

**2018 Junior World Championships
2018 Youth Olympic Games Qualification
Team Selection Process**

This document sets out the process for identifying those athletes that will be invited to represent Norway at the 2018 Junior World Taekwondo Championships and Youth Olympic Games (YOG) qualification tournament.

The aim of this process is to select a Norwegian team at an appropriate stage of performance development such that exposure to major championship environments will facilitate further progression and development.

Section A: Eligibility Requirements

1. Athletes must be Norwegian Citizens and hold a valid Norwegian passport.
2. The athlete must currently be eligible to represent Norway at respective major championships.*
3. Athletes must be Kukkiwon Poom / Dan holders.
4. Athletes must hold a valid GAL license.
5. Athletes must adhere to the Selection Criteria requirements (See Section B).
6. A physical exam may be requested by a licensed Medical Doctor, which certifies the athlete is fit to train and compete.
7. All parents / guardians must sign and adhere to an outlined code of conduct.

*YOG age eligibility: Athletes must be born between 1st January 2001 and 31st December 2002.

Section B: Outline of selection criteria

2018 Youth Olympic Games qualification (6th-7th April) and 2018 Junior World Championships (9th-13th April)

Selection will be determined on medal performances (minimum criteria: 1 medal, ≥ 3 wins; 2 medals, ≤ 2 wins) from the following competitions in 2018,

US Open, Turkish Open, Dutch Open

Furthermore, representation and performance(s) at major championships 2017 will be factored in to selection consideration

Prospective athletes are required to actively compete in at least 2 criteria competitions to be considered for selection.

Should two athletes be challenging for the same selection and having achieved minimum criteria the following comparative analysis will underpin selection,

1. Number and status of medal
2. Win percentage
3. Mean number of fights per competition
4. Hydrated weight profile.
5. Previous performances at major championships.

Section C

Mitigating Circumstances

An athlete who does not meet the selection process set out above may be considered for selection if he or she meets the defined situations outlined below.

Mitigating circumstances are situations which arise through no fault or action of the athlete, and which act to limit the athlete's ability to participate in a selection competition(s), but do not compromise the athlete's potential to perform at the highest level at the 2018 championships.

Examples of mitigating circumstances include, but are not limited to:

- a. Unforeseen injury
- b. Legal commitments that cannot be rescheduled

Consideration of mitigating circumstances will be reviewed by a panel comprising the Senior National team coach, a senior Olympic Medical representative and the Chief of Sport. The respective athlete must, where possible, provide evidence.

The panel will take in to consideration:

- a. The athletes accumulated results and performances to date,
- b. The likely potential of the athlete at the time of the respective Championships
- c. The written explanation of the athlete's circumstances.