

KARATE CANADA

Senior National Team Criteria

For Kata Athletes – 2017-18 Season



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**These criteria apply to the National Senior Kata and Team Kata athletes only.
The following items are discussed:**

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3. How to get an Athlete's status; and
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PART 1 – SELECTION FRAMEWORK

1.0 INTRODUCTION

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

These criteria apply to the National Senior Team Kata athletes only.

The following items are discussed:

1. How to get on the National Senior Team Roster;
2. How to get an Athlete's status;
3. How to be selected onto National Teams for specific competitions; and
4. How to maintain a position on the National Senior Team Roster.

These criteria will be applied to all National Senior Team Roster members, taking into account any current points and statuses earned in the current and/or previous season (depending on point expiration) using the Senior National Team Points Criteria as identified in Part II, Table 3 of this document. For the purposes of this document, the term "season" designates the time period between (and including) the first Senior National Team Camp 1 (SNTC-1) and the start of the SNTC-1 in the following year. Also, any reference to the National Team Head Coach will refer to either the individual filling that position on a permanent basis or an appointed temporary substitute in the event that the Head Kata Coach position(s) is vacant.

The classification of "official", "development", "domestic", "continental" and "international" tournaments, and the points that athletes are able to accumulate at each one, will be determined by the National Head Coach on an annual basis, pending approval by the High Performance Committee. Please refer to Part II of this document for the point allocation for each competition for the current season.

The schedule of international tournaments and/or training camps chosen for the National Senior Team Roster can be modified during the course of the season by giving at least eight (8) weeks notice prior to the event. Karate Canada may cancel participation in any of these events due to unforeseen circumstances, such as but not limited to, re-scheduling or cancellation of the event by its organizing committee, availability of budget and/or other factors present at the time that are considered detrimental to Karate Canada's performance objectives as determined by the HP Committee.

Please note that Karate Canada reserves the right to amend these Criteria after the date of their original publication, in accordance with the primary objective of enhancing Karate Canada's chances of obtaining podium results and achieving success at certain WKF and/or PKF competitions, and as may be required in order to align with international karate sport governing bodies (WKF, PKF...) and other external agencies / partners (Canadian Olympic Committee, Sport Canada...).. Furthermore, final selection of the Senior National Team Roster and other key strategic high performance decisions made by the High Performance Committee remain subject to final approval by Karate Canada's Board of Directors.

2.0 OVERALL PHILOSOPHY AND VALUES OF SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria is designed to meet 2 objectives

1. To ensure that Karate Canada fields the most competitive teams as possible in accordance with the long term objectives of the KC High Performance Plan, and;
2. To develop future athletes as and when appropriate to ensure a healthy and continuous pipeline of athletes representing Karate Canada at designated events.

The values used by the High Performance Committee when developing the Selection Criteria and for decision making in selection related matters are as follows:

Transparency

Ensuring that the selection process and decisions are clearly and fully communicated to KC stakeholders.

Performance Excellence

Ensuring that decisions and criteria are guided by the philosophy of always selecting the best possible team for Karate Canada within consideration of funding, and of long-term performance objectives.

Athlete safety and well being

To ensure that athletes are not forced or coerced into over-competing and/or competing in inappropriate competitions, or at the wrong time of their training cycles.

3.0 HOW TO GET ON THE SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

An athlete must be invited by Karate Canada and must participate in the SNTC-1 (see possible exceptions in section 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.5). Athletes who achieve the following categories will receive an invitation to the SNTC 1:

- International A status-holding athletes.
- International B status-holding athletes.
- International C status-holding athletes.
- National A status-holding athletes.
- 4 medalists from the latest Canadian National Championships
- Coaches' "Discretionary Selection" athletes – are athletes who may fill open spots, if any?

"Discretionary Selection" athletes must be approved by the High Performance Committee.

Considerations for Coaches' "Discretionary Selection" athletes are athletes who are showing exceptional potential at an early age and need some experience at higher level competition or have missed selection due to exceptional circumstances such as illness, injury or other factors.

- Invited Athletes – are athletes showing potential and invited by the National Head Coach, if any. Those athletes will not be named onto the National Senior Team Roster at the conclusion of the SNTC-1.

Please note that the status of the athlete at the time of issuance of the invitation is to be considered. The invitation to the SNTC-1 is to be issued to athletes at least 21 (twenty-one) days before the start of the Camp. If eligible athletes are not invited at least 21 (twenty-one) before the start of the camp, they may decline the invitation without future penalty.

At the conclusion of the SNTC-1, a National Team Roster of eligible athletes will be announced. The subsequent selection of specific athletes to represent Canada at major karate competitions during the season will:

- Occur at defined times prior to each competition (see Part II, Table 1);
- Be based on status and accumulated performance/ranking points at the time of the invitation:
- If the status and accumulation of performance/ranking points does not clearly determine a specific athlete, the tie breaking criteria (Section 6.1) will be applied.
- Draw only from the National Team Roster at the time of the invitation (with the exception of situations described in sections 3.1 and 3.5 below).
- Depend on the total size of the Team at each event, as determined by Karate Canada's budget and High Performance Plan, and/or by the specific tournament Organizing Committee requirements

3.1 Attendance at SNTC -1

For all athletes who have been issued an invitation to the SNTC-1, even in the case of injury/illness or (prescribed and active) recovery from injury/illness, the athlete will still be requested to attend the SNTC-1. Only athletes with exceptional circumstances (such as infectious disease or other exceptional medical or family circumstances) may be approved (or requested) not to attend by Karate Canada. Please refer to the exceptional circumstances section in Section 7 below.

Athletes who have been issued an invitation to the SNTC-1 based on status or as Coaches' Discretionary Selection and who do not participate in the SNTC-1 without approval for exceptional circumstances by the National Team Head Coach, will not be part of the National Senior Team Roster.

3.2 Late Entry to the National Team Roster

If an athlete accumulates enough points at **Karate-1 events** throughout the year to gain status in a category listed above in Section 3.0, they will be added to the Senior National Team Roster, at the time that their accumulated points make them eligible, without waiting until the next SNTC-1 selection period.

3.3 Selection Of Athletes To Fill Vacant Spots

Participation in the entire SNTC-1 is mandatory for all invited athletes who want to be part of the Senior National Team Roster (see possible exemptions in Section 7). However, if a certain spot or division is left vacant at the conclusion of the SNTC -1, the National Head Coach may, in the course of the season, exceptionally choose another athlete or other athletes to fill this spot or division.

In such a case, the athlete(s) must be named to the National Team Roster at least 14 (fourteen)

days before the beginning of the first event in which they will be selected to compete, must have at least earned a podium result at the most recent KC National Championships (with the exception of Team Kata, for which participation in National Championships is sufficient, regardless of placement), and will be subject to all other Team requirements.

The selection of this (these) athlete(s) must be approved by the High Performance Committee.

3.4 Citizenship Requirements

Non-Canadian citizens may be named to the National Team Roster and, thereby, earn ranking points at Open tournaments if and only if they are permanent residents. Only upon the attainment of Canadian citizenship will they become eligible to be named to a National Team representing Canada at Pan American Championships or Games, and official Intercontinental or World Championships. Non-citizen athletes on the National Team Roster will receive no funding from Karate Canada, and are not eligible for Sport Canada Carding (Athlete Assistance Program).

3.5 Selection Of Alternates / Late Replacement Athletes

Karate Canada is under no obligation to select an alternate for either a training camp or an international competition. See section 6.2 for the selection process and criteria for alternates. As soon as an athlete is named onto a team for a specific competition as an alternate or to fill a vacant spot, he/she immediately becomes a Senior National Team Roster athlete, for the remainder of the season.

3.6 National Team Competitions

Senior National Team Kata athletes will be invited and at times required to compete in specific competitions each season.

The list of targeted events for the current year is found in Part II of this document.

Senior National Team Roster Kumite athletes may also choose to engage in other Open competitions if they so choose; however, no coaching staff, logistical support nor funding will be provided by KC to athletes participating in these self-selected additional tournaments.

Performance points from self-selected additional competitions will be awarded according to the results in designated competitions as per the point allocation in Part II Tables 4 and 5.

3.7 National, Regional and Inter-Regional Training Camps

In order to remain on the Senior National Team Roster, all invited Senior Kata National Team Roster athletes residing in Ontario or in Quebec must participate in all mandatory ON-QC Inter-Regional Training Camps, if they reside within a 300 km radius from the training camp venue. Athletes living outside of this perimeter will be exempt from mandatory participation in QC-ON Inter-Regional Training Camps.

Furthermore, in order to remain on the Senior National Team Roster, all invited Senior Kata National Team Roster athletes must participate in all mandatory Regional Training Camps, if they reside within a

200 km radius from the training camp venue. Athletes living outside of this perimeter will be exempt from mandatory participation in Regional Training Camps.

The date(s) and location of each Camp will be announced at least 4 (four) weeks prior to the beginning of each training camp. KC has the right to change the dates and/or location of any of the mandatory camps, or cancel a camp, provided at least 2 (two) weeks notice is given to Senior National Team members.

See Part II for the list of mandatory Regional and/or Inter-Regional camps for the current season.

Please note that Karate Canada may add another Regional Training Centre during the course of the season.

3.7.1 Inter-regional Training Camps

In addition to the Regional Training Camps listed above, there will also be Inter-Regional Camps (for Ontario and Quebec based athletes).

Participation in Regional and Inter-Regional Camps is MANDATORY for all Senior National Team Roster athletes. The dates and location for these camps is / will be provided in Part II of these Selection Criteria (but remains subject to change).

Other athletes may be invited to attend Regional and/or Inter-Regional Training Camps, but this does not mean that they are members of the Senior National Team Roster.

3.8 Mandatory Events For Carded Athletes

All Carded athletes will be required to participate in designated mandatory National and/or International Competitions and National/International Training Camps.

The dates and locations of the identified mandatory competitions and camps may change from season to season and will be published no later than six (6) weeks prior to the beginning of the camp or competition.

The list of mandatory competitions and camps for Sport Canada carded athletes is found in Part II of this document.

Carded athletes living in either Ontario or Quebec must also attend all Ontario-Quebec Inter-Regional Training Sessions (as listed in Part II).

Furthermore, all Carded athletes must attend all Regional Training Camps that they are invited to, if they reside within a 200 km radius from the training camp venue. Carded athletes living outside of this perimeter will be exempt from mandatory participation in Regional Training Camps.

Failure to meet the requirements for Carded athletes may result in Karate Canada recommending to Sport Canada that an athlete no longer benefit from AAP support.

4.0 HOW TO OBTAIN A STATUS

Athletes accumulate points for their performance at the events listed in Part II, and the Rules about Status and Points. In turn, a particular status can be obtained according to the following point accumulation :

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| a. International A: | 400 or more points; |
| b. International B: | between 250 and 399 points; |
| c. International C: | between 120 and 249 points; and |
| d. National A: | between 80 and 119 points |

4.1 Rules about Status and Points

1. An athlete must win at least 2 bouts in order to be awarded 100% of the points as listed in Part II.
2. An athlete who obtains a result, with only 1 win, will be awarded only 50% of the points as listed in Part II.
3. If an athlete obtains a result with no win, he / she will not be awarded any ranking points.
4. A win through a bye and/or absence of an opponent will not be counted as a victory and will not be counted towards point accumulation.
5. Points obtained in team kata will remain in the team kata division and will not be added to any athlete's individual division. Should one of the three members who earned these points be replaced by another athlete (due to the replaced athlete being injured or having decided to retire or withdraw from the team willingly), the team will continue to benefit from these points from the date on which they were earned until the date of expiry. Should more than one of the original team members be replaced, points will be lost regardless of their original anticipated expiry date.
6. 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) age and weight divisions.
7. Only the events listed in Part II Table 3 of this document are considered for accumulation of points.

4.2 Strength of Field

In order to ensure that events in which points can be accumulated are competitive the following rules will also apply for point accumulation.

- Points for all international Karate-1 events will be reduced if the number of elite level competitors in that competition does not satisfy requirements
- In order to receive full points for Karate-1 events athlete must be positioned on the same side of the draw / pool as at least 2 opponents from any one of the of the 5 “Strength of Field” categories below;
- If only 1 opponent from any one of the 5 “Strength of Field” categories below is on the same side of the pool / draw, then only 75% of designated points are awarded.

(...)

- If no opponents in the categories below are on the same side of the pool / draw, then only 50% of designated points are allocated for that event.

Strength of field categories:

NOTE: Strength of Field categories only applies to Individual Kata competitions and NOT to Team Kata competitions.

- An athlete in Top 8 at the most recent World (WKF) Championships
- An athlete in the Top 5 at the most recent Pan American (PKF) Championships
- An athlete in the Top 5 at the most recent European (EKF) Championships
- An athlete in the Top 5 at the most recent Asian (AKF) Championships
- An athlete in the World Top 20 in the WKF Sport Data rankings

Please note: should performance points earned at a competition be subject to point devaluation both under the Strength of Field criteria above and based on the number of matches won (as per 4.1), Karate Canada will consider the lowest of the two point totals for the competition, and will not devalue the ranking points from table 3 (Part II) twice for a same competitive result.

4.3 Duration And Expiration Of Points

1. The start date of an athlete's points is the finishing date of the event where the athlete achieved the result for which the ranking points were awarded – (see notes following Part II).
2. An athlete's ranking points are valid:
 - From the end date of a National Championships to the start date of the following (annual) National Championships for points derived from performance at the that specific National Championships
 - From event to event, or 1 year if the event doesn't reoccur within the following season, for results obtained at the following events:
 - All WKF Karate-1 Premier League Competitions**
 - Senior Pan American Championships (except for a gold medal result – see below)
 - For 1 year for points derived from a top eight (8) finish at Senior World Championships;
 - From event to event or for two (2) years if the event doesn't reoccur within the following two (2) seasons for points derived from a medal at the Senior World Championship;
 - From event to the 2nd subsequent edition of the same event, or for two (2) years if the event doesn't reoccur within the following two (2) seasons for points derived from a gold medal at the Senior Pan American Championship;
 - For all ranking point awards that carry for a two (2) year duration, a reduction of 50% will occur on the 1st anniversary of the ranking point award and continue at that reduced amount for the remainder of the second year.
 - When an Athlete is awarded a Status through the accumulation of points, the impact on the Athlete's Status will only last as long as the points are maintained to keep that athlete within the respective brackets of status.

5.0 SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

(AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SNTC-1)

In order to become eligible for selection onto National Teams who will participate in any Karate Canada-sanctioned events throughout the season, kata athletes will be selected in the following order of priority, at the conclusion of the SNTC-1:

- International A status-holding athletes;
- International B status-holding athletes;
- International C status-holding athletes;
- National A status-holding athletes;
- Medalists from most recent Canadian National Championships
- ‘Coaches’ “Discretionary Selection” athletes – are athletes who may fill the open spots, if any, as selected by the Head Coaches.

Karate Canada and the Head Coaches are under no obligation to fill vacant spots.

5.1 Tiebreaking Criteria for Selection onto the Senior National Team Roster

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

1. The athlete with the higher total number of ranking points earned from performance at Senior World (WKF) Championships, Senior Pan American (PKF) Championships and WKF Karate-1 competitions will be selected.
2. If the tie persists, the athlete with the highest total number of matches won at Senior World (WKF) Championships, Senior Pan American (PKF) Championships and WKF Karate-1 competitions will be selected. The period during which such matches will be considered is equal to the duration of the lowest ranking points that can be awarded for the events where these matches have been won. Matches won at these international competitions will also be weighed and valued according to the “Strength of Field” criterion indicated at article 4.2.
3. If the tie persists, the athlete who obtained the best result (in that division) at the 2017 Karate Canada National Championships will be selected.
4. If the tie persists, final selection will be decided by the National Team Head Coach in charge of Senior Kata.

The naming of an athlete to the National Team designated to attend a specific targeted event will be made in accordance with ranking point accumulation at the time of the selection.

Unless specified otherwise in this document, selection onto the National Team for a targeted competition will occur no later than 30 (thirty) days before the start of this competition. Selection of National Teams for specific events will occur at specific dates (see Part II, Table 3).

6.0 SELECTION CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL TEAMS AT SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

In order to participate in any Karate Canada-sanctioned events, kata athletes will be selected from the National Team Roster (see possible exceptions at 3.5 & 6.2) and onto each specific event's National Team in the following order of priority, depending on the overall pre-set size of the Team (announced by Karate Canada at least 30 (thirty) days before the start of each international competition) and the number of athletes able to participate in each division at each of these events:

1. International A status-holding athletes;
2. International B status-holding athletes;
3. International C status-holding athletes;
4. National A status-holding athletes;
5. Athletes who were invited to participate in the current season's SNTC-1 as 'Coaches' Discretionary Selections'.

The previous selection order and criteria does not necessarily apply for "development competitions" that do not carry ranking points (as listed in Part II below). Athletes may be selected for participation in these competitions at the discretion of the Head Coach. Athletes must be notified of selection for these events at least 8 weeks prior to the event.

6.1 Tiebreaking Criteria for National Team Selection

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

1. The athlete with the higher total number of ranking points earned from performance at Senior World (WKF) Championships, Senior Pan American (PKF) Championships and WKF Karate-1 competitions will be selected.
2. If the tie persists, the athlete with the highest total number of matches won at Senior World (WKF) Championships, Senior Pan American (PKF) Championships and WKF Karate-1 competitions will be selected. The period during which such matches will be considered is equal to the duration of the lowest ranking points that can be awarded for the events where these matches have been won. Matches won at these international competitions will also be weighed and valued according to the "Strength of Field" criterion indicated at article 4.2.
3. If the tie persists, the athlete who obtained the best result (in that division) at the 2017 Karate Canada National Championships will be selected.
4. If the tie persists, final selection will be decided by the National Team Head Coach in charge of Senior Kata.

6.2 Alternates / Late Athlete Replacement

Alternate – definition:

An alternate is an athlete who is selected as a late replacement to fill a spot left vacant for a specific competition or training camp after an athlete originally selected through the ordinary selection process (see section 6) has pulled out or is declared unable to participate, due to injury, illness or other circumstances.

Important: Karate Canada is under no obligation to select an alternate for either a training camp or an international competition.

6.2.1 Individual Divisions:

Should a selected athlete, at any time between the official date of team selection for a specific competition or training camp and the latest possible date on which Karate Canada may modify registrations in said event, have pulled out or have been declared unable to participate, due to injury, illness or other circumstances, that athlete may be replaced by the highest ranked eligible alternate in his or her division, according to the following decreasing priorities:

1. International A status-holding athletes;
2. International B status-holding athletes;
3. International C status-holding athletes;
4. National A status-holding athletes

If more than one eligible athlete hold the same status, tie breaking for the selection of alternates in individual divisions is to follow the Tie Breaking Criteria listed in Section 6.1 above.

The selection of alternates (in individual kata divisions) after exhaustion of the priorities listed above is at the discretion of the Senior National Team Kata Head Coach, but selected athletes must either be current (Junior or Senior) National Team Roster members or must have participated in the latest National Championships. Selection of alternates by the National Team Head Coach must also be approved by the HP Committee.

As soon as an athlete is named onto a team for a specific competition as an alternate or to fill a vacant spot, he /she immediately becomes a Senior National Team Roster member, for the remainder of the season.

6.2.2 Team Kata:

The selection of alternates (for replacement of an athlete due to injury or who has decided to retire or withdraw from the team willingly), in Team Kata divisions, can be recommended by the remaining kata team members (athletes) themselves, but must be approved by the Senior National Team Kata Head Coach and by the HP Committee. Not more than one alternate may be selected per kata team.

As soon as an athlete is named onto a team for a specific competition as an alternate or to fill a vacant spot, he /she immediately becomes a Senior National Team Roster athlete, for the remainder of the season.

7.0 REQUIREMENTS, EXEMPTIONS AND APPEALS

7.1 Requirements

To remain on the National Team Roster each athlete must:

- Sign and adhere to the Karate Canada Athlete Agreement.
- Have and maintain a valid Canadian passport or be actively in the process of obtaining Canadian citizenship (as outlined in Section 3.2 above).
- Demonstrate an appropriate maintenance of fitness and health level consistent with a high performance athlete on a National Karate Team. The Head Coach may call for an independent fitness or health assessment in cases of concern about fitness and health.
- Always report any performance limiting injuries or physical conditions to the National Head Coach, no later than two (2) weeks prior to the next upcoming camp or competition, or within one (1) week of the occurrence of the illness or injury.
- Provide appropriate medical information on the injury and on its treatment. This includes diagnosis and proposed treatment protocol and estimated return to full training and/or competition.
- Keep the National Team Head Coach informed on the progress of their recovery plan and progress according to that plan.
- 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 Karate Canada Head Office in a timely manner.

Note: it is an athlete's responsibility to update Karate Canada of any change to any and all relevant addresses for communication of important data. Karate Canada is not responsible for missed deadlines or failure to comply by an athlete if information is sent to an incorrect or inactive address(es) if Karate Canada was not notified of such changes.

7.2 Exemptions from National Team Camps or Competitions

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

- Recent death in the immediate family (within one (1) month prior to the start of the Camp or Competition);
- Injury limiting participation and/or performance;
- Pregnancy; or
- Infectious disease

Requests must be made as soon as possible after the issue arises, but no later than 24 (twenty-four) hours after the start of the event / activity, by notification in writing to Karate Canada. Notification of such an event must include details of the circumstances along with any supporting evidence scanned and emailed to the Karate Canada Head Office.

In the cases of injury, 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 its final decision.

An athlete who has sustained an injury must be present at all mandatory training camps unless the ability to receive appropriate medical treatment for that injury precludes that athlete from attending, or unless waived by the National Team Head Coach.

An athlete whose condition persists and is unable to undergo full training during the 2-week period prior to an event may be withdrawn by Karate Canada 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.

7.3 Participation in domestic events

Participation at Domestic competitions (other than National Championships and Training Camps announced in these Criteria) will be mandatory only if Karate Canada, or the event's organizing committee, covers the full costs of travel and accommodation, and if notice is given to the athlete at least eight (8) weeks prior to the event.

Exemptions to mandatory participation will be considered by the National Team Head Coach based on the same criteria contained in section 7.2 above.

7.4 Appeals

Appeals regarding team selection are limited to the incorrect application of criteria or development of new and previously unknown information relevant to the appeal. For any appeal, please refer to the Karate Canada's Appeal Policy.

PART II
POINT ALLOCATION AND EVENTS
FOR 2017-2018 SEASON

Table 1

– List of Targeted Camps and Competitions for the Senior National Team Roster Kata athletes, for the 2017-2018 Season. –

Event/Location	Date *	Comments
SNTC-1	March 24-26, 2017	MANDATORY
2017 Senior Pan American Championships (Curacao)	May 23-27, 2017	Highly Recommended for selected athletes Mandatory for selected Carded Athletes
2017 Kata National Training Camp (Richmond, BC)	August 11-13, 2017	Mandatory for Sr Team Roster Kata athletes residing in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba or Northwest Territories. Also mandatory for all Carded athletes only. Highly recommended for all other Senior National Team Roster kata athletes.
2017 Austrian Open (Salzburg, Austria) Or German Open (Hamburg, Germany) or Okinawa Open (Okinawa, Japan) Karate-1 Championships	September, October Or November 2017	Highly Recommended Mandatory for Carded Kata Athletes
Training at 2017 KC Summit (Toronto, ON)	October 13-15, 2017	Mandatory for Sr Team Roster Kata athletes residing in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia or Newfoundland/Labrador. Also mandatory for all Carded athletes only. Highly recommended for all other Senior National Team Roster kata athletes.
2018 Paris Open Karate-1 Championships	January 2018	Highly Recommended Mandatory for Carded Athletes
2018 Dutch Open Karate-1 Championships (Rotterdam, Netherlands)	March 2018	Highly Recommended Mandatory for Carded Athletes

* = Exact dates subject to change and will be confirmed prior to the event.

Table 2

–List of Mandatory Inter-regional and Regional Camps
for Senior National Team Roster Kata athletes,
for the 2017-2018 Season –*

Inter-Regional Camp - Kingston	British Columbia
Camp 1	Camp 1
Camp 2	Camp 2
Camp 3	Camp 3
Camp 4	Camp 4

* = Dates to be determined.

Karate Canada reserves the right to add additional Training Centres and/or Camps during the course of the season.

Table 3
 – Mandatory Camps and Competitions
 for Sport Canada Carded Kata Athletes
 for 2017-2018 season. – *

Event/Location	Date **
SNTC -1 (Toronto, ON)	March 24-26, 2017
2017 Senior Pan American Championships (Curacao)	May 23-27, 2017
2017 Kata National Training Camp (Richmond, BC)	August 11-13, 2017
Training at 2017 KC Summit (Toronto, ON)	October 13-15, 2017
Austria Open Karate-1 (Salzburg, Austria) or German Open (Hamburg, Germany) or Okinawa Open (Okinawa, Japan) Karate-1 Championships	September, October or November 2017
2018 Paris Open Karate-1 Championships (Paris, France)	January 2018
2018 KC National Championships (Halifax, NS)	March 9-11, 2018
2018 Dutch Open Karate-1 Championships (Rotterdam, Netherlands)	March 2018

*=If and when invited.

**= Exact dates to be confirmed.

Table 4

– Point allocation for performances in individual divisions for 2017-2018 season. –

(NOTE: Points contingent on Strength of Field as per Section 3.2 of Selection Criteria)

Priority	Event	Team Selection Dates	Performance	Points**	Duration / Expiry
1	2017 Senior Pan American Championship (International)	at conclusion of SNTC-1	Gold	400	From event to event or 2 years if the event does not reoccur within the following 2 seasons. Points are reduced by 50% in the 2nd year of possession.
			Silver	350	
			Bronze	250	From event to event or 1 year if the event does not reoccur within the following season
			4 th – 5 th	50	
2	All 2017 WKF Premier League Karate 1 Open Competitions & 2018 Paris & Dutch Open Premier League Karate 1 Championship ***		Gold	400	From event to event or 1 year if the event does not reoccur within the following season
			Silver	300	
			Bronze	200	
			Top 5	70	
			Top 8	50	
			Every match won (if not at least in top 8) *****	10 *****	
3	2018 KC National Championships (domestic)****	n/a	Gold	100	From event to event or 1 year if the event does not reoccur within the following season
			Silver	80	
			Bronze	50	

*** All 2017 WKF Karate-1 Premier League Competitions and the 2018 Paris Open and Dutch Open Premier League Karate-1 Championships will be considered for point accumulation; however, athlete ranking points will only be accumulated toward a status from their two (2) best Karate-1 performances from the list in the Table above. Senior athletes who are not named onto the Senior National Team at the conclusion of the 2017 SNTC-1 for the 2017-2018 season may still earn performance points and statuses at these international events. It is these athletes' responsibility to provide Karate Canada with proof of the results obtained within 30 (thirty) days of the completion of the event where these points were earned.

**** = Participation in the 2018 National Championships will be mandatory for any athlete to be invited for participation in the subsequent Senior National Training Camp 1 (SNTC-1), and for possible selection onto the Senior National Team Roster for the following competitive season.

***** = All rules about Status and Points mentioned in section 4 also apply to points for matches won (see sections 4.1 & 4.2 especially).

Table 5

– Points accumulated for performances in team kata divisions. –

Priority	Event	Performance	Points	Duration / Expiry
1	2017 Senior Pan American Championship	Gold	400	From event to event or 1 year if the event does not reoccur within the following season
		Silver	300	
		Bronze	200	
2	2017 Karate-1 Open Championships & 2018 Paris Open & Dutch Open Karate-1 Championships)	Gold	400	From event to event or 1 year if the event does not reoccur within the following season
		Silver	300	
		Bronze	200	
3	2018 KC National Championships	Gold	50	From event to event or 1 year if the event does not reoccur within the following season

Table 6

– Funding ratios for athletes on the National Senior Team invited to compete at international competitions – ****

Status	Points	Ratio
International A	400 +	1.5 : 1
International B	250 – 399	1 : 1
International C	120 – 249	None
National A	80 – 119	None

Based on its budgets per event, Karate Canada may distribute additional funding to athletes participating in multiple divisions.

(**** Whenever funding is available. Based on Karate Canada's available funds and overall budget for each event.) Upgrades in the status of athletes may be considered for athlete funding purposes after team selection for an event has occurred. The date on which statuses are to be considered for funding for an event will be at the discretion of Karate Canada.