

TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES CANADIAN KARATE TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

(INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURE)



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I. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Purpose:

The purpose of this Internal Nomination Procedure (INP) is to outline the qualification process and selection procedures of Karate Canada (KC) for determining those athletes who will be nominated to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for selection and to represent Canada at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in the sport of karate. KC's athlete nominations to the COC will be contingent on each athlete's individual Olympic Games qualification through the World Karate Federation's qualification system.

The karate event in the Olympic Games consists of two disciplines, kata and kumite. Athletes may be nominated in the individual kumite and individual kata divisions. The kumite discipline event will be conducted using the combined Olympic Games weight categories.

1.2. Objectives:

The primary objective of the selection policy and procedures is to select the maximum number of medal potential athletes for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

1.3. Contact Information

For any questions or clarifications on the contents of these Internal Nomination Procedures, please contact Karate Canada's High-Performance Director Mr. Kraig Devlin, at kraig.devlin@karatecanada.org.

1.4. Team Size:

Karate Canada will be sending a maximum of eight athletes to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Up to four male athletes and four female athletes may be selected for individual kata and kumite divisions in accordance with the stated World Karate Federation (WKF) and International Olympic Committee (IOC) selection guidelines.

The five standard WKF kumite weight divisions for males and females have been compressed into three Olympic kumite weight categories. Kata divisions remain unchanged.

	MALE				FEMALE			
Standard WKF Categories	- 60 kgs -67 kgs	-75 kgs.	-84 kgs +84 kgs	Kata	- 50 kgs -55 kgs	-61 kgs.	-68 kgs +68 kgs	Kata
Olympic categories	-67 kgs.	- 75 kgs.	+75 kgs.		-55kgs.	- 61 kgs.	+61 kgs.	

II. DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY:

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

The COC mandates Karate Canada to establish its Internal Nomination Procedures for the athletes and staff that will be nominated to the COC for participation at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

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 Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Karate Canada's Board of Directors shall approve this INP once it has been finalized.

2.2. Implementation of the INP

The Senior National Team Head Kumite Coach and Head Kata Coach, in consultation with the High-Performance Director, are responsible for the implementation of this INP. All team nominations will be ratified by the High-Performance Committee. In cases where a Head Coach Position is not filled, a suitable designate may be appointed.

Karate Canada is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus pandemic on the global and domestic level and how it may impact obtaining quota spots for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games and/or domestic nomination/selection of athletes for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, Karate Canada will respect these published Internal Nomination Procedures as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Internal Nomination Procedure. In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to

all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Internal Nomination Procedure, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Karate Canada will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

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

During the actual competition period onsite at the Tokyo 2020 Games, all final decision-making authority will reside with the Team Leader, or with a discipline-specific Senior National Team Head Coach (or their 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 discipline-specific issues will lie with the Head Coach overseeing that discipline.

III. World Karate Federation and International Olympic Committee Criteria

In light of the complications arising from the global coronavirus pandemic and the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games until July of 2021, the WKF Qualification System for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games has been revised and can be found at <https://www.wkf.net/imagenes/campeonatos/olympicsestadisticas-olympic-karate-tokyo-2020-002.pdf> .

The WKF has also released a supporting document that provides the rationale for alterations to the Tokyo 2020 Qualification System. This document can be found at https://www.wkf.net/pdf/Tokyo_2020_QS_Status.pdf.

In the event of a discrepancy, the original WKF version will prevail. In the event of changes by the WKF 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 of any such changes.

This INP is based on WKF and IOC 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 the WKF 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 Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games must achieve the minimum eligibility standards set forth by the WKF, the IOC 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 Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Team selection, an athlete must (at the time of this nomination):

- a) Be a Canadian citizen (as per the Regulations of the IOC);
- b) Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before December 31, 2021;
- c) Be in compliance with all relevant WKF 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 June 30, 2021
- 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 days prior to departure for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

4.2. Age Eligibility Requirements:

As per the WKF Tokyo 2020 Olympic Qualification System document, in order to be eligible for selection onto the Canadian Tokyo 2020 Olympic 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. As per the revised WKF Qualification System document dated May 8th, 2020, “athletes must be born on or before June 2005 (Date TBC) for the Kata events and on or before June 2003 (Date TBC) for the Kumite events”.

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

In order to be eligible for nomination to the COC for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Team selection, an athlete must be a member in good standing of the Senior National Team Roster at the time of nomination in accordance with the 2020-2021 Senior National Team Selection Criteria (planned publication in February 2020). This includes having signed Karate Canada’s 2020-2021 National Team Roster Athlete Agreement and abiding by it at all times.

Even after nomination to the COC, nominated athletes will be required to maintain status as members in good standing of the Senior National Team Roster from the time of nomination up to and including participation in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic.

Please note: As part of the Senior National Team Roster requirements, athletes must participate in the 2020 Karate Canada’s National Championships (unless they benefit from an approved exemption request).

4.4. Dress Code & Equipment

Athletes named to compete in Tokyo 2020 Olympic will be required to comply with dress code regulations of Karate Canada’s Team and the COC.

Athletes named to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Team will only be allowed to use competition protective equipment that complies 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 Tokyo 2020 Olympic is determined by the WKF and can be found at <https://www.wkf.net/imagenes/campeonatos/olympicsestadisticas-olympic-karate-tokyo-2020-002.pdf>. The WKF Qualification System is currently in a draft form void of confirmed dates and location. Dates and locations will be communicated by Karate Canada to all athletes as soon as they’re known. This applies to all dates designated as To Be Confirmed (TBC)

Karate Canada’s Senior National Team Selection Criteria for participation in the WKF Olympic Games Qualification Tournament being held in June 2021 (Date and Place TBC) can be found at <http://www.karatecanada.org/en/documents.html>

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 Tokyo 2020 Olympics through the Qualification System published by the WKF will be nominated by Karate Canada to the COC for selection to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Canadian Team.

Please note: In accordance with the WKF’s Qualification System for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, athlete selection for participation in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games is results-based and leaves no room for any possible ties.

5.1.2 Qualification Period:

As per the WKF Qualification System for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, the qualification period is between July 2, 2018, and June 29, 2021.

5.2 Alternates

As per the WKF Qualification System, individual athletes qualify by name for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games through defined qualifying events sanctioned by the WKF. A full list of WKF qualification events can be found here at http://setopen.sportdata.org/wkfranking/standing_tokyo2020.php Karate Canada may not select nor name alternates onto its team for participation in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

5.3 Performance Readiness

All athletes selected by Karate Canada for participation in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games 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 Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. This includes mandatory participation in the national, inter-regional and regional training camps for identified athletes.

Athletes selected for participation in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games 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 Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will be expected to remain within a reasonable range from the upper weight limit for their Olympic Games division.

Karate Canada may weigh selected athletes between the date of team selection and the date of departure for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. 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 weight division's upper limit will be subject to possible removal from the Team at Karate Canada's discretion.

5.3.2 Injury or Illness

In the case of injury or illness, the discipline-specific Head Coach will obtain medical recommendations from either team medical staff, the athlete's doctor, or an independent doctor. These results will be used as part of the 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 with the objective to demonstrate whether the

athlete has returned to the level of performance that they were at when they qualified for the team This trial will have predetermined expected outcomes and will take place in Canada.

Injured or ill athletes will not travel with the team until this requirement has been satisfied. If it is determined that an athlete is not competition-ready once on-site at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, or has not disclosed an injury or illness, he/she may be asked to return home immediately at his/her own expense.

5.4 Removal of an Athlete Once Selected

Eligibility of qualified athletes to represent Canada at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will remain conditional upon said athletes meeting all Senior National Team Roster requirements in accordance with the 2021-2022 Senior National Team Selection Criteria (planned publication TBC). from the moment of their qualification/selection and until the conclusion of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Should any qualified athlete fail to meet their Senior National Team Roster requirements, they may be removed from the Canadian karate team for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Additionally, prior to Team Nomination to the COC, Karate Canada will have the final authority over the dismissal of any athlete from the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games 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 their duties as identified in the 2021-2022 Karate Canada Athlete Agreement;
- A finding by an independent disciplinary panel that the athlete has violated Karate Canada's Code of Conduct and Ethics (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, WKF and COC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures including participation in testing at any time as required by WADA, CCES, WKF 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.

When making any determinations pursuant to this section, Karate Canada will ensure that the athlete's due process rights are respected, that the athlete has been given an opportunity to be heard, and that any process that is followed respects the tenets of procedural fairness and the principles of natural justice.

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 Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, 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 WKF Confirmation of Quota Places to the COC and Karate Canada

The WKF will confirm in writing to Karate Canada and the COC the quota places (selected/qualified athletes) achieved by Canada no later than June 30, 2021. With the support of Karate Canada, the COC will confirm acceptance of earned quotas to the WKF no later than June 30, 2021.

6.2 Nominations to the COC & Team Announcement

Upon receiving the confirmation of quota places from the WKF and COC, Karate Canada will verify the 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 Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games by (no later than) June 30, 2021.

Karate Canada shall submit its list of eligible and qualified athletes (having confirmed their intent to participate) to the COC no later than June 30, 2021 and shall nominate such athletes for positions on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Canadian Team.

Karate Canada will make a public announcement of its athlete nominations between June (Date TBC) and July (Date TBC), 2021.

6.3 Reallocation of Unused Quota Places

If necessary, the WKF will reallocate unused places to the next highest ranked athlete in accordance with the WKF Tokyo 2020 Olympics Qualification System. As of the date of publication of this INP, the final date of reallocation has not been determined by the WKF.

VII. AMENDMENTS & UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

This INP is intended to apply as drafted and, specifically, where no athletes are prevented from competing because of an unforeseen injury or other unanticipated or unforeseen circumstances. Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Karate Canada's control do not allow competition or nomination to take place in a fair manner or in the best interests of the priorities and general principles for selection as indicated in these criteria, or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in this document to be applied.

In the event of such unforeseen circumstances the High-Performance Director (HPD) will, where possible, consult with the High-Performance Committee (HPC) to determine if the circumstances justify competition or nomination should take place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the HPD shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

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, COC or the IOC that affect the selection criteria set out in this document. If the 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 Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games 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 Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games must be brought according to said policy or may be brought directly to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) by agreement of all the parties.

IX. PUBLICATION

Karate Canada's Internal Nomination Procedures for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will be posted on Karate Canada's website and distributed by email to all members in good standing of the Senior National Team Roster no later than July 23rd, 2020

X. STAFF SELECTION

Karate Canada's High-Performance Director will select the support staff, including Team Leader and/or Coach(es), for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. 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 allocations and approval.

10.1 Team Leader(s):

Karate Canada-nominated Team Leaders must satisfy the expectations and requirements of the COC'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 Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, 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, 2021.

XI. TIMELINES SUMMARY

Date	Activity
July 23, 2020	KC to publish the revised Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games INP
May, 2021 (TBC)	Olympic standing qualification and continental representation
June, 2021 (TBC)	2020 Qualification Tournament (Location TBC)
June 1, 2021	Deadline for coaches to be in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada
June, 2021 (TBC)	KC and COC to confirm the use of allocated quota places
June to July, 2020 (TBC)	Public announcement of athlete nominations by KC
June 30, 2021	COC team nomination deadline
July 5, 2021	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries Deadline
July 23 -August 8, 2021	Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

XII. FUNDING

Athletes will be responsible for all costs associated with the qualification process towards selection onto the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Attendance at Olympic Games preparatory camps will be the responsibility of the athlete with financial support from Karate Canada based upon their current funding levels. Participation in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will be primarily funded by the Canadian Olympic Committee and by Karate Canada for athletes and staff identified under the primary accreditation allocation. Athletes may be responsible for some costs associated with selection onto Karate Canada's Tokyo 2020 Team.