



Taekwondo New Zealand Selection
Document
WT 2024 Oceania Olympic Qualifier

TNZ Selection Panel

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.

GMS means Global Membership System.

TAEKWONDO NEW ZEALAND SELECTION PANEL (TSP) SELECTION DOCUMENT

The Taekwondo New Zealand Selection Panel (TSP) plays a crucial role in selecting athletes for the New Zealand Taekwondo Team. The main objective of the TSP is to identify talented and competitive athletes with the potential to excel at the international level. This document outlines the selection process, composition and responsibilities of the TNZ Selection Panel (TSP). The selection process will be transparent, fair, and guided by principles of excellence and sportsmanship.

1. Composition of the TNZ Selection Panel (TSP)

The TSP 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

2. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible as a TNZ National Team Selector, you must meet the following criteria:

- a) Applicants must be a registered member on the GMS, with no outstanding financial obligations and maintain good standing throughout the selection period.
- b) Instructors / Coaches / Parents of athletes applying for selection to the team are ineligible as selectors.
- c) Applicants should have some the following experience:
 - Experience as a National Team Coach
 - Experience as a National Team Trainer
 - Experience as a National Team Manager
 - Experience as a National Team Athlete
 - International Coaching Experience
 - International Competition Experience
- d) Selectors must adhere to all regulations and policies set forth by TNZ and WT.

e) Selectors must be available to attend a number of mandatory athlete training camps and tournaments. At least one selector must be present at each event.

Mandatory Events:

- 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)

f) All selectors are recommended to attend the 5 day training camp scheduled for January 2024. (This is the final event prior to selection of the 4 person team)

g) Selectors must acknowledge that attendance at these mandatory events is fully self-funded.

h) Prior International experience is not a requirement in order to be considered for selection.

i) Applicants wishing to be considered for selection must submit their interest at: <https://newzealandtaekwondo.co.nz/tnz-selection-olympic-qualifiers-selector> by no later than 9pm on Friday August 11th 2023.

3. Selection Process

a) The TNZ board will select and verify the 2 selectors and 2 reserve selectors. This will be confirmed by Friday August 18th 2023.

b) TNZ board selections and decisions are final.

4. TSP Roles and Responsibilities

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.

a) The TNZ High Performance director will act as chairperson and secretary for the selection panel, but will not have any voting powers. They are able to participate in the selection process and voice their opinion and recommendations.

b) Only the 3 selectors (TNZ Kyorugi Director + 2 independent selectors) can vote on selection decisions.

c) A reserve selector will be promoted to selector if the situation arises where the TNZ board removes a selector from the TSP.

d) Reserve selectors are encouraged to attend mandatory events and selection meetings, but cannot vote or voice any opinions or recommendations unless with approval from the chairperson.

5. Selection Tasks

August 2023

Long List

a) The TSP will be required to put together a Long List of potential athletes to be considered for final selection on the team at the conclusion of the 2023 TNZ Kukkiwon Cup.

b) Athletes who gain 1st place at the 2023 TNZ Kukkiwon Cup will be automatically granted a spot on the Long List.

c) Performance at the 2023 TNZ Kukkiwon Cup will be used to determine the initial selection of Long List athletes.

d) Prior performances may not be taken into consideration in the initial selection of Long List athletes.

e) Selected Long List athletes will be announced on Friday August 25th.

January / February 2024

Final Team Selection

a) The TSP will be required to select a four (4) person team to attend the WT 2024 Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament.

b) The TSP will take into consideration the performance of the athletes at the mandatory events, as well as their overall conduct and attitude.

c) 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.

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) The team will consist of a maximum of 2x Male athletes and 2x Female athletes, each in different WT Olympic weight divisions, as per the regulations of WT.

f) The WT 2024 Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament uses WT Olympic weight divisions. WT rules state that TNZ may only enter a maximum of 2x male divisions and 2x female divisions. Therefore in a team of 4 athletes, 2 weight divisions for males and 2 weight divisions for females will not have TNZ representation and not be contested.

g) The TSP will recommend the four (4) person team to the TNZ board. The TNZ High Performance director will submit the names for final approval.

h) The TNZ board have final say on the selection of the team. The TNZ board or any member of the TNZ board has final authority to veto any selections.

i) Once the team has been approved by the TNZ board, the TSP will be disbanded.

6. 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 members for the TSP.

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.

This document ensures a transparent and fair selection process for the Taekwondo New Zealand Team, allowing athletes with potential to succeed at the 2024 WT Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament. The Selection Panel's responsibility is to maintain the integrity of the process while considering performance, experience, conduct and attitude in order to maximise New Zealand's representation at the 2024 Paris Olympics in Taekwondo.