



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY POLICY

Definitions

1. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:
 - a) “Days” – Days irrespective of weekend and holidays.
 - b) “Participant”- Any individual who is registered as an athlete with a provincial or territorial karate association that is a member in good standing of Karate Canada.

Purpose

2. The purpose of this Policy is to determine Participant eligibility for participation in Karate Canada’s National Championships

Application of this Policy

3. This Policy applies to all Participants defined in the Definitions.
4. This Policy only applies to eligibility matters that may arise before the National Championships.
5. Eligibility matters arising within the competition or events organized by entities other than Karate, including its member associations, will be dealt with pursuant to the policies of those other entities unless requested and accepted by Karate Canada at its sole discretion.

Eligibility

6. Participants may only participate in National Championships if they meet the following requirement:

The Participant is a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada.

Providing Proof of Eligibility

7. All Participants will be required to provide proof of the eligibility requirement listed in Section 6 at the National Championships’ on-site accreditation (ID Pick-up), on the days preceding the start of competition. Such proof will consist in either one of the following:
 - a) Valid Canadian passport
 - b) Canadian citizenship certificate
 - c) Canadian citizenship card
 - d) Birth certificate from a Canadian province or territory,
 - e) Canadian Permanent Resident card
8. After reviewing all applicable evidence, the Executive Director, or designate, will determine whether or not the Participant is deemed eligible in accordance with this Policy. If the Participant is deemed non-eligible, he /she may not take part in the competition.
9. Participants who give incorrect or misleading information may be disciplined in accordance with Karate Canada’s *Discipline and Complaints Policy*.

Appeals Procedure

10. The decision of the Executive Director, or designate, may be appealed in accordance with Karate Canada’s *Appeal Policy*.