



SELECTION POLICY

5th ASIAN PARA GAMES 2026 (AICHI-NAGOYA, JAPAN)

1. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the directions, guidelines, and communications issued by the **Paralympic Committee of India (PCI)** and the **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS)**, **India Taekwondo**, the National Sports Federation for Taekwondo, hereby lays down the Selection Policy for identifying and selecting athletes for participation in the **5th Asian Para Games 2026 (Aichi-Nagoya, Japan)**.

This policy aims to ensure a **fair, transparent, objective, and performance-based selection process**, consistent with the principles of **good governance, athlete welfare, and international best practices**.

2. CONSTITUTION OF SELECTION COMMITTEE

India Taekwondo constituted a **Selection Committee** to oversee the selection process for the **5th Asian Para Games 2026**. The Committee consists of the following members:

- Mr. Namdev Shirgaonkar – Chairman
- Mr. Vikas Kumar – Member
- Ms. Veena Arora – Member
- Ms. Malti Sharma – Member

The Selection Committee shall function independently and shall be responsible for evaluating athlete performance and recommending selections in accordance with this policy.

3. APPLICABLE QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

As per the **Asian Para Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Qualification System** issued by the International Federation:

- India is eligible to enter a **maximum of two (2) athletes per medal event** at the **Asian Para Taekwondo Qualification Tournament**, scheduled to be held in **May 2026 in Japan**.
- The **top two (2) male and top two (2) female athletes** in each weight category at the Qualification Tournament shall secure **direct qualification quotas** for the **5th Asian Para Games 2026**.
- Final selection of athletes to represent India at the **Asian Para Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026** will be subject to compliance with the norms and **approval** procedures of the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India**, and the **Paralympic Committee of India**.
- **Anti-Doping Testing** may be conducted throughout all Selection procedure in accordance with **NADA / WADA regulations**, and compliance shall be mandatory. Any athlete found violating anti-doping rules shall be **disqualified and subjected to disciplinary action** as per applicable norms.

4. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection process shall be conducted in **two phases**, as detailed below:

Phase I – National Selection

- Selection shall be conducted through the **National Open Selection Trials or 3rd Para Taekwondo National Championship 2025–2026**.
- Based on performance, the **top two or top four athletes** (as decided by the Selection Committee) in each weight/category shall be shortlisted to proceed to the **India Taekwondo National Coaching Camp**.
- Athletes may be subjected to **medical examination and fitness assessment** during or after the trials, as deemed necessary by the organizers or Selection Committee.
- The Selection Trials shall be conducted in a **fair, transparent, and merit-based manner**, under the supervision of the India Taekwondo Selection Committee and appointed observers.

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Phase II – National Camp

- Athletes shortlisted from the **National Open Selection Trials or 3rd Para Taekwondo National Championship 2025–2026** shall participate in the **India Taekwondo National Coaching Camp** as part of the preparation for the Asian Para Games Qualification for the Asian Para Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026.
- **Attendance, discipline, punctuality, commitment, and code of conduct** of all athletes shall be strictly monitored throughout the camp.



- Athletes will undergo **periodic fitness assessments**, injury prevention programs, rehabilitation support (if required), and **sports psychology sessions** to enhance mental preparedness.
- **Medical screening and health assessments** may be conducted to ensure athlete safety and readiness.
- Performance evaluation during the camp shall be based on **technical performance, fitness benchmarks, sparring results, discipline, adaptability, and overall progression**.
- Only athletes who **successfully complete the National Coaching Camp** and meet the required **performance, fitness, medical, and disciplinary standards** shall be considered eligible for **final selection**.

Phase III – Final Selection Trials

- The **Final Selection Trials** shall be conducted **after the successful completion** of the India Taekwondo National Coaching Camp.
- Selection trials shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the **latest World Taekwondo (WT) Para Competition Rules and Interpretations** in force at the time of the trials.
- Only athletes who have **successfully completed the National Coaching Camp** and met the required **performance, fitness, medical, disciplinary, and anti-doping compliance standards** shall be eligible to participate in the Final Selection Trials.
- Athlete evaluation shall be based on **overall performance**, including technical execution, tactical awareness, physical fitness, consistency, discipline, adaptability, and competitive results during the camp and trials.
- The **final list of athletes** selected to represent India at the **Asian Para Games qualification for the Asian para games Aichi-Nagoya 2026** shall be prepared by the **India Taekwondo Selection Committee**.
- **Gold and Silver medalists** or **One Athlete** in each eligible category shall be selected to represent India at the **Asian Para Qualification Tournament for Aichi-Nagoya 5th Asian Para Games 2026**, subject to eligibility and classification requirement.
- The final selection shall be **subject to compliance with and approval under the norms and guidelines of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, and the Paralympic Committee of India**.
- **India Taekwondo Selection committee decision is final, and reserves all the right to make changes in the final team if required under the rules and regulations.**

Direct Qualification in Exceptional Circumstances

In the event that the India Taekwondo National Coaching Camp is not conducted due to force majeure or any other unforeseen circumstances, the **Gold Medalist and Silver Medalist** or One Athlete from the **National Open Selection Trials or 3rd Para Taekwondo National Championship 2025–2026**, may be considered for direct qualification to represent India at the **Asian Para Qualification for Aichi-Nagoya 5th Asian Para Games 2026**, subject to the norms, guidelines, and approval procedures of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, and Paralympic Committee of India.

5. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

- Athletes must fulfill the following criteria to be considered for selection:
- Must be **Indian citizens**.
- Must be **registered with India Taekwondo** and possess a **valid UID**.
- Must submit all mandatory documents (passport, photographs, eligibility forms, etc.) within prescribed timelines.
- Must be **16 years of age or above as on 31 December 2026**.

6. CONDUCT OF SELECTION TRIALS

- Selection trials shall be conducted using **World Taekwondo–approved Electronic Protector and Scoring Systems (PSS)**.
- Matches shall be officiated by **qualified National and International Referees**.
- The entire selection process shall be **video recorded** for transparency and record purposes.
- All competitions shall adhere to **safety, medical, and anti-doping protocols** as prescribed by PCI and MYAS.

7. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Selection shall be carried out strictly in accordance with **World Para Taekwondo Rules & Regulations**.
- **PCI / MYAS / SAI observers** may be invited to oversee the selection process.



- In cases of **injury, illness, withdrawal, disciplinary action, weight non-compliance, or failure to register**, the Selection Committee reserves the right to recommend the **next eligible athlete**.
- The decision of the Selection Committee shall be **final and binding**.

8. SELECTION OUTCOME & NOMINATION

Based on the performance in the **National Open Selection Trials or 3rd National Para Taekwondo Championship**, the **top two athletes in each category** were shortlisted and nominated to participate in the **Asian Qualification Tournament (Japan)**.

All nominations have been processed through the appropriate administrative and registration channels.

9. CLASSIFICATION & FINAL ELIGIBILITY

- Athletes whose **international classification** has not been completed shall be required to undergo and successfully clear the **official international classification** prior to competition.
- Final participation in the **Asian Qualification Tournament and Asian Para Games** shall be subject to confirmation of **eligible sport class** as per competition rules.

10. IMPORTANT NOTE

The Selection Committee reserves the right to amend, modify, or change this Selection Policy at any time, if required, for the **5th Asian Para Games 2026, Aichi-Nagoya**.

11. DECLARATION

India Taekwondo hereby declares that the selection process for the **5th Asian Para Games 2026** has been conducted in a **fair, transparent, objective, and non-discriminatory manner**, fully aligned with the policies and guidelines of **PCI, MYAS, and World Para Taekwondo**.

Mr. Namdev Shirgaonkar
(Chairperson - Selection Committee)

Ms Veena Arora (Member)

Mr. Vikas Kumar (Member)

Ms. Malti Sharma (Member)