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I. INTRODUCTION

This internal nomination procedure was written within the context of the unprecedented global coronavirus pandemic and associated COVID-19 disease, which necessitated the cancellation or rescheduling of domestic and global sporting events. Karate Canada carefully follows the coronavirus pandemic's evolution on the global and domestic level and selects 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 these 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

1.1. Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to outline the qualification process and selection procedures of Karate Canada for determining those athletes who will be selected to represent Canada at the Cali 2021 Junior Pan American Games (JPAG) as members of the Karate Canada team.

1.2. Objectives:

The objective of these selection policy and procedures is to select the athletes to fill the externally mandated athlete quota spots allocated to Karate Canada (KC) by the Pan American Karate Federation (PKF) and the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC).

1.3. Team Size:

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

Given conditions associated with the global coronavirus pandemic, the COC has

allocated KC with four athletes' quota. Moreover, the cancellation of the Cali 2021 JPAG regional and continental qualification tournaments has necessitated the PKF to allocate country quota spots based upon the 2019 Junior PKF Karate Championships results. KC has, coincidentally, been issued four quota spots by the PKF, one spot in each of the following standard World Karate Federation (WKF) kumite weight divisions:

U21Men
Standard WKF kumite weight divisions
+84 kg

U21Women
Standard WKF kumite weight divisions
-50 kg
-55 kg
-61 kg

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 nominated to the COC for the Cali 2021 JPAG.

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 team nominated to the COC for the Cali 2021 JPAG.

2.2. Implementation of the INP

In consultation with the Executive Director, the High Performance Director is responsible for implementing these Board-approved procedures. The High Performance Committee will ratify all team nominations.

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

Onsite at the Cali 2021 JPAG, all final decision-making authority will reside with the Team Leader or with the Junior National Team Head Kumite Coach (or designated substitute) in the absence of the Team Leader. This includes, but is not limited to, decisions around removing an athlete from the team, managing injuries, etc.

III. PAN AMERICAN SPORTS ORGANIZATION (PASO) CRITERIA

The PASO Qualification System for the 2021 Cali JPAG can be found at <https://www.pkfkarate.com/news/i-junior-pan-american-games-cali-valle-2021-karate-technical-manual/>, and in the event of a discrepancy, the original PASO version will prevail. Karate Canada is bound by any changes to the Qualification System or the selection and eligibility criteria.

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 Internal Nomination Procedures to comply with the new regulations or conditions. Amendments to this document will be communicated directly to the affected athletes and posted on Karate Canada's website.

All athletes who participate in the 2021 Cali JPAG must achieve the minimum eligibility standards set forth by the PASO and meet Karate Canada's eligibility requirements (see section IV below).

IV. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

4.1 General

To be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for the 2021 Cali JPAG Team selection, an athlete must (at the time of this nomination):

- a) Be a Canadian citizen (as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter);
- b) Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before March 30, 2022 (passports must be valid for up to 6 months after the Games);
- c) Comply with all relevant PKF and PASO requirements for eligibility, which includes meeting the age eligibility requirements established by the PKF for participation in the 2021 JPAG (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 August 1, 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 Junior 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 before departure for the 2021 JPAG.

4.2. Age Eligibility Requirements:

- h) As per section the PASO Qualification System for the 2021 Cali JPAG, to be eligible for selection onto the Canadian 2021 Cali JPAG National Team, athletes must be at least 18 years and up to 21 years old by December 31, 2021 (athletes born between 2000 – 2003). At the time of qualification, athletes should be a minimum of 18 years old and maximum of 20 years old.
- i) Given the cancellation of the 2021 Cali JPAG qualification tournament, the PKF has set the qualification date to be April 30, 2021.

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

To be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for the 2021 JPAG Team selection, an athlete must be a member in good standing of the Junior National Team Roster at the time of selection. This includes having signed and abiding by Karate Canada's 2021/22 National Team Roster Athlete Agreement.

Even after nomination, selected athletes will also be required to maintain status as members in good standing of the Junior National Team Roster from the time of selection up until and including participation in the 2021 Cali JPAG.

4.4. Dress Code & Equipment

Athletes named to compete in the 2021 Cali JPAG will be required to comply with the dress code regulations of the Karate Canada Team and the Canadian Olympic Committee. This will include Official Team Competition Clothing Policy and the Official Team Podium/Parade Clothing Policy.

Athletes named to the 2021 Cali JPAG will only be allowed to use equipment that meets the PASO and WKF rules and regulations.

V. SELECTION CRITERIA

5.1 Athlete Selection Process & Criteria

5.1.1 PASO Qualification System:

The athlete "Qualification System" for the 2021 Cali JPAG is determined by the PKF and the PASO and can be found at:
<https://www.pkfkarate.com/news/i-junior-pan-american-games-cali-valle-2021-karate-technical-manual/>

5.1.2 Athlete Selection:

KC will select the top-ranked KC Junior National Team Roster athlete in each of the allocated quota spot divisions given to KC. Selected athletes must meet all eligibility requirements stated in Section IV above and in the PASO Cali 2021 JPAG Karate Qualification System to be nominated to the COC for selection onto the Cali 2021 JPAG Canadian Team.

The pool of potential athletes in each of the KC quota spot divisions will be populated with age-eligible athletes who have self-declared their interest to participate and their projected kumite weight divisions. These athletes will carry KC ranking points (decayed by 50%) earned before the COVID-19 cancellation of competitions. The combined Junior division and U21 division point total as of May 10, 2021, will be utilized to determine athlete ranking for filling KC's allocated quota spots. Should a tie exist, U21 points alone will be used to break the tie.

5.1.3 Qualification Period:

The qualification period has been made invalid due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Athlete selection to fill Canada's quota spots will be determined by ranking points earned in the 2019 competitive season that have been decayed by 50% and carried forward.

5.2 Alternates

The next highest-ranked eligible athlete having declared interest will fill vacant quota spots in each of the designated divisions. Should a quota spot be vacant due to all eligible athletes in that division declining, Karate Canada reserves the right to select athletes from an adjacent weight division to fill the vacant quota spot utilizing the athlete selection process detailed in Section 5.1.2. Karate Canada is under no obligation to fill vacant spots if the pool of eligible athletes is depleted.

5.3 Performance Readiness

All athletes selected by Karate Canada for participation in the 2021 Cali JPAG will be required to comply with all requirements and rules about exemptions and appeals listed and described in Karate Canada's Junior National Team Criteria, at the time of their selection and from the moment of that selection until they participate in the 2020 JPAG, inclusively. This may include mandatory participation at a designated training camp if scheduled.

Athletes selected for participation in the 2021 Cali JPAG must comply with the team preparation plans set forth by Karate Canada's Junior National Team Kumite Head Coach.

5.3.1 Maintaining Weight

Athletes selected by Karate Canada for participation in the 2021 Cali JPAG will be expected to remain within a reasonable range from the upper weight limit for their JPAG division. Athletes must not exceed their weight division's upper limit by more than 2 kg. Athletes who fail to remain within 2 kg of their JPAG weight division's upper limit will be subject to possible removal from the team at Karate Canada's discretion.

5.4 Removal of an Athlete Once Selected

Eligibility of qualified athletes to represent Canada at the 2021 Cali JPAG will remain conditional upon said athletes meeting all Junior National Team Roster requirements from the moment of their qualification/selection and until the conclusion of the 2021 JPAG.

Should any qualified athlete fail to meet such requirements, they may be removed from the Canadian karate team for the 2021 Cali JPAG.

Additionally, before Team Nomination to the COC, Karate Canada will have the final authority over the dismissal of any athlete from the 2021 Cali JPAG 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 or failure by the athlete to fulfill his / her duties as identified in the 2021-2022 Karate Canada Athlete Agreement;
- Violation of the Karate Canada's Code of Conduct and Ethics (<https://karatecanada.org/resources/governance-policies/>);
- Conduct detrimental to the team or the image of Karate Canada 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 the removal of an athlete is at the discretion of the High Performance Director. Such decisions must be made in consultation with the Executive Director and approved by Karate Canada's High Performance Committee.

5.4.1 Onsite decision-making authority to remove an athlete from the team:

As stated in section II, during the actual competition period onsite at the Cali 2021 JPAG, all final decision-making authority will reside with the Team Leader or with the Junior National Team Head Coach in the absence of the Team Leader (This includes, but is not limited to, decisions around the removal of an athlete from the team, management of injuries, etc.).

VI. TEAM NOMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF ENTRIES

6.1 PKF Confirmation of Quota Places to the COC and Karate Canada

The PKF has confirmed in writing to the COC the quota places (selected/qualified athletes) achieved by Canada on March 30, 2021. With the support of KC, the COC will confirm acceptance of earned quotas to the PKF by no later than May 22, 2021.

6.2 Nominations to the COC & Team Announcement

Upon receiving the confirmation of quota places from the PASO 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 2021 Cali 2021 JPAG by (no later than) May 22, 2021.

Karate Canada shall submit its list of eligible and qualified athletes (having confirmed their intent to participate) to the COC no later than May 24, 2021. It shall nominate such athletes for positions on the 2021 Cali JPAG Canadian Team.

Karate Canada will announce its athlete nominations sometime before August 31, 2021

6.3 Reallocation of Unused Quota Places

The COC and all other National Olympic Committees will inform the PKF of any unused quota places no later than June 5, 2021. The PKF may reallocate unused quota places. The final nomination of karate athletes to the COC will take place no later than June 7, 2021

VII. AMENDMENTS & UNFORESEEN 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 PASO, PKF or COC. that affect the selection criteria set out in this document. If the selection criteria / INP is modified, Karate Canada will promptly announce its website announcing the changes.

VIII. APPEALS

Karate Canada nominations to the COC for the 2021 Cali JPAG may be appealed following the procedures set out in Karate Canada's Appeal Policy. Any dispute relating to Karate Canada's Internal Nomination Procedures for the 2021 Cali JPAG 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 Cali 2021 JAG will be posted on Karate Canada's website and distributed by email to all members in good standing of the Junior National Team Roster no later than May 18, 2021.

X. STAFF SELECTION

Karate Canada's High Performance Director will select the support staff, including Team Leader or Coach(es), for the 2021 JPAG. The support staff will be selected based on sending a team of specialists that can assist 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 2021 Cali JPAG, 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 (date TBC).

By default, Karate Canada's Junior National Team Kumite Head Coach will, at the time of nomination to the COC, have priority towards Coach selection for the 2021 JPAG.

XI. TIMELINES SUMMARY

Date	Activity
March 30, 2021	PKF to inform KC of allocated Quota Places.
May 22, 2021	Karate Canada to obtain confirmation of intent to participate in the 2021 JPAG from all eligible athletes.
Before August 31st, 2021	Karate Canada will publicly announce its athlete nominations to the COC for the 2021 JPAG Canadian Team.
June 7, 2021	The PKF will confirm any possible quota reallocation to the COC.
June 9, 2021	Karate Canada will confirm the provisional team nomination to the COC.
August 19, 2021	Karate Canada will confirm the final team nomination to the COC.

XII. FUNDING

Athletes will be responsible for all costs associated with the qualification process towards selection onto the 2021 Cali JPAG. The COC is expected to provide significant support to team members (TBD).

XIII. CONTACT

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