

# **SENIOR PARA-KARATE NATIONAL TEAM CRITERIA**

**2021/2022 SEASON**



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## **PART 1 – SELECTION FRAMEWORK**

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

**Season:** For this document, the term "season" designates the period between (and including) the 2021 Senior National Team Trials (September 2021) and the start of the 2022 Senior National Championships (July 2022). 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.

NOTE: these criteria do not include Developmental Para-National Team information as there will be no training or competition events planned for the Season.

**National Team Head Coach:** The term National Team Coach in this document relates to the discipline-specific (para) Head Coach.

**National Team Roster:** The list of athletes eligible to represent Canada's Senior National Team at competition.

**Sport Class:** the category associated with the disability of the athletes

**Developmental Competition:** a competition for which no Karate Canada ranking points will be awarded yet which would provide a positive-growth opportunity for a target athlete.

**Domestic Competition:** a competition occurring within the borders of Canada 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:** competition with the World Karate Federation being the highest sanctioning body.

**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 alternate is an athlete who is selected as a late replacement to fill a spot left vacant for a specific competition or training camp after an athlete originally

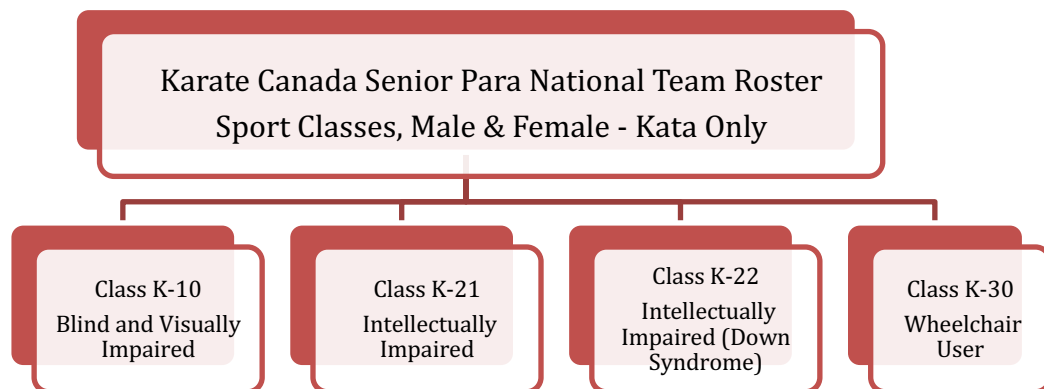
selected through the ordinary selection process has pulled out or is declared unable to participate, due to injury, illness or other circumstances.

## 2. PARA-KARATE NATIONAL TEAM – GENERAL INFORMATION

Karate Canada is committed to building the Canadian Para-Karate National Team and programs based on established international frameworks for Para-Karate under the WKF (World Karate Federation) with further grassroots development under the guidelines of an international established sport classification system by the IPC (International Paralympic Committee).

### 2.1 Senior Para-Karate National Team Roster

The Senior Para National Team Roster will be selected according to the Sport Classes qualification standards set out by the WKF Para rules. These athletes will be eligible to represent Karate Canada at WKF-sanctioned events.



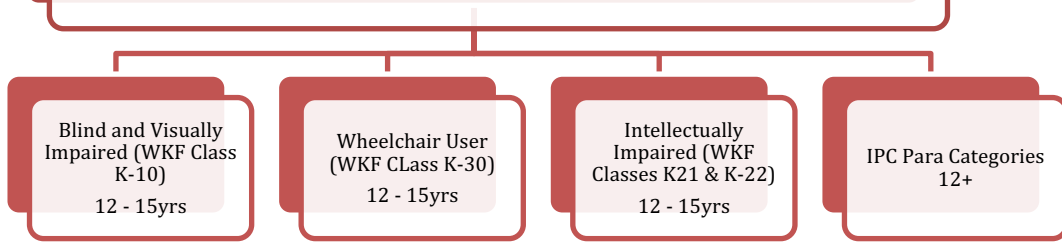
### 2.2 Developmental Para-Karate National Team Roster

There are no planned events or activities for the Developmental Para-Karate National Team Roster in the 2021-2022 season. The next Developmental Para-Karate National Team Roster will therefore only be named at the conclusion of the (July) 2022 National Championships.

The Criteria for this Developmental Para-Karate National Team Roster, for the 2022-2023 season, will be shared and published prior to KC Nationals in July 2022.

The Para Developmental National Team Roster will remain selected according to WKF sport classes and IPC Para Categories (as illustrated below).

Karate Canada Developmental Para National Team Roster  
Divisions, Male & Female - Kata Only



### 3. INTRODUCTION

These criteria were written against the backdrop of the unprecedented global coronavirus pandemic and associated COVID-19 disease, which necessitated the cancellation or rescheduling of domestic and global sporting events during the 2020 season. While indications are that this pandemic is nearing an end and the domestic and global sporting contexts are returning to pre-pandemic conditions, Karate Canada continues to follow the coronavirus pandemic's evolution globally and will keep abreast of all changes. 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 these 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.

One notable and significant element of these criteria that must be noted up front is that due to the PKF not including Para-Karate in the 2021 Senior Pan American Karate Championships, Karate Canada's 2021 Senior WKF World Championships Team will be determined via ranking points totals at the conclusion of the September 2021 Senior National Team Trials. These selection criteria will apply to all Para-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 Para-Karate 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 Para-Karate Committee on an annual basis, pending approval by the Board of Directors. The schedule of international tournaments or training camps for the Para-Karate National 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 cancelling the event, budgetary constraints or other factors present at the time that are considered detrimental to KC's performance objectives as determined by the Para-Karate 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 (such as Virtus) 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

#### **4. OVERALL PHILOSOPHY AND VALUES OF SELECTION CRITERIA**

The following Para-Karate Criteria are designed to parallel and to meet the mainstream Senior National Team's two objectives:

1. To ensure that Karate Canada fields the most competitive teams possible in accordance with the long term objectives of the Para Committee, and;
2. To develop future athletes as and when appropriate in order to ensure a healthy and continuous pipeline of athletes representing Karate Canada at designated events.

The values used by the Para Committee when developing the Selection Criteria and for decision making in selection-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 consideration of funding and long-term performance objectives;
- Athlete safety and well being
  - to ensure that athletes are not forced or coerced into over-competing and/or competing in inappropriate competitions, or at the wrong time of their training cycles.

## **5. HOW TO GET ON THE SENIOR PARA-KARATE NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER**

Athletes will be selected based on the WKF sport classes, K-10 Blind & Visually Impaired, K-21 Intellectually Impaired, K-22 Intellectually Impaired (Down Syndrome), and K-30 Wheelchair Users. Categories are broken into gender categories of male and female.

### **5.1 Entry to the Senior Para-Karate National Team Roster**

Participation in the 2021 Senior National Team Trials is mandatory for selection onto the Senior Para-Karate National Team Roster for the 2021-2022 season. Within 5 (five) working days of the conclusion of the 2021 Senior National Team Trials, a National Team Roster of eligible athletes will be announced (see Criteria in Section 7). The placement and ranking of athletes on the roster will be directly related to their status and ranking point total at the conclusion of the 2021 Senior National Team Trials. If the status and accumulation of performance/ranking points does not clearly determine a single specific athlete, the tie breaking criteria (Section 7.1) will be applied. Should an athlete decline placement on Karate Canada's athlete Roster in writing, they will be removed from the Roster. Their ranking points will remain valid according to all rules in this document; however, the athlete will not be notified or selected for competitions until such a time that they request reinstatement to the Roster in writing.

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

- Occur at defined times prior to each competition.
- Be based on status and accumulated performance/ranking points at the time of the invitation. If the status and accumulation of performance/ranking points does not clearly determine a single specific athlete, the tie breaking criteria (Section 7.1) will be applied.
- Draw only from the National Para-Karate Team Roster at the time of the invitation.
- Have all WKF documentation associated with their Sport Class completed and submitted to KC.

- Depend on the total size of the Team at each event, as determined by Karate Canada's budget and/or by that specific tournament Organizing Committee's requirements.

## **5.2. Selection of Athletes to Fill Vacant Spots in the Para-Karate National Team Roster**

If a Roster spot is left vacant after KC's invitations to the Senior Para-Karate National Team Roster process, the Senior Para National Team Head Coach may choose another athlete to fill this spot. In such a case, the athlete must be named to the Senior Para-Karate National Team Roster at least 14 days before the beginning of the first event in which they will be selected to compete. The athlete will be subject to all other team requirements and must be approved by the Para-Karate National Coach and the Para Committee.

## **5.3 Citizenship Requirements**

Non-Canadian citizens may be named to the Para-Karate National Team Roster and, thereby, earn ranking points at National Senior Team Trials if and only if they are permanent residents of Canada. Only upon the attainment of Canadian citizenship will they become eligible to be named to a National Para-Karate Team representing Canada at Pan American Championships, as well as official Intercontinental or World Championships.

Non-citizen athletes on the Para-Karate National Team Roster are not eligible for funding from Karate Canada.

## **5.4 Selection of Alternates / Late Replacement athletes**

See section 8.2 for the selection process and criteria for alternates. Karate Canada is under no obligation to select an alternate for either a training camp or an international competition. 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 Para-Karate National Team Roster member (as applicable), for the remainder of the season.

## **5.5 National Team Competitions**

Senior Para-Karate National Team athletes will be invited to compete in specific competitions each season. The list of targeted events for the current season is found in Part II of this document.

Senior National Para-Karate 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. No ranking points will be awarded.

## **5.6 National Team Training Camps**

All invited Senior Para-Karate National Team Roster athletes must participate in all mandatory Training Camps.

Training camp's date(s) and location 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 mandatory camps or cancel a camp, provided at least two weeks' notice is given to Senior National Para-Karate Team members. Part II of this document contains a list of mandatory Training camps(s) for the current season (dates and locations remain subject to change). Please note that Karate Canada may add another Training Camp during the season. Further, Karate Canada may institute virtual training camps if the need is determined to exist.

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

## **6. HOW TO OBTAIN PARA-KARATE ATHLETE STATUS**

Athletes accumulate points for their performance at the events listed in Part II, and in accordance with the Rules about Status and Points. In turn, a particular status can be obtained according to the following:

By the accumulation of points as follows, as indicated in Part II and following the Rules About Points and Statuses:

- International A: 600 and over points
- International B: 201 to 599 points
- International C: 131 to 200 points
- National A: 75 to 130 points

### **6.1 Rules about Status and Points**

1. An athlete who obtains a result, in an event with 1 to 3 competitors including themselves, will be awarded only 50% of the points as listed in Part II. An athlete who obtains a result, in an event with 4 or more competitors will be awarded 100% of the points as listed in Part II.
2. Points obtained in an individual division can only be accumulated within that same

division. Those points cannot cross-accumulate with other individual divisions (i.e. Intellectually impaired, wheelchair, blind).

3. Only the events listed in Part II Table 2 of this document are considered for accumulation of points.

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 Para-Karate 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 Para-Karate National Team Roster athletes will be the September 25-26, 2021 Senior National Team Trials (in Calgary, AB), Karate Canada has determined that para-karate 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 Senior National Team Trials (September 25, 2021). All points affected by this extension will be subjected to 50% of their original value. For clarity, the above means that each discrete event point allocation earned by an athlete before March 21st, 2020 (and still valid at that date) is being extended for an identical period of time from their original earning date.

Should Karate Canada not be able to hold the 2021 Senior National Team Trials, senior ranking points will be extended as per the current process until such a time that another Senior National Team Trials or Championships can be held.

## **6.2 Points Duration**

The table below details the duration that Karate Canada ranking points remain valid, for para-karate divisions.

Competition	Placement	Point Duration
Senior World Championships	Podium	Two years with 50% decay in 2nd year
	Top 8	One year
Senior Pan American Karate Championships	Gold	Two years with 50% decay in 2nd year
	Silver and Bronze	One year
Karate Canada Senior National Championships	Podium	From event to event.
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. 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 respective brackets of statuses.

## **7. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE PARA-KARATE SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER**

To become eligible for selection onto Senior Para-Karate National Teams that will participate in Karate Canada sanctioned events throughout the season, athletes will be selected onto the Senior Para-Karate 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. All medalists from the most recent Senior Nationals Championships or Senior Team Trials;
6. Should Karate Canada be unable to hold its 2021 Senior National Team Trials, all age-eligible medalists from the 2019 Junior National Championships in para divisions;
7. ‘Coaches’ “Discretionary Selection” athletes – are athletes who may fill open spots, if any, as selected by the Para Head Coach.

KC and the Para-Karate Head Coach are under no obligation to fill vacant spots when selecting/naming the National Para-Karate Team Roster.

Participation in the 2021 Senior National Team Trials is mandatory for selection onto the Senior Para-Karate National Team Roster for the 2021-2022 season.

### **7.1 Tiebreaking Criteria for Selection onto the Para-Karate Senior National Team Roster**

The tiebreaker process will be as follows for two or more athletes who hold the same status:

1. The athlete with the higher total number of ranking points earned from performance at Senior World (WKF) Championships and Senior Pan American (PKF) Championships will be selected.
2. If the tie persists, the athlete with the best overall result / rank at the most recent international championships will be selected. The international championships considered will be only the Senior World (WKF) Championships or the Senior Pan American (PKF) Championships
3. If the tie persists, the athlete who obtained the best result / rank (in that division) at the most recent Karate Canada National Championships will be selected.
4. If the tie persists, final selection will be decided by the Para-Karate National Team Head Coach and approved by the Para Committee.

The naming of an athlete to the Senior National Para-Karate Team designated to attend a specific targeted event will be made in accordance with ranking point accumulation at the time of the selection.

Unless specified otherwise in this document (see Part II, Table 2), selection onto the Senior National Para-Karate Team for a targeted competition will occur no later than 30 (thirty) days before the start of this competition.

## **8. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SENIOR PARA-KARATE NATIONAL TEAMS AT SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

Section 8 applies to male and female in each Sport Class.

To participate in any Karate Canada-sanctioned competitions, athletes will be selected from the Senior Para-Karate National Team Roster. 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.

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

Athletes selected onto Teams for participation in specific international events may only be selected in one division at a time, and may not be selected into two or more different divisions for the same event. Should an athlete be eligible (based on the above) to be invited in two or more divisions at a given event, the athlete will be asked and required to choose only one of the two or more divisions.

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 occur following the guidelines presented in this document.

### **8.1 Tiebreaking Criteria for National Team Selection**

The tiebreaker process will be as follows for two (or more) athletes who hold the same status:

1. The athlete with the higher total number of ranking points earned from performance at Senior World (WKF) Championships and Senior Pan American (PKF) Championships will be selected.
2. If the tie persists, the athlete with the best overall result / rank at the most recent international championships will be selected. The international championships considered will be only the Senior World (WKF) Championships or the Senior Pan American (PKF) Championships.
3. If the tie persists, the athlete who obtained the best result / rank (in that division) at the most recent Karate Canada National Senior Team Trials will be selected.
4. If the tie persists, final selection will be decided by the Para-Karate National Team Head Coach and approved by the Para Committee.

## **8.2 Alternates / Late Athlete Replacement**

### Alternate – definition:

An alternate is an athlete who is selected as a replacement to fill a spot left vacant for a specific competition or training camp after an athlete originally selected through the ordinary selection process (see section 7) has pulled out or is declared unable to participate, due to injury, illness or other circumstances. Karate Canada is under no obligation to select an alternate for either a training camp or an international competition.

### **8.2.1 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 Karate Canada 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 next highest ranked eligible alternate in his or her division, according to the following priorities in decreasing order:

1. International A status-holding athletes;
2. International B status-holding athletes;
3. International C status-holding athletes;
4. National A status-holding athletes

If more than one eligible athlete holds the same status, tie breaking for the selection of alternates in individual divisions is to follow the Tie Breaking Criteria listed in Section 8.1 above.

The selection of alternates (in individual kata divisions) after exhaustion of the priorities listed above is at the discretion of the Senior Para-Karate National Team Head Coach; however, the selected alternate athlete(s) must either be a current Para-Karate National Team Roster member, or must have participated in the most recent National Senior Team Trials. Selection of alternates by the National Para-Karate Team Head Coach must also be approved by the Para Committee.

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 Para-Karate National Team Roster member for the remainder of the season.



## **9. REQUIREMENTS, EXEMPTIONS AND APPEALS**

### **9.1 Requirements**

To remain on the Senior Para-Karate 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 5.3 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.
- Demonstrate an appropriate maintenance of fitness and health level consistent with a high-performance athlete on a National Karate Team. The Para-Karate Head Coach may call for an independent fitness or health assessment in cases of concern about fitness and health.
- Always report any performance limiting injuries or physical conditions to the National Para-Karate Head Coach, no later than 2 (two) weeks prior to the next upcoming camp or competition, or within 1 (one) week of the occurrence of the illness or injury.
- Provide appropriate medical information on the injury and on its treatment. This includes diagnosis and proposed treatment protocol and estimated return to full training and/or competition.
- Keep the National Para-Karate Head Coach informed on the progress of their recovery plan and progress according to that plan.
- Provide an accurate mailing address, an active e-mail address and all phone numbers at which they can be reached. Any changes must be sent to the Karate Canada Head Office in a timely manner.

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

### **9.2 Exemptions from Para-Karate National Team Camps or Competitions**

Exemptions from mandatory National Team activities due to exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to:

- Recent death in the immediate family (within 1 (one) month prior to the start of the Camp or Competition);
- Injury limiting participation and/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. Notification of such an event must include details of the circumstances along with any supporting evidence scanned and/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 Para-Karate Head Coach.

An athlete whose condition persists and is unable to undergo full training during the 2 (two)-week period prior to an event may be withdrawn by Karate Canada 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 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 Para-Karate program while adequately recognizing and honouring the mental health and physical well-being of the individual athlete.

### **9.3 Participation in Domestic Competitions**

Participation at Domestic competitions (other than National Championships, Team Trials and Training Camps announced in this Criteria) will be mandatory only if Karate Canada, or the event organizing committee, covers the full costs of travel and accommodation, and if notice is given to the athlete at least eight (8) weeks prior to the event.

The Para-Karate National Team Head Coach will consider exemptions to mandatory participation based on the same criteria contained in section 9.2 above.

### **9.4 Appeals**

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

### **9.5 Language**

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

## PART II – CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND POINT ALLOCATION FOR 2021-2022 SEASON

**Table 1: List of Targeted Camps and Competitions for Senior Para-Karate National Team Roster athletes during the 2021-2022 Season**

Event & Location *	Date **	Eligibility	Comments
Karate Canada's Senior Team Trials Calgary, AB	September 25-26, 2021	PTSO qualified, and KC automatically invited athletes.	Mandatory for inclusion on the 2021/2022 Senior Para-Karate National Team Roster
2021 WKF Senior World Championships Dubai, UAE	November 16-21, 2021	Restricted to three (3) athletes per division per country	Highly recommended for eligible athletes
Senior Para-Karate National Team Training Camp (TBC)	TBC	All senior Roster athletes	Mandatory for Senior Para-Karate Team members attending WKF World Championships. Highly recommended for all Para-Karate Roster athletes
2022 Senior Pan American Karate Championships (TBC)	May 26-28, 2022	Restricted to three (3) TBC athletes per division per country	Highly Recommended for eligible athletes
2022 Karate Canada National Championships St. John's, NL	July 1-3, 2022	PTSO qualified, and KC automatically invited athletes.	Mandatory for inclusion on the 2022/2023 Senior Para-Karate National Team Roster

**Notes:**

- \*As defined in this document, a season generally runs from one edition of the Senior National Championships/Team Trials to the next edition of the Senior National Championships/Team Trials. Due to the cancellation of the 2021 Senior National Championships, the current season will run from the 2021 Senior Team Trials to the 2022 Karate Canada National Championships. Only points earned at competitions held between these events will be added to individual athlete totals during the course of this season.
- \*\*The 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.

If any event is cancelled due to COVID-19 related issues, Karate Canada reserves the right to schedule a replacement event during the season.

**Table 2: Point allocation for performances during the 2021-2022 season**

Priority	Event	Team Selection Dates	Results	Points	Duration / Expiry
1	2021 Senior World Championships (International)	Within 2 days of the completion of the 2021 Senior National Team Trials	Gold	1200	From event to event or two years if the 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	840	
			Bronze	480	
			5th	360	
			7th	240	
2	2022 Senior Pan American Karate Championships (Continental)	Within 2 days of the completion of the 2021 Senior National Team Trials	Gold	600	From event to event or two years if the 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	From event to event or one year if the event does not reoccur within the following season
			Bronze	240	
			5th	10	
3	2021 KC Sr Team Trials (Domestic)	N/A	Gold	100	From event to event
			Silver	70	
			Bronze (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	40	
			Bronze (4 <sup>th</sup> )	30	

**NOTES:**

- Points for all events listed in the table above are contingent on number of athletes per division criterion as per Section 6.1 except for the KC Senior Team Trials.
- Participation in the 2021 Senior National Team Trials will be mandatory for any athlete to be invited for possible selection into the Senior Para-Karate National Team Roster for the following competitive season, except for the specifics in Section 9.2 of this document. If the scheduled 2021 National Team Trials 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 Team Trials.

**Table 3: Funding ratios for athletes on the Senior Para-Karate National Team invited to compete at international competitions for the 2021-2022 Season**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Ratio</b>
International A	600+	1.5:1
International B	201 - 599	1:1
International C	131 - 200	None
National A	75 - 130	None

When funding is available for targeted events, it will be distributed to athletes in individual divisions only.

Upgrades in athletes' status may be considered for athlete funding purposes after team selection for an event that 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: SENIOR PARA-KARATE NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER SPORT CLASSES

The Para Senior National Team Roster will be selected according to the WKF Sport Classes

Each athlete may only be selected to compete in ONE Sport Class

[https://www.wkf.net/pdf/ParaKarate\\_Competition\\_Rules.pdf](https://www.wkf.net/pdf/ParaKarate_Competition_Rules.pdf)

[https://www.wkf.net/pdf/ParaKarate\\_Classification\\_Rules.pdf](https://www.wkf.net/pdf/ParaKarate_Classification_Rules.pdf)

[https://www.wkf.net/pdf/Para\\_Karate\\_Info%20Sheet.pdf](https://www.wkf.net/pdf/Para_Karate_Info%20Sheet.pdf)

The following paperwork must be submitted to Karate Canada by September 15, 2021 for each category they will compete in at KC Selection Event.

- [Medical Diagnostic Form for Wheelchair Athletes](#)
- [Medical Diagnostic Form for Athletes with Visual Impairments](#)
- [Medical Diagnostic Form for Athletes with Intellectual Impairments](#)
- Athletes Eligibility Virtus Application for Athletes with Intellectual Impairments
  - <https://www.virtus.sport/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Reg-form-v9-Nov19.docx.pdf>

The following paperwork must be submitted to Karate Canada by September 30, 2021, upon being selected to the Roster.

- [Athlete Evaluation Consent Form](#)
- [WKF - Therapeutic Use Exemption \(TUE\) Application Form](#) (if applicable)



## **APPENDIX B: AUTOMATIC INVITATIONS TO THE SENIOR 2021 NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS**

**Please note that Karate Canada will automatically invite athletes that meet one of the following two criteria to the 2021 Senior National Team Trials:**

1. All Senior para-karate athletes holding a status (International A, B or C or National A) as of January 1st, 2021
2. All medalists from the previous (2019) Junior National Championships in Junior para-karate divisions who are age-eligible for inclusion in the Senior Team Trials divisions.

Athletes who are automatically invited to the 2021 Senior National Team Trials, according to the two points above, will be allowed to register and participate in any division they may be eligible to compete in (and not only in the division in which the medal or rank was earned due to recent changes in WKF sport classes).

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

Additionally, all automatically invited athletes must be active and current members in good standing as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, according to Karate Canada's Para National Team Head Coach, and following published National Team Criteria.