



KARATE ALBERTA
2023 CANADA GAMES
SELECTION CRITERIA

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TEAM KARATE ALBERTA – SELECTION CRITERIA

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Section 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Athletes

9 athletes: 4 males, 4 females, 1 wildcard (male or female)

All registered athletes must intend to compete in at least one event.

Note: an athlete may compete in both disciplines, thereby allowing his/her team to benefit from one additional wildcard. Teams benefiting from and opting to use 2 or more wildcards must ensure, whenever the number of wildcards is even, that they allocate those evenly between male and female athletes, to ensure gender equity.

Date of birth: March 2, 2005 - March 1, 2007

All events below are in Junior (16-17 y.o.) age divisions:

- Female individual kata
- Male individual kata
- Female -53 kg individual kumite
- Female -59 kg individual kumite
- Female +59 kg individual kumite
- Male -61 kg individual kumite
- Male -68 individual kumite
- Male +68 individual kumite

Travel Dates

Athletes selected will travel with Team Alberta (all sports) departing February 26, 2023, and returning March 6, 2023, by Chartered flight.

Funding

Karate Alberta will be working on funding for Team travel (more information to come)

Ranking Points Link

[Canada Games 2022 Ranking Points Public.xlsx](#)

Section 2 INTRODUCTION

Situations may arise that do not allow these selection criteria to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or Committee(s) (as applicable), and following the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as noted herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Karate Alberta will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Karate Alberta may cancel participation in any of these events due to unforeseen circumstances. These circumstances may include rescheduling or cancelling the event, budgetary constraints or other factors present at the time that are considered detrimental to KA's performance objectives as determined by the Coaching Committee.

KA reserves the right to amend these Criteria after the date of their original publication. This change may be required to align with international karate sport governing bodies (Karate Canada) and other external agencies/partners (Canada Games) to achieve KA's primary objective of obtaining podium results and achieving success at Canada Games 2023. All funding directed to athletes will be a function of Karate Alberta's budget.

Section 3 OVERALL PHILOSOPHY AND VALUES OF SELECTION CRITERIA

The following Canada Games Team Alberta Criteria are designed to meet two objectives:
To ensure that Karate Alberta fields the most competitive team possible in accordance with the objectives of the Coaching Committee, and;
To develop future athletes as and when appropriate to ensure a healthy and continuous pipeline of athletes representing Karate Alberta at designated events.
The values used by the Coaching 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 Karate Alberta stakeholders;

Performance Excellence

ensuring that decisions and criteria are guided by the philosophy of always selecting the best possible team for Karate Alberta within consideration of funding and 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.

Section 4 BECOME A TEAM ALBERTA PROSPECT FOR CANADA GAMES

All age eligible Karate athletes are encouraged to sign up, once signed up an eligible athlete becomes a Team Prospect, [online LINK](#)

Team Alberta Training Camps

All invited Team prospects athletes must participate in all mandatory Training Camps. Training camp's date(s) and location will be announced at least four weeks before the beginning of each training camp. KA has the right to change the dates or location of any mandatory camps or cancel a camp, provided at least two-week notice is given to members. Section 7 of this document contains a list of mandatory training camps(s) for the current season (dates and locations remain subject to change). Please note that Karate Alberta may add another training camp during the season.

Section 5 SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE ALBERTA TEAM

Citizenship Requirements

Athletes selected for Canada Games Team Alberta must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents. A permanent resident is defined as someone who has been granted permanent residency prior to the start of the Opening Ceremony. Permanent residents have a Record of Landing (IMM 1000), a Confirmation of Permanent Residency (IMM 5292), a Permanent Resident Card, or any other document deemed eligible by immigration Canada as proof of their status.

Non-citizen athletes may compete at the selection tournaments if they are working toward obtaining their permanent residents of Canada.

Selection Criteria

Selection onto Team Alberta Canada Games 2023 that will participate at 2023 Canada Games, athletes will be selected according to the Highest total points in the 4 qualifying events according to Table 1.

Tiebreaking Criteria for Selection onto Team Alberta

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

1. The athlete with the higher placement at the Selection Tournament #2
2. If the tie persists, the athlete who obtained the best result / rank (in that division) at the most recent Karate Canada National Championships will be selected.
3. If the tie persists, the athletes will compete in a tie breaker match, kata or kumite.
4. If the tie persists, final selection will be decided by the Team Alberta Head Coach in consultation with the Technical Director and approved by the Coaching Committee.

Wildcard Athletes

Wildcard athlete will be nominated and selected by decision of the Canada Games Coaching staff and the Technical Director, if a tie exists for two athletes, decision will be by coin toss; if more than two athletes, matches will be held.

Nominations and selection will be priority based on:

1. Gender equity
2. Highest potential for a podium placement

Note: an athlete may compete in both disciplines, thereby allowing his/her team to benefit from one additional wildcard. Teams benefiting from and opting to use 2 or more wildcards must ensure, whenever the number of wildcards is even, that they allocate those evenly between male and female athletes, to ensure gender equity.

Alternates / Late Athlete Replacement

Alternate – definition: An alternate is an athlete who is selected as a replacement to fill a spot left vacant for the Canada Games after an athlete originally selected through the ordinary selection process has pulled out or is declared unable to participate, due to injury, illness or other circumstances. Karate Alberta is under no obligation to select an alternate.

Individual Divisions

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

1. Next highest total points in the 4 qualifying events (Alternate)
2. Coach's discretion

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

Section 6 REQUIREMENTS, EXEMPTIONS AND APPEALS

Requirements

To remain on Team Alberta each athlete must:

- Sign and adhere to the Karate Alberta Athlete Agreement.
- Have and maintain a valid Canadian passport or be actively in the process of obtaining Canadian citizenship (as outlined in Section 5.2 above).
- Pay the required Team Package Fee in full and on time, if applicable.
- Participate in all mandatory training camps individually required of them unless a written exemption has been granted.
- Demonstrate an appropriate maintenance of fitness and health level consistent with a high-performance athlete on a Provincial 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 Head Coach, no later than 2 (two) weeks prior to the next upcoming camp or competition, or within 1 (one) week of the occurrence of the illness or injury.
- Provide appropriate medical information on the injury and on its treatment. This includes diagnosis, proposed treatment protocol, and estimated return to full training and/or competition.
- Keep the 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 Alberta Head Office in a timely manner.
- Provide an additional responsible contact for communications; parent, guardian, support worker, dojo coach, etc. This person will be carbon copied (cc) on all communications in order to assist with deadlines, transparency, language, etc.

Note: it is an athlete's responsibility to update Karate Alberta of any change to any and all relevant addresses for communication of important data. Karate Alberta 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 Alberta was not notified of such changes.

Exemptions from Team Camps or Competitions

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

- Recent death in the immediate family (within 1 (one) 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 reasonably 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 the Karate Alberta Head Office and Head Coach. Notification of such an event must include details of the circumstances along with any supporting evidence scanned and/or emailed to the Karate Alberta 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 Alberta has the right to seek its own medical opinion before rendering its final decision.

IMPORTANT: 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 Head Coach.

An athlete whose condition persists and is unable to undergo full training during the 2 (two)-week period prior to an event may be withdrawn by Karate Alberta from the team representing at Canada Games.

Karate Alberta will accept or reject all requests for exemptions and deliver its decision in writing within a reasonable time following receipt of request for exemption. Such decisions will be final and without appeal.

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 Alberta's Appeal Policy.

Section 7 CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND POINT ALLOCATION

Table 1: List of Training Camps and Competitions for Team Alberta Karate Canda Games athletes with Point allocation for performances

Date	Event	Results	Points	Notes
April 24, 2022 or June 18, 2022	Officials Course			Mandatory
April 24, 2022	KA Tournament #1	Gold Silver Bronze 4 th	200 150 100 50	
May 15, 2022	Training Camp			Mandatory
June 25, 2022	Training Camp			Mandatory
July 1-3, 2022	Karate Canada Nationals, NL	Gold Silver Bronze 4 th	400 300 200 100	For divisions with less than 8 athlete's points will be reduced by 50%
Jul/Aug 2022	Summer Training Camp			2 days - Mandatory
Sept 2022	Canada Games Test Event, PEI or CKF - Commonwealth Club Championships, Birmingham, UK	Gold Silver Bronze 4 th	300 250 150 75	CKF only - For divisions with less than 8 athletes points will be reduced by 50%
Oct/Nov 2022	Training Camp			1-2 days - Mandatory
Oct/Nov/Dec 2022	KA Tournament #2	Gold Silver Bronze 4 th	200 150 100 50	
Jan 2023	Training camp			1-2 days - Mandatory

