

Taekwondo Athlete Categorisation Guidelines (August 2025)

1. Introduction

1.1. Following a review as part of Horizon 1 of the HP 2032+ Strategy, the National Athlete Categorisation Framework (NACF) has been updated for the LA2028 cycle and beyond.

There is greater reliance on Australian Taekwondo's (AT) What it Takes to Win (WITTW) model and Athlete Development Framework (ADF) to ensure all athlete categorisation decisions are supported by evidence.

1.2. The Taekwondo Athlete Categorisation Guidelines provides a consistent framework to identify athletes with the greatest potential to contribute to Australia winning medals consistently and to continually improve Australia's standing at current and future Pinnacle Events.

1.3. The Taekwondo Athlete Categorisation Guidelines support the united ambitions of the HP 2032+ Strategy, including:

- Identifying athletes genuinely on a pathway towards podium and providing options and flexibility to support varied athlete journeys and outliers, integrating para-athletes into the framework for LA2028 cycle and beyond.
- Recognising that as athletes aspire to Win Well, it is through their unique journeys and stories that they inspire future generations of athletes, communities, and Australians

1.4. To support the HP2032+ Strategy vision, 'We Win Well to Inspire Australians', Australian Taekwondo will now recognise athletes who have been identified as having the potential to be selected to represent Australia for the current cycle Pinnacle Event as Representative Athletes.

1.5. This document outlines the Athlete Categories and guidelines that will be used for categorising athletes for the sport of Taekwondo in Australia.

2. Taekwondo Athlete Categorisation Panel

2.1. Athlete categorisation will be determined by the National Categorisation Panel (NCP). The NCP comprises key members of the CombatAUS High Performance program and the AT Performance Pathways Program. The composition of the NCP ensures the knowledge and capability required to make informed athlete categorisation decisions.

2.2. Current members of the NCP are:

- the CombatAUS Performance Director
- the National Head Coach
- Australian Taekwondo Performance Pathway Lead (Able-bodied panel)
- Australian Taekwondo National Para Lead (Para panel)
- And an independent observer – e.g. AIS Performance or Pathway consultant.

2.3 For each round of categorisation, the NCP will elect a Chair. All decisions of the NCP shall be by majority vote. Each member of the NCP shall have one vote. In the event of a deadlock in voting, the Chair’s vote shall determine the decision.

2.4 The NCP is subject to change due to the nature of volunteers. CombatAUS and AT will notify the AT membership of any changes in membership of the NCP via an announcement on the CombatAUS and AT websites at the earliest opportunity.

3. Minimum eligibility requirements for Categorisation

3.1 To be eligible for Categorisation, an Athlete must satisfy all the following requirements:

- be an Australian Citizen or be on a committed path to obtaining Australian Citizenship to be eligible to compete for Australia at the next and/or future Pinnacle event;
- be a current member of AT, having paid all requisite membership fees owed for the relevant membership period;
- have signed and adhere to the CombatAUS and/or AT Athlete Agreements (as amended from time to time);
- be eligible to compete for Australia as per WT/IOC rules (as amended from time to time); and
- Be actively training to compete in a Taekwondo event that is to be contested at the 2028 Olympic or Paralympic Games.

3.2 Eligible Weight Divisions for Categorisation

Male	Female
-54kg	-46kg
-58kg*	-49kg*
-63kg	-53kg
-68kg*	-57kg*
-74kg	-62kg
-80kg*	-67kg*
-87kg	-73kg
+87kg	+73kg

***Olympic Weight Divisions (including Male +80kg & Female + 67kg)**



3.3 Eligible Paralympic Weight Division for Categorisation

- **K44:** Athletes with impairments in one or both arms that affect at least one shoulder, wrist or elbow.

Male	Female
-58kg	-47kg
-63kg	-52kg
-70kg	-57kg
-80kg	-65kg
+80kg	+65kg

4. Conditions of Categorisation

4.1. To be categorised and/or maintain categorisation, an Athlete must comply at all times with the following conditions:

- conduct oneself in a manner that complies with the AT National Integrity Framework and all AT Policies (as amended from time to time);
- sign and adhere to an Individual Performance Plan (IPP) that has been agreed between the Athlete, their club coach, and the Taekwondo National Head Coach;
- complete, sign and return paperwork as required, committing to the requirements for categorisation;
- provide to the HP Team the Athlete's current contact details (name, address, email address, best telephone/mobile number, passport number and expiry date, contact details of parent/guardian of Athlete (if the Athlete is under 18 years of age)) and promptly advise the HP Team of any changes to these contact details;
- participate in CombatAUS/AT Training Camps (as required);
- compete at the National Championships, if not engaged in National Team activities, or preparation for a benchmark event;
- compete in domestic events as outlined in their IPP;
- compete at international events for Australia as outlined in their IPP;
- compete (if selected) for any pinnacle event for Australia;
- maintain personal private health insurance to ensure access to medical services as required;
- comply with all anti-doping requirements of the IOC, WT, AIS, SIA, CombatAUS, and AT including completion of e-learning modules and updates as required from time to time;



5. Factors taken into account in AT Categorisation

5.1. In determining an athlete's current performance standard and future pinnacle event performance potential, the AT Athlete Categorisation Panel will take into account the following factors in assessing athletes who have the best chance of contributing to the achievement of the AT's High Performance goals and HP2032+ Win Well outcomes:

- a) an athlete's technical, physical, and mental performance and ability against the What it Takes to Win (WITTW) or Athlete Development Framework (ADF);
- b) current performance and trajectory against performance indicators in the WITTW &/or ADF, with highest weighting given to factors in technical and physical progression for future cycle categories;
- c) recent international competition performance measured against the relevant indicators as set out in the WITTW or ADF;
- d) the athlete's age, with reference to the WITTW age precedence
- e) an athlete's ongoing commitment and application, including communication with national coaches, adherence to Athlete Plans, motivation to succeed and use of available resources within a daily performance environment to increase performance.
- f) consistency in results and ability to repeat World Class results and deliver performances under pressure;
- g) positive progression in Olympic, World, Paralympic rankings;
- h) an athlete's commitment to the level of training necessary to achieve the desired performance;
- i) the depth and quality of talent in Australia in comparison to our international competitors (talent pool);
- j) development and progression of performance against timeframes for development progression outlined in the ADF; and
- k) categorised based on individual potential to contribute to future cycle PE outcomes as outlined in the WITTW and ADF – not age based international competition selection and performance – unless this is an indicator of future PE success as outlined in the WITTW.

5.2. The NCP may, at its sole discretion, use a number of additional factors in assessing athlete's potential for future pinnacle event performance potential, including (without limitation):

- a) any specific guidance from the AIS (as advised from time to time) on Athlete Categorisation;
- b) during the 12 months prior to categorisation the extent to which the athlete has:
 - i) demonstrated a strong commitment to all national training and attended all national camps to which invited; and
 - ii) if funded (i.e. any contribution to travel and accommodation), participated in all international competitions and camps for which selected;

- c) an athlete's commitment level to the use of the CombatAUS/AT Athlete Management System (AMS);
- d) rankings of and performance against opponents on the WT World Ranking List (WRL);
- e) an Athlete's ongoing commitment and application, including communication with national coaches, adherence to IPPs, motivation to succeed and use of available resources within a daily training environment to increase performance;
- f) the athlete's age, with a particular and increased focus on junior international results (World Championships, International Opens) in informing decisions for categorisation at Emerging and Developing;
- g) variance in depth/strength of field between weight categories and genders – there are notable differences in the number of competitors between different divisions (e.g. between 58kg males and +80kg males, or between flyweight men compared to flyweight women). This difference occurs locally (i.e. in Australia and Oceania), but also to a slightly lesser extent internationally. As a result, it is difficult to compare directly between categories - i.e. a top 16 finish in one weight division in a competition may mean something very different from a top 16 finish in another weight division at the same competition;
- h) depth of field in Para Taekwondo domestically is very limited with a small pool of talent available across all divisions. At international level there is a high degree of variance between depth/strength of field between weight categories and genders in the K44 category; and
- i) noting that Taekwondo is a sport which is very demanding in terms of physical load on the body and hence has a relatively high incidence of periods of injury and drop-out, the impact of any serious physical injury on the Athlete's ability to compete during the 12-month period prior to categorisation. It is the responsibility of any Athlete to notify the HP Team of any serious physical injury that may be impairing their ability to compete.

5.3. The "Representative" category has been introduced to identify those Athletes who do not currently satisfy the criteria to be categorised on the Podium Pathway but who competed for Australia at the most recent pinnacle event and/or provide significant value to our high performance training environments, most notably the National Performance Centre (NPC).

6) Associated Policies

- 6.1. The NCP recognise athletes who are identified as contributing to the performance outcomes of the sport at the next pinnacle event (Olympic & Paralympic Games) where one of the following may apply:
- a) An athlete is recovering from major injury or illness.
 - b) An athlete is taking time away from competition.
 - c) An athlete is transitioning into a sport from another; and
 - d) An athlete is pregnant or has recently become a new parent.; o



a) **Athletes recovering from major injury or illness**

The NCP recognise that an athlete may still be a contributor to national performance targets at the next pinnacle event despite suffering/recovering from a major injury or illness.

Generally, athletes who fall into this category will still be identified within AT Athlete Categorisation Performance Matrix and Guidelines, if they meet the following minimum criteria:

- Pre-injury/illness the athlete was categorised;
- there is an athlete plan with a return to competition focus and timeframes outlined – including working with the W&E team member (or equivalent);
- the athlete is meeting the requirements of the agreed rehabilitation plan; and
- the athlete is tracking against rehabilitation benchmarks to achieve pre-injury/illness performance outcomes

b) **Athletes taking time away from competition**

The NCP recognise that on occasion; to contribute to national performance targets at the next pinnacle event, an athlete may require some time away from competition for family, health, and/or wellbeing reasons.

Generally, athletes who fall into this category will still be identified withing AT Athlete Categorisation Performance Matrix and Guidelines, if they meet the following minimum criteria:

- Prior to taking some time away, the athlete was categorised;
- there is an agreed athlete plan focusing on maintaining physical and mental wellbeing as it aligns to the sports needs and performance standards;
- the athlete has an agreed return to sport and competition plan including timeframes and regular pre-determined meetings scheduled with the CombatAUS PD or AT Head of Performance; and
- the athlete maintains contact with W&E staff on a regular basis to ensure athletes are focussed on maintaining their wellbeing.

c) **Athlete transitioning into a sport from another**

The NCP recognise that on occasion, high performing athletes may transition into a sport from another with the expectation they will contribute to national performance targets at the next pinnacle event of the new sport. Usually, a high performing athlete would only transition into a new sport if there was a strong likelihood of success.

Generally, athletes who fall into this category should be identified within the AT Athlete Categorisation Performance Matrix and Guidelines, if they meet the following minimum criteria:

- the athlete was categorised in the previous sport in the past 24 months;

- the athlete has an athlete plan focusing on contributing to the national; performance targets at the pinnacle event within a 4-year period; and
- the athlete has an individual performance plan with the new sport, agreed milestones and is meeting progression targets.

d) **Athletes who are pregnant or have recently become a new parent**

The NCP recognise that athletes may take some time away from intense training and competition when they become pregnant or have recently become a new parent.

These athletes may still be on track to contribute to national performance targets at the next pinnacle event.

Generally, athletes who fall into this category should still be identified within the AT Athlete Categorisation Performance Matrix and Guidelines, if they meet the following minimum criteria:

- Prior to becoming pregnant (or new parent), the athlete was categorised;
- the athlete has an athlete plan focusing on maintaining physical and mental wellbeing as it aligns to the sport's needs (and informed by specific medical advice as it relates to pregnancy and birth where required);
- the athlete has an agreed return to sport and competition plan including timeframes and regular pre-determined meetings scheduled with the CombatAUS PD (or equivalent); and
- the athlete maintains contact with W&E staff (or equivalent) on a regular basis to ensure athletes are focussed on maintaining their overall wellbeing.

7) Timing of Reviews

- 7.1. Athlete categorisation will be formally reviewed annually, in or around the end of October each year (year-end process) and is applicable to the following calendar year. It is expected that most athletes will enter, move between, or exit categories in line with this schedule. Athletes nominated for categorisation will be notified via email directly from AT and the list of categorised athletes will be published on the CombatAUS and AT websites and shared with all system partners following each round of categorisation.
- 7.2. In exceptional circumstances, the NCP may (in its sole discretion) approve Athletes entering, moving between categories, or exiting the categories at other times. Such circumstances may include (without limitation) failing to comply with these Guidelines, retirement, arrival from overseas but with eligibility to compete for Australia, substantial performance gains etc.

8) Appeals

- 8.1. Only athletes who have previously been categorised may request reconsideration of the decision regarding their exit from categorisation or their change of categorisation level (Request). This Request must be put in writing to the CombatAUS High Performance Director. In their Request, the athlete must address either or both of the following

grounds for reconsideration, namely that the NCP (a) made an error of fact, or (b) failed to consider a relevant performance standard. The Request must be made within seven days of the notification to the affected athlete.

Upon receipt of a valid Request, the CombatAUS High Performance Director will ask the Independent Observer to review the athlete's Request. Following this review, the Independent Observer may invite the NCP to reconsider their decision or may request the NCP to provide further detail to the athlete addressing its concerns and/or the reasons for the NCP panel's decision. The Independent Observer should provide reasons for their decision to the affected athlete and NCP.

For the avoidance of doubt:

- a) The Independent Observer is not entitled to make or substitute selection decisions; any changes would need to be made by the NCP;
- b) athletes are not entitled to appeal against the categorisation of any other athlete; and
- c) there is no further avenue of appeal.

9) Amendments

- 9.1. These Guidelines may be varied from time to time by CombatAUS and AT. Any updates will be published on the CombatAUS and AT websites.

**Schedule 1:
Taekwondo Athlete Categories LA2028 Cycle and Beyond**

ABLE-BODIED ATHLETE PATHWAY		
CURRENT CYCLE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY ATHLETES		
Performance Categories		
Athlete Category Description	Key Performance Indicators	Time in Category
<p>PODIUM</p> <p>Medallist at Olympic Games or Senior World Championships in the previous 24 months</p> <p>Athletes are assessed against factors outlined in the WITTW and ADF and are deemed capable of a podium outcome at the next Olympic Games</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist at Olympic Games (G20) or Senior World Championship (G14) within previous 24-month period. AND • Progression against AT WITTW and ADF factors evidenced by the AT Assessment Tool 	<p>Undefined – until no longer meeting the KPIs for Podium categorisation</p>
<p>PODIUM READY</p> <p>5th to 8th at the most recent Olympic Games, Senior World Championships, or Grand Prix Final.</p> <p>Athletes are assessed against factors outlined in the WITTW and ADF and are deemed capable of a podium outcome at the next Olympic Games</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 8 placing at the Olympic Games (G20) or Senior World Championship (G14 - winning minimum two fights) within previous 12-month period, or • Top 8 at WT Grand Prix Final (G10 - winning min. two fight) within previous 12-month period AND • Progression against AT WITTW and ADF factors evidenced by the AT Assessment Tool 	<p>Undefined – until progressing to Podium categorisation; or until no longer meeting the KPIs for Podium Ready categorisation</p>

<p>PODIUM POTENTIAL</p> <p>Senior athletes that have achieved defined international competition performance benchmarks that reliably confirm their world standard</p> <p>Athletes are assessed against factors outlined in the WITTW and the ADF and are deemed capable of podium outcomes at future Olympic Games</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression against AT WITTW and ADF factors evidenced by the AT Assessment Tool, and any two (2) of the following performance standards in previous 12-month period; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medallist at WT U21 World Championship (G4 - winning a min. two fights); or ○ Medallist at WT President’s Cup (G3 - Asia or Europe, winning a min. two fights); or ○ Medallist at WT Grand Slam Challenge event (G2 - winning min. two fights); or ○ Semi-finalist at Grand Prix Challenge (G2 - winning min. two fights); or ○ Top 8 placing at a WT Grand Prix Series (G6 - winning a min. two fights); or ○ Top 16 placing at the WT Senior World Championships (G14 - winning a min. two fights); or ○ Minimum of two medals at Senior International G-Ranked Events (G1-G4) * (excluding Oceania Championships and Pacific Games, winning min. two fights). 	<p>Athletes may stay at this category for up to 4 years</p>
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FUTURE CYCLE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY ATHLETES

Development Categories

Athlete Category Description	Key Performance Indicators	Time in Category
<p>DEVELOPING</p> <p>Athletes that have progressed through a reliable national talent confirmation phase, including achievement of relevant international competitions performance outcomes</p> <p>Athletes are assessed against factors outlined in the WITTW and ADF and are deemed capable of progressing to Podium levels within prescribed timelines</p>	<p>Junior Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression against AT WITTW and ADF factors evidenced by the AT Assessment Tool*, and the following performance standards; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medallist at Junior World Championships (G4 - winning min. two fights) in previous 24 months; or ○ Medallist at WT U21 World Championships (G4 - winning min. two fights) in previous 24 months; <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minimum of two of medals at International Opens** (excluding Oceania Championships, winning min. two fights) in previous 12-month period. <p>Senior Considerations</p>	<p>Athletes may stay at this category for up to 4 years</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression against AT WITTW and ADF factors evidenced by the AT Assessment Tool, and any two (2) of the following performance standards, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Top 8 at WT U21 World Championships (G4 - winning min. two fights); or ○ Top 8 at WT President’s Cup (G3 - Asia or Europe) (winning a min. two fights); or ○ Top 8 at Grand Prix Challenge (G2) or Grand Slam Challenge event (G2) (winning min. two fights); or ○ Top 16 at WT Grand Prix Series (G6) event (winning min. two fights); or ○ Minimum of two medals at Senior International G-Ranked events (G1 – 4) * (excluding Oceania Championships and Pacific Games, winning min. two fights) over previous 12-month period. 	
<p>EMERGING</p> <p>Athletes who have been identified by AT/CombatAUS via a valid and reliable talent identification profiling method and are going through a set, time-limited talent confirmation period</p> <p>Athletes are assessed against factors outlined in the WITTW and ADF and are deemed capable of progressing to Podium levels within prescribed timelines</p>	<p>Cadet & Junior Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression against AT WITTW and ADF factors evidenced by the AT Assessment Tool, and the following performance standards; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Top 8 at Junior World Championships (G4 - winning min. of two fights) in previous 24 months; OR ○ Medallist at Cadet World Championships (G4 - winning a min. three fights) in previous 24 months; <p>AND</p> ○ Minimum of two medals won at International Opens** (excluding Oceania Championships, winning min. three fights). <p>Senior Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression against AT WITTW and ADF factors evidenced by the AT Assessment Tool, and any two (2) of the following performance standards in previous 12-month period; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Top 16 at U21 WT World Championships (G4 - winning min. two fights); or ○ Top 16 at WT President’s Cup (G3 - Asia or Europe, winning a min. two fights); or ○ Top 16 at WT Grand Prix Challenge (G2) or Grand Slam Challenge event (G2) (winning min. two fights); or ○ Minimum one medal and two Top 8 performances at Senior International G-Ranked Events (G1 – 4) * (excluding Oceania Championships and Pacific Games, winning a min. two fights) 	<p>Athletes may stay at this category for up to 4 years</p> <p>Cadet – up to six years</p>

PARA ATHLETE PATHWAY

CURRENT CYCLE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY ATHLETES

Performance Categories

Athlete Category Description	Key Performance Indicators	Time in Category
<p>PODIUM</p> <p>Athletes are assessed against factors outlined in the WITTW and ADF and are deemed capable of a podium outcome at the next Paralympic Games</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist at Paralympic Games (G20) OR • Gold/Silver Medallist at WT Para World Championships (G14) within previous 24-month period. AND • Progression demonstrated against AT WITTW and ADF factors, supported by evidence, including two (2) the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Maintain a top 6 World Taekwondo (WT) Paralympic ranking o Minimum (Min.) of two wins over World Taekwondo (WT) Top 10 ranked opponents o Min. of two medals at World Taekwondo (WT) G-6 and above ranked events, earning full points in accordance with World Taekwondo (WT) Para Ranking Bylaw o Multiple international competitions (min. of 6) with >70% win rate 	<p>Undefined – until no longer meeting the KPIs for Podium categorisation</p>
<p>PODIUM READY</p> <p>Athletes are assessed against factors outlined in the WITTW and ADF and are deemed capable of a podium outcome at the next Paralympic Games</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 8 placing at the Paralympic Games (G20) OR • Bronze Medallist at WT Para World Championships (G14) within previous 24-month period. OR • Gold/Silver Medallist at WT Para Grand Prix Final (G10 - winning min. two fights) within previous 12-month period AND 	<p>Undefined – until progressing to Podium categorisation; or until no longer meeting the KPIs for Podium Ready categorisation</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression demonstrated against AT WITTW and ADF factors, supported by evidence, including two (2) of the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintain a top 10 WT Paralympic ranking during categorisation period ○ Min. of two wins over WT Top 16 ranked opponents ○ Min. two medals at WT G-4 and above ranked events, earning full points in accordance with WT Para Ranking Bylaw ○ Multiple international competitions (min. of 5) with greater than 60%-win rate 	
<p>PODIUM POTENTIAL</p> <p>Senior athletes that have achieved defined international competition performance benchmarks that reliably confirm their world standard</p> <p>Athletes are assessed against factors outlined in the WITTW and the ADF and are deemed capable of podium outcomes at future Paralympic Games</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 8 (Quarter Final) placing at the WT Para Senior World Championships (G14-winning min. two fights) OR • Bronze Medallist at WT Grand Prix Final (G10 - winning min. two fights) AND • Progression demonstrated against AT WITTW and ADF factors, supported by evidence, including two (2) the following performance standards; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintain a top 16 WT Paralympic ranking ○ A min. of two wins over WT Top 20 ranked opponents ○ A min. of two medals at WT G-3 and above ranked events, earning full points in accordance with WT Para Ranking Bylaw ○ Multiple international competitions (min. of 4) with greater than 50%-win rate 	<p>Athletes may stay at this category for up to 4 years</p>
<p>FUTURE CYCLE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY ATHLETES</p>		
<p>Development Categories</p>		

Athlete Category Description	Key Performance Indicators	Time in Category
<p>DEVELOPING</p> <p>Athletes that have progressed through a reliable national talent confirmation phase, including achievement of relevant international competitions performance outcomes</p> <p>Athletes are assessed against factors outlined in the WITTW and ADF and are deemed capable of progressing to Podium levels within prescribed timelines</p>	<p>Junior Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist at Continental Youth Para Games (G2) AND • Min. of two medals won at International G-Ranked Events, winning min. of two fights, in previous 12-month period. <p>Senior Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist at a WT Grand Prix Series event (G6 - winning a min. two fights) OR • Gold/Silver Medallist at a WT G3 and above event (winning a min. two fights) AND • Progression demonstrated against AT WITTW and ADF factors, supported by evidence, including two (2) the following performance standards; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintain an average Top 24 WT Paralympic ranking over 12-month period ○ A min. of two wins over WT Top 30 ranked opponents ○ A min. of two medals at WT G-1 and above ranked events, earning full points in accordance with WT Para Ranking Bylaw ○ Multiple international competitions (min. of 3) with greater than 50%-win rate 	<p>Athletes may stay at this category for up to 4 years</p>
<p>EMERGING</p> <p>Athletes who have been identified by AT/CombatAUS via a valid and reliable talent</p>	<p>Junior Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 8 (Quarter Final) placing at Continental Youth Para Games (G2) AND 	<p>Athletes may stay at this category for up to 4 years</p>

identification profiling method and are going through a set, time-limited talent confirmation period

Athletes are assessed against factors outlined in the WITTW and ADF and are deemed capable of progressing to Podium levels within prescribed timelines

- Min. of two medals won at International G-Ranked Events, winning min. two fights, in previous 12-month period.

Senior Considerations

- Progression demonstrated against AT WITTW and ADF factors;
OR
- Achievement of two (2) the following performance standards;
 - Maintain an average Top 32 World Taekwondo (WT) Paralympic ranking OVER 12-month period
 - Min. of two wins over World Taekwondo (WT) ranked opponents
 - Min. of two medals at World Taekwondo (WT) G-1 and above ranked events, earning full points in accordance with World Taekwondo (WT) Para Ranking Bylaw
 - Multiple international competitions (min. of 2) with greater than 50%-win rate.

Timeframes for Para athlete progression may be shorter noting smaller international divisions and potentially accelerated initial developmental trajectory at lower Categorisation levels

OTHER RECOGNISED ATHLETES

CURRENT CYCLE RECOGNITION ATHLETES

Recognition Category		
Athlete Category Description	Key Performance Indicators	Time in Category
<p>Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current senior national team members or senior Para TKD team members representing Australia at the most recent pinnacle event (Olympic or Paralympic Games) The athlete demonstrates a commitment to the HP2032+ Strategy vision to win well to inspire Australia and adds value to the DTE Selection is at the absolute discretion of the National Categorisation Panel (NCP) 	<p>Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes selected for a National Team to compete at a pinnacle event and do not fall in the above categories; or whose performance standards do not currently demonstrate medal potential for future BME 	<p>Undefined - until progressing into the Podium Pathway; or until no longer meeting the KPIs for Representative</p>

* **WT Ranking Bylaw Article 2 Clause 9** - Any tournament with less than four (4) countries or weight category with less than four (4) competed contestants cannot be recognized in the official results.

** For Junior & Cadet International Opens (inc. Australian Open & Oceania President's Cup) the medal will only be recognised if the athlete wins two fights against international opponents.