

SELECTION POLICY FOR THE UNDER-21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

1. **INTRODUCTION**

After receiving the updated calendar and event details from World Taekwondo, we were informed that the Under-21 World Taekwondo Championships will be held in Nairobi, Kenya on the specified dates.

This is a newly introduced category, and in order to provide greater opportunities for our athletes to showcase their talent and gain international exposure, India Taekwondo has decided to organize Open Selection Trials to select eligible athletes for participation in this prestigious global event.

2. **SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBER:**

- 1) Mr Namdev Shirgaonkar (Chairperson - Selection Committee)
- 2) Ms. Veena Arora (Committee Member)
- 3) Mr. Rajat Dixit (Committee Member)
- 4) Mr. Dinesh Kumar (Committee Member)

3. **SELECTION PROCESS**

Upon receiving the official communication from World Taekwondo, a Selection Committee was constituted to oversee and finalize all aspects of the selection process. The committee confirmed the dates and venue for the Open Selection Trials, which will be held on 8th and 9th November 2025 at Shah Satnam Ji Boys College, Sirsa, Haryana.

The Open Selection Trial will serve as the official qualifying event for the Under-21 World Championship.

- The athlete securing first place in each weight category will be selected to represent India at the Under-21 World Championship.
- However, if the selected athlete fails to complete all registration formalities or does not comply with event requirements within the stipulated time, the next eligible athlete will be considered for participation.
- All selection trials will be conducted under the guidelines of the Selection Committee and in full compliance with World Taekwondo (WT) rules and regulations.
- The competition will utilize the electronic PSS (Protective Scoring System) to ensure transparency and fairness, leaving no room for manipulation. The entire selection process will be video recorded for official record and verification purposes.
- All matches will be supervised by internationally qualified referees, and will strictly follow World Taekwondo competition rules. In case of any dispute or objection, the concerned participant may file a formal protest as per the WT protest procedures.

4. **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To participate in the Open Selection Trials for the Under-21 World Championship, athletes must fulfill the following conditions:

- Must be an Indian citizen and hold a valid passport (valid at least until 1st May 2026).
- Must be a valid UID no. and possess a valid GMS (Global Membership System) license.
- Must fall within the age category prescribed by World Taekwondo for the Under-21 Championship.
- Must hold a Kukkiwon Dan certificate.
- Must have no pending disciplinary actions or suspensions by India Taekwondo or World Taekwondo.
- Must produce medical fitness and parental consent (if applicable) prior to participation.

5. **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- All participants must adhere to the rules, regulations, and code of conduct laid down by India Taekwondo.
- In case of registration failure, injury, withdrawal, Violation of the Rules, disciplinary action, the Selection Committee reserves the right to review the situation and nominate the next eligible athlete.
- The selection process will be overseen by an independent Selection Committee constituted by India Taekwondo, with IOA/MYAS/SAI Observers may invite to ensure fairness, transparency, and compliance.
- Any form of misconduct, indiscipline, or non-compliance during the trials may lead to immediate disqualification.
- India Taekwondo reserves the right to amend, postpone, or cancel the trials in case of unforeseen circumstances.
- The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final and binding on all participants.
- All selected athletes must comply with World Taekwondo and India Taekwondo's registration procedures, travel requirements, and documentation timelines.
- Selected athletes must ensure timely submission of all required forms, travel documents, and registration materials. Failure to do so may result in replacement by the next eligible athlete.
- Any situation not covered under this policy will be decided by the Selection Committee of India Taekwondo, whose decision will be final.

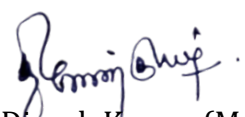
6. **CONCLUSION**

- The Selection Trial will be conducted strictly in accordance with the India Taekwondo Selection Policy.
- Trials will be conducted under video recording in a transparent and professional manner, under the supervision of the appointed Selection Committee.
- The final list of athletes will be confirmed only after the completion of the Selection Trial, and those athletes will go on to represent India at the U21 World Taekwondo Championship 2025.


Mr. Namdev Shirgaonkar
(Chairperson - Selection Committee)


Ms Veena Arora (Member)


Ms Rajat Aditya Dixit (Member)


Mr. Dinesh Kumar (Member)

Important Note: India Taekwondo and the Selection Committee reserved the right to amend or modify the selection policy in the event of any major or unforeseen circumstances.