

**AMENDED SENIOR
NATIONAL
TEAM CRITERIA FOR
KATA AND KUMITE
ATHLETES**

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PART I– SELECTION FRAMEWORK

1. DEFINITIONS

Season: For this document, the term "season" designates the period between (and including) the 2020 Senior National Karate Championships and the start of the 2021 Senior National Championships. In the absence of either of these events occurring, the definition of a season will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or Committee(s) following the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as noted herein.

National Team Head Coach: The term National Team Coach in this document relates to the discipline-specific (kata or kumite) Head Coach.

National Team Roster: The list of athletes eligible to represent Canada's Senior National Team at competitions. Under normal circumstances, the national team roster is valid for one season. Given the exceptional circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019/2020 national team roster will be extended until such a time that a national championship or other domestic ranking events can be held.

Developmental competition: a competition for which no Karate Canada ranking points will be awarded yet, which would provide a growth opportunity for a targeted athlete.

Domestic competition: a competition occurring within Canada's borders and with Karate Canada being the highest sanctioning organization.

Continental Competition: a competition with the Pan American Karate Federation or the Pan-American Sports Organization being the highest sanctioning body.

International Competition: a competition with the World Karate Federation being the highest sanctioning body.

Regional Training Camp: a local training camp for athletes living within one of either the BC, Ontario, Quebec or Atlantic regions

Inter-regional Training Camp: A joint regional camp between two or more of the existing regional training centers.

National Training Camp: A camp for targeted Senior National Team athletes

International Camp: A multi-national camp held collaboratively with national teams from other countries.

Alternate Athlete: An athlete selected to fill a spot left vacant for a specific competition or training camp after an athlete originally selected has pulled-out or is declared unable to participate due to injury, illness or other circumstances.

Training Partner: An athlete not on the National Team roster who has been invited to participate in a training camp to enhance the camp's competitive environment.

2. INTRODUCTION

These amended criteria were written in response to the unprecedented global coronavirus pandemic and associated COVID-19 disease, which necessitated the cancellation or rescheduling of domestic and global sporting events. All 2020 domestic and international events in the February 23rd, 2020 version of this document were cancelled. Karate Canada is carefully following the coronavirus pandemic's evolution on the global and domestic level and selecting athletes to represent Canada at international competitions. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the coronavirus's impact, Karate Canada will respect these published selection criteria as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this selection criteria to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as needed following developments that directly impact the selection criteria. In such circumstances, any changes will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow this selection criteria 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 in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or Committee (s) (as applicable), and following the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as noted herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Karate Canada will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

These selection criteria are in line with the AAP Carding Criteria for 2021-2022 and apply to all Senior Kumite and Kata National Team members, considering any current ranking points and statuses earned in the current or previous seasons. Ranking points accumulation will be based on Part II, Table 2 of this document.

The decisional authority delegated to the Head Coach in this document is restricted to the discipline over which the Head Coach presides. Any reference to the National Team Head Coach will refer to either the individual filling that position permanently or an appointed temporary substitute if the Head Kumite or Kata Coach position is vacant.

The classification of development, "domestic", "continental" and "international" tournaments, and the points that athletes can accumulate at each one, will be determined by the National Head Coaches on an annual basis, pending approval by the High-Performance Committee (HPC).

The schedule of international tournaments or training camps for the National Senior Team Roster can be modified during the season by giving at least eight weeks of notice before the scheduled beginning of an event. Karate Canada (KC) may cancel participation in any of these events due to unforeseen circumstances. These circumstances may include rescheduling or cancellation of the event, budgetary

constraints or other factors present at the time that are considered detrimental to Karate Canada's performance objectives as determined by the HP Committee.

KC reserves the right to amend these Criteria after the date of their original publication. This change may be required to align with international karate sport governing bodies (WKF, PKF) and other external agencies/partners (Canadian Olympic Committee, Sport Canada, Own the Podium) to achieve KC's primary objective of obtaining podium results and achieving success at certain WKF or PKF competitions.

All funding directed to athletes, as stipulated in Part II, Table 4, will be a function of Karate Canada's budget and the athlete's status at the time of selection for a targeted event.

3. OVERALL PHILOSOPHY AND VALUES OF CRITERIA

The following criteria are designed to meet two objectives:

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

The values used by the HP Committee when developing the Selection Criteria and for decision making during athlete selection and 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 funding and long-term performance objectives.
- Athlete Safety and Well Being
 - To ensure that athletes are not forced or coerced into over-competing or competing in inappropriate competitions or at the wrong time of their training cycles.

4. HOW TO GET ON THE SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

Competitive karate is composed of the two distinct disciplines of kata and kumite. Within Karate Canada's Senior National Team structure, a defined head coach (or designate) leads each discipline. All references to "Head Coach "and their decisional powers in this integrated selection criteria document refer to the discipline-specific Head Coach.

There are three distinct categories of Senior National Team divisions for which athletes may be selected by the accumulation of Karate Canada ranking points: 1)

individual kumite, 2) individual kata and 3) team kata. Each of these categories is broken into the gender categories of male and female. Individual kumite is broken further into discrete weight divisions.

Selection onto the male and female team kumite division teams is not achieved by accumulating Karate Canada ranking points. Please see Section 7.2 of this document for further details.

4.1. Entry to the Senior National Team Roster

Within five working days of the conclusion of the 2020 Senior National Karate Championships, a National Team Roster of eligible athletes will be announced. The placement and ranking of athletes on the roster will be directly related to their status and ranking point total after the 2020 Senior National Championships

Given the COVID-19 pandemic, the past cancellation of point-earning competitions and the potential future cancellation of point-earning competitions, the 2019/2020 national team roster will be extended until such a time that national championships or other domestic ranking events can be held. This extension will be done by extending the lifespan of athlete ranking points as detailed in Section 5.1 of this document.

If the status and accumulation of performance/ranking points do not determine a single specific athlete, the tiebreaking criteria detailed in Section 6.1 of this document will be applied.

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

- Occur at defined times before each competition. See Part II, Table 2, for details.
- Be based on status and accumulated performance/ranking points at the time of the invitation. If the status and accumulation of performance/ranking points do not determine a single specific athlete, the tiebreaking criteria detailed in Section 7.1 will be applied.
- Be drawn only from the National Team Roster at the time of the invitation except for situations described in sections 4.2 and 4.3 below.
- Depend on the team's total size at each event, as determined by Karate Canada's budget and HP Plan, or by that specific tournament Organizing Committee's requirements.

4.2. Late Entry to the National Team Roster

If an athlete not originally named to the Senior National Team Roster based on point accumulation after the 2020 Senior National Championships accumulates enough points at WKF Karate-1 events to gain status in a category listed in Section 5.0 below, 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 selection period.

4.3. Selection of Athletes to Fill Vacant Spots in the National Team Roster

If a roster spot is left vacant after KC's invitations to the Senior National Team Roster process, the Senior National Team Head Coach may choose another athlete to fill this spot.

In such a case, the athlete must be named to the National Team Roster at least 14 days before the beginning of the first event in which they will be selected to compete. The athlete must have earned a podium result at the most recent KC National Championships in the respective discipline of which the vacant spot has occurred. The athlete will be subject to all other team requirements and must be approved by the High-Performance Committee.

4.4. Citizenship Requirements

Non-Canadian citizens may be named to the National Team Roster and, thereby, earn ranking points at National Championships and at open registration tournaments listed in this document if and only if they are permanent residents. Only upon attaining Canadian citizenship will they become eligible to be named to a National Team representing Canada at Pan American Championships or Games, official Intercontinental or World Championships. Non-citizen athletes on the National Team Roster will receive no National Team program funding from Karate Canada and are not eligible for Sport Canada Carding (Athlete Assistance Program).

4.5. Selection of an Alternate Athlete for a Targeted Event

Should there be a vacancy in a National Team preparing to represent Canada at a targeted event, an alternate athlete may be selected utilizing the criteria detailed in Section 7.3 of this document. An alternate athlete named onto the National Team for a specific competition immediately becomes a Senior National Team Roster athlete for the remainder of the season. Karate Canada is under no obligation to select an alternate for either a training camp or a competition.

4.6. National Team Competitions

Senior National Team Kumite athletes will be invited to compete in specific competitions each season. The list of competitions targeted for the current year is contained in Part II of this document. Senior National Team Roster athletes may also choose to engage in other open registration competitions; however, no coaching staff, logistical support, nor funding may be provided by KC to athletes participating in these self-selected additional tournaments. Ranking points earned at athlete-selected competitions will be awarded according to the designated competition

results as per Part II, Table 2 of this document.

4.7. National, Regional and Inter-Regional Training Camps

All invited Senior National Team Roster athletes residing in Ontario or Quebec must participate in all mandatory Regional or ON- QC Inter-Regional Training Camps, if they live 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, to remain on the Senior National Team Roster, all invited Senior 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 four weeks before the beginning of each training camp. KC has the right to change the dates or location of any of the mandatory camps or cancel a camp, provided at least two weeks' notice is given to Senior National Team members.

Part II of this document contains a list of mandatory Regional or Inter-Regional camps for the current season (dates and locations remain subject to change). Please note that Karate Canada may add another Regional Training Centre during the season. Further, Karate Canada may institute virtual training camps if the need is determined to exist.

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

For the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, national, regional and interregional training camps may not be held. If and when camps are held, an announcement about whether camp attendance is mandatory will be issued.

4.8. Mandatory Events for Carded Athletes

All Carded athletes will be required to participate in designated mandatory National or International Competitions and National/International Training Camps. Carded athletes living in either Ontario or Quebec must also attend all Ontario-Quebec Inter-Regional Training Sessions.

The dates and locations of the identified mandatory competitions and national/international training camps may change from season to season. They will be published no later than six weeks before the beginning of the camp or competition. The list of mandatory competitions and camps for Sport Canada carded athletes are included in Part II of this document.

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 Carded athletes' requirements may result in Karate Canada recommending to Sport Canada that an athlete no longer benefits from AAP support.

Given the global COVID-19 pandemic, it is uncertain how many National and International competitions will be held. It is likewise unsure what foreign country entry and the Canadian re-entry requirements will be. For the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated travel restrictions and hazards to health and wellness, no international competitions will be deemed mandatory for carded athletes.

5. HOW TO OBTAIN A STATUS

Athletes accumulate points for their performance at the events listed in Part II of this document. A status can be obtained according to the following point accumulation:

International A:	600 or more points
International B:	201 to 599 points inclusive
International C:	131 to 200 points inclusive
National A:	75 to 130 points inclusive

5.1. Rules about Status and Ranking Points

- Points will only accumulate in individual kumite, individual kata and team kata divisions.
- An athlete/team must win at least two bouts in a competition to be awarded 100% of the competition's points.
- An athlete/team who obtains a result with only one win in that competition will be awarded only 50% of the points allocated for that competition.
- If an athlete/team obtains a result with no win, he/she will not be awarded any ranking points.
- A win through a bye or absence of an opponent will not be counted as a victory and will not be counted towards point accumulation.
- Points obtained in a division can only be accumulated within that same division and cannot cross-accumulate with other disciplines (i.e. kata and kumite) or divisions (i.e. kumite weight division, individual kata and team kata).

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically altered the global karate competitive situation. Karate Canada's internal ranking system is based upon point allocations at targeted domestic, continental and international karate competitions. Many karate competitions, which would have been point earning opportunities for our athletes, have been cancelled. In general, these points have a one-year shelf life. The cancellation of karate competitions means that all Senior National Team Roster athletes' points would normally expire by March 2021. . To address this issue, Karate Canada has adopted the following amendments to its ranking point structure:

As the next scheduled domestic ranking point-earning competition event for Karate Canada's Senior National Team Roster athletes will be the July 2-4 National Championships (in St-John's NL), Karate Canada has determined that athletes shall enter this event with the point allocations they would have entered the March 21/22, 2020 Senior National Championships, decayed by 50%. To achieve this objective, each discrete point allocation's expiry date (for each given point-earning event from which ranking points had not yet expired on March 21st, 2020) will be extended for a period equal to the time between the start of the cancelled 2020 Senior National Championships and the start of the planned 2021 National Championships (July 2nd, 2021). This period is equal to one year and ninety-seven days All points affected by this extension will be subjected to 50% of their original value.

For clarity, the above does not mean that the total value of an athlete's points as of the start of the cancelled 2020 Senior Championships is extended for one year and ninety-seven days. Instead, each discrete event point allocation earned by an athlete before March 21st, 2020 (and still valid at that date) is being extended for one year and ninety-seven days This means that points earned on April 1st 2019, as an example, will decay to zero on July 7th 2021.. The same would happen for points earned in May 2019, June 2019 and all months until March of 2020.

5.2. Strength of Field

Points for all international WKF Karate-1 events will be reduced if the number of elite-level competitors in that competition (known as the “Strength of Field”) does not satisfy requirements.

5.2.1. Strength of Field Categories:

- 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

5.2.2. Requirements:

To receive full points for gold at a Karate-1 event, there must be two opponents from any one of the five Strength of Field categories in the athlete’s division at the event. If the division only includes one opponent from any of the five Strength of Field categories, only 75% of that event’s designated points for gold are awarded. If the division does not include any opponent from any of the five Strength of Field categories, only 50% of that event’s designated points are awarded.

To receive full points for silver at a Karate-1 event, there must be two opponents from any one of the five Strength of Field categories 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 one opponent from any of the five Strength of Field categories, 75% of that event’s designated silver points are awarded. If the division does not include any opponent from any of the five Strength of Field categories, only 50% of that event’s designated points are awarded.

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 two opponents from any one of the five Strength of Field categories. If only one opponent from any one of the five Strength of Field categories is on the same side/ in the same half of the elimination sheet as the athlete, 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.

Should performance points earned at a competition be subject to point devaluation both under the Strength of Field criteria and based on the number of matches won (as per 5.1), Karate Canada will consider the lowest of the two-point totals for the competition. It will not devalue the ranking points twice for the same competitive result.

5.3. Point Duration

The table below details the duration that Karate Canada ranking points remain valid.

Competition	Placement	Point Duration
Olympic Games, World Games, Senior World Championships	Podium	Two years with 50% decay in 2 nd year
	Top 8	
Pan American Games, Senior Pan American Karate Championships	Gold	Two years with 50% decay in 2 nd year
	Silver and Bronze	One year
World Karate Federation Karate 1 Premier League and Series A Competitions	Top 8	One year
Karate Canada Senior National Championships	Podium	From event to event.
Karate Canada Senior and U21 Selection Event	Podium	One year
Commonwealth Karate Federation Championships	Podium	One year

The start date of an athlete's points is the last day of the competition at which the athlete achieved the result for which the ranking points were awarded. Points earned for a competitive placement include points earned for matches won as per Part II Table 3 of this document. All earned points are subject to the duration and decay schedule above. When an Athlete is awarded a Status through the accumulation of points, the Athlete's Status will only last if the points are maintained to keep that athlete within the statuses' respective brackets.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

Sections 6.0 and 6.1 apply to all individual male and female kumite weight divisions, individual male and female kata and male and female team kata.

To become eligible for selection onto National Teams that will participate in KC sanctioned events throughout the season, athletes/teams will be selected onto the National Team Roster in the following order of priority:

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. 'Coaches' "Discretionary Selection" athletes – are athletes who may fill open spots, if any, as selected by the Head Coaches.

Given the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019/2020 national team roster will be extended until such a time that a national championship or other domestic ranking events can be held. KC and the Head Coaches are under no obligation to fill vacant spots when selecting/naming the National Team Roster.

6.1 Tiebreaking Criteria for Selection onto the Senior National Team Roster

The tiebreaker process for selection onto the National Team Roster will be as follows if two or more athletes hold the same status or an equal number of points:

1. The athlete with the higher total number of current KC ranking points earned from a performance at the most recent Senior World (WKF) Championships, the most recent Senior Pan American (PKF) Championships and WKF Karate-1 competitions (maximum of two competitions) within the last year will be selected;
2. If the tie persists, the athlete with the highest total number of matches won at WKF Karate-1 competitions (maximum of two competitions) within the last year will be selected. If an athlete has won matches at more than two Karate-1 events, the two events with the highest totals of matches won will be considered after applying the Strength of Field criterion.
3. If the tie persists, the athlete with the highest total number of matches won at the most recent Senior Pan American (PKF) Championships will be selected.
4. If the tie persists, the athlete who obtained the best result (in that division) at the most recent Karate Canada Senior National Championships or Senior Team Selection Event will be selected. This criterion will only be applicable if all tied athletes in each division have competed in that division at these Championships.
5. If the tie persists, the Senior National Team Head Coach will decide the final selection 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 following ranking point accumulation at the selection time (see section 7.0).

Unless specified otherwise in this document, selection onto the National Team for a targeted competition will occur no later than 30 days before the start of the competition or at specific dates designated in Part II of this document.

7. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL TEAM AT SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Section 7.0 and 7.1 apply to all individual male and female kumite weight divisions, individual male and female kata and male and female team kata.

To participate in any Karate Canada-sanctioned competitions, athletes will be selected from the National Team Roster (see possible exceptions at 4.5 & 7.3). Selection will occur in the order of priority shown below.

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. Coaches' Discretionary Selections.

This selection order and criteria do not apply for "development competitions" that do not carry Karate Canada ranking points. 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 eight weeks before the start of the event.

The team's size will be based on the number of athletes able to participate in each division at each event. The COC may set total team size and athlete quotas in competitive divisions, WKF, PKF or the respective event organizing committee. Total team size may also be restricted due to limitations within Karate Canada's budget.

Once selected to represent Canada at an international event, athletes may be required to participate in a mandatory pre-competition National Training Camp. Public announcement and athlete notification of all mandatory pre-competition training camps will follow the guidelines presented in this document.

7.1. Tiebreaking Criteria for National Team Selection

When two or more athletes hold the same status, the tiebreaking process for selection onto the National Team for any specific event will be as follows:

1. The athlete with the higher total number of current Karate Canada ranking points earned from a 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 WKF Karate-1 competitions (maximum of two competitions) within the last year will be selected. If an athlete has won matches at more than two Karate-1 events, the two events with the highest totals of matches won will be considered after applying the Strength of Field criterion.

3. The athlete with the highest total number of matches won at the latest Senior Pan American (PKF) Championships will be selected if the tie persists. Matches won at these Championships will also be weighted and valued according to the Strength of Field criterion.
4. If the tie persists, the athlete who obtained the best result (in that division) at the 2020 Karate Canada Senior National Championships or Senior Selection Event will be selected. This criterion will only be applicable if all tied athletes in each division have competed in that division at these Championships.
5. If the tie persists, the Senior National Team Head Coach will decide the final selection and must be approved by the HP Committee.

7.2. Athlete Selection for Team Kumite

Selection of athletes participating in Team Kumite events during international competitions is at the Senior Kumite National Team Head Coach's discretion. However, selected athletes must meet one of the following criteria:

- be current National Team Roster athletes, or;
- have participated in kumite at the latest Senior or Junior National Championships, or;
- have been a National Team Roster member in the previous season

The Senior National Team Kumite Head Coach's selections require approval by the HP Committee. The Senior National Team Kumite Head Coach may, for Team Kumite only, also select and invite athletes from the Junior National Team Roster, if she/he so chooses. Please note that no KC ranking points will be allocated for performance in the Team Kumite division.

7.3. Alternates / Late Athlete Replacement

If an athlete selected to attend a specific competition or camp through the process detailed in this document cannot attend or is declared unable to participate due to injury, illness or other circumstances, an alternate athlete may be selected to fill the vacant spot. Karate Canada is under no obligation to choose an alternative to either a training camp or an international competition; however, if an alternate is selected, the following process will be followed.

7.3.1. 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 KC 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:

- International A status-holding athletes;
- International B status-holding athletes;
- International C status-holding athletes;
- National A status-holding athletes

If more than one eligible athlete holds the same status, tiebreaking for the selection of alternates in

Individual divisions are to follow the Tie-Breaking Criteria listed in Section 7.1 above.

The selection of alternates after exhaustion of the priorities listed above is at the senior national team head coach's discretion. However, selected athletes must either be current National Team Roster members or must have participated in the latest National Championships. The HP Committee must also approve the selection of alternates by the National Team Head Coach. 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.

7.3.2. Team Kumite

The selection of alternates in Team Kumite divisions is at the discretion of the Senior National Team Kumite Head Coach, but selected athletes must meet one of the following criteria:

They must either:

- be current National Team Roster athletes, or;
- have participated in the latest National Championships, or;
- have been a National Team Roster member in the previous season

The HP Committee must approve the selection of alternates by the National Team Head Coach. 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. Please note that no Karate Canada ranking points will be allocated for performance in the Team Kumite division.

7.3.3. 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 alternative 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.

8. REQUIREMENTS, EXEMPTIONS AND APPEALS

8.1. 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 4.4 above).
- Pay the required annual Senior National Team Package Fee in full and on time.
- Participate in all mandatory training camps individually required of them unless an exemption has been granted.
- Make weight for Kumite divisions. Failure to make weight at a mandatory competition will result in revocation of athlete funding, if any. For carded athletes, failure to make weight is considered a breach of their Carding agreement.
- Be within at least 5 % of target weight (i.e. the upper or lower weight limit of the division in which the athlete will be competing) no later than four weeks from the competition in which the athlete is selected to compete.
- Demonstrate 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 concerns about fitness and health.
- Always report any performance-limiting injuries or physical conditions to the National Head Coach, no later than two weeks before the next upcoming camp or competition, or within one week of the occurrence of the illness or injury,
- Provide appropriate medical information on the injury and its treatment. This includes diagnosis and proposed treatment protocol and estimated return to full training or competition.
- Keep the National Team Head Coach informed on their recovery plan and progress according to that plan.
- Provide an accurate mailing address, an active email address and all phone numbers at which they can be reached. Any changes must be sent to the Karate Canada Head Office promptly.

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

8.2. 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):

- A recent death in the immediate family (within one month before the start of the camp or Competition);
- Injury limiting participation or performance;
- Pregnancy; or
- Infectious disease

Requests must be made as soon as reasonably 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 the Karate Canada Head Office. Notice that such an event must include details of the circumstances, and any supporting evidence scanned or 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.

Karate Canada may withdraw an athlete whose condition persists and cannot undergo full training during the two weeks before an event from the team representing Canada at that event.

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

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the associated barriers to domestic and international travel, including but not limited to: airline flight schedule disruptions, domestic quarantine requirements, foreign traveller quarantine requirements and border closures, Karate Canada reserves the right to issue exemptions from camps and competitions above and beyond the criteria listed in this section as suiting the best interests of the High-Performance program while adequately recognizing and honouring the mental health and physical well-being of the individual athlete.

8.3. Participation in Domestic Events

Participation at Domestic competitions (other than National Championships, the Senior and U21 Selection Event and Training Camps announced in these Criteria) will be mandatory only if KC, 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 weeks' notice before the start of the event.

The National Team Head Coach will consider exemptions to mandatory participation based on the same criteria in section 8.2.

8.4. Appeals

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

8.5. Language

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

PART II- EVENTS AND POINT ALLOCATION FOR 2020-2021 SEASON

The tables below provide detailed information regarding recommend and mandatory training camps and competitions for both Senior National Team Roster athletes and Karate Canada carded athletes.

Table 1: List of Targeted Camps and Competitions for the Senior National Team Roster athletes, for the 2020-2021 Season*. Please note that the revised table below is not listed in chronological order to reflect the original order of events in the first version of this document.

Event/Location	Date *	Eligibility	Comments****
WKF Karate 1 Premier League Madrid, ESP CANCELLED	April 17-19, 2020	Event registration restricted to the WKF Top 100 ranked athletes per division as per WKF policy**	Mandatory for carded athletes eligible for Premier League and selected to represent Canada at the WKF Tokyo 2020 Qualification Tournament
WKF Tokyo Olympic Qualification Tournament Paris, FRA POSTPONED	May 8-10, 2020 NEW DATES: June 11-13, 2021	Event registration is restricted to one athlete per Olympic division as per the WKF Olympic Qualification document.	Highly recommended for qualified athletes.
Pre-2020 Senior Pan American Karate Championship Training Camp (TBC) Montreal, QC CANCELLED	May 21-24, 2020	All Senior National Roster athletes	Recommended for all 2020/21 Senior National Team roster athletes
2020 Senior Pan American Karate Championships. San Jose, CRC CANCELLED	May 25-27, 2020	Restricted to 2 athletes per division per country for individual divisions and one team per division per country for team divisions.	Highly Recommended for eligible athletes.

<p>Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (Karate Competition)</p> <p>Tokyo, JPN</p> <p>POSTPONED</p>	<p>August 6-8, 2020</p> <p>NEW DATES:</p> <p>August 5-7, 2021</p>	<p>Event registration restricted to the WKF qualified athletes***</p>	<p>Highly recommended for eligible athletes.</p> <p>Mandatory for selected and eligible Carded Athletes.</p>
<p>Training Camp at the 2020 KC Summit.</p> <p>Location TBA</p> <p>CANCELLED</p>	<p>TBA</p>	<p>Open Registration</p>	<p>Mandatory for Ontario and Quebec- based Sr Team Roster athletes and Carded athletes only.</p>
<p>WKF 2021 Senior World Championships</p> <p>Dubai, UAE</p> <p>POSTPONED UNTIL 2021 (The 2021 Senior World Championships will be included in the 2021/22 Senior National Team Selection Criteria.)</p>	<p>November 17-22, 2020</p>	<p>Restricted to one athlete per division per country for individual divisions and one team per division per country for team divisions.</p>	<p>Highly recommended for eligible athletes.</p> <p>Highly Recommended for eligible carded Athletes</p>
<p>U21 and Senior Karate Canada Domestic Selection Competition.</p> <p>Calgary, AB (TBC)</p>	<p>March 27/28, 2021 (TBC)</p>	<p>PTSO qualified, and KC automatically invited athletes. Sole point of entry for Tier 2 selection to the WKF Olympic Qualification Tournament. Final details TBC</p>	
<p>WKF Karate 1 Premier League</p> <p>Rabat, MOR</p>	<p>April 9-11, 2021</p>	<p>Event registration restricted to the WKF Top 100 ranked athletes per division as per WKF policy**</p>	<p>Highly recommended for carded athletes eligible for Premier League and selected to represent Canada at the WKF Tokyo 2020 Qualification Tournament</p>
<p>Pre- 2021 Pan American Karate Championship Training Camp</p> <p>Location TBA</p>	<p>TBA</p>	<p>All Senior National Roster athletes</p>	
<p>2021 Senior Pan American Karate Championships.*****</p> <p>Curacao</p>	<p>May 27-29, 2021</p>	<p>Restricted to 2 athletes per division per country for individual divisions and one team per division per country for team divisions.</p>	<p>Highly recommended for eligible athletes.</p>

WKF Tokyo Olympic Qualification Tournament Paris, FRA	June 11-13, 2021	Event registration restricted to one athlete per Olympic division as per the WKF Olympic Qualification document.	
2021 Senior National Championships***** John's, NFLD	July 2-4, 2021	PTSO qualified, and KC automatically invited athletes.	Mandatory for inclusion on the 2021/2022 Senior National Team Roster. Exemptions granted to any athlete qualified for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. If this event is canceled due to COVID-19 related issues, Karate Canada reserves the right to schedule a replacement National Team selection competition(s) during the season.

Note: As defined in this document, a season generally runs from one edition of the Senior National Championships to the next edition of the Senior National Championships. Only points earned at competitions held between editions of this event will be added to individual athlete totals. However, given the global COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019/2020 national team roster will be extended until such a time that a national championship or another domestic ranking event can be held. Ideally, this will occur in either March or July 2021, as detailed in the table above.

*= Exact dates and locations of all events subject to change will be confirmed before each event. Karate Canada reserves the right to modify targeted and mandatory events for various reasons, including but not limited to Canadian government-issued travel advisories.

** = 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.

*** The revised Tokyo 2020 qualification process can be found here:

<https://www.wkf.net/imagenes/campeonatos/olympicsestadisticas-olympic-karate-tokyo-2020-002.pdf>

**** Note the Comments section of the table contains information related to mandatory event participation by Sport Canada Carded athletes as well as National Team Roster athletes.

***** Note: The 2021 PFK Sr. Championships' timing is close to the WKF Olympic Qualification tournament. Karate Canada may restrict participation to the 2021 Sr. PKF event to those athletes who are not qualified for the Olympic Qualification Tournament as a reflection of the high priority of the Olympic Qualification event.

***** Possible exemption granted for athletes returning from the Paris OG Qualifier. Dependent upon global and domestic COVID-19 pandemic situation.

Table 2: Point allocation for performances during the 2020-2021 season

Priority	Event	Team Selection Dates	Eligibility	Performance	Points	Duration / Expiry
1	2020 Olympic Games (International)	WKF publication of qualified athlete list occurs on TBD	Athletes are qualified through defined WKF process	Gold	1200	2 Years after points earned. Points are reduced by 50% in the 2 nd year of possession. Points applied to the athlete standard WKF division totals within KC points system
				Silver	840	
				Bronze	480	
				5 th place	360	
				7 th place	240	
2	Tokyo 2020 Qualification Tournament (International)		Tier 1 Selection March 1st, 2020	Gold	900	2 Years after points earned. Points are reduced by 50% in the 2 nd year of possession. Points applied to the athlete standard WKF division totals within KC points system
			Tier 2 Selection Via the planned March 27/28, 2021 domestic Selection Competition In consideration of the uncertainty that the scheduled WKF Premier League competitions will be able to run, if the March domestic Selection Competition doesn't take place, Tier 2 selection will occur on February 1, 2021, in accordance with the Internal Nomination Procedure (INP) for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Qualification Tournament.	Silver	630	
				Bronze 3rd	360	
				Bronze 4th	360	
				5th place	270	
				7th place	180	
						2 Years after points

3	2021 WKF Senior World Championships (International) Will be considered within the 2021/22 Senior Selection Criteria	October 4th, 2021	Selected athletes (1 spot s per individual division) – must be a Canadian citizen	Gold	1200	earned. Points are reduced by 50% in the 2nd year of possession.
				Silver	840	
				Bronze	480	
				5th place	360	
				7th place	240	
4	2021 Senior Pan American Championships (Continental)	April 12th, 2021		Gold	600	From event to the 2nd subsequent edition of the same event, or 2 years if the 2nd next edition of the event does not reoccur within the following two seasons. Points are reduced by 50% in the 2nd year of possession
				Silver	420	
				Bronze	240	From event to event or one year if the the event does not reoccur within the following season.
5	All WKF Karate 1 Premier League events held between 2020 Senior National Championships and the 2021 Senior National Championships. (International) **		Top 200 in WKF World Ranking, with priority to top 50 at time of registration	Gold	600	From event to event or one year if the event does not reoccur within the following season
				Silver	420	
				Bronze	240	
				5 th place	120	
				7 th place	60	
				Every match won (if not at least 7 th) ****	10	
	All WKF Karate 1 Series A events			Gold	300	

6	held between the 2020 Senior National Championships and the 2021 Senior National Championships (International) **		Open events.	Silver	210	From event to event or one year if the event does not reoccur within the following season
				Bronze	120	
				5 th place	90	
				7 th place	60	
				Every match won (if not at least 7 th) ****	5	
7	2021 KC National Championships (Domestic)***		Provincial / Territorial Team members only – see Event Information Bulletin for details.	Gold	100	From event to event or one year if the event does not reoccur within the following season
				Silver	70	
				Bronze (3 rd place)	40	
				Bronze (4 th place)	30	
8	2021 KC National Senior and U21 Selection Event (Domestic)***		Provincial / Territorial Team members only – see Event Information Bulletin for details.	Gold	100	From event to event or one year if the event does not reoccur within the following season
				Silver	70	
				Bronze (3 rd place)	40	
				Bronze (4 th place)	30	

7	2020 Commonwealth Karate Championships (International) Postponed	TBA	Open to members of the National Roster	Gold	70	From event to event or one year if the event does not reoccur within the following season
				Silver	40	
				Bronze	30	

NOTE: Points for all events listed in the table above are contingent on the application of the Strength of Field criterion as per Section 5.2 except for the KC National Championships and the Commonwealth Karate Championships.

.** All WKF Karate-1 Premier League and Series A competitions occurring between the planned conclusion of the cancelled 2020 Senior National Championships and the start of the 2021 Senior National Championships will be considered for ranking point accumulation. However, athlete ranking points will only be accumulated toward a status from their two best Karate-1 performances from this period. Senior athletes who are not named onto the Senior National Team Roster for the 2020-2021 season after the 2020 Senior National Championships may still earn performance points and statuses at these international events. These athletes' responsibility is 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 2021 National Championships will be mandatory for any athlete to be invited for possible selection into the Senior National Team Roster for the following competitive season, except for the specifics contained in Section 8.2 and Table 1 of this document. If the scheduled 2021 National Championships is cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Karate Canada may hold replacement domestic National Team selection events with point allocations equal to the National Championships.

**** All rules about Status and Points mentioned in Section 5 also apply to points for matches won (see sections 4.1 & 4.2 especially).

Table 3: List of Inter-regional and Regional Camps for Senior National Team Roster athletes, for the 2020-2021 Season*

Quebec-Ontario Inter-Regional Camps (Kingston)	Quebec (Gatineau area)	Ontario (Toronto area)	British Columbia (Vancouver area)	Atlantic
Camp 1	Camp 1	Camp 1	Camp 1	Camp 1
Camp 2	Camp 2	Camp 2	Camp 2	Camp 2
Camp 3	Camp 3	Camp 3	Camp 3	Camp 3
Camp 4	Camp 4	Camp 4	Camp 4	Camp 4

*= Dates to be determined. Virtual training camps may be instituted.

Karate Canada reserves the right to add additional Training Centres or Camps during the season.

Table 4: Funding ratios for athletes on the National Senior Team invited to compete at international competitions for the 2020-2021 season

Status	Points	Ratio
International A	600 or more	1.5: 1
International B	201 – 599	1: 1
International C	131 – 200	None
National A	75 – 130	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 athletes' status 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.

When an Athlete is awarded a Status through the accumulation of points, the Athlete’s Status will only last if the points are maintained to keep that athlete within the statuses' respective brackets.

APPENDIX A: AUTOMATIC INVITATION POLICY FOR THE 2021 COMBINED JUNIOR AND SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Please note that Karate Canada will automatically invite athletes that meet one of the following four criteria to the combined Junior and Senior 2021 Canadian National Championships:

1. All Senior athletes holding a status (International A, B or C or National A), regardless of any change in weight division within Senior kumite divisions, as of January 1st, 2021.
2. The two top-ranked Junior National Team Roster athletes in each individual division regardless of any change in age or weight divisions within Junior National Championships divisions (Youth, Cadet, Junior and U21), as of January 1st, 2021.
3. All gold and silver medalists from the 2019 Junior and Senior National Championships regardless of any change in age or weight divisions. National Championships results in the Team Kumite divisions are excluded from this criterion.
4. Junior National Team Roster athletes from the U21, Junior, Cadet and Youth divisions who achieved:
 - a. a 5th place or higher in a 2019 or 2020 WKF Youth League event,
 - b. a 5th place or higher at the 2019 Pan-American Karate Championship individual divisions,
 - c. a 7th place or higher at the 2019 Junior World Championships.

Automatic invitations to the combined Senior and Junior 2021 National Championships, according to the above four points, will only apply to the discipline (individual kata or individual kumite) in which the result was earned. That is, athletes automatically invited to compete in individual kata are not automatically invited to compete in individual kumite, and vice versa.

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

Automatically invited Kumite athletes may register in any single weight division regardless of the division in which they achieved their automatic invitation status.

Additionally, all automatically invited athletes must be active and current members in the National Team Roster's good standing as of January 1st, 2021, according to Karate Canada's National Team Head Coaches and following published national Team Criteria.