



ÉQUIPE CANADIENNE/TEAM CANADA

CHAMPIONNAT DU MONDE - 2024 - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



February 6, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian/Coach,

WAKO Canada is excited to watch the top Canadian junior aged athletes compete at the most prestigious international competition in the world. The **WAKO World Cadet/Junior Championship** will have over 3000 athletes from 70+ countries vying for the title of World Champion.

The selection, preparation and organizing of our national team is a major undertaking and one that is a priority of our National Board of Directors. We have just received communication from the Hungarian Kickboxing Federation about the accommodations for the World Championship. Budapest is regarded as one of the most visited tourist destinations in Europe. As the World Championship is being held in August it is still in the peak of the tourist season.

The Hungarian Federation is urging all countries to book their accommodations as soon as possible and is maintaining a rate till the end of February. All bookings by the Hungarian Kickboxing Federation through WAKO Canada. However our Canadian Nationals is being held in April and our National Team selection camp is in May. As our two primary selection tools are happening before the given date of February, this presents a challenge for WAKO Canada.

To address this situation our Board has created an **Athlete Candidate Form**.

We are requesting all coaches, athletes and parents/guardians with athletes that have concrete plans to try out for Team Canada to please complete the form and email it to the WAKO Office no later than **February 12th**.

WAKO will review submitted forms to see if we have any divisions with more than two athletes vying for a spot. The WAKO Junior World Championship permits a maximum of two athletes per country per division. We will notify the parent/guardian and coach of any athlete that can register early for the Worlds so that they can obtain get the cheaper accommodation expense. We will also contact those that have listed a division that has more than two athletes to determine if a selection mechanism can be established prior to the end of February.

In either case, the mandatory requirements of attending Nationals, the National Team Camp and subsequent provincial camps will still apply for all athletes.

The timing of this news is not ideal however, all countries are in the same predicament. We would rather try to find a solution so that our top athletes get a chance to represent Canada on the biggest stage in the World

If anyone has questions, please contact the WAKO Canada office at any time.

Sincerely,

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Athlete Candidate Form - Complete one form per competitor

Name: _____ (first) _____ (last)

Province: _____ Club: _____

DOB: ____ (day) ____ (month) ____ (year) Age: _____

Division(s) Selection

TATAMI Disciplines (*Athletes can select more than one discipline*):

Check –

- ___ Children (CH) - 7-8-9
- ___ Younger Cadet (YC) - 10-11-12
- ___ Older Cadet (OC) - 13-14-15
- ___ Junior (J) - 16-17-18

Check -

- ___ Point/___ Forms/___ Weapons
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- ___ Point / ___ Light Contact / ___ Kick Light / ___ Forms / ___ Weapons
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Enter your weigh division based on the list below:

- Weight Class for CH - ____ kg *M and F - 18; 21; 24; 27; 30; 33; 36; +36*
- Weight Class for YC - ____ kg *M and F - 28; 32; 37; 42; 47; +47*
- Weight Class for OC - ____ kg *M - 32; 37; 42; 47; 52; 57; 63; 69; + 69 / F - 32; 37; 42; 46; 50; 55; 60; 65; +65*
- Weight Class for J - ____ kg *M - 57; 63; 69; 74; 79; 84; 89; 94; +94 / F - 50; 55; 60; 65; 70; +70*

RING Disciplines (*Athletes can select only one discipline*):

Check –

- ___ Younger Junior (YJ) - 15-16
- ___ Older Junior (OJ) - 17-18

Check –

- ___ Low Kick / ___ K1 / ___ Full Contact
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Enter your weigh division based on the list below:

- Weight Class for YJ - ____ kg *M - 42; 45; 48; 51; 54; 57; 60; 63.5; 67; 71; 75; 81; +81 / F - 36; 40; 44; 48; 52; 56; 60; +60*
- Weight Class for OJ - ____ kg *M - 51; 54; 57; 60; 63.5; 67; 71; 75; 81; 86; 91; +91 / F - 48; 52; 56; 60; 65; 70; +70*

If you are not sure how to enter in division selection, please contact info@wakocanada.org

All forms must be submitted to our office via email by Monday February 12th.

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