be either a minimum of 16 years old for kata or a minimum of 18 years old for kumite on the closing day of the first qualifying event in each case. For Canadian athletes, the first qualifying event will be the North American Cup and Regional Qualifying Event. Final dates for this event are still to be determined.

### **4.3 Status as member in good standing of the Canadian Senior National Team Roster:**

In order to be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for the Lima 2019 PAG Team selection, an athlete must be a member in good standing of the Senior National Team Roster at the time of selection in accordance with the 2019-2020 Senior National Team Selection Criteria. This includes having signed and abiding by Karate Canada's 2019-2020 National Team Roster Athlete Agreement.

Even after nomination, selected athletes will be required to maintain status as members in good standing of the Senior National Team Roster from the time of selection up until and including participation in the Lima 2019 PAG.

Please note: As part of the Senior National Team Roster requirements, athletes must participate in the 2019 Karate Canada's National Championships (unless they benefit from an approved exemption request).

### **4.4. Dress Code & Equipment**

Athletes named to compete in the Lima 2019 PAG will be required to comply with dress code regulations of Karate Canada Team and the Canadian Olympic Committee.

Athletes named to the Lima 2019 PAG will only be allowed to use competition protective equipment that meets with the rules and regulations of the WKF.

## **V. SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **5.1 Athlete Selection Process & Criteria**

#### **5.1.1 Qualification System:**

The athlete "Qualification System" for the Lima 2019 PAG is determined by PASO, and can be found at:

[http://karatecanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Karate\\_2019Lima\\_PAG\\_QualificationSystem.pdf](http://karatecanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Karate_2019Lima_PAG_QualificationSystem.pdf)

Karate Canada's Senior National Team Selection Criteria for participation in the 2018 North American Region qualifying event and the March 2019 Pan American Championships mentioned in the PASO Qualification System document, can be found at: <https://karatecanada.org/resources/national-team/>

Karate Canada Senior National Team Roster athletes who meet the eligibility requirements stated in Section IV above and who will qualify for participation in the Lima 2019 PAG through the Qualification System published by PASO will be nominated by Karate Canada to the Canadian Olympic Committee for selection onto the Lima 2019 PAG Canadian Team.

Please note: In accordance with PASO's Qualification System for the Lima 2019 PAG,

athlete selection for participation in the Lima 2019 PAG is an entirely objective process. It leaves no room for any possible ties.

### **5.1.2 Qualification Period:**

As per the PASO Qualification System for the Lima 2019 PAG the entire qualification period is from May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### **5.2 Alternates**

As per the PASO karate event qualification system, individual athletes qualify for the Lima 2019 PAG through defined qualifying events sanctioned by the PKF. Consequently, Karate Canada may not select nor name alternates onto its team for participation in the Games.

### **5.3 Performance Readiness**

All athletes selected by Karate Canada for participation in the Lima 2019 PAG will be required to comply with all requirements and rules listed and described in Karate Canada's Senior National Team Criteria, at the time of their selection and from the moment of that selection until their participation in the Lima 2019 PAG, inclusively. This includes mandatory participation in the national, inter-regional and regional training camps for identified athletes.

Athletes selected for participation in the Lima 2019 PAG must comply with the team preparation plans as set forth by Karate Canada's Senior National Team Head Coaches.

#### **5.3.1 Maintaining Weight**

Kumite athletes selected by Karate Canada for participation in the Lima 2019 PAG will be expected to remain within a reasonable range from the upper weight limit for their PAG division. Karate Canada may weigh selected athletes between the dates of team selection (April 10, 2019) and of departure for the Lima 2019 PAG. Kumite athletes must not exceed their weight division's upper limit by more than 5% of that weight. Athletes who fail to remain within 5% of their PAG weight division's upper limit will be subject to possible removal from the Team, at Karate Canada's discretion.

#### **5.3.1 Injury or Illness**

In the case of injury or illness, the disciple-specific Head Coach will consider medical recommendations in making a final decision related to performance readiness. Injured or ill athletes will be subject to a proof of readiness test to be determined by the Head Coach. This test will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or an



observed trial or test. This trial will have predetermined expected outcomes and take place in Canada. Injured or ill athletes will not travel with the team until this requirement has been satisfied. If it determined that an athlete is not competition-ready once on-site at the Lima 2019 PAG, or has not disclosed an injury or illness, he/she may be asked to return home immediately.

#### **5.4 Removal of an Athlete Once Selected**

Eligibility of qualified athletes to represent Canada at the Lima 2019 PAG will remain conditional upon said athletes meeting all Senior National Team Roster requirements from the moment of their qualification / selection and until the conclusion of the Lima 2019 PAG

Should any qualified athlete fail to meet such requirements, they may be removed from the Canadian karate team for the Lima 2019 PAG.

Additionally, prior to Team Nomination to the COC, Karate Canada will have the final authority over dismissal of any athlete from the Lima 2019 PAG Team. Following nomination to the COC, any such removals are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Reasons for dismissal include, but are not limited to:

- Inability to perform due to injury, illness or for other medical reasons as determined by Karate Canada's medical staff;
- Violation of team rules and / or failure by the athlete to fulfill his / her duties as identified in the 2019-2020 Karate Canada Athlete Agreement;
- Violation of the Karate Canada's Code of Conduct and Ethics ([http://karatecanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/KC-code\\_of\\_conduct\\_and\\_ethics\\_15Dec2014.pdf](http://karatecanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/KC-code_of_conduct_and_ethics_15Dec2014.pdf));
- Conduct detrimental to the Team and/or the image of Karate Canada and / or its National Team program;
- Failure to adhere to all WADA, CCES, and COC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures including participation in out-of-competition testing as required by WADA, CCES, and COC Rules;
- Failure by the athlete to maintain his/her weight within an acceptable range (see article 5.3.1 above)

The decision-making authority for removal of an athlete is at the discretion of the discipline-specific Senior National Team Head Coach, but such decision-making must be made in consultation with the Executive Director, and be approved by Karate Canada's High-Performance Committee.

#### **5.4.1 On-site decision-making authority to remove an athlete from the Team:**

As stated in section II, during the actual competition period onsite at the Lima 2019 PAG all final decision-making authority will reside with the Team Leader, or with the discipline-specific Senior National Team Head Coach in the absence of the Team Leader (this includes, but is not limited to, decisions around removal of an athlete from the team, management of injuries, etc.).

## **VI. TEAM NOMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF ENTRIES**

### **6.1 PASO Confirmation of Quota Places to the COC and Karate Canada**

PASO will confirm in writing to Karate Canada and the COC the quota places (selected / qualified athletes) achieved by Canada on April 10, 2019. With the support of Karate Canada, the COC will confirm acceptance of earned quotas to PASO no later than April 20, 2019.

### **6.2 Nominations to the COC & Team Announcement**

Upon receiving the confirmation of quota places from PASO and COC, Karate Canada will verify eligibility of all selected / qualified athletes.

Eligible and selected / qualified athletes will be notified by Karate Canada and will be asked to confirm their intent to participate in the Lima 2019 PAG by (no later than) April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Karate Canada shall submit its list of eligible and qualified athletes (having confirmed their intent to participate) to the COC no later than April 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 and shall nominate such athletes for positions on the Lima 2019 PAG Canadian Team.

Karate Canada will make a public announcement of its athlete nominations between April 20<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

### **6.3 Reallocation of Unused Quota Places**

If necessary, the PKF will reallocate unused places to the next highest ranked NOC at the 2019 Pan American Games Qualifier. In the case that the COC qualifies for the reallocation of an unused quota place, athlete notification will occur on or before May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## **VII. AMENDMENTS & UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

Karate Canada's Board of Directors reserves the right to review and modify any criteria or decision related to this selection process in the case of rule or policy changes from the WKF, PASO or the International Olympic Committee (IOC) that affect the selection criteria set out in this document. If the selection criteria / INP is modified, Karate Canada will promptly post an announcement on its website announcing the changes.

## **VIII. APPEALS**

Karate Canada nominations to the COC for the Lima 2019 PAG may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in Karate Canada's Appeal Policy. Any dispute relating to Karate Canada's Internal Nomination Procedures for the Lima 2019 PAG must be brought according to said policy, or may be brought directly to the SDRCC with the consent of all parties.

## **IX. PUBLICATION**

Karate Canada's Internal Nomination Procedures for the Lima 2019 PAG will be posted on Karate Canada's website no later than July 26, 2018.

## **X. STAFF SELECTION**

Karate Canada's Executive Director will select the support staff, including Team Leader and/or Coach(es), for the Lima 2019 PAG. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the Games. All selections are subject to COC approval.

### **10.1 Team Leader(s):**

Karate Canada-nominated Team Leaders must satisfy the expectations and requirements of the Canadian Olympic Committee's *Team Leader Position Description*, available in the COC Team Leader Manual.

### **10.2 Coach(es):**

To be recognized as (an) official Coach(es) for the Lima 2019 PAG Karate Canada-nominated Coach(es) must be in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada as per the COC Coach Recognition Policy by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

By default, Karate Canada's Senior National Team Kumite Head Coach and Head Kata Coach will, at the time of nomination to the COC, have priority towards Coach selection for the Lima 2019 PAG if athletes from their respective karate disciplines qualify as part of the Canadian Team.

## XI. TIMELINES SUMMARY

Date	Activity
July 26 <sup>th</sup> 2018	KC to publish Lima 2019 PAG INP
December 2018	North American Qualifying Event (Exact date TBC)
March 2019	Pan American Qualifying Event (Exact date TBC)
April 10, 2019	PASO to confirm qualified athlete list with KC and COC. KC to notify eligible athletes.
April 15, 2019	Eligible athletes to confirm their intent to participate in Lima 2019 PAG with KC
April 20, 2019	KC to confirm use of athlete places to the COC
May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2019	Public announcement of athlete nominations by KC
June 1 <sup>st</sup> 2019	Deadline for coaches to be in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada
August 9-11, 2019	Lima 2019 PAG karate event

## XII. FUNDING

Athletes will be responsible for all costs associated with the qualification process towards selection onto the Lima 2019 PAG Team.