



2008 Olympic Games Selection Criteria

Basic Eligibility

1. Athletes must be a Canadian Citizen
2. Athletes must be a Kukkiwon Certificate holder
3. Athletes must have Presidents approval from the Province/Territory of which you are a member of.
4. Athletes must be a member of the National Team Program and meet all of its requirements. If not a member of the National Team Program must be willing to become one and meet all of its requirements upon selection to the Olympic Qualification Team or Olympic Team.

PHASE 1

Olympic Qualification Team Selection

1. The team will be selected using the following ranking system:

Major International Events

Olympic Games

- Each athlete will receive 4 points for each victory

Senior World Championships

- Each athlete will receive 3 points for each victory

Pan Am Qualification/Games

- Each athlete will receive 2.5 points for each victory

Senior Pan Am Championships

- Each athlete will receive 2 points for each victory

*Based on single elimination

Point Devaluation

Points earned in 2007 will be valued at 100%.

Points earned in 2006 will be valued at 60%.

Points earned in 2005 will be valued at 40%.

Points earned in 2004 will be valued at 20%.

2. The top two male and the top 2 female athletes, immediately after the 2007 Pan Am Games, from differing weight classes, will be selected for the World and Pan Am Olympic Qualification Teams. If there is a tie that needs to be broken Taekwondo Canada will form a special committee that will evaluate and make a recommendation on who has the best chance to perform at the Olympic Qualifiers.
- ~~3. Weight classes that athletes registered for at the 2007 Pan Am Games Team Trials will be used to determine athletes weight classes throughout the Olympic Qualification process.~~

PHASE 2

World Olympic Qualification Tournament

1. The Team will qualify spots for Canada using the criteria set out by the World Taekwondo Federation. **An athlete that qualifies their weight class at this event will also automatically qualify for the Olympic Games and will not have to qualify at the 2008 Canadian Olympic Team Trials.**

PHASE 3

Pan Am Olympic Qualification Tournament

1. The Team will qualify spots for Canada using the criteria set out by the World Taekwondo Federation less any weight class that qualified at the World Olympic Qualification Tournament.

PHASE 4

2008 Canadian Olympic Team Trials

For each weight class that Canada has qualified for the 2008 Olympic Games at the 2007 Pan Am Qualification Tournament:

1. Format for weight classes with an Olympic spot available
 - Single Elimination Bracket
 - The single elimination bracket will be open to anyone who meets the basic eligibility and has not already qualified for the final round robin
 - The top 4 athletes will be seeded using the Taekwondo Canada Overall Rankings
 - Three athletes will make it to the final round robin
 - The athlete that qualified the spot
 - A carded athlete if there is one in the weight class (2007 Pan Am Team Trials Registration will determine your weight class and you must have stayed in that weight class for this event)
 - If there is a carded athlete the winner of the single elimination bracket will qualify. If there is no carded athlete then the two finalists will qualify.
 - Round Robin
 - The athlete that qualified the weight class for the Olympic Games will start the round robin with a record of one win and zero losses. The other athletes in the round robin will start with zero wins and one loss.
 - Earning the Olympic Spot
 - Once the round robin is complete the athlete with the most wins will earn the Olympic spot. If there is a tie, the two tied athletes will have another fight and the winner will earn the Olympic spot.

Maintaining Eligibility

Athletes must maintain their Basic Eligibility throughout the selection process and once they are selected leading up to the Games, including all aspects outlined in the National Team Program Agreement.

Wild Cards

If Taekwondo Canada is awarded a wild card by the World Taekwondo Federation the winning athlete from day 2 in the weight class that the wild card has been given shall be the athlete selected to compete for Canada.

Replacement of Athletes

In the event that a selected athlete must be replaced for any reason the current rankings will be used to determine the replacement athlete. The 2nd place athlete from day 2 will be interviewed for readiness and will be selected if deemed ready. This process will be followed until a Replacement Athlete is found.

Amendments and Unforeseen Circumstances

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow this selection criteria to be fairly and objectively applied, the WTF Taekwondo Association of Canada Executive Committee reserves the right to determine the means of a fair resolution and schedule additional performance assessments to assist in the selection process, if required.

Appeal Process

Athletes have 48 hours from the time the team is announced on the WTF Taekwondo Association of Canada website to appeal, they may use the following processes.

1. Athletes that feel they have been unfairly treated according to this selection criteria may appeal to Taekwondo Canada using the Taekwondo Canada Appeal Policy. (See Attachment 2)
2. Athletes may also appeal directly to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada if they wish, for more information please go to www.adrsportred.ca.