

Nomination Criteria

Paris 2024 Olympic Games

Taekwondo

1 Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 Definitions

Unless otherwise defined below, capitalised terms in this Nomination Criteria have the meaning given to them in the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law, certain of which have been reproduced below for the sake of convenience.

AOC means the Australian Olympic Committee Inc and any of its officers, employees or agents and any committee it convenes including the AOC Selection Committee.

AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law means the document adopted by the Executive which governs, among other things, the nomination and selection of Athletes to a Team for an Olympic Games or Olympic Winter Games and which is available at: <https://www.olympics.com.au/the-aoc/governance/>.

AOC Selection Committee means the committee established by the AOC to send athletes and appoint officials to the Australian Olympic team for the Games.

AOC Selection Criteria means the criteria adopted by the AOC in respect of the Games which outlines the requirements for an athlete to be selected by the AOC to participate in the Games and which appears at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria.

Athlete means a person who:

- (a) participates in the Sport; and
- (b) is recognised by the National Federation or the AOC as eligible for nomination to the AOC for selection to the Team pursuant to this Nomination Criteria.

CombatAUS means Combat Institute of Australia.

Defined G Ranked Open means competitions designated by Australian Taekwondo as International Open Competitions that may be utilised by the Taekwondo Selection Panel in clause 6.11 for the consideration of athlete performance.

Executive means the Executive of the AOC.

Extenuating Circumstances means:

- (a) injury or illness;
- (b) equipment failure;
- (c) travel delays;
- (d) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member, which means a spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling; or
- (e) any other factors considered by the National Federation to constitute extenuating circumstances.

Games means Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

International Federation means World Taekwondo.

Mandatory Event means the events listed under the heading 'Mandatory Events' in clause 6.12(a).

National Federation means Australian Taekwondo.

Nomination Date means:

- a) 14 January 2024 (for Early Nominations); and/or
- b) 1 May 2024 (for nominations following the Continental Qualification Tournament).

Qualification Period means 1 January 2023 to 15 April 2024.

Qualification System means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the Games issued by the International Federation.

Quota(s) has the meaning given in the World Taekwondo Qualification System.

Sport means Taekwondo.

Sport Entries Deadline means the date on which entries to the Games must be submitted by the AOC, being 8 July 2024.

Team means the team of athletes and officials selected by the AOC to participate in the Sport at the Games.

TSP means the Taekwondo Selection Panel as defined in clause 6.11.

Weight Category means World Taekwondo Olympic Divisions as defined in the World Taekwondo Qualification System.

1.2 Interpretation

- (a) Unless the context otherwise requires, reference to:
 - (i) a clause is to a clause of this Nomination Criteria;
 - (ii) the singular includes the plural and the converse also applies;
 - (iii) persons include incorporated and unincorporated bodies, partnerships, joint ventures and associations and vice versa and their legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes; and
 - (iv) a party includes the party's executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes.
- (b) If a person to whom this Nomination Criteria applies consists of more than one person, then this Nomination Criteria binds them jointly and severally.
- (c) A reference to time, day or date is to time, day or date of Sydney, Australia.
- (d) Headings are for convenience only and do not form part of this Nomination Criteria or affect its interpretation.

2 General

- 2.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the board of the National Federation. The National Federation must make this Nomination Criteria available to all Athletes participating in the Sport, including by publishing this Nomination Criteria on the National Federation's website.
- 2.2 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- 2.3 This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from the date of approval by the AOC and will cease to have effect at the conclusion of the Games.
- 2.4 This Nomination Criteria applies to:
 - (a) all Athletes;
 - (b) the National Federation; and
 - (c) the AOC.
- 2.5 The terms of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide and make available, on the National Federation's website, the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law to all Athletes.

3 Long List

- 3.1 For the purpose only of identifying prospective members of the Team, the National Federation and the AOC may maintain a Long List of Athletes.
- 3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, membership of the National Federation's or the AOC's Long List does not increase decrease or otherwise affect an Athlete's prospects of being nominated by the National Federation, or being selected by the AOC, to the Team.

4 Athlete Quota Positions

- 4.1 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC for selection to the Team where, pursuant to the Qualification System, the International Federation has awarded the AOC or the National Federation athlete quota positions.
- 4.2 A National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than the number of athlete quota positions awarded to the AOC or the National Federation under the Qualification System.

5 Eligibility Criteria

The National Federation will not nominate an Athlete unless, as at the Nomination Date, the National Federation is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Athlete:

- (a) is an Australian citizen;
- (b) is a member of the National Federation;
- (c) satisfies the Qualification System;
- (d) will satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria set out at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria;
- (e) has not breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed; and

- (f) does not, and is not likely to in the foreseeable future, suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent the Athlete from competing at the Games to the highest possible standard for that Athlete;
- (g) has actively participated in all Mandatory Events, unless their non-attendance has been treated as an Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with clause 7; and
- (h) has actively participated in all National camps and competitions (other than Mandatory Events) that they have been requested to attend, unless their non-attendance has been treated as an Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with clause 7.

6 Nomination Criteria

Early Nomination – WT Olympic Ranking List

- 6.1 Subject to clauses 6.2 to 6.5, where an Athlete is ranked 1-5 on the WT Olympic Ranking List on 6 January 2024 and obtains a Quota for Australia through the WT Olympic Ranking or the WT Grand Slam Champions Series in accordance with the Qualification System, the National Federation will nominate that Athlete in the respective Weight Category to the AOC for selection to the Team by no later than 14 January 2024 (**Early Nomination**).
- 6.2 If more than one Athlete is ranked 1-5 on the WT Olympic Ranking in a particular Weight Category on 6 January 2024, the TSP will determine which Athlete is nominated by the National Federation to the AOC for selection to the Team for that Weight Category using the criteria in clause 6.12.
- 6.3 The National Federation may, at its absolute discretion, decline a Quota place obtained through the WT Olympic Ranking or the WT Grand Slam Champions Series, as provided for under the Qualification System. If the National Federation declines a Quota place in a Weight Category, then that Weight Category will no longer be subject to Early Nomination and will be treated as if it had never been subject to Early Nomination for the purposes of determining the Weight Categories to be contested by Australia at the Continental Qualification Tournament and the athletes to represent Australia at that tournament, in accordance with clause 6.5 to clause 6.12.
- 6.4 If prior to the Continental Qualification Tournament, any Athlete who meets the criteria for Early Nomination in clause 6.1 becomes unavailable or declines nomination, then:
- (a) if the Athlete has been selected by the AOC to the Team, then the National Federation will immediately notify the AOC and request to remove the Athlete from the Team, in which case the AOC will consider, at its absolute discretion, whether to de-select that Athlete. Should the AOC de-select the Athlete, the National Federation will nominate to the AOC a replacement athlete in accordance with clause 6.4(b)
 - (b) if the AOC agrees to de-select the Athlete in accordance with clause 6.4(a) or the Athlete has not yet been selected to the Team, then:
 - (i) the TSP will nominate another Athlete in the same Weight Category who meets the criteria in clause 6.1, provided that if there is more than one such Athlete, then clause 6.2 will apply; or
 - (ii) if there is no other Athlete in the same Weight Category that meets the criteria in clause 6.1, that Weight Category will no longer be subject to Early Nomination and will be treated as if it had never been subject to Early Nomination for the purposes of determining the Weight Categories to be contested by Australia at the Continental Qualification Tournament and the athletes to represent Australia at that tournament, in accordance with clause 6.5 to clause 6.12.

- 6.5 If Australia obtains fewer than two Quotas per gender through the WT Olympic Ranking or the WT Grand Slam Champions Series in accordance with the Qualification System after allowing for any Quotas declined by the National Federation, then the National Federation will use the system outlined in clause 6.6 to clause 6.8 to determine who will be nominated to the AOC for selection to the Team for any remaining Quotas allocated to Australia.

Selection for the Continental Qualification Tournament

- 6.6 The number of Athletes and the respective Weight Categories that the National Federation is able to send to the Continental Qualification Tournament is subject to:

- (a) the outcome of the Early Nomination process as described in clauses 6.1 to 6.4 above; and
- (b) the maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee permitted to attend the Continental Qualification Tournament under the Qualification System.

- 6.7 **Weight Categories:** In determining which Weight Categories will be represented at the Continental Qualification Tournament, the National Federation will use the following method:

- (a) subject to clause 6.6(b), if any Athlete is ranked 6–10 on the WT Olympic Ranking on 6 January 2024, their Weight Category will be represented at the Continental Qualification Tournament.
- (b) if there are more Weight Categories with Athletes ranked 6–10 on the WT Olympic Ranking on 6 January 2024 than places available at the Continental Qualification Tournament through the Qualification System, the TSP will determine which of those Weight category/ies will be represented by considering the Athletes in each of those Weight Categories using the criteria in clause 6.12
- (c) if there are fewer Weight Categories with Athletes ranked 6–10 on the WT Olympic Ranking on 6 January 2024 than places available at the Continental Qualification Tournament through the Qualification System, then Weight Categories with Athletes ranked 6- 10 on the WT Olympic Ranking on 6 January 2024 will be represented at the Continental Qualification Tournament and the TSP will determine which other Weight categories will be represented by considering the Athletes in each Weight Category using the criteria in clause 6.12.

- 6.8 **Athletes within Weight Categories:** Within each of the Weight Categories that are chosen to be represented at the Continental Qualification Tournament under clause 6.7, the National Federation will use the following method to determine which Athlete will represent that Weight Category at the Continental Qualification Tournament:

- (a) if any Athlete is ranked 6 -10 on the WT Olympic Ranking at 6 January 2024, and there is no other Athlete ranked 6 -10 on the WT Olympic Ranking at 6 January 2024, they will represent that Weight Category at the Continental Qualification Tournament.
- (b) if there is more than one Athlete ranked 6 -10 on the WT Olympic Ranking at 6 January 2024, the TSP will determine which of the athletes ranked 6-10 on the WT Olympic Ranking at 6 January 2024 will represent that Weight Category at the Continental Qualification Tournament, using the criteria in clause 6.12.
- (c) if no Athlete is ranked 6-10 on the WT Olympic Ranking at 6 January 2024, the TSP will determine which athlete will represent that Weight Category at the Continental Qualification Tournament, using the criteria in clause 6.12.

Nominations following the Continental Qualification Tournament Quotas

- 6.9 The results of the Continental Qualification Tournament will determine how many Quotas Australia receives (if any), in addition to those referred to in clause 6.1. If Australia receives a Quota at the Continental Qualification Tournament in any Weight Category, the TSP will meet following the conclusion of the Qualification Period to determine which Athlete in that Weight Category will be nominated by the National Federation to the AOC for selection to the Team. For the avoidance of doubt, an Athlete's selection for, and attendance at, the Continental Qualification Tournament is not mandatory for nomination under this clause.
- 6.10 The TSP will use the following method, in descending preferential order, to determine which Athlete(s) will be nominated to the AOC for selection to the Team:
- (a) should an Athlete be ranked 6–10 on the WT Olympic Ranking in the relevant Weight Category on 6 January 2024, they will be nominated, unless there are one or more other Athletes ranked 6–20, in which case the TSP will determine which of those Athletes ranked 6-20 will be nominated using the criteria in clause 6.12
 - (b) should no Athlete be ranked 6–10 on the WT Olympic Ranking on 6 January 2024, the TSP will determine which Athlete will be nominated to the AOC for selection to the Team, using the criteria in clause 6.12.
- 6.11 **Taekwondo Selection Panel (TSP):** The role of the TSP is to recommend to the National Federation the Athletes to be nominated to the AOC for selection to the Team and to determine the other matters for which it is responsible under this nomination criteria. The names of the members of the TSP will be confirmed by no later than 30 June 2023 and it will be comprised of the below members:
- (a) A qualified lawyer appointed by the National Federation as the TSP Chair (non-voting);
 - (b) the National Federation National Performance Director;
 - (c) the National Federation National Senior Head Coach (CombatAUS Technical Lead);
 - (d) two Taekwondo Coaches (one male coach, one female coach); and
 - (e) the CombatAUS High Performance Director.
- 6.12 **Factors to consider:** the TSP may have regard to any, all or none of the following factors, in its absolute discretion, which may or may not be exercised. For the avoidance of doubt, the following factors are not listed in preferential order:
- (a) the Athlete's performance during the Qualification Period at the following international competitions:
 - 2023 World Championships
 - 2023 Grand Prix events
 - 2023 Grand Prix Challenge
 - 2024 Any Grand Prix events scheduled within the Qualification Period.
 - Mandatory Events
 - 2023 Senior World Championship Selections
 - 2023 National Championships
 - 2023 Australian International Open
 - 2023 Oceania Presidents Cup

- 2023 Defined G-ranked Open events:
 - US Open
 - Dutch Open
 - Belgium Open
 - additional Designated Open events (To be published on the National Federation's website at the URL: <https://austkd.com.au> and communicated through the National Federation's Facebook page at the URL: <https://www.facebook.com/AUSTKD>) and the National Federation's e-newsletters with a minimum of eight (8) weeks' notice)
 - 2024 Defined G-ranked Open events:
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- (b) the Athlete's performances during the Qualification Period against Top 20 Olympic ranked athletes according to the WT Olympic Ranking List as at 6 January 2024;
- (c) if the TSP cannot determine an Athlete for nomination based solely on performances after 1 January 2023, then the TSP may also take into account the Athlete's performances at the following events:
- 2022 World Championships; and
 - 2022 Grand Prix events
- (d) the Athlete's physical form and fitness;
- (e) the Athlete's ranking on the WT Olympic Ranking List as at 6 January 2024; and
- (f) any other factors the TSP considers relevant.

7 Extenuating Circumstances

- 7.1 In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied clauses 5(g and 6 in relation to an Athlete's attendance at a Mandatory Event or has satisfied clause 5(h) in relation to a National camp or other competition that they have been requested to attend (**Other Event**), the TSP may, in its absolute discretion, have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.
- 7.2 In the event that an Athlete determines that he or she is unable to attend a Mandatory Event or Other Event, that Athlete must notify the National Federation of his or her non-attendance in writing as soon as practicable.
- 7.3 The TSP may consider an Athlete's non-attendance at a Mandatory Event or Other Event to be an Extenuating Circumstance in its absolute discretion. The National Federation may require an Athlete to undergo a medical examination and/or seek additional information or documentation as

a condition of treating the Athlete's non-attendance at a Mandatory Event or Other Event as an Extenuating Circumstance.

8 Submission of Nominations

- 8.1 The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.
- 8.2 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.
- 8.3 The National Federation must nominate Athletes to the AOC by the Nomination Date. The National Federation must inform Athletes of their nomination or non-nomination by no later than:
- (a) 48 hours prior to the Nomination Date, where such written notice would be received by the Athlete 14 days prior to the Sport Entries Deadline; or
 - (b) 24 hours prior to the Nomination Date, where such written notice would be received by the Athlete within 14 days of the Sport Entries Deadline,
- or such later date as the AOC advises the National Federation.
- 8.4 Nominations submitted to the AOC must be in the form prescribed by the AOC or in a form that is otherwise acceptable to the AOC and include any such information that is required pursuant to the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.
- 8.5 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date where it is submitted by the National Federation as a result of an appeal brought in accordance with the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.

9 Amendments

- 9.1 This Nomination Criteria may only be amended with the written consent of the AOC Selection Committee.
- 9.2 The AOC may amend the AOC Selection Criteria from time to time in its absolute discretion. If advised by the AOC of such an amendment, the National Federation must update Appendix 1 to this Nomination Criteria and re-upload an updated Nomination Criteria to the National Federation's website and advise Athletes of the amendment.
- 9.3 Where the AOC forms a reasonable opinion that this Nomination Criteria requires amendment, the AOC must notify the National Federation of the required amendments. The National Federation must work collaboratively with the AOC in good faith to amend this Nomination Criteria to the satisfaction of the AOC.

10 Appeals

- 10.1 A non-nominated athlete may only appeal against their non-nomination (***Nomination Appeal***) in accordance with the procedure set out in clause 9.6 or clause 9.9 of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.
- 10.2 Any Nomination Appeal arising out of this Nomination Criteria which is commenced under clause 9.6 of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law will be heard by the NST General Division in accordance with clause 9.6(c) of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law. For clarity, clause 10.2 does not apply to appeals against non-nomination

commenced under clause 9.9 of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (*Nomination Fast Track Appeal*).

11 Governing Law

This Nomination Criteria is governed by the laws of the State of New South Wales.

12 Priority of Documents

To the extent of any inconsistency, the following documents shall be given the following descending order of precedence:

- (a) the AOC Constitution;
- (b) the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (including AOC Selection Criteria); and
- (c) this Nomination Criteria.

Appendix 1 – AOC Selection Criteria