

# **SHOTOKAN KARATE INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA**

## **11<sup>th</sup> SKIF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012**

### **AUSTRALIA TEAM SELECTION POLICY**

#### **Introduction**

Shotokan Karate International Australia is a member body of SKIF. Every three years a team is chosen from SKIA members to represent Australia at the SKIF World Championships. The team includes junior, senior (A Team) and masters competitors. This policy sets out the requirements and procedure for selection of the Australia Team competing at the 11<sup>th</sup> SKIF World Championships 2012.

#### **Athletes, Instructors and Parent/Guardian Responsibility to Read**

While every endeavour will be made to promote this policy and its contents to potential team representatives, it remains the responsibility of each athlete, instructor and parents/guardians to read this policy and seek clarification on any points from Head Coach Peter Harth.

#### **Selection Philosophy**

The SKIF World Championships provide competition at the very highest level and are of importance and relevance in developing successful athletes. SKIA is committed to selecting athletes whose results from Shotokan Week 2010 through to and including Shotokan Week 2011 indicate that the athlete is capable of being competitive at world level.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible for selection under this policy, all athletes must:

1. Attend and compete at Shotokan Week 2010 and 2011;
2. Compete in three competitions, other than the SKIA National Championships, during 2011 and 2012. Athletes must compete in the event for which the athlete seeks selection i.e. Kata / Kumite or both;
3. Attend state training sessions conducted in their state (even if injured – watch and learn);
4. Train at all sessions at both Shotokan Week 2010 and 2011 including attendance at the additional National Squad training sessions (must attend if injured - watch and learn);
5. Be available to attend a training camp the weekend before Shotokan Week 2011 in Tasmania;
6. Attend and participate in any trials or playoffs if required for the purposes of selection;
7. Complete and provide any documentation required by the coach or Selection Panel on time;

8. Be a current financial member of SKIA;
9. Have the ability to meet all financial expenses that may be incurred in participation;
10. If under 18 years, must be chaperoned by a parent/guardian at the World Championships in 2012;
11. Athletes are required to register as a squad member by completing the Australia Team Selection Application Form and forwarding to National Coach Brad Watts, PO Box 9854 Frenchville Qld 4701 or brad.watts@snapon.com by 30 August 2010.

**Athletes must also note the following:-**

Failure to comply with any part of the above criteria may result in the athlete not being eligible for selection.

Subject to the right of appeal referred to in this policy, a decision of the Selection Panel shall be final.

Any athlete who has had or is in the process of a disciplinary procedure, be it State level or National level, may forfeit their place in the team.

If an athlete is selected to the Australian Team under this policy, the athlete acknowledges and agrees that:

- a) the athlete has read, understands and abides by the terms and conditions set out in the SKIF Australia Team Selection Policy, the World Championship 2012 Code of Behaviour and Player Agreement Form, which immediately comes into full force and effect in respect of that athlete,
- b) the athlete must maintain a designated level of fitness determined by Coaching Panel and standard of competitiveness prior to the relevant event for which he/she has been selected.

**Selection Criteria**

Selection of the Australian Team will be based on the following:

1. Results from the National Championships in Melbourne 2010 and Tasmania 2011 trials and playoffs if required. If a person is unable to participate in a playoff, they may be ineligible for selection.
2. Selection will also be based on the performance of athletes in squad training sessions including technical excellence, attitude, fitness as well as effort.
3. A current financial member of SKIA

Please note that previous team members **DO NOT** automatically gain selection to the team.

### **Factors to be taken into account in the exercise of discretion**

In exercising their discretion, the selectors may consider any factor, or combination of factors that is, in the opinion of the selectors, relevant for consideration when selecting the Australian Team. Without in any way limiting the discretion of the selectors as set out in this policy, the selectors may consider, but not be limited to the following:

- performances in selection competitions
- performances in trials/playoffs
- overall consistency of performance at a national or international level
- the benefit of exposure to international competition to any athlete who, in the opinion of the selectors, has the potential to represent Australia at future international competitions.

### **Extenuating Circumstances**

Athletes who fail to compete in the eligibility and/or selection criteria because of illness, injury or family bereavement or other extenuating circumstance may still be selected provided that all other qualifying conditions have been met in advance of their non-participation. A medical certificate provided by a doctor may be required in cases of illness or injury.

Extenuating circumstances means an inability to meet the selection criteria or perform at an optimum level arising from:

- injury or illness
- travel delays
- bereavement or personal misfortune
- failure to finish a selection trial or event for any legitimate, unexpected reason and/or
- any other factors reasonably considered by National Coaching Panel to constitute extenuating circumstances.

Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under these criteria must advise the National Coach Brad Watts in writing of this fact and the reasons thereof as soon as practicable after the extenuating circumstances arise.

A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made by the respective National Coaching Panel on an individual basis.

### **Conditional Selection**

The Selection Panel may make the discretionary selection of any particular athlete subject to the athlete meeting further conditions. Those further conditions may include achieving a particular result in a future event, completing a fitness trial to the satisfaction of the coaching panel or any other condition that, in the opinion of the Selection Panel, is reasonable in the circumstances of the particular athlete.

If a particular athlete's discretionary selection is made subject to the athlete meeting further conditions, those conditions will be communicated to the athlete in question prior to the team being announced. The fact that the athlete's selection is conditional will be mentioned at the team announcement and if considered appropriate by the Selection Panel, the additional conditions may also be announced.

### **Date of Selection**

The Australia Team will be selected at the conclusion of the National Championship 2011.

### **Announcement of the Team**

The Australia Team will be announced at the farewell party Shotokan Week 2011. If for some reason the team or part of the team cannot be announced at this event, an announcement will be made via the SKIA website. A notice will also be sent to the athletes.

The Selection Panel will announce the selected athletes at the nominated event.

For the purpose of any appeal, relevant notice must be in writing to the SKIA Secretary.

### **Requirements After Selection**

Following selection of the team as set out in this policy, all members of the team will be required to comply with the following additional requirements:

- All members of the team are expected to meet minimum standards of behaviour for team members while assembled, travelling or training as part of the team. Any team member who does not meet that minimum standard of behaviour in the assessment of the Coaching Panel may face disciplinary action.
- All team members must immediately inform the head coach of any illness or injury that could reasonably impact on the athlete's ability to perform at the level expected of the athlete at the SKIF World Championships.
- If at any time prior to departure for the SKIF World Championships, if any team member is assessed as injured, ill or unfit, that team member may be withdrawn from the team at the discretion of the Coaching Panel.

### **Selection Withdrawal**

An athlete who is selected under this policy may be withdrawn from the Australia Team if the athlete:

1. Breaches or fails to comply with this policy;
2. Breaches or fails to comply with the World Championship 2012 Code of Behaviour and Player Agreement Form;
3. Brings SKIA or the sport of karate into disrepute; or
4. Has an illness or injury, which in the Coaching Panel's opinion prevents the athlete from meeting the overall principles of selection as set out in this policy.

SKIA shall notify the athlete in writing of the alleged breach or grounds upon which it is proposed that the athlete be withdrawn. The athlete shall be given a reasonable opportunity (not being less than seven days) to appeal and provide reasons in writing why the athlete should not be withdrawn.

A selected athlete may withdraw their selection by giving notice in writing to the Coaching Panel.

If a selected athlete is withdrawn from selection, the Selection Panel will consider another athlete using this policy.

### **Appeal process**

Where any athlete is aggrieved by any decision refusing their application for selection, the Association has a complaint resolution procedure under rule 36 of the Constitution. To commence such a procedure the athlete must provide written notice of the complaint/grievance to the Secretary pursuant to rule 37 of the Constitution. The executive of the Association will then appoint a committee to determine the complaint/grievance.

### **Power to Amend Policy**

This policy can be amended at any time by SKIA if SKIA is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary, to give effect to the policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of SKIA by SKIA. SKIA shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

SKIA will provide as much notice of such change as is possible to all affected athletes, instructors and other as determined by SKIA.

SKIA will take reasonable steps to give written notice to athletes affected by any amendments and/or supplements to this policy. It is the responsibility of the athlete to nominate an address for communications and to keep SKIA notified of any change to that address (including when the athlete is away from home for any purpose such as competition or training).

### **Appendices**

1. Application for Selection
2. Code of Behaviour
3. Selection Panel

**Appendix 1**

**SKIA  
AUSTRALIA TEAM SELECTION APPLICATION FORM  
11<sup>th</sup> SKIF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012**

**FAMILY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GIVEN NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MALE/FEMALE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **POST CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MOBILE PH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTERED DOJO:** \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate the division/s in which you are seeking selection, include age and weight categories.

Kata: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Kata: \_\_\_\_\_

Kumite : \_\_\_\_\_

At the time of signing this form I acknowledge that:

1. I have been provided with a copy of the Team Selection Policy which I have read and understood.
2. I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Team Selection Policy, which I have read and understood.
3. I specifically agree that in the case of any complaint/grievance I will follow the Policy in the National Constitution and will not pursue any action in the civil courts in relation to selection.
4. If I am selected I will sign the Team Agreement and will agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Team Agreement.
5. By signing this form I warrant that I am eligible for selection and in particular that I am a current registered member of SKIA.
6. If I am selected to the Australia Team, I may receive apparel/tracksuit/bag as determined at the sole discretion of SKIA.

7. I will advise SKIA now, and at all times in the future, of any injury or illness that may affect my selection or impair, inhibit or prevent my performance at the requisite level of fulfilling the terms and condition of this Agreement.
8. If I am selected I will make myself available to meet all requirements of the Coaching Panel.
9. If selected for the Australia Team I will abide by the Code of Behaviour.

Athletes Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletes Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian where participant under 18 years of age

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications must reach:  
National Coach Brad Watts,  
PO Box 9854  
Frenchville Qld 4701  
or [brad.watts@snaapon.com](mailto:brad.watts@snaapon.com)**

**by 31 August 2010.**

## **Appendix 2**

### **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

As a member of the SKIA Australian Team an athlete must meet the following requirements in regard to their conduct during any such activity or event.

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow athletes, coaches, officials and spectators.
2. Refrain from conduct that could be regarded as sexual or other harassment towards fellow athletes and coaches.
3. Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow team members and competitors.
4. Be frank and honest with the Coaching Panel regarding illness and injury and ability to train and compete fully.
5. Conduct yourself in a professional manner relating to language, temper and punctuality.
6. Maintain high personal standards at all times.
7. Abide by the rules and respect the decision of referees, making all appeals through the formal process and respecting the final decision.
8. Be honest in your attitude and preparation to train.
9. Cooperate with coaches and officials in development of programs to adequately prepare you for competition at the highest level.
10. Maintain an adequate level of fitness at all times.
11. Follow and respect the direction given and decisions taken by SKIA Officials.

SKIA may take disciplinary action as appropriate if the World Championship 2012 Code of Behaviour is not complied with.

### **Appendix 3**

## **SELECTION PANEL**

The Selection Panel will consist of the following members:

- Peter Harth – National Head Coach, National T&D Committee & Referees Council, Qld
- Lex McKinley – National Coach, National T&D Committee & Referees Council, WA
- Zivko Delevski – Referees Council, NSW
- Memduh Sanli – National T&D Committee & Referees Council, Vic
- Kim Pringle – National T&D Committee, Tas