



Karate Canada conducted a “Pilot Project” in 2016 to select a team of 12/13 year olds to compete in the 2016 Junior Pan American Championships. It was decided to collect data at the conclusion of the event to determine whether to continue or discontinue the initiative.

At this time, and in light of the upcoming Karate Canada National Championships, the High Performance Committee and the Board of Directors agreed to extend the Pilot Project for 1 more year (for the 2017 Pan American Championships). As such, the following criteria have been established for the 12/13-year old age group for the 2017 Junior Pan American Championships.

2017 Junior Pan American Championships Selection Criteria for the 12/13-Year Old Age Group

The Top 2 athletes in the 12/13 Division at the Karate Canada National Championships in each appropriate category will be invited to the Karate Canada Junior Pan Am Team. Selected athletes will also be required to attend mandatory camps as identified by the respective Kata and Junior Kumite Head Coaches, notwithstanding exemptions related to the distance they live from the camp location (as per the same distances identified in the Junior Kumite and Kata criteria).

If either of the Top 2 athletes from the 2017 Karate Canada National Championships decline to join the team, or do not attend the required camp(s), then the respective Kata and Junior Kumite Head Coaches may select from the athletes who were 3rd and 4th (in that order) at the 2017 Karate Canada National Championships. If these athletes decline to join the team or attend the required camps then no other athletes will be invited.

Karate Canada is under no obligation to choose an alternate if a vacant spot exists. Selection of 3rd and/or 4th place athletes from the 2017 Karate Canada National Championships is entirely at the discretion of Karate Canada.

Selections will be approved by the High Performance Committee and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.