



Taekwondo New Zealand Selection  
Document  
2024 WT Oceania Olympic Qualifier  
Senior Team Selection Kyorugi

## **Definitions and Interpretation:**

**TNZ** means Taekwondo New Zealand and any of its officers, employees, or agents and any committee it convenes, including the TNZ Selection Panel (TSP).

**TSP** means the TNZ Selection Panel, the panel established by TNZ to select athletes for the TNZ team participating in the 2024 Oceania Olympic Qualifier.

**WT** means World Taekwondo the sports International governing body.

**Team** means the team of athletes selected by TNZ to participate in Taekwondo at the 2024 Oceania Olympic Qualifier. Also known as the TNZ National Taekwondo Team.

**Event** means the WT 2024 Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament.

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

**GMS** means Global Membership System.

# **TAEKWONDO NEW ZEALAND ATHLETE SELECTION DOCUMENT**

This selection document outlines the criteria and process for selecting athletes to represent Taekwondo New Zealand (TNZ) at the WT 2024 Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament. The main objective is to identify talented and competitive athletes with the potential to excel at the international level. The selection process will be transparent, fair, and guided by principles of excellence and sportsmanship.

## **1. Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible for selection, athletes must meet the following criteria:

- a) **Citizenship:** Athletes must be citizens of New Zealand and hold a valid passport.
- b) **Membership:** Athletes must be a registered member on the GMS, with no outstanding financial obligations and maintain good standing throughout the selection period.
- c) **Age:** Athletes must meet the minimum age requirements of WT. Athletes must be 17 years or older to be considered for selection.
- d) **Kukkiwon Certification:** All applicants must be a Kukkiwon Dan holder or have submitted an application for Kukkiwon certification through TNZ as of the date of their application for team selection.
- e) **International Representation:** Prior international experience is not required in order to be considered for selection.
- f) **Compliance:** Athletes must adhere to all regulations set forth by TNZ and WT, including anti-doping policies.
- g) The athlete must not have any physical or mental impairments that would prevent them from competing at the 2024 Oceania Olympic Qualifier at their highest possible standard.
- h) The athlete has actively participated in all Mandatory Events unless non-attendance is treated as an extenuating circumstance.
- i) Athletes wishing to be considered for selection must submit their interest to the TNZ High Performance Director, ([highperformance@newzealandtaekwondo.co.nz](mailto:highperformance@newzealandtaekwondo.co.nz)) by 10pm Friday August 11th 2023.

j) Athletes must be able to travel internationally outside of NZ and if necessary, obtain a relevant Visa in order to meet entry requirements.

k) Any athlete wishing to be selected must be fully covid vaccinated. This is due to international airline rules, Government Regulations and most International Governments entry requirements. Proof of vaccination / vaccine certification or a valid exemption may be required to be submitted with the athletes application to compete at the event.

## **2. Selection Process**

The selection process will comprise the following stages:

### **Long List:**

a) For the purpose of identifying potential members of the TNZ Team to compete at the event, TNZ plan on selecting a Long List of athletes from which the final team will be selected.

b) An initial Long List of athletes will be selected by the TSP at the conclusion of the 2023 TNZ Kukkiwon Cup.

c) Gaining 1st place at the Kukkiwon Cup will guarantee a spot on the Long List, however, other potential high performing athletes will also be selected.

d) Membership on the Long List does not guarantee selection or impact an athlete's chances of being selected by TNZ to represent New Zealand at the 2024 Oceania Olympic Qualifier.

e) Athletes will be notified of their selection on the Long List by Sunday 27th August.

### **Performance Evaluation:**

a) Athletes performances in designated selection events, TNZ High Performance Training Camps, tournaments and any other mandatory events will be closely evaluated.

b) Athletes must pass the necessary training and medical requirements of the TNZ National Team as determined by the TSP.

c) Athletes may be screened by the selection panel for international competition readiness. This screening may be conducted at a selected TNZ Training Camp, Tournament or any other venue at the sole discretion of the TSP.

d) The aim of TNZ is to maximise the chances of NZ being represented in Taekwondo at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Therefore, the selection of the TNZ Team to compete at the WT 2024 Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament may not be based on athletic performance alone.

e) Prior international experience may not be recognised in the selection of the final team.

### **Mandatory Events:**

a) All Long List athletes wishing to be considered for final selection must attend a number of mandatory TNZ sanctioned tournaments and training camps.

b) Injured athletes must attend the mandatory events as observers.

c) Athletes must acknowledge that the pathway and attendance at the WT 2024 Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament is fully self funded.

### **Mandatory Events:**

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| 1) August 2023    | - TNZ Kukkiwon Cup (Auckland)         |
| 2) September 2023 | - Training weekend (Auckland) TBC     |
| 2) October 2023   | - TUNZ Open (Wellington)              |
| 3) November 2023  | - Training weekend (Christchurch) TBC |
| 4) December 2023  | - Training weekend (Wellington) TBC   |
| 5) January 2024   | - 5 Day Training Camp (Location TBC)  |

### **Recommended Events:**

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| 1) September | - WT Pacific Open (G2 - Solomon Islands)          |
| 2) Nov/Dec   | - WT Oceania Championships (G4 - Solomon Islands) |

d) Attendance and performance at recommended events and any future WT G-ranked events will be considered during the selection process.

e) Athletes acknowledge that they are required to attend one TNZ event per month.

f) Failure to attend the mandatory events may result in the athlete being dropped from the Long List and out of potential selection.

g) In exceptional cases where an athlete demonstrates extraordinary potential or encounters unavoidable circumstances affecting their participation in mandatory events, the TSP may exercise discretion in their selection.

### **3. Final Selection of Athletes**

- a) The TNZ team will be selected by the TSP as per the latest WT Olympic weight divisions and submitted by the TNZ High Performance director to the TNZ board for final approval.
- b) The maximum quota of 4 athletes (2x male, 2x female) will be determined by the TSP and finalised by the TNZ board.
- c) The final composition and size of the TNZ National Kyorugi Team will be determined by the TNZ board.
- d) The final team list approved by the TNZ board will be published no more than two weeks after receiving the initial list from the TNZ High Performance Director.
- e) If a selected athlete withdraws from the team for any reason, the TNZ board must reconvene the TSP. The TSP will be tasked with recommending an athlete as a replacement. WT regulations require an athlete from the same gender but not from the same weight division be selected. Due to the nature of TNZ's aim, an athlete from a different weight division may be selected.
- f) Amendments to the team may be made in accordance with this document.
- g) Any matter that is not specified in this document that affects the selection of an athlete will be referred to the TNZ High Performance Director at the time of selecting the National Team.

### **4. TNZ Selection Panel (TSP)**

The role of the TSP is to recommend to TNZ the athletes to be nominated for selection to the TNZ 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 August 11th and it will be comprised of the below members:

- (a) TNZ High Performance Director as the TSP Chairperson and Secretary (non-voting)
- (b) The TNZ National Kyorugi Director
- (c) Two independent selectors (one male, one female)
- (d) Two reserve selectors (non-voting)

The TSP will have at its sole discretion, the ability to select any athletes it believes has the necessary skills to be successful at the WT 2024 Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament.

## **5. Expectation of Selected Athletes and Team Officials**

- a) All selected athletes and team officials must obtain the required WT credentials (Global Athletes Licence, WT Coaching Licence) upon notice of being selected for the team. This is at their own cost.
- b) Attendance is required at any official TNZ National Team Training Camps prior to the event.
- c) The athlete must notify the team officials of any illness, injury or any other circumstances that may affect their preparation for the event.
- d) Must not bring the sport of Taekwondo into disrepute.

## **6. Athlete Removal from NZ Team**

Any athlete may be removed from the selected team who:

- a) Within reason, has an illness or injury that will prevent the athlete from able to perform to an international competition standard. The athlete will be given time to seek advice from a registered medical practitioner before the TNZ High Performance Director makes a final decision.
- b) The athlete breaches or fails to pass the requirements of the anti-doping policy of WT / WADA.
- c) The athlete breaches or fails to comply with the conditions described in the Team Agreement or the TNZ code of conduct.
- d) The athlete fails or breaches any rules of TNZ that warrants the removal of the athlete from the team.
- e) Any athlete removed from the team may not be replaced.

## **7. Amendments**

- a) This selection document may be amended or supplemented by TNZ at its discretion in order to achieve the sole objective of selecting the best team.
- b) Any amendments to this document will be submitted to the TNZ Board for approval. If any changes are made TNZ will ensure to give as much notice to all persons affected by any amendments to the document.

## **8. Appeals**

a) Within 72 Hours (3 days) of the time that a Non-Selected Athlete received notice of their non- selection, the Non-Selected athlete must provide written notice to the secretary of Taekwondo New Zealand that they dispute their non-selection of the team.

b) The Non-Selected Athlete must provide reasons as to why they support their notice of dispute. The written notice must be accompanied by a NZL \$200 application fee, which will be refunded to the athlete should the outcome of the dispute result in the selection of the athlete for that team. Payment is to be made directly to the TNZ bank account.