



## Provincial Point System Policy - Sparring

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## **Article 1 Purpose**

### **1.1 Point System**

**1.1.1** These regulations are to fairly, efficiently and effectively administer the Provincial Point System Procedures for the selection of the Alberta Taekwondo Black Belt Teams through competition over the course of one competition season.

### **1.2 Tournaments**

**1.2.1** The purpose of the Provincial Tournament Procedure is to encourage Alberta Taekwondo athletes to compete regularly in provincial competitions by establishing a ranking order and minimum participation requirement.

## **Article 2 Administration**

### **2.1 Points System**

**2.1.1** The ATA Technical Committee will be responsible for the overall administration of the Point System in accordance with the ATA Regulations on the Administration of the Provincial Point System and Provincial Tournament Procedures (this document).

**2.1.2** The ATA Points Administrator, reporting to the ATA Technical Committee, will be responsible for keeping the Point System up to date in a timely manner and will be the keeper of the official records.

**2.1.3** The ATA Board will be responsible for determining Alberta Black Belt Teams and funding for such based on recommendations made by the ATA Technical Committee in accordance with the ATA Regulations on the Administration of the Provincial Point System and Provincial Tournament Procedures (this document).

**2.1.4** Decisions made by the ATA Board will be final.

### **2.2 Tournaments**

**2.2.1** The ATA Technical Committee will be responsible for the overall administration of the Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments, in accordance with WTF Competition Rules and the ATA Regulations on the Administration of the Provincial Point System and Provincial Tournament Procedures.

**2.2.2** At the end of each competition season and once Taekwondo Canada has announced dates for National Tournaments, the ATA Technical Committee will submit to the ATA Board for approval the Provincial Tournaments to be held in the following season and the dates for these tournaments.

**2.2.3** At the end of each competition season and once Taekwondo Canada has announced dates for National Tournaments, the ATA Board will set and publish the next season's competition schedule based on the recommendation of the ATA Technical Committee.

## Article 3 Definitions

### 3.1 Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournament Competition Season

#### 3.1.1 All Taekwondo Canada Sanctioned Events

**3.1.1.1** Includes Canadian National Championships and National Team Trials

#### 3.1.2 All PATU Sanctioned Events

#### 3.1.3 All WTF Sanctioned Events

**3.1.3.1** Includes Olympic Qualifying: World and Pan Am Region

#### 3.1.4 Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments

### 3.2 Start of Season

#### 3.2.1 Canadian National Championships

### 3.3 End of Season

#### 3.3.1 Last event from those included in 3.1 prior to Canadian National Championships

### 3.4 Shortened Season

**3.4.1** In some cases, the ATA Technical Committee may request the ATA Board declare a Shortened Season. The typical reason for a shortened season will be that the Canadian National Championships are held in January or February due to events such as the Olympic Games.

**3.4.2** A Shortened Season will be declared by the ATA Board at the end of the previous competition season at the time that the season's tournament dates are posted (see section 2.2.3).

**3.4.3** A Shortened Season will consist of two (2) sanctioned Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments.

### 3.5 Participation

#### 3.5.1 Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments

**3.5.1.1** To receive participation credit for a tournament, an athlete must both: pass weigh-in AND begin their first scheduled match (this will include passing inspection).

**3.5.1.2** In the case where there is a single athlete being declared as the Gold Medalist in the division, the athlete must both: pass weigh in AND report to the ring at their scheduled time.

#### 3.5.2 In Lieu of Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments

**3.5.2.1** Athletes participating at Taekwondo Canada approved National Team event being held at the same time as an Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournament will be deemed to have competed at the conflicting Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournament and will be awarded the appropriate participation points for the Alberta Selection Tournament as well as any **performance** points only for the conflicting National Team event (if applicable).

**3.5.2.2** The athlete may select to have the participation points for the National event, but they may NOT have participation points for BOTH events.

**3.5.2.3 NOTE:** In order to be awarded ATA event participation points, the athlete must register for the ATA event AND inform the ATA that they will not be attending the ATA event and will be participating in the National Event in lieu. Proof of participation at the National Team event will be required.

#### 3.5.3 Events Other than Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments

**3.5.3.1** To receive participation credit for a tournament, an athlete must both: pass weigh-in AND report to the ring for their first scheduled match (this will include passing inspection).

#### 3.5.4 Injury/Illness

**3.5.4.1 In absolutely no circumstances** will a sick or injured athlete be granted credit for participation if they do not meet the criteria outlined in section **3.5.1** or section **3.5.2** or section **3.5.3**.

### **3.6 Alberta Taekwondo Black Belt Teams**

#### **3.6.1 Alberta Taekwondo Black Belt Team A (Senior)**

**3.6.1.1** This team will be made up of the top point holders in each of the sixteen (16) gender/weight division who have met the minimum participation requirements as set out in section **6.2**.

**3.6.1.2** This team will be determined at the end of the competition season as defined in section **3.3**. In the case of a tie it will be broken according to section **3.7**.

**3.6.1.3** These athletes qualify to participate at Canadian National Championships.

**3.6.1.4** These athletes must wear the Alberta Taekwondo Black Belt Team uniform at national events.

**3.6.1.5** These athletes will receive support from the ATA as set by the ATA Board.

#### **3.6.2 Alberta Taekwondo Black Belt Team B (Senior)**

**3.6.2.1** To be on Team B, athletes must have met the minimum participation requirements as set out in section **6.2**.

**3.6.2.2** These athletes will qualify to participate at Canadian National Championships.

**3.6.2.3** These athletes are not eligible for support from the ATA.

#### **3.6.3 Alberta Taekwondo Black Belt Team A (Junior)**

**3.6.3.1** This team will be made up of the top point holders in each of the twenty (20) gender/weight division who have met the minimum participation requirements as set out in section **6.2**.

**3.6.3.2** This team will be determined at the end of the competition season as defined in section **3.3**. In the case of a tie it will be broken according to section **3.7**.

**3.6.3.3** These athletes qualify to participate at Canadian National Championships.

**3.6.3.4** These athletes must wear the Alberta Taekwondo Black Belt Team uniform at national events.

**3.6.3.5** These athletes will receive support from the ATA as set by the ATA Board.

#### **3.6.4 Alberta Taekwondo Black Belt Team B (Junior)**

**3.6.4.1** To be on Team B, athletes must have met the minimum participation requirements as set out in section **6.2**.

**3.6.4.2** These athletes will qualify to participate at Canadian National Championships.

**3.6.4.3** These athletes are not eligible for support from the ATA.

### **3.7 Tie Breakers**

**3.7.1** The first tie breaker will be awarded to the athlete who had the highest place finish at an Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournament during the course of the competition season.

**3.7.2** If still tied, the second tie breaker will be awarded to the athlete who won the most matches in direct competition between the tied competitors at Alberta Black Belt Selection Tournaments during the course of the competition season.

**3.7.3** If still tied, the third tie breaker will be awarded to the athlete who had the highest points for at Alberta Black Team Belt Selection Tournaments during the course of the competition season.

**3.7.4** If still tied, the fourth tie breaker will be awarded to the athlete who had the lowest points against at Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments during the course of the competition season.

**3.7.5** If still tied, the ATA Board, upon recommendation by the ATA Technical Committee will allow

the tie to stand.

## **Article 4 Athlete Eligibility**

### **4.1 Canadian Citizenship**

**4.1.1** Athletes must hold Canadian Citizenship by Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournament registration deadline.

### **4.2 Age**

**4.2.1** Senior Athletes must be at least 15 years old on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of the Senior National Championship.

**4.2.1.1 NOTE:** Please be aware that Taekwondo Canada currently requires that athletes be 15 years old by the date of their competition. This means that although an athlete may compete at the Alberta level, they may not qualify to compete at the national level. Please check individual tournament information carefully for age requirements.

**4.2.2** Junior Athletes must be at least 14 years old and not more than 17 years old on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of the Junior National Championship.

### **4.3 Kukkiwon Holder**

**4.3.1** Athletes must be a Kukkiwon Dan holder or a Poom holder who meets the age requirements in section **4.2**.

**4.3.2** Kukkiwon Conversion from Poom to Dan can be processed through Taekwondo Canada any time after the athlete's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**4.3.2.1 NOTE:** Some, but not all, WTF Sanctioned tournaments require that senior athletes **must** be a Dan holder. Please check individual tournament information carefully for qualification details.

### **4.4 ATA Membership**

**4.4.1** Athletes must be a current registered ATA Black Belt Member in good standing and must maintain this through the end of the competition season (see section **3.3**).

**4.4.2** Athletes must be a member of an ATA Member Club in good standing.

## **Article 5 Coach Eligibility**

### **5.1 Age**

**5.1.1** Coaches must be at least 16 years by the date of the ATA Black Belt Team Selection Tournament.

### **5.2 Kukkiwon Holder**

**5.2.1** Coaches must be a Kukkiwon Dan holder.

### **5.3 ATA Membership**

**5.3.1** Coaches must be a current registered ATA Black Belt Member in good standing.

**5.3.2** Coaches must be a member of an ATA Member Club in good standing.

## **Article 6 Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournament Procedure**

### **6.1 Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments**

**6.1.1** Three (3) sanctioned Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments will be conducted over the course of the competition season.

**6.1.2** In the case where the ATA Board has declared a Shortened Season (Senior) (see section **3.4**), only two (2) sanctioned Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments will be conducted over the course of the competition season.

**6.1.3** Results from these games will be used to determine the Alberta Black Belt Team (Senior) (see section **3.6**).

### **6.2 Minimum Participation Requirements**

**6.2.1** In order to be considered for an Alberta Black Belt Team (A or B), an athlete **must** participate (see section **3.5**.) in two (2) out of three (3) Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments.

**6.2.2** In the case of a Shortened Season (Senior) an athlete **must** participate (see section **3.5**.) in one (1) out of (2) Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments.

### **6.3 Points**

**6.3.1** Points will be acquired through participation in all Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments (see section **6.1**) in accordance with the ATA Regulations on the Administration of the Provincial Point System and Provincial Tournament Procedures.

**6.3.2** Points cannot be transferred from Junior to Senior or Senior to Junior. In the case where an athlete chooses to compete in both Junior and Senior, each set of points will be treated separately and will not be combined.

**6.3.3** Points available for the season are detailed in **6.13**

### **6.4 Tournament Format**

**6.4.1** Each Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournament will be conducted in Single Elimination or Double Elimination format.

**6.4.2** Each match will consist of 3 rounds of 2 minutes with a 1 minute rest OR may be modified subject to prior approval by ATA Tournament Committee.

### **6.5 Draws**

#### **6.5.1 Ranking**

**6.5.1.1** The #1 and #2 ranked athletes from each of the sixteen (16) weight/gender divisions (Senior) and from each of the twenty (20) weight/gender divisions (Junior) will be placed in the #1 and #2 draw spots for each tournament. In the case of the #1 Ranked Athlete being absent, the #2 Ranked Athlete would automatically assume the #1 draw

spot. In the case of the #2 Ranked Athlete being absent the #3 Ranked Athlete will NOT assume the #2 spot. If both #1 and #2 Ranked Athletes are absent, the group will be drawn randomly.

#### **6.5.2 Club Affiliation**

**6.5.2.1** After ranking (as described in section **6.5.1**) the draw will be fully random with NO consideration being given to club affiliations.

#### **6.5.3 Time of Draw**

**6.5.3.1** Draw will be made after all registration has been verified and will be posted prior to weigh-in.

### **6.6 Weigh-In**

**6.6.1** Two attempts by the athlete will be allowed during the allotted weigh in time (as per WTF Competition rules).

**6.6.1.1** Should the athlete not make weight in their registered weight division in the allotted time, the athlete will be disqualified.

### **6.7 Equipment**

**6.7.1** All athletes must provide their own WTF approved equipment including head gear, chest protector, arm guards, shin guards, groin protector, gloves, and mouth guard.

**6.7.2** The mouth guard must be clear or white in colour.

**6.7.3** NO goggles or eyeglasses are permitted. Only contact lenses are permitted for vision correction.

### **6.8 Inspection**

**6.8.1** All athletes must pass the inspection desk before their match.

**6.8.2** Athletes must have full uniform and all equipment (see **6.7**).

**6.8.3** Equipment must fit properly.

**6.8.4** Athletes must remove ALL piercings.

**6.8.5** Athletes must have finger and toe nails trimmed so that they do not extend past the pad of your finger or toe.

**6.8.6** Tape must be stamped by a member of the ATA Medical Team.

### **6.9 Dress Code**

#### **6.9.1 Athletes**

**6.9.1.1** All athletes must be wearing a full dobuk and belt in order to compete and to participate in medal presentations

#### **6.9.2 Coaches**

**6.9.2.1** Coaches will not be permitted in the competition area wearing a dobuk, jeans, shorts, urban outerwear, sandals or slippers.

**6.9.2.2** Suggested attire for coaches is athletic attire/team tracksuit or casual/formal attire.

**6.9.2.3** Footwear must be acceptable once on competition mats. Shoes should be non-marking sole athletic or taekwondo shoes for stepping on mats.

**6.9.2.4** Gum chewing and the use of electronics such as cell phones, PDA's or video cameras are unacceptable in the coaches designated area.

### **6.10 Officials**

**6.10.1** The ATA Referee Chairperson will appoint referees for the tournaments.

### **6.11 Protest**

**6.11.1** A written report of the protested match must be prepared by the coach and submitted to

the Arbitration Board within ten (10) minutes of the end of the match, with protest fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in cash or money order.

**6.12 Medal Presentation**

**6.12.1** All athletes must be wearing a full dobuk and belt in order to participate in medal presentations.

**6.13 Alberta Teams Selection**

**6.13.1** The Alberta Black Belt Teams will be determined by the ranking points as described in section **3.6**.



**Article 7 Points Procedure**

**7.1 Awarding of Points for Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments**

**7.1.1 Participation**

**7.1.1.1** One point will be awarded to each athlete for each tournament in which they participate (see section **3.5**).

**7.1.2 Advancement**

**7.1.2.1** Two (2) points will be awarded for each match won during the course of the competition (a bye is considered a win).

**7.1.3 Performance**

**7.1.3.1** Gold Medal ..... 15 points

**7.1.3.2** Silver Medal ..... 10 points

**7.1.3.3** Bronze Medal ..... 5 points

**7.1.4 Bonus Points**

**7.1.4.1** Gold Medal in two (2) Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments ..... 2 points

**7.1.4.2** Gold Medal in three (3) Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments ..... 3 points

**7.1.4.3** Either **7.1.4.1** or **7.1.4.2** may apply, but not both.

## **7.2 Awarding of Points for Tournaments other than Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments - Senior**

### **7.2.1 Participation Points**

<b>7.2.1.1</b> Canadian National TKD Championship .....	10 points
<b>7.2.1.2</b> Canadian National Team Trials .....	10 points
<b>7.2.1.3</b> Olympic Qualifying Games .....	15 points
<b>7.2.1.4</b> Olympic Games .....	30 points
<b>7.2.1.5</b> World Championships .....	30 points
<b>7.2.1.6</b> Pan Am Games .....	20 points
<b>7.2.1.7</b> World Cup .....	15 points
<b>7.2.1.8</b> Pan Am Championship .....	15 points
<b>7.2.1.9</b> Commonwealth Taekwondo Championships .....	10 points
<b>7.2.1.10</b> Universiade .....	10 points
<b>7.2.1.11</b> World University Championships .....	10 points
<b>7.2.1.12</b> CISM World Championships .....	10 points
<b>7.2.1.13</b> US Open .....	10 points
<b>7.2.1.14</b> Other WTF/PATU/Taekwondo Canada International Event .....	10 points
<b>7.2.1.15</b> Other Provincial Multi Sport Games .....	10 points
<b>7.2.1.16</b> Other Canadian Multi Sport Games .....	10 points

### **7.2.2 Performance Points**

<b>7.2.2.1</b> Canadian National TKD Championship .....	G-15/S-10/B-5
<b>7.2.2.2</b> Canadian National Team Trials .....	G-15/S-10/B-5
<b>7.2.2.3</b> Olympic Qualifying Games .....	G-30/S-20/B-15
<b>7.2.2.4</b> Olympic Games .....	G-50/S-30/B-20
<b>7.2.2.5</b> World Championships .....	G-35/S-25/B-20
<b>7.2.2.6</b> Pan Am Games .....	G-35/S-25/B-20
<b>7.2.2.7</b> World Cup .....	G-30/S-20/B-15
<b>7.2.2.8</b> Pan Am Championship .....	G-30/S-20/B-15
<b>7.2.2.9</b> Commonwealth Taekwondo Championships .....	G-10/S-8/B-5
<b>7.2.2.10</b> Universiade .....	G-10/S-8/B-5
<b>7.2.2.11</b> World University Championships .....	G-10/S-8/B-5
<b>7.2.2.12</b> CISM World Championships .....	G-10/S-8/B-5
<b>7.2.2.13</b> US Open .....	G-10/S-8/B-5
<b>7.2.2.14</b> WTF/PATU/Taekwondo Canada International Event .....	G-10/S-8/B-5
<b>7.2.2.15</b> Other Provincial Multi Sport Games .....	G-10/S-8/B-5
<b>7.2.2.16</b> Other Canadian Multi Sport Games .....	G-15/S-10/B-5

### **7.2.3 Bonus Points**

<b>7.2.3.1</b> Olympic Qualifying Games .....	15 points
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**7.3 Awarding of Points for Tournaments other than Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments - Junior**

**7.3.1 Participation Points**

- 7.3.1.1** Canadian Junior National TKD Championship ..... 10 points
- 7.3.1.2** Canadian Junior National Team Trials ..... 10 points
- 7.3.1.3** Youth Olympic Qualifying Games ..... 15 points
- 7.3.1.4** Youth Olympic Games ..... 30 points
- 7.3.1.5** Junior World Championships ..... 30 points
- 7.3.1.6** Junior Pan Am Games ..... 15 points
- 7.3.1.7** Commonwealth Taekwondo Championships (Junior)..... 10 points
- 7.3.1.8** US Open (Junior)..... 10 points
- 7.3.1.9** Other WTF/PATU/Taekwondo Canada International Event (Junior)..... 10 points
- 7.3.1.10** Other Provincial Multi Sport Games (Junior)..... 10 points
- 7.3.1.11** Other Canadian Multi Sport Games (Junior)..... 10 points

**7.3.2 Performance Points**

- 7.3.2.1** Canadian Junior National TKD Championship ..... G-15/S-10/B-5
- 7.3.2.2** Canadian Junior National Team Trials ..... G-15/S-10/B-5
- 7.3.2.3** Youth Olympic Qualifying Games ..... G-30/S-20/B-15
- 7.3.2.4** Youth Olympic Games ..... G-50/S-30/B-20
- 7.3.2.5** Junior World Championships ..... G-35/S-25/B-20
- 7.3.2.6** Junior Pan Am Championship ..... G-30/S-20/B-15
- 7.2.2.9** Commonwealth Taekwondo Championships (Junior)..... G-10/S-8/B-5
- 7.3.2.13** US Open (Junior)..... G-10/S-8/B-5
- 7.3.2.14** WTF/PATU/Taekwondo Canada International Event (Junior)..... G-10/S-8/B-5
- 7.3.2.15** Other Provincial Multi Sport Games (Junior)..... G-10/S-8/B-5
- 7.3.2.16** Other Canadian Multi Sport Games (Junior)..... G-15/S-10/B-5

**7.3.3 Bonus Points**

- 7.3.3.1** Youth Olympic Qualifying Games ..... 15 points

#### **7.4 Beginning of Season Points**

**7.4.1** One quarter (1/4) of the total points for an athlete at the end of the season will be carried over in to the next season.

**7.4.2** Carryover of points can only be done for consecutive seasons. An athlete who does not compete for an entire season will begin their next season with zero (0) points.

#### **7.5 Weight Division Changes and Points**

**7.5.1** Once registered for a weight division for an Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournament, an athlete will NOT be permitted to change weight divisions. Failure to make weight in the registered division will result in the forfeiting of participation points for the game (see section **3.5**).

**7.5.2** There will be NO penalty for weight division changes by an athlete during the course of the competition season.

**7.5.3** In the case where an athlete chooses to compete in multiple weight divisions, each set of points will be treated separately and will not be combined.

#### **7.6 Publication of Points and Results**

**7.6.1** The ATA will post the results on the ATA's web page within 10 days of completion of each Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournament.

**7.6.2** Errors or omissions should be brought to the attention of the ATA Points Administrator within thirty (30) days of posting for correction or confirmation.

**7.6.3** Although the Points Administrator makes every effort to track results for all WTF and Taekwondo Canada event, it is ultimately the responsibility of the athlete to notify and provide proof of participation and podium results for any event other than Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournaments.

### **Article 8 Amendments to this Regulation**

#### **8.1 Review**

**8.1.1** The Regulation on the Administration of the Provincial Point System and Provincial Tournament Procedures will be reviewed by the ATA Technical Committee on an annual basis.

**8.1.2** Comments and suggestions may be submitted at any time to the ATA Technical Committee.

#### **8.2 Amendments**

**8.2.1** Any amendments will be proposed by the ATA Technical Committee (after their annual review) to the ATA Board.

**8.2.2** The ATA Board will publish the amended regulation at the start of the season along with the competition schedule (section **2.2.3**).

## **Article 9 Dispute Resolution**

### **9.1 Points Procedures**

**9.1.1** In the case where an athlete and/or coach believes that the Points Procedure (**6.13**) are being handled incorrectly or unfairly, this may be brought to the attention of the ATA Points Administrator for resolution.

**9.1.2** In the case where the ATA Points Administrator cannot resolve the dispute to the satisfaction of the parties involved, escalation to the ATA Technical Committee is allowed.

**9.1.3** In the case where the Technical Committee cannot resolve the dispute to the satisfaction of the parties involved, escalation to the ATA Board is allowed.

**9.1.4** The decision of the ATA Board will be final.

### **9.2 Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournament Procedure**

**9.2.1** In the case where an athlete and/or coach believes that the Alberta Black Belt Team Selection Tournament Procedures (**4.4.2**) are being handled incorrectly or unfairly, this may be brought to the attention of the ATA Technical Committee for resolution.

**9.2.2** In the case where the Technical Committee cannot resolve the dispute to the satisfaction of the parties involved, escalation to the ATA Board is allowed.

**9.2.3** The decision of the ATA Board will be final.