

# SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM CRITERIA FOR KATA AND KUMITE ATHLETES

2023/2024 Season

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# **PART I– SELECTION FRAMEWORK**

## **1. DEFINITIONS**

**Season:** For this document, the term “season” designates the period between (and including) the 2023 National Karate Championships and the start of the 2024 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)

**Previous National Championships:** 2022 National Championships

**Most recent National Championships:** 2023 National Championships

**Upcoming National Championships:** 2024 National Championships

**National Team Head Coach:** The term National Team Coach in this document relates to the discipline-specific (kata or kumite) Head Coach. In absence of a Head Coach the Lead Coach or designate.

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

**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 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:** 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 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. INTRODUCTION**

Karate Canada will respect these published selection criteria as written unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances, including alignment with international sport governing bodies and other external agencies / partners. 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.

These selection criteria will be in line with the AAP Carding Criteria for 2024-2025 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.

The schedule of domestic and international events and the points that athletes can accumulate at each will be determined by the High-Performance Committee (HPC) annually. The schedule can be modified (including cancellation) during the season by giving at least eight weeks' notice before the scheduled beginning of an event.

All funding directed to athletes, as stipulated in Part II, Table 4, for specific events will be dispersed as per criteria.

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 through the accumulation of Karate Canada ranking points. Please see Section 6.2 of this document further details.

## **3. OVERALL PHILOSOPHY AND VALUES OF CRITERIA**

To ensure that Karate Canada fields the most competitive teams as possible, and to develop future athletes in accordance with the KC High-Performance Plan, the values used by the HP 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 the 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 or competing in inappropriate competitions, or at the wrong time of their training cycles.

## **4.0 HOW TO GET ON THE SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER**

### **4.1 Entry to the Senior National Team Roster**

Within five working days of the most recent 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 most recent National Championships. If the status and accumulation of performance/ranking points do not determine a single specific athlete, the tie-breaking 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 1, 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 tie-breaking criteria detailed in Section 6.1 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 4.2.1 below.
- Depend on the total size of the Team 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 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 (subject to the athlete meeting all other team requirements in Section 7.1 and must be approved by the High-Performance Committee) without waiting until the next selection period.

#### **4.2.1 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 recommend another athlete to the HPC 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 National Championships in the respective discipline of which the vacant spot has occurred. The athlete will be subject to all other team requirements in Section 7.1 and must be approved by the High-Performance Committee.

### **4.3 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 the attainment of 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).

## **4.4 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 6.3 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.

## **4.5 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 self-selected additional competitions will be awarded according to the results in designated competitions as per Part II, Table 2 of this document.

## **4.6 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, 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.

Each camp's date(s) and location will be announced at least four weeks before the beginning of each domestic training camp, and six weeks before the beginning of each international 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 Team members.

Part II of this document contains a list of Regional or Inter-Regional camp locations for the current season (dates 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.

## **4.7 Mandatory Events for Carded Athletes**

All Carded athletes must participate in 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 and will be published no later than four weeks before the beginning of a domestic camp, and 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 the requirements for Carded athletes may result in Karate Canada recommending to Sport Canada that an athlete no longer benefits from AAP support.

## 5.0 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 points allocated for that competition.
- 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).

### 5.2 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 <sup>nd</sup> year
	Top 8	One year
Pan American Games, Senior Pan American Karate Championships	Gold	Two years with 50% decay in 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.
Commonwealth Karate Federation Championships	Podium	One year

- Athlete's ranking points are earned at the conclusion of the competition at which they achieved the result as per Part II Table 2 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 respective brackets of statuses.

## 6.0 SELECTION CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER & SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Section 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 participate in any Karate Canada targeted event or competition, eligible athletes will be selected from the National Team Roster (see possible exceptions at 4.2 , 4.2.1 & 6.3). 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. All medalists from the most recent Senior National Championships.
6. Alternate/Late Entry Selections.

Athletes must be notified of selection for these events at least eight weeks before the event start.

The team's size will be based on the number of athletes participating in each division at each event. The COC, WKF, or PKF or the respective event organizing committee may set total team size and athlete quotas in competitive 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 follow the guidelines presented in this document.

### 6.1 Tiebreaking Criteria for National Team Roster and Event Selection

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 the equal number of points at the time of selection:

Event Selection: When two or more athletes hold the same status, the total number of KC ranking points obtained by each athlete at the time of selection will be compared to determine which athlete will be selected. Should a tie in points exist, the tiebreaking process for selection onto the National Team for any specific event will be as follows:

1. The athlete who obtained the best result (within top 8, in that division) at the most recent Senior World Championships
2. If the tie persists, the athlete with the highest number of matches won at a single Premier League competition within the last year will be selected. If the tie persists, the athlete with the highest number of matches won at a second Premier League competition within the last year will be selected.
3. If the tie persists, the athlete with the highest total number of matches won at the most recent Senior Pan-American Games (within the last year) will be selected.
4. 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.
5. If the tie persists, the athlete with the highest number of matches won at a single Series-A competition within the last year will be selected. If the tie persists, the athlete with the highest number of matches won at a second Series-A competition within the last year will be selected.
6. If the tie persists, the athlete who obtained the best result (in that division) at the most recent Karate Canada National Championships will be selected. This criterion will only be applicable if all tied athletes in each division have competed in that division at these Championships.
7. If the tie persists, the final selection will be decided by the HPC, in consultation with the discipline-specific Head Coach.

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 time of the selection (see section 6.0).

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.

## **6.2 Athlete Selection for Team Kumite**

Selection of athletes participating in Team Kumite events, during international competitions, is at the discretion of the Senior Kumite National Team 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 kumite at the latest Karate Canada 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.

## **6.3 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.

## 6.4 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 6.1 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 most recent National Championship. 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.

### **6.4.1 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 HPC. 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.

## **7.0 REQUIREMENTS, EXEMPTIONS AND APPEALS**

### **7.1 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 4.3 above).
- Pay the required annual Senior National Team 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.
- 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.
- Remain in good standing with Karate Canada and their respective PTSO

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.

## **8.0 Exemptions from National Team Camps or Competitions**

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

- 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. Notification of such an event must include details of the circumstances along with 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. Virtual attendance options may be considered with the approval of the Head Coach.

Karate Canada may withdraw an athlete whose condition persists and is unable to 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.

## **8.1 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 the Karate Canada's Appeal Policy.

## **8.2 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 2023-2024 SEASON

**Table 1: List of Targeted Camps and Competitions for the Senior National Team Roster athletes, for the 2023-2024 Season\***

Event/Location	Date	Eligibility	Comments****
2023 National Championships Laval, Quebec	July 7-9, 2023	PTSO qualified, and KC automatically invited athletes	<b>Mandatory for inclusion on the 2023-24 Senior National Team Roster</b> excluding athletes applying for late entry to the Roster through Section 4.2 of this document
ANOC Beach Games Bali, Indonesia	Aug 6-7, 2023	All eligible & pre-qualified athletes (kata only)	Recommend for eligible athletes.
Premier League Dublin, Ireland	Sept 8-10, 2023	According to WKF rules and WKF ranking	Highly recommended for eligible athletes. Specific events <b>mandatory for eligible carded athletes.</b>
2023 World Combat Games Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	October 5-14, 2023	All eligible & pre-qualified athletes	Highly recommended for eligible athletes. *Developmental, likely no coaching support
2023 Senior World Championships Budapest, Hungary	Oct 24-29, 2023	Restricted to one athlete per division per country for individual divisions and one team per division per country for team divisions.	Highly recommended for eligible athletes. <b>Mandatory for eligible carded athletes</b>
2023 Pan-American Games Santiago, Chile	Nov 3 - Nov 5, 2023	All eligible & pre-qualified athletes	Highly recommended for eligible athletes. <b>Mandatory for eligible carded athletes</b>
Senior National Training Camp	TBD	All Senior roster athletes	Mandatory for all senior roster athletes
WKF Premiere League or Series A Tournament (s)	TBD	According to WKF rules and WKF ranking	Highly recommended for eligible athletes. Specific events <b>mandatory for eligible carded athletes.</b>

Notes:

- As defined in this document, a season generally runs from one edition of the National Championships to the next edition of the National Championships.
- 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 assorted reasons, including but not limited to Canadian government-issued travel advisories.

\*Of the two athletes to be registered to participate in the Pan American Championships in each division, Karate Canada will register the highest ranked KC athlete per division, according to the KC Senior National Team Ranking Points as of the time of selection, as the athlete to earn WKF World Ranking Points at the current seasons Pan-American Championships.

**Table 2: Point allocation for performances during the 2023-2024 season**

Priority	Event	Team Selection Dates	Eligibility	Performance	Points	Duration / Expiry
1	2023 Senior World Championships  Budapest, Hungary	Based on final competition calendar	One entry per division	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	One year
				Every match won (if not at least 7th)	20	
2	WKF Premiere League	N/A	As per WKF rules	Gold	600	One Year
				Silver	420	
				Bronze	240	
				5th Place	120	
				7th Place	60	
				Every match won (if not at least 7th)	10	
3	2023 Pan-American Games  Santiago, Chile	28-May-22	JPAG, NA Cup and Last Chance qualifier qualified athletes	Gold	600	From event to the 2nd subsequent edition of the same event, or two 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	From event to event or one year if the event does not reoccur within the following season.
				Bronze	240	

				Every match won (if not at least bronze)	10	
4	2023 Senior PKF Championships Costa Rica	Based on final competition calendar	Two individual entries per division and one team (kata, kumite) entry per country	Gold	600	From event to the 2nd subsequent edition of the same event, or two 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	From event to event or one year if the the event does not reoccur within the following season.
				Bronze	240	
				Every match won (if not at least bronze)	10	
5	WKF Series A Tournament	N/A	As per WKF rules	Gold	300	One Year
				Silver	210	
				Bronze	120	
				5th Place	90	
				7th Place	60	
				Every match won (if not at least 7th)	5	
6	2023 National Championships	N/A	PTSO members only	Gold	100	From event to event
				Silver	70	
				Bronze (3rd place)	40	
				Bronze (4th place)	30	

**NOTES:**

- Only ranking points earned from the two best Karate-1 performances (Premiere League and Series-A combined) apply toward individual point totals. Senior athletes who are not named onto the Senior National Team Roster for the current season after the most recent National Championships may still earn performance points and statuses at these international events and apply for a late entry to the Senior National Team Roster under section 4.2 of this document.
- Participation in the most recent 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 in Sections 4.2 and 6.3 of this document.

**Table 3: List Regional and Inter-Regional camp locations for Senior National Team Roster athletes, for the current Season\***

Quebec-Ontario Inter-Regional  
 Quebec  
 Ontario  
 British Columbia  
 Atlantic

- 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 current 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

#### NOTES

When funding is available for targeted events, it will be distributed to athletes in individual divisions only. Karate Canada may distribute additional funding to athletes participating in multiple divisions.

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 INVITATIONS TO THE 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – AUTOMATIC INVITATIONS**

Karate Canada will automatically invite athletes that meet one (1) of the following four (4) criteria to the 2024 National Championships:

1. All Senior athletes holding a status (International A, B or C or National A) as of March 31, 2024, regardless of any change in weight division within Senior kumite divisions.
2. All medallists from the 2023 National Championships regardless of any change in age/weight division.
3. The two (2) top-ranked National Team Roster athletes in each division (at the end of the 2023-24 season), regardless of any change in age or weight divisions.
4. Age-eligible National Team Roster athletes from individual kata & kumite divisions who, during the 2023-24 Karate Canada season, achieved a:
  - 5th place or higher in a 2023-24 WKF Youth League event or in the 2023 Junior Pan-American Karate Championships, or;
  - 5th place or higher in a 2023-24 WKF Series-A event or;
  - 7th place or higher in a 2023-24 K1 Premiere League event.

**Automatic invitations to the 2024 National Championships, according to the above points, will only apply to the discipline in which the medal or rank was earned.**

**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 age & weight division that they qualify to compete in at the 2024 National as per the age matrix, regardless of the division in which they achieved their automatic invitation status.**

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