

Karate Australia - Athlete Selection Procedures

2026 WKF World Cup Team Selection Criteria

1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline the official selection criteria for athletes seeking to represent Karate Australia at the 2026 WKF World Cup. These criteria ensure a transparent, equitable, and merit-based process, focusing on athlete performance in designated qualifying events. This policy applies to all eligible athletes, coaches, and selectors.

2. Selection Authority

2.1 Male Team

The Lead Male Coach is responsible for the selection of the male team. Selections will be made based on:

- Athlete performance across designated events;
- Team compatibility and strategic requirements; and
- Overall contribution to team cohesion and success.

2.2 Female Team

The Lead Female Coach is responsible for the selection of the female team. Selections will be made based on:

- Athlete performance across designated events;
- Team compatibility and strategic requirements; and
- Overall contribution to team cohesion and success.

3. Oversight and Review

All selections are subject to review by:

- The National Coaches Commission Chair; and
- The Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Karate Australia.

This review ensures alignment with national standards, fairness, and the strategic objectives of Karate Australia. The review process also ensures consistency across all team selections and adherence to approved procedures.

4. Performance Criteria

Selections will be informed primarily by athlete performance during the 2026 season in designated national and international events.

Additional considerations may include:

- Head-to-head competition results;
- Training attendance, discipline, and commitment;
- Team dynamics and tactical adaptability; and
- Conduct, sportsmanship, and compliance with Karate Australia and WKF policies.

Performance data will be assessed holistically, taking into account both individual results and contribution to the broader team environment.