



## 2019 NATIONAL TEAM SELECTIONS

The following document provides an outline of the National Team selection process for Taekwondo New Zealand as we move into 2019 - 2020.

More detailed documentation will be provided over the coming weeks relating to the major upcoming international tournaments which NZ representative teams will be attending, so that athletes are aware of what pathway will work best for them and their goals.

TNZ is about to start selecting teams for the following international tournaments:

1. 2019 World Championships (Manchester, UK) – May 2019
2. 2019 World University Games (Napoli, Italy) – July 2019
3. 2019 Oceania Championships (Apia, Samoa) – July 2019
4. 2019 Pacific Games (Apia, Samoa) – July 2019
5. 2019 World Cadet Championships (tbc) – August 2019

We are now seeking expressions of interest from athletes who would like to represent New Zealand at these tournaments.

Athletes please discuss this with your family, clubs, and instructors – national team representation requires a considerable amount of your time and dedication – and also a significant financial commitment. It is important that everyone understands this and is aware of what is required not only from the athletes, but also by their families.

**Note: The deadline to receive final expressions of interest from all athletes is Sunday 2 December 2018.**

**All expressions of interest should be sent to the TNZ Interim Board:**

c/ [mike\\_hennessy@me.com](mailto:mike_hennessy@me.com) or [interimboardtnz@gmail.com](mailto:interimboardtnz@gmail.com)

To compete in these tournaments athletes must be a TNZ member and hold a valid Global Athletes License (GAL).

To compete in the **2019 World Championships** you must be a black belt senior athlete turning 18 years old in 2019 (or older). This tournament is solely for Kyorugi athletes.

To compete in the **2019 World University Games** you must be attending a recognised NZ or International university or tertiary training institution, or have graduated in the past 12 months. This tournament is for Kyorugi and Poomsae athletes.

The **2019 Oceania Championships** are open to Cadets, Juniors & Seniors – Kyorugi and Poomsae

- Cadets must be turning 12 – 14 in 2019
- Juniors must be turning 15 – 17 in 2019
- Seniors must be turning 18 in 2019 (or older)

To compete in the **2019 Pacific Games** you must be a black belt senior athlete turning 18 years old in 2019 (or older). This tournament is solely for Kyorugi athletes.

The **Cadet World Championships** are solely for Cadet athletes.

All athletes seeking to represent NZ will need to specifically select each tournament they are interested in and for the seniors will need to notify TNZ of their weight category.

The **World University Games** and **Oceania Championships / Pacific Games** are very close together and so we are expecting that we might need to split the national team across these competitions, and as such, more places may be available for those interested and who qualify. This will be further explained and clarified later in the selection process.

The national team size is of course defined by weight categories. For the **2019 World Championships, World University Games and Pacific Games** the available senior weight divisions are:

Men	Women
- 54kg	- 46kg
- 58kg	- 49kg
- 63kg	- 53kg
- 68kg	- 57kg
- 74kg	- 62kg
- 80kg	- 67kg
- 87kg	- 73kg
+ 87kg	+ 73kg

For the **2019 Oceania Championships** the available senior weight categories are:

Men	Women
- 58kg	- 49kg
- 68kg	- 57kg
- 80kg	- 67kg
+ 80kg	+ 67kg

## SELECTION PANEL

TNZ has confirmed a selection panel consisting of:

- Angela Caldwell
- Sean Wells
- Anthony Chan

A 4th selector may be added to this group and a member of the TNZ Interim Board will participate on panel as convener and administrator, but will not play a part in selections.

## SELECTION PROCESS OVERVIEW

Selection for the TNZ National Team will be based on:

- Tournament performances (International, National and Regional)
- National Team training participation, commitment and attitude
- Global World Taekwondo Ranking

Past performances and experience will count towards national team selection. However the TNZ selection panel will primarily be approaching team selections through a staged process of considerations, beginning with the 2018 TNZ Nationals, which are being held on 2 December, in Auckland.

We understand that some prospective team members may not be able to attend this tournament, however we are operating to a tight timeline and consider this tournament to be an important first step in the selection process.

Therefore results at the 2018 TNZ Nationals will partly count towards national team selection and we encourage all those seeking consideration to attend.

Selections for the 2019 TNZ National Team will also be made based on attendance at three expected national training camps in early 2019 - in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

Where there is competition for places within weight divisions, each of these training camps will conclude with mini-selection tournaments. The results of these 'in-camp' tournaments will count towards selection.

Other regional competitions held through to March 2019, may also be factored into TNZ team selection considerations.

Finally, the athletes Global World Taekwondo Ranking will also play an important part in the selectors considerations.

## NATIONAL TEAM MANAGEMENT & OFFICIALS

Club instructors; coaches and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend all TNZ tournaments and training camps.

The camps in particular will play an important part not only in athlete preparations and team spirit, but also in building a supportive environment and crucially in organising team management and officials for the respective tournaments.

TNZ will be looking for people to accept responsibility for the following roles on the respective national teams and specific tournaments:

- Team Manager(s)
- Team Trainer(s)

We will be asking for people to put their names forward and become part of an organising group for the tournaments, so that the athletes are supported as much as possible.

It is important to note that in order to be a part of the National Team management, you will need to be a current TNZ member and will need to hold a GOL (Global Official's License).

## TNZ NATIONAL TEAM COACHES

TNZ is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified instructors who may be interested in coaching the national team(s) in 2019 for the key tournaments outlined.

We expect to appoint a coaching panel who can help facilitate the three training camps and then travel with the team(s) to the competitions.

We acknowledge and appreciate the financial pressures that athletes, coaches and

families are placed under to attend these tournaments - and so expect that a group of key coaches will be required for all four of the important 2019 international tournaments.

## TIMELINE

2 December	<b>Deadline for Expressions of Interest</b>
10 December	NZ Training Squad Selected
January	1st TNZ Training Camp
February	2nd TNZ Training Camp
March	3rd TNZ Training Camp
22 March	Official Selections announced for 2019 World Championships & 2019 World University Games Teams

The official selection announcements will provide 2 months lead in to the World Championships and 4 months lead in to the World University Games. We will be working with all prospective athletes and parties to ensure travel and accommodation is booked ahead of time.

At the conclusion of the World Championships in May, we will be working with senior members of the national team to review their performance and assess their ability and desire to attend at the 2019 Oceania Championships and Pacific Games.

We will continue working with the Junior and Cadet athletes through to May 2019 as well, at which point we will announce their selections for the Oceania's and Cadet World Championships.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

TNZ cannot presently commit to provide funding support for individuals to travel and compete at any of these tournaments. We hope to be able to adjust this approach, and are currently following potential sponsorship and funding leads, but because of the obligations TNZ has to support Taekwondo nationally, we cannot presently make a firm commitment. And so all athletes will need to seek financial support from their families, clubs and communities in order pay for travel, accommodation and uniforms. TNZ will provide details of expected costs by the end of November 2018, and hope that an indication of possible financial assistance or contributions can be made to athletes around that time.

## PATHWAY TO THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS

At the conclusion of the 2019 Pacific Games in July, TNZ will continue with national training camps throughout the second half of 2019 and will refocus on the process for selecting the competitors to put forward for the **2020 Oceania Taekwondo Olympic Qualification Tournament**, which will be held in February 2020.

Only two male and two female senior NZ athletes will be selected to compete at this tournament.

In order to be considered for the 2020 Olympics NZ athletes will need to not only be part of the TNZ National Team, but also demonstrate strong international results, considerable self-motivation and an exceptional commitment to training, development and ongoing competition.

They will be expected to compete to a high level at international World Taekwondo G-ranked tournaments throughout 2019 – and TNZ will work with them on selecting these tournaments. Only these few athletes will be considered for the 2020 Oceania Taekwondo Olympic Qualification Tournament.

The 2020 Tokyo Olympics selection policy and nomination criteria document will be released in early November 2018.