

# **THE KARATEDO FEDERATION OF HONG KONG, CHINA LIMITED**

## **SELECTION POLICY**

### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this Selection Policy is to outline the eligibility and selection criteria for athletes:
  - (a) joining the feeder training programmes of the Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited (the “Federation”);
  - (b) joining the elite training programmes of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (“HKSI”); and
  - (c) participating in overseas tournaments in the name of “Hong Kong, China”.Other associated issues are also covered.
2. For the avoidance of doubt, this Policy does not apply to:
  - (a) selection of athletes for participating in those overseas tournaments for which the organisers have overriding eligibility and selection criteria (e.g. the Olympic Games, the Youth Olympic Games and the Asian Games); and
  - (b) selection of participants in HKSI’s elite training programmes for competing in those overseas tournaments that HKSI decides on its own as part of the training programmes (e.g. the Premier League and Series A of the World Karate Federation (“WKF”) as well as WKF’s World Youth Cup and WKF Kids Competition).
3. This Selection Policy was supported by 74% of the votes cast at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Federation on 12 May 2018. The General Committee of the Federation has the authority to refine and make minor adjustments to this Selection Policy to suit changes in circumstances.

### **General Policies**

4. The overriding principles for the selection process are impartiality, integrity, transparency and fair play.
5. The Federation and HKSI work as partners in formulating this Selection Policy and in its implementation.
6. The Federation will assume responsibility for selection of athletes to participate in tournaments in the name of “Hong Kong, China”. The Federation will not assume responsibility for any matters relating to members’ participation in overseas

tournaments as individuals not representing “Hong Kong, China”, or in the name of entities other than “Hong Kong, China” (e.g. participation in World University Karate Championships by university athletes in the name of “*The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong China, Ltd.*”).

7. The Federation will not assume responsibility for any matters relating to members’ participation in overseas tournaments on a self-funded basis and by-passing the Federation’s competitive selection process.
8. To avoid conflict of interest, a referee or judge will not take part in a match where the contestant belongs to the same karate organisation as the referee or judge. For the avoidance of doubt:
  - (a) “organisation” is defined as the organisation registered in Hong Kong under the Societies Ordinance (Cap.151), Laws of Hong Kong, not a karate style headed by a grandmaster (past or present, local or overseas)<sup>1</sup>;
  - (b) a referee or judge will not be debarred from acting as such because he/she belongs to the same organisation as any member of the General Committee.
- 8A. To ensure the representativeness of the judges in a match, they should belong to different karate organisations. Where this cannot be arranged because of the availability of judges in the match, the referee council's director or his representative in the tournament/competition may approve exceptionally the deployment of two (but not more) judges who belong to the same karate organisation. *(added 13-Aug-2018)*

## **The Promotion Ladder**

9. *Annex A* shows the promotion ladder that an athlete has to climb to become a participant of HKSI’s elite training programmes.
10. The Federation organises on an annual basis a total of 4 local competitions. Athletes who achieved the top 5 places in these annual events may be invited (but not as an automatic right) to join the feeder training programmes organised by the Federation. Details are at *Annex B*.

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<sup>1</sup> In circumstances where two or more locally registered karate organisations belong to a separate locally registered karate organisation, whether the connectedness of the lower-level organisations will lead to a conflict of interest between them for the purpose of refereeing will have to be determined by the organisations themselves and reported to the Federation.

11. Where places are available in the junior classes of the Federation's feeder training programmes, the Coaching Council may accept, on an exceptional basis, nominations from dojos of gifted youth to fill up the vacancies.
12. Participants of the Federation's feeder training programmes will compete with participants of HKSI's elite training programmes for taking part in overseas tournaments.
13. Participants of HKSI's elite training programmes will consult the Head Coach of HKSI and agree on the specific overseas tournament they should compete for.
14. Enrolment in HKSI's elite training programmes is for 12 months only beginning 1 April. It is dependent on achievements in overseas tournaments as depicted in the 2 tables at *Annex C* which also show the performance-based status of the participants.
15. Continued enrolment in HKSI's elite training programmes for a further 12 months beginning 1 April is dependent on (i) the trainee's achievements in overseas tournaments in the immediate past 12 months as depicted in the 2 tables at *Annex C* and (ii) the performance in and commitment to HKSI's training programmes as assessed by the Head Coach of HKSI.
16. HKSI provides a potential elite training programme for the following athletes to join its formal elite training programmes beginning 1 April but without the status and benefits normally afforded to the participants of such programmes:
  - (a) immediate past participants of HKSI's elite training programmes who fail to secure enrolment for a further 12 months because of failure to gain the minimum achievements in the past calendar year (*re. Annex C*), and
  - (b) participants of the Federation's feeder training programmes who fail marginally to meet the required level of achievements in the past calendar year (*re. Annex C*); "marginally" is defined as a shortfall by either "one participating country", "one participating athlete" in the assessment of "top 1/3" or "top 1/2", or "one ranking in the order of rankings".

The length of the training periods of these potential elite trainees are prescribed. At the end of the training periods, a determination will be made by the Head Coach of HKSI as regards whether the trainees should be enrolled or re-admitted to HKSI's elite training programmes based on their achievements in overseas tournaments (*re. Annex C*).

### **Selection of Athletes to Compete in Overseas Tournaments**

17. Selection of athletes to compete in overseas tournaments is made from among trainees in the Federation’s feeder training programmes and HKSI’s elite training programmes. These athletes are grouped as follows:

Group 1 – Elite A+, A, B+ & B Athletes

Group 2 – Elite C, Senior & Junior Squad Athletes

Group 3 – Potential Elite and Feeder Athletes

18. Three rounds of competitions will be held each year and the athletes achieving the best results in these competitions will be selected respectively as follows:

<b>Round</b>	<b>Overseas Tournaments participation of which athletes are competing for</b>	<b>Athletes eligible to compete</b>
1	(a) EAKF Championships (b) AKF Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships (c) National Championships	(a) Group 1 (b) Group 2 (c) Group 3
2	Senior AKF Championships	(a) Group 1 (b) Athletes/teams of Groups 2 and 3 combined achieving top 3 positions in Round 1 competition (including junior athletes who meet the age requirement of the senior championships)
3	Senior WKF Championships	(a) Group 1 (b) Athletes/teams of Groups 2 and 3 combined achieving top 2 positions in Round 2 competition

### **Kumite Selection**

19. All kumite competitions will adopt as far as possible the latest WKF rules and regulations.

20. Refereeing will be conducted by referees accredited by the Federation.

21. For weight management, an allowance of 2 kg. in excess is provided for. For example, for the -67 kg weight category for male athletes, the lower and upper weight limits are 60 kg and 69 kg respectively. An athlete weighing 69.1 kg must lose 0.1 kg in order to meet the weight requirement.

22. With 3 to 5 athletes competing, the round robin system will be adopted. In the event two athletes have the same number of winning matches, a match will be arranged for them to decide on their exact ranking. The operation of the round robin system for a Round 1 competition among 5 athletes is illustrated as follows:

<b>Athlete</b>	<b>Match 1 result</b>	<b>Match 2 result</b>	<b>Match 3 result</b>	<b>Match 4 result</b>	<b>Number of matches won</b>	<b>Ranking</b>
Athlete A Group 3	Lose	Lose	Lose	Lose	0	5 <sup>th</sup> place
Athlete B Group 2	Win	Win	Win	Win	4	1 <sup>st</sup> place Eligible for Round 2
Athlete C Group 2	Win	Lose	Win	Lose	2	3 <sup>rd</sup> place Eligible for Round 2
Athlete D Group 3	Lose	Lose	Win	Lose	1	4 <sup>th</sup> place Eligible for Round 2
Athlete E Group 1	Win	Win	Lose	Win	3	2 <sup>nd</sup> place Eligible for Round 2

23. Further examples follow:

Scenario 1 - Kumite Selection with only one athlete competing in the same weight category

- The athlete will compete with two athletes in the next weight category whose weights are closest to the athlete's actual weight.
- The athlete must win at least one match in order to be selected.
- In the event the athlete lost in closely contested matches, the HKSI Head Coach may elect to arrange a third match before making a final decision and he will focus on the athlete's actual performance throughout the match (e.g. the number of points scored).

Scenario 2 - Kumite selection with only two athletes competing in the same weight category

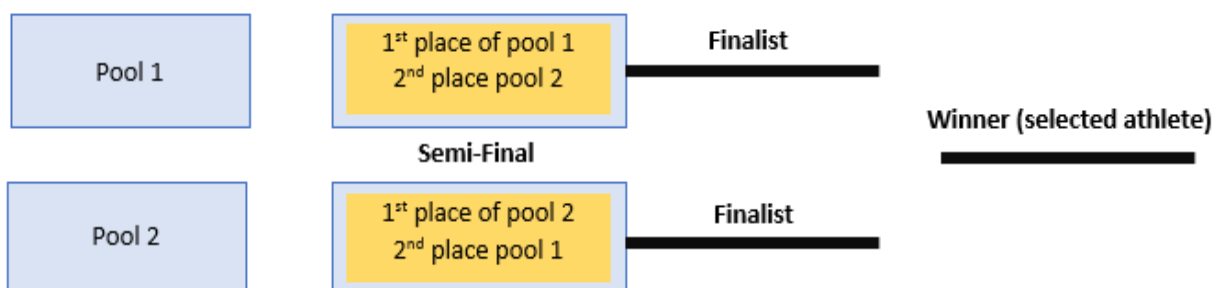
- 3 matches will be arranged for the two competitors. The athlete with two wins will be selected.

Scenario 3 - Kumite selection with three, four or five athletes competing in the same weight category.

- A round robin will be arranged to decide on the ranking of the athletes.
- If 3 athletes have the same number of winning matches, a further 3 match round robin will be arranged to decide on their ranking.

Scenario 4 - Kumite Selection with six or more athletes competing in the same weight category.

- The six or more athletes will be randomly placed into two pools to compete in a round robin event.
- The top two athletes from each pool will proceed to the semi-final and the winner of the final will be the selected athlete.



Additional matches will be arranged as necessary to determine the ranking of other athletes.

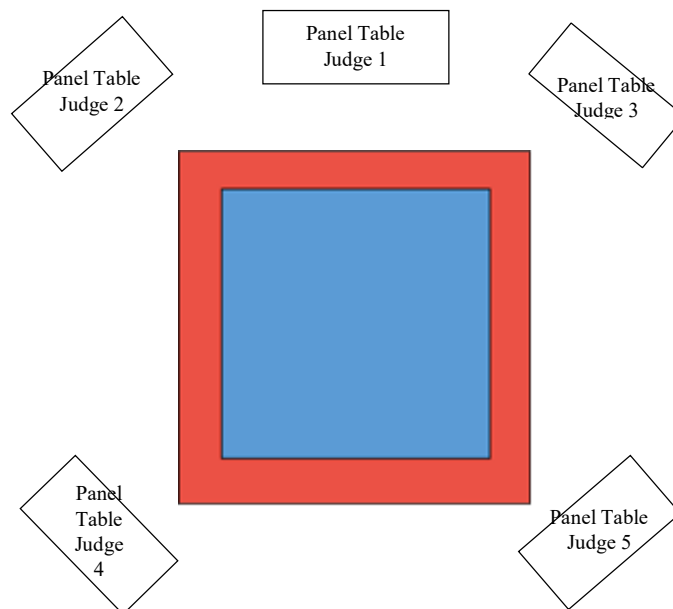
24. Male and female team kumite athletes will be selected by the HKSI Head Coach based on their individual training performances and actual achievements in the selection competitions.

### **Kata Selection**

25. All kata competitions will adopt as far as possible the latest WKF rules and regulations.

26. The judging panel will comprise 5 members of whom 1 to 2 will be coaches accredited by the Federation and 3 to 4 will be referees accredited by the Federation.

27. The chief judge will sit in the centre position facing the contestants and the other four judges will be seated at the corners of the competition area.



28. Athletes will select from the official WKF Kata list two Kata's that they intend to perform and inform the official table prior to the commencement of the matches. They

will also specify beforehand the order of the two Kata's they will perform. Failure to perform the Kata's in the specified order will result in a zero score.

29. The following performance aspects will be assessed:

- (a) Technical aspects: stances, techniques, transitional movements, timing/synchronisation, correct breathing, focus (kime), technical difficulty;
- (b) Athletic aspects: strength, speed, balance, rhythm.

30. The judge will award to individual contestants a total score which represents the sum of the score for the technical aspect and another score for the athletic aspects. Where the judge sees fit, he may also include sub-scores for the individual technical and athletic aspects as well as qualitative remarks.

31. The judge will display the total score awarded for each contestant immediately after the match and all the scores displayed by the judges of the match will be instantaneously recorded by the site staff. While the highest score and the lowest score will be discounted, the other three scores carry equal weight.

32. The contestants will be ranked according to the discounted scores.

33. Individual athletes with the ETG status may take part in Team Kata selection but their ETG status will not count in establishing the status of the team to which he/she belongs. Hence

- (a) the team must compete in Round 1 and achieve a place in top 3 in order to compete in Round 2; and
- (b) the team must compete in Round 2 and achieve a place in top 2 in order to compete in Round 3.

34. Kata teams which do not belong to Groups 1, 2 or 3 may compete in Round 1 (but not in Round 2 and Round 3) as long as all members of the team belong to either one of these three Groups as individual athletes.

### **Administrative Arrangements**

35. A provisional winners' list will be finalized by the close of play of a selection tournament and available for entertaining requests by individual contestants to ascertain their positions.



36. One reserve (whose performance results follow immediately after the winners) will be designated and his/her name will be appended to the winners' list.
37. The selection results will be endorsed by the Coaching Director and approved by the Chairman.
38. The contestants will be individually informed by email before the results of the selection is made known in the public. Unsuccessful contestants will also be notified of their status, as well as their right to appeal against the decision.

## **LOCAL TOURNAMENTS**

### 1.) Junior Belt (Brown & Green Belt)

- Age 18/up
- Under Black Belt, Green Belt or Kyu 6/up

### 2.) Youth Game (Cadet & Junior)

- Kata: Age 6-20, Green belt or Kyu 6/up
- Kumite: Age 14-20, Green belt or Kyu 6/up

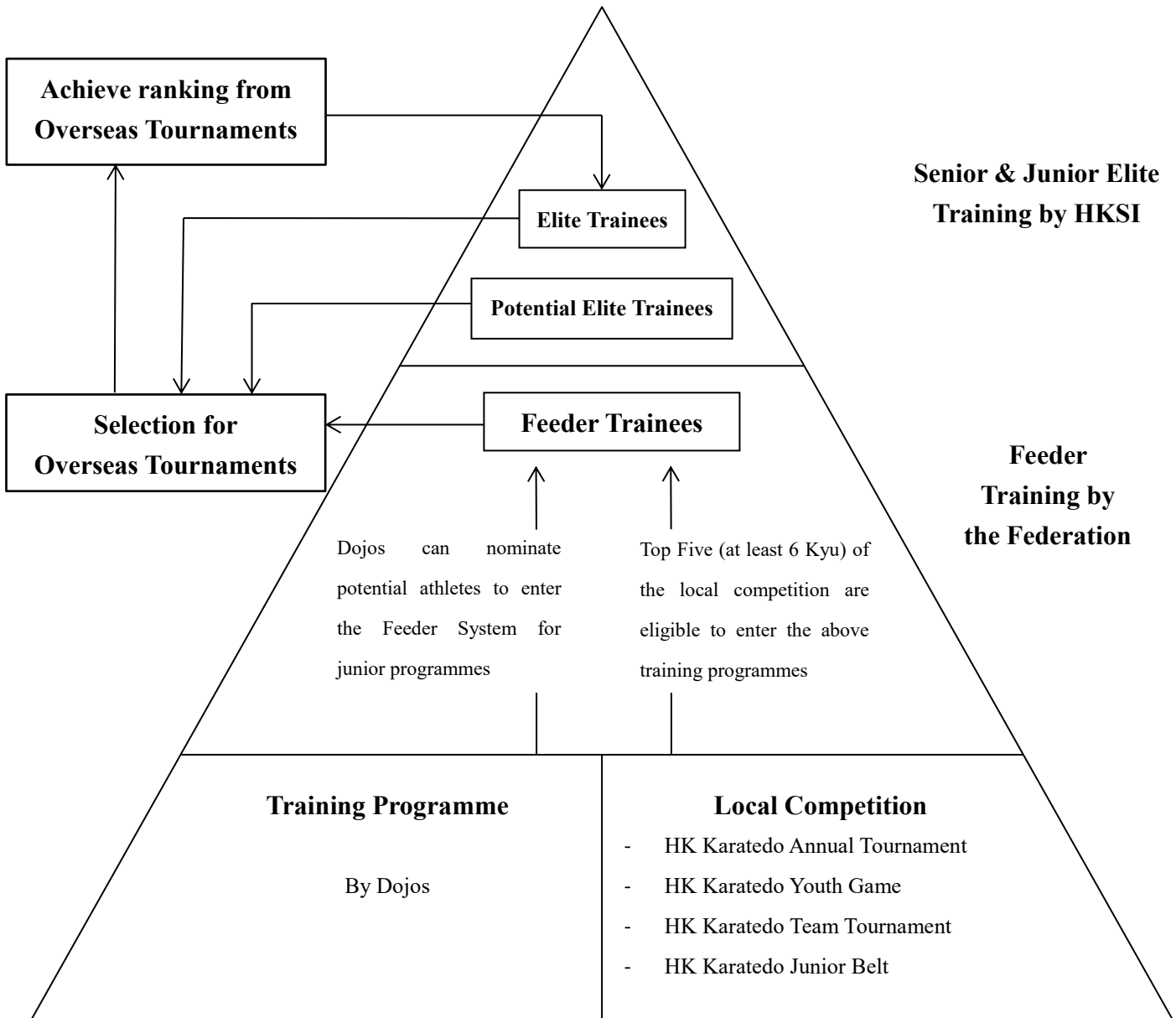
### 3.) Annual Tournament (Senior)

- Kata: Age +16
- Kumite: Age +18
- Brown Belt (3 Kyu) or above

### 4.) Team Tournament

- Kata: Age +14
- Kumite: Age +16
- Green Belt (6 Kyu) or above

## Promotion Ladder



**Achievement Level for Enrolment in HKSI's Elite Training Programmes**

**Elite Vote Score based on performance in the past 12 months required for ETG and enrolment in Senior Elite Training Programmes**

<b>Elite Athletes Categories</b>	<b>Elite A+</b>	<b>Elite A</b>	<b>Elite B+</b>	<b>Elite B</b>	<b>Elite C</b>	<b>Senior Squad</b>
Olympic Games 6pts	Medalist note#1	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> note#1	9 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> note#1		Qualified to required standard	
WKF Snr World Championships 6pts	Medalist note#1	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> note#1	9 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> note#1			
Asian Games 5pts		Medalist note#1	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> & Top 1/3		4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> & Top 1/2	
AKF Championships & National Games 4pts			Medalist & Top 1/3	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> & Top 1/3	1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> & Top 1/2	
WKF Premier League and World University Karate Championships 4pts				1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> & Top 1/3	1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> & Top 1/2	
WKF Series A 3pts					Medalist & Top 1/3	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> & Top 1/3
EAKF Championships, National League & other International Open Championships 2pts						Medalist & Top 1/3

Note:-

1.) The “Minus one rule” means that athlete/team must win one match in the event.

**Elite Vote Score based on performance in the past 12 months required for ETG and enrolment in Junior Elite Training Programmes**

<b>Elite Athletes Categories</b>	<b>Secondary Student Athlete A</b>	<b>Junior A</b>	<b>Secondary Student Athlete B</b>	<b>Junior B</b>	<b>Secondary Student Athlete Squad</b>	<b>Junior Squad</b>
WKF World Championships & Youth Olympic Games 6pts Youth Asian Games 5pts	1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> & Top 1/3		1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> & Top 1/2			
AKF Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships & Youth League 4pts	Medalist & Top 1/3		4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> & Top 1/3			
WKF World Youth Cup 3pts (12-13, 14-15 & 16-17)			Medalist & Top 1/3		4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> & Top 1/3	
WKF Kids Competition 2pts (10-11 & 12-13)					Medalist & Top 1/3	
National League 2pts (8-9 & 10-11,12-13, 14-15 & 16-17)						

**Remarks:**

- 1.) International opens or professional events with the participation of SIX or more current top ten ranking athletes will be considered equivalent to an event at the 4 or 5 point level.
- 2.) The achievement counts only if there were at least 4 participating countries/regions and 6 participants in the relevant category.
- 3.) If the competition adopted an elimination without repechage, the 4<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> ranking will not be counted for assessing achievement scores.

**Abbreviations**

“ETG” – Elite Training Grant

“WKF” – World Karate Federation

“AKF” – Asian Karate Federation

“EAKF” – East Asian Karate Federation

“National Championships” – tournaments organized by China Karatedo Association