

# TAEKWONDO CANADA

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Re: Article 1.6 in the 2012 Olympic Selection Criteria

To Whom It May Concern:

Taekwondo Canada has received inquiries regarding Article 1.6 of the Olympic selection criteria in advance of its Jan 2012 Olympic Team Trials event to be held in Vancouver, BC.

For the purpose of clarification of the wording and intent of Article 1.6, Taekwondo Canada is issuing the following statement:

The 2012 Olympic Team Trials is an open event and has been approved by the Board of Directors. The rationale for this decision with regards to Article 1.6 is as follows:

## **RATIONALE**

The intention of the wording in Article 1.6 is for athletes to declare their Olympic weight division at the 2011 PAOQG for the purpose of Olympic Ranking points so that carding recommendations can be made in 2012 as there were problems in previous years where athletes did not declare their Olympic division.

The 2012 Olympic team selection game in Vancouver is to be an open selection game to all athletes regardless of the weight division the athlete competed in 2011 based upon the following rationale

1. the athletes who earned a spot for Canada at the POQG remain the same and they have to compete with only one finalist.
2. more athletes in each weight division means that the finalist has to fight more games to face the athlete who has earned the spot at the POQG, thus giving an advantage for the POQG athlete.
3. by opening it, Taekwondo Canada will ensure that the best athletes are selected for the Olympics.
4. by opening it, Taekwondo Canada provides an equal opportunity for all eligible athletes
5. the 2012 Olympic selection criteria does not specifically prevent athletes from changing their weight division in 2012

Sincerely,

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