



# Team Selection Policy 2023



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

The primary purpose of the 2023 Team Selection Policy is to clearly explain the process that will select the best possible athletes of a performance standard to represent Ireland at International WAKO World and European championships in 2023.

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.

## 2. Eligibility

In order to be eligible for team selection, all athletes applying for selection must meet and maintain the following criterion for 2023:

- a) Be a current registered member of Kickboxing Ireland and have no outstanding debt
- b) Hold an Irish passport or be eligible to hold an Irish passport
- c) Is not currently the subject of a disciplinary or doping violation or suspension.
- d) Is medically 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 must be submitted two weeks before the closing date of registration for the National championships.



### 3. Important Documents

#### 3.1 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 in May 2023.

#### 3.2 Waiver forms

All athletes competing at the National Championships need to present signed waiver forms at registration. Parental and/or guardian signatures are required for those under 18 years of age

### 4. 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.

### 5. Competing in Ring & Tatami

Ring sport athletes may compete in tatami disciplines but only if both discipline events are on different days. If a ring sport athlete wins their ring division plus a tatami division they must forfeit one of the results for selection purposes. An athlete cannot represent Ireland in the ring and on the tatami. The athlete's decision must be made within 7 days of the National Championships concluding i.e., 7 days after the conclusion of Round 2.

### 6. Weigh in

All registered athletes must present for weigh in at identified official KBI locations. Weigh ins will be open for one hour maximum and will close thereafter.

Once an athlete has registered and weighed in they cannot change (move up or down) weight for that particular round of the National Championships. Athletes who fail to make weight within the allotted time will be withdrawn from the National Championships.



## 6.1 Weight Allowance

There will be a strict 2kg allowance for senior tatami sports in Round 1 only.

There is no weight allowance for:

- All ring sports
- Senior tatami – Round 2
- All junior categories

\*a discretionary 0.1kg for males and 0.2kg for females will be allowed to reflect the weight of shorts, t-shirts, sports bras etc, no stripping down to undergarments will be allowed. The discretion is applied to Ring Sports and Senior Tatami Round 2 only.

## 7. Team Selection Criteria

### 7.1. 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.

### 7.2. Senior Tatami Fight-Offs

All fight-offs will take place on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May (day 2 of Round 2) – no exceptions.

Athletes who are due to fight-off but cannot do so, for any reason, will forfeit their match.

### 7.3. 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.



## 7.4. Ranking Order relating to Team Placement

### Senior

National Champion – Rank 1

Silver medallist (2<sup>nd</sup> place) – Rank 2

### Junior Age Groups

National Champion – Rank 1

Silver medallist (2<sup>nd</sup> place) – Rank 2

## 8 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 WAKO championships for any reason. At a minimum Reserve athletes are expected to meet the criteria of attending at least 50% of squad training camps, as laid out above, to be considered for team placement.

**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. At a minimum reserve athletes are expected to meet the criteria laid out in point 2 of section 7 above to be considered for team placement should a place become available.

## 9. 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.

## 10. 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 Irelands 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.

## 11. Athlete Appeals Process

The Kickboxing Ireland athlete appeals process can be found here:

<https://kickboxingireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/KBI-Nominations-Appeals-Policy.pdf>

**By registering for the KBI National Championships all athletes**

**are agreeing to the above selection policy and are bound by the rules stated herein**

