



# KICKBOXING IRELAND

Team Selection Policy 2022

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## **1. Purpose, aims and principles of the policy**

The primary purpose of the 2022 Team Selection Policy is to select the best possible athletes of a performance standard to represent Ireland at International WAKO world and European championships in 2022.

The long term aims of the policy are to;

1. Identify athletes with the ability to represent Ireland at international competitions.
2. Support the development of athletes in all disciplines by providing a performance target to aim for and an objective test of their ability.

**The principles used to meet these aims include:**

### Objectivity:

The team will be selected using objective performance based criteria based on clear parameters and results.

### Transparency:

The selection Process will be easily interpreted and published prior to each National Championships.

The policy will be binding on all athletes seeking team selection.

## **1.1 European Olympic Games**

A separate nomination policy will be developed for all athletes who are competing for membership of Team Ireland for the 2023 European Games. The Olympic Federation of Ireland selection committee will oversee all selection aspects of membership to Team Ireland. The Nomination Policy will be available in a timely manner ahead of the WAKO European Championship.

## **2. Eligibility**

In order to be eligible for team selection, all athletes applying for selection must meet the following criterion:

- a) Hold an Irish passport or be eligible to hold an Irish passport
- b) Be a current registered member of Kickboxing Ireland and have no outstanding debt.
- f) Is not the subject of a disciplinary or doping violation or suspension.
- g) Is fit to perform to his or her fullest ability.

\*\* Holders of foreign passports may avail of an official release letter from the National Federation in their country of birth. This release letter can be submitted two weeks before the closing date of team registration for the WAKO championships.

### **3. Medical Certificate**

All Ring Sport athletes must present a medical report from a GP at registration to the KBI National Championships. All medical reports must be stamped by a GP and must be dated within 12 months of the last day of the National Championships.

#### **3.1 Fit to Fight Criteria**

Athletes will strive to attain and maintain such levels of fitness and health as are appropriate to their membership of Irish Kickboxing Team.

Squad training will be used as the means to continuously assess the fitness, physical and technical readiness of members of the National Kickboxing Team. It is of vital importance that the National Coach has a comprehensive view of the athlete's ability to perform at WAKO championships.

### **4. Team Selection Criteria**

#### **Seniors**

- 1) Must finish first in the National Championships fought over a two round elimination process for Tatami and one round for Ring Sports.
- 2) Must attend 50% of listed squad training camps
- 3) Must pay all payments on or before stated deadline for payment.

If a camp is cancelled or the date is changed it will be deemed that all team members attended the advertised camp.

#### **Younger cadets, Older Cadets, Younger Juniors, Juniors, and Older Juniors**

- 1) Must finish first or Second in the National Championships
- 2) Must attend 50% of listed one day squad training camps
- 3) Must pay all payments on or before stated date of payment

If a camp is cancelled or the date is changed it will be deemed that all team members attended the advertised camp.

### **Ranking Order relating to Team Placement**

#### **Senior**

National Champion – Rank 1  
Silver medallist (2<sup>nd</sup> place) – Rank 2  
Third place athletes – Rank 3  
and so on...

### **Junior Ages**

National Champion – Rank 1  
Silver medallist (2<sup>nd</sup> place) – Rank 2  
Third place – Rank 3  
and so on...

### **Reserve Athletes**

**Senior athletes** who finish in second and third place respectively at the National Championships will be deemed 'Reserve Athletes' and may be offered a place on the team in ranking order, if the National Champion cannot attend the championships for any reason.

**Junior athletes** who finish in third place respectively at the National Championships will be deemed 'Reserve Athletes' and may be offered a place on the team in ranking order, if the National Champion and/or the silver medallist cannot attend the championships for any reason

### **4.1 Discretionary Selection**

In the instance where there is no Reserve Athlete in place and a place is vacant on the Irish Kickboxing Team, National Coaches may propose suitable athletes to the KBI Executive for appropriate vacant positions. This can only be done after notification to the membership of any team potential vacancies. If more than one athlete puts their name forward for an available team place, a fight off will be organised. All athletes must meet eligibility criteria and all subsequent selections must be ratified by the KBI Executive Committee.

### **5. Anti-Doping**

Kickboxing Ireland is committed to drug-free sport and through WAKO IF has agreed to comply with the provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code. Additionally Kickboxing Ireland recognizes Sport Ireland as the National Anti-Doping Organization (as that term is defined in the World Anti-Doping Code) and has entered into agreements with Sport Ireland on the actions to be taken in respect of Irish Kickboxing Team athletes who are suspected or convicted of a doping offence. It is the individual responsibility of each Athlete to ensure they are familiar with, and to comply with, all the applicable provisions of Kickboxing Ireland with Kickboxing Ireland Athlete Contract Agreement regard to Doping, WAKO IF and Sport

Ireland's Anti-Doping Policies and Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code (together the "Irish Anti-Doping Rules" which term shall in this Clause include Kickboxing Ireland's own anti-doping rules and procedures); links to relevant websites are available on the Sport Ireland website.

### **5.1 Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)**

Any athlete who is using medication for diagnosed condition that may contain banned substances may apply for a TUE. Applications for a TUE must be made in a timely manner. Information on TUE applications can be found by contacting the KBI Anti-Doping Officer.

**By registering for the KBI National Championships all athletes are agreeing to the above selection policy and are bound by the rules stated herein**