



KARATE CANADA NATIONAL SENIOR TEAM CRITERIA

2010-2011 Season

1- Introduction

These criteria are in line with the AAP carding criteria for 2010-2011, and apply to the National Senior Team only. The following items are discussed:

1. How to get on the National Senior Team;
2. How to get an Athlete's status; and
3. How to maintain a position on the National Senior Team.

This point system will start at the First National Training Camp (FNTC) in February 2010. It will take into account the current Athletes' Status accrued from the three (3) following events:

1. The 2008 WKF Senior World Championship;
2. The 2009 PKF Senior Pan American Championship; and
3. The 2009 KC National Championship.

These events will be the base for both the new status assigned and the points that correspond to that status. This list, entitled the National Senior Team 2010-2011, will be found on our website before February 28th 2010.

All funding directed to athletes, as stipulated in *Table 3*, will be a function of Karate Canada's budget and the athlete's status.

The National Senior Team will be named yearly at the end of the First National Training Camp (FNTC).

The classification of international tournaments, and the points athletes are able to accumulate at each one, will be determined by the National Head Coach on an annual basis and will be approved by the Karate Canada board of directors.

The international tournaments chosen for the National Senior Team can be modified during the course of the year by giving at least eight weeks notice prior to the event.

Note: points will not be accumulated for a new event (be it a camp or a tournament) that is added to the calendar that year.

2- How to get on the National Senior Team

The athlete must be invited and must participate at the FNTC. The following athletes will receive an invitation to the FNTC:

- International A athletes.
- International B athletes.
- International C athletes.
- National A athletes.
- 'Coaches pick' athletes – are athletes who may fill the open spots, if any.
- Invited Athletes – are athletes showing potential and invited by the National Head Coach, if any. Those athletes will not be named on the National Senior Team at the conclusion of the FNTC.

The FNTC is mandatory for all athletes who want to be part of the National Senior Team. Even in the case of injury or recovery from injury, the athlete will be requested to attend the FNTC. Only athletes with infectious disease may be requested not to attend by Karate Canada. Please refer to the exceptional circumstances section in point 5.

Athletes who do not participate at the FNTC will not be part of the National Senior Team roster.

Only the National Senior athletes, named on the National Senior Team at the conclusion of the FNTC, will receive the points (15) for their participation at the camp. Invited Athletes will only accumulate the 15 points if and when the athlete is selected to represent Canada at an international event during the current year, starting from the 2010 FNTC to 2011 FNTC.

The athlete must be a Canadian citizen and hold a valid passport in order to be a member of the National Senior Team.

Selection of alternates

Karate Canada is under no obligation to select an alternate for either a camp or an international event. The selection of alternates is at the discretion of the National Head Coach.

3- How to get a Status

Athletes accumulate points for their performance at the events listed in *Tables 1 and 2* and the *Rules About Status and Points*. In turn, a particular status can be obtained either:

1. Through any performance as listed in *Tables 1 and 2* and following the *Rules About Status and Points*, or
2. By the accumulation of points as follows:
 - a. International A: 260 or more points;
 - b. International B: between 100 and 259 points;
 - c. International C: between 75 and 99 points; and
 - d. National A: between 20 and 74 points.

Rules About Status and Points

1. An athlete must win at least 2 bouts in order to obtain a status and will be awarded 100% of the points as listed in *Tables 1 and 2*.
2. An athlete who obtains a result, with only 1 win, will not have a status awarded automatically and will be awarded only 50% of the points as listed in *Tables 1 and 2*.
3. A win through a bye and/or absence of an opponent will not be counted as a victory.
4. All previous rules apply to both team events and individual divisions.
5. Points obtained in team events (either kata or kumite) will be added to the athlete's choice of individual category.
6. The status and points will only be awarded for a team event if the athlete has a current individual status or point accumulation.
7. Points obtained in an individual division can only be accumulated within that same division. Those points cannot cross-accumulate with other individual disciplines (i.e. kata and kumite) and weight divisions.
8. Only the events listed in *Tables 1 and 2* of this document are considered for accumulation of points.
9. Points for all non-mandatory training camps are awarded on a pro-rata according to the number of days the athlete is present.
 - a. Thus, if the total number of days of a training camp is 3 days (for a total of 15 points) and an athlete stays only 2 days, he will receive 10 points for participation.

Duration and Expiration of Statuses

1. The *start date* of an Athlete's Status is the date of the event when the status was awarded, with the exception of the National A status, when obtained directly through performance at the KC National Championships (see note in Table 1). This could be through either a competition or participation at a camp.
2. If awarded through performance and participation, the Athlete's Status and/or points expire:
 - From camp to camp for National A or 1 year if the event doesn't occur in the following year;
 - From 2010 FNTC to 2011 FNTC for a National A status derived from performance at the KC National Championships 2009;
 - From 2011 FNTC to 2012 FNTC for a National A status derived from performance at the KC National Championships 2010;
 - From event to event for International B or 1 year if the event doesn't occur in the following year;
 - From event to event for International C or 1 year if the event doesn't occur in the following year;
 - For 2 years or the next occurrence of the Senior World Championship for International A, derived from a medal at the Senior World Championship;
 - For 2 years or the second occurrence of the Senior Pan American Championship for an International A, derived from a gold medal at the Senior Pan American Championship;
 - For 1 year from the start date of the camp, for any participation at camps as listed in *Table 1*.
3. If an Athlete's Status is awarded through the accumulation of points, the impact on the Athlete's Status and/or points will be:
 - The status will only last as long as the points are maintained to keep that athlete within the respective brackets of statuses.

4- Selection Criteria for Competitions

In order to participate in any Karate Canada sanctioned events, athletes will be selected in the following order of priority, depending on the number of athletes able to participate in each division at each of these events:

- International A athletes;
- International B athletes;
- International C athletes;
- National A athletes; and
- 'Coaches pick' who were named on the National Senior Team at the conclusion of the FNTC
- Invited Athletes, if any.

Tiebreaking Criteria

The tiebreaker process will be as follows for two athletes who hold the same status:

1. The athlete with the higher number of points will be selected;
2. If the tie persists, the carded athlete will be selected; and
3. If the tie persists, the athlete with the most points earned from performance at competitions will be selected; and
4. If the tie persists, a final decision will be made by the National Head Coach. The coach's decision may include a challenge match.

5- Requirements, Exemptions and Appeals

Requirements

To remain on the team, each athlete must:

- Sign and adhere to the Karate Canada Athlete Agreement.
- Have and maintain a valid Canadian passport.
- Always report any performance limiting injuries or physical conditions to the National Head Coach.
- Provide proper medical information on the injury and on its treatment.
- Keep the National Head Coach informed on the progress of their recovery.
- Provide an accurate mailing address, an active e-mail address and all phone numbers at which they can be reached.
 - Any changes must be sent to the National Team Manager.

Exemptions

Exemptions from national team activities due to exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to:

- Death in the immediate family;
- Injury limiting participation and/or performance;
- Pregnancy; or
- Infectious disease.

Requests must be made as soon as the issue arises by notification in writing, to the National Team Manager or National Head coach. It should be sent no later than 3 weeks after the occurrence of the incident or exception. It will need to include the circumstances along with any supporting evidence scanned and emailed to the National Team Manager.

In the cases of injuries, disease or other performance limiting physical condition, the athlete must include a medical certificate indicating the specific problem, its severity and the estimated recovery time. Karate Canada has the right to seek its own medical opinion before rendering their final decision.

An athlete who has sustained an injury must be present at all mandatory training camps.

An athlete whose condition persists and is unable to undergo full training during the 2-week period prior to an event may be withdrawn from the team representing Canada at that event.

Karate Canada will accept or reject all exemptions requests and deliver its decision in writing. Such decisions will be final and without appeal.

Appeals

Appeals regarding team selection are limited to the incorrect application of criteria. For any appeal, please refer to the Karate Canada's Appeal Policy.

Table 1**Points accumulated for performances in individual divisions**

Event	Performance	Points	Status Awarded
WKF Senior World Championship	Gold	600	International A
	Silver	540	International A
World Games	Bronze	430	International A
	Top 8	110	International B
PKF Senior Pan American Championship	Gold	260	International A
	Silver	130	International B
Pan American Games	Bronze	100	International B
Paris Open	Gold	200	International B
	Silver	110	International B
	Bronze	90	International C
NAKF North American Cup	Gold	100	International B
	Silver	75	International C
St. Maxime* (women only)	Gold	TBD	
	Silver	TBD	
Spanish Open* (men only)	Gold	TBD	
	Silver	TBD	
KC National Championships**	Gold**	20**	National A**
National and International Camps 2010-2011 1. FNTC, Feb 19-21 2. Las Vegas, April 5-6. 3. National Training Camp, Aug. 17-19. 4. Paris Open Camp, 2011	n/a	15	

*No points will be awarded for these events as they will be evaluated this year.

**Points coming from the KC National Championships are only taken into consideration for the invitations of the 2011 FNTC.

Table 2

Points accumulated for performances in team divisions

Event	Performance	Points	Status Awarded
WKF Senior World Championship	Gold	260	International A
	Silver	220	International A
	Bronze	180	International B
	Top 8	100	International B
PKF Senior Pan American Championship	Gold	110	International B

Alternates who do not participate in any team kumite matches cannot obtain points or be awarded a status.

Table 3

Funding ratios for athletes on the National Senior Team

Status	Points	Ratio
International A	260 or more	3:1
International B	100 – 259	2:1
International C	75 – 99	1.5:1
National A	20 – 74	1:1

Based on Karate Canada's budgets per event, the Team Manager of the National Senior may distribute additional funding to athletes participating in multiple divisions.