

# ITF TAEKWON-DO AUSTRALIA NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURE



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Dear Members

We would like to welcome all prospective National squad members vying for selection onto the National Team for 2017 ITF World Championships in Ireland to register onto the National Squad with ITF Taekwon-do Australia.

2016-2017 National Team campaign. This campaign will cover the next 2 years leading up to the next two major ITF competition events being 2016 ITF World Cup Hungary & 2017 ITF World Championships Ireland.

## Proposed National Squad Program 2016 Schedule

2016 January	National Coach & National Manager appointed
2016 February	National Squad announced
2016 March	ITF National Fight Series & National Squad Training
2016 August	ICC Sydney with GM Bos & ICC Committee
2016 October	ITF World Cup, Budapest Hungary
2016 November	ITF National Fight Series & National Squad Training

## Proposed National Team Program 2017 Schedule

2017 January	National Team Announced
2017 March	ITF National Fight Series & National Team Training
2017 June	ITF National Fight Series & National Team Training
2017 August	National Team Camp Gold Coast (3 days)
2017 October	ITF World Championships Dublin, Ireland

## NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

Registration with the National squad team will not automatically guarantee selection onto the National team representing Australia at the International Taekwon-do Federation World Championships tournament. Only registered National Squad members will be considered for selection onto the National Team to represent Australia.

Selection onto the team is dependent on each individuals commitment, performance, technical proficiency & attitude leading up to the official National team selection which will be reviewed by the selection committee and notification issued in January 2017

### National Team Selection Committee

Master Daher,  
Moustapha El-Sheikh, Gerard Kelly, Frans Christensen, National Coach TBA

### National Team Coach

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### National Team Manager

TBA

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## National Team Selection Policy

The National selection committee chaired by Master Daher along with the National Coach will officially select competitors for the national team to represent Australia. The decision of the selection committee will be final. Selection will be based on the following:

- Performance in Local, Regional, State, National and International Competition.
- Competitors going for national team selection must attend at minimum 75% of the National Head Coaches events to be specified in the National Squad Program or any other additional events incorporated. Competitors are also encouraged to compete in other competitions within Australia with ITF rules but not limited to or excluding other open martial arts tournaments. Performance at all events will be taken into consideration. (Weight limits at each national event will be enforced to within .5 kg)
- Performance in Oceania, World Cup and World Championships
- Attendance and performance in national squad training.
- Attitude & mental approach to training
- Listening to instruction, following training plan and working as a team
- Ability to make and maintain weight in a healthy manner
- Training weekly in a registered ITF Taekwon-do Australia or Allied association dojang
- Submit a single page monthly training log to the National Coach
- Be an active member and uphold the tenets of Taekwon-do
- Be disciplined and mentally focused at all times. Any member with a poor disciplinary record or not in good standing with the ITF, NA or AA will not be considered for selection.

National team members are expected to attend all scheduled training sessions. Any squad member who misses a scheduled training must in writing notify the reason as early as possible.

Those who do not contact the coaches and management will damage their selection prospects. Members may be required to produce a medical certificate.

## National Squad Members must have;

- A valid ITF black belt certificate and ID card with AU as Country. If you do not, please contact ITF Taekwon-do Australia or Allied Association as appropriate, regarding ratification or replacements.
- A valid passport
- Travel insurance
- Personal insurance
- Full set of ITF approved equipment (set of Blue & set of Red sparring gear)

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## **Fees / Payments:**

- National Squad registration form & non refundable deposit of \$200 by the given deadline. (All monies will be used for the official National Team selected)
- Pay \$50 per squad training session to help cover the costs of renting the facilities, hiring vans to transport mats etc.
- If selected onto the National Team Pay the deposit and payment instalment plan to be advised by the National Team Manager and supply all documents and information as requested.

## **Beginning each National Squad/Team campaign:**

- Submit application and deposit to ITF Taekwon-do Australia to confirm their intention to be considered for selection. The application form must contain all the required personal information and the events that they wish to be considered for.
- Instructor must approve the member's application in writing.
- Juniors must have approval from parent or guardian in writing.
- If a member does not register as part of the National Squad it will be assumed that they do not wish to be considered for selection.

## **During National Squad training all members are expected to:**

- Come mentally prepared and focused with their goal always in mind.
- Display discipline and focused with a strong work ethic
- Be punctual and arrive early for training in order to set up (put down mats etc.)
- Ensure Squad training fees are paid prior to the start of each session
- Follow Taekwon-Do protocol and etiquette during training and after.
- Train with 100% effort in every session
- Show an ability and willingness to listen to instruction and feedback and show progression from session to session
- Keep a training diary and a notebook for feedback & submit a single page monthly training summary to the National Coach.
- Keep a log of all competitions with results and inform the National Coach.

## **Official selection of National Team:**

- The member's instructor will be contacted. The instructor must give their written consent for their student to be part of the national team.
- In the case of juniors parents will be contacted and their written consent must be given for their son/daughter to be part of the national team.
- Regarding juniors at least one parent or guardian must travel with the member and be responsible for the junior and their return travel arrangements to Australia once competition is complete.
- The member will be offered a position on the National Team and they must confirm if they are accepting or declining their place(s) in writing by the given deadline and by

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transferring the deposit (the amount and payment plan to be determined by the National Team Manager will be outlined in the letter offering the competitors their place on the national team).

- The member and or parent / guardian understand the offer and the approximate financial commitment of \$ 4,000 - \$ 4,500 to represent Australia to be paid in instalments to be determined by the National Team Manager.

### National Team International behaviour

- Represent your country at all times as an ambassador & act with the tenets of Taekwon-do and the Taekwon-do oath.
- Follow orders and instruction of the National Coach and National Team Manager & National Team Captain.
- Remain focused on the competition the whole time until the final team closing dinner celebration and official dismissal by the National Coach.
- No Australian team member shall participate in the ITF World Championships after party.

### Instructors

- All instructors are requested to communicate and work with the National Coach in the member's development and progression to represent Australia. If an instructor has any concerns regarding their competitor they must notify the National Coach and National Team Manager as soon as possible.
- All instructors are welcome to attend national squad & national team training so that their competitor's progress can be discussed in person with the National Coach, assistant coaches and management.
- All instructors must give their written approval for their competitors to register for the National Squad and approval if their competitor is offered a place on the National Team.

All members of the NA and AA who can meet the above conditions, requisites & have aspirations in representing their country at the highest level of competition are welcome to register for the National Squad.

To be selected onto the National Team competitors must be a member of the National Squad and attend the minimum training competition schedule determined by the National Coach.

ITF Taekwon-do has provided you the opportunity it's now up to you to make the decision and focus on your goal to be the best.

By order of the Executive Board

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