

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY POLICY



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DEFINITIONS

1. The following terms have these meanings in this policy:
 - a. “Days” – Days irrespective of weekends 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 Canada, 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:
 - a. The Participant is a Canadian citizen **and** a Canadian passport holder.
7. Additionally, Karate Canada will accept registrations of Senior kata teams comprised of athletes from different PTSOs (all details regarding the registration process for such teams will be provided in later versions of this bulletin).
8. All participants must be members of their provincial or territorial karate associations and teams (declared and paid to Karate Canada), and participants may only be pre-registered online through their PTSO’s Team Manager or designated representative.
9. Participants are restricted to competing in only the age division(s) for which they meet the age eligibility criteria outlined in the Age Matrix published in the Nationals Championship Bulletin.
10. Para Karate athletes must meet specific division requirements as outlined in the National Championships Bulletin.

PROVIDING PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY

11. All Participants will be required to provide proof of the eligibility requirements no later than ten days preceding the start of the competition through the system or method that Karate Canada will communicate to the PTSOs. Such proof will consist in either one of the following:
 - a. Valid Canadian passport
12. 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.
13. Participants who give incorrect or misleading information may be disciplined in accordance with Karate Canada’s Discipline and Complaints Policy.

APPEALS PROCEDURE

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

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