



TAEKWONDO NB INC.

POLICY MANUAL

Policy Name:	Athlete Ranking System Policy
Organization:	Taekwondo NB Inc. (TKDNB)
Application:	All TKDNB Members, Athletes, Coaches, and Board Directors

1. Purpose

The policy is aimed to fairly rank the athletes of TKDNB membership in both kyourgi (sparring) and poomse (forms).

2. Objective

The ranking system will fairly determine which athletes amongst the TKDNB membership are ranked highest in the category they are determined to be in. The ranking system will objectively assist in determining team selection, when necessary, funding opportunities, where a selection process is required, or further sponsorships or opportunities that the board requires a selection process.

3. Definitions

For the purpose of this document, the following definitions are defined:

- **Athlete Passport** – A submission document for TKDNB members to utilize in submitting their activity on an annual basis.
- **Nationals** – The event hosted by TKD Canada that is deemed to be the National Championships of Canada.
- **Provincials** – The event hosted by TKDNB within the province of New Brunswick is deemed to be the Provincial Games.
- **Training Days** - These are sessions hosted by a sanctioned WT national body or provincial body specifically in Tae Kwon Do.
- **Tournament** – A WT sanctioned Tae Kwon Do event hosted by a WT sanctioned national or provincial body specifically competing in the sport of Tae Kwon Do.



- **Local** - Local is considered a tournament held in the provinces of NB, NS, PEI, Quebec or the US state of Maine.
- **Athlete** – A TKDNB member competing in either poomse (forms) or kyourgi (sparring) as a representative of a TKDNB sanctioned school or on behalf of TKDNB.
- **Athlete Profile** – The category in which each TKDNB member will be assigned based on specific criteria.
- **Ranking year** – The 12 months that are defined for when the points can be actively collected. The year is defined as January to December of each year.
- **Sanctioning Committee** – A group of TKDNB members and Board of Directors that make the committee as defined in the TKDNB By-Laws.
- **Selection Committee** - A group made up of the current President of TKDNB and 2 TKDNB coaches selected by the Board of Directors.

4. Athlete Profile / Ranking Categories

Each member will be assigned an athlete profile on an annual basis. Members must be an active member of TKDNB and have a signed copy of the TKDNB code of conduct on file with the current secretary of TKDNB. Each profile will be defined in one of 3 categories for both male and female athletes:

- Cadet
- Junior
- Senior

Each athlete will be assigned a category based on whether they meet all the criteria as defined below:

4.1 Recreational Athlete

- Any age or belt colour
- Must begin attending TKDNB provincial training days.
- Must begin to compete at tournaments at a provincial level.

4.2 Prospective Athlete

- Must be 10 years of age or older
- Must be a Blue Belt or higher
- Must attend 75% of TKDNB training days
- Must compete at TKDNB Provincial Games
- Must compete in 3 tournaments with the ranking year.



4.3 High Performance Athlete

- Must be 12 years of age or older
- Must be a Kukkiwon register Black Belt with Taekwondo Canada
- Must hold an active Global Athlete Licence (GAL)
- Must have competed at a national or international tournament in the previous 12 month ranking year.
- Must compete a TKDNB Provincial Games
- Must attend all TKDNB trainings days
- Must compete in a minimum of 4 tournaments, excluding nationals, within the ranking year.

5. Exemptions

In the event that an athlete is unable to attend a designated required training day, tournament or event; the athlete can make an exception with the current Board of Directors of TKDNB. The athlete can complete the exemption form (Appendix B) and submit it to the current secretary of TKDNB. The Board reserves the right to determine if the exception is granted or denied for the athlete.

6. Athlete Passport

Each Athlete is required to complete their own Passport and submit it to the current secretary of TKDNB. Athletes can submit their passport anytime throughout the ranking year, but are required to submit their passport for the full ranking year no later than January 31st of the following ranking year (31 days after the ranking year has concluded). Athletes that fail to submit their passport by January 31st will not have any points collected for the previous ranking year and will not be actively ranked.

7. Sanction / Penalties

TKDNB reserves the right to validate all items claimed on the athlete's passport. In the event that TKDNB find any fraudulent claims or falsified information, TKDNB will:

- TKDNB Board will turn over the passport, athlete and school contact information over to the TKDNB Sanctioning committee
- The TKDNB Sanctioning committee will deem the penalty to be handed down to the athlete and inform the TKDNB Board, Head school instructor and the athlete of their decision
- The athlete will not be eligible to be ranked on the current year and will be given 0 points accumulated for the ranking year



In the event an athlete does not abide by the Code of Conduct or other By-Laws and policies of TKDNB, they will be sent to the TKDNB Sanctioning Committee. The Committee will:

- Determine the penalty to be handed down to the athlete, which could be up to suspending their membership with TKDNB
- The TKD Sanctioning Committee will determine if the athlete is deemed to be eligible for ranking in the current ranking year
- The TKDNB Sanctioning Committee will determine whether the athlete can maintain their active ranking status

8. Points

Points are accumulated based on the athletes' results at the approved events of TKDNB. Athletes will track their points for each different event based on the predefined point structure.

Athletes may not combine points from kyourgi and poomse. If an athlete wishes to compete in both events, they will then track points separately in both kyourgi and poomse. They will then be ranked in both disciplines. If they attend a TKDNB training day for both disciplines, they are eligible to record points for the same day in both kyourgi and poomse separately.

Athletes are not required to calculate their point on their passport, but rather complete the passport with their results. TKDNB will determine the calculations of points based on those results based on the predefined tables.

TKDNB reserves all rights to validate information prior to calculating points. Points will be finalized and secured 60 days after the end of the current ranking year cycle.

Any kyourgi athlete receiving a medal at the Provincial Games, the National Games, or any international open event will only receive the points for the medal if they had won at a minimum 1 (one) fight. Any athlete that does not win 1 (one) fight is not eligible to receive the points award for the medal they got. Points are given when earned.



Points are defined as follows:

8.1 Point for Attendance

Athlete Profile	TKDNB Training Day	Local Training Day (excluding TKDNB Training Days)	National TKD Canada Training Day	Approved Seminar	TKDNB Provincial Games	TKD Canada National Games	International Tournament
Recreational Athlete	1	1	3	1	1	N/A	N/A
Prospective Athlete	1	1	3	1	2	3	N/A
High Performance Athlete	0	0	3	1	0	1	3



8.2 High Performance Kyorgi

Note: Point for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd only given for fighters that won at least 1 (one) fight at the event the medal was received.

Event Category	Points / fight won	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Provincial Games Cadet/Jr	0	3	2	1
Provincial Games Senior	0	4	3	2
National/International Games Cadet/Jr	1	6	5	4
National/International Games Senior	2	15	10	5

8.3 High Performance Poomse (First Year/Time Placement)

For athletes that place for the first time in one of the defined events or that did not place in these events from the previous year:

Event Category	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Provincial Games Cadet/Jr	3	2	1
Provincial Games Senior	4	3	2
National/International Games Cadet/Jr	5	3	1
National/International Games Senior	15	10	5



8.4 High Performance Poomse (Repeat/Changed Placement)

High Performance Poomse Athletes that won a medal in the previous year event and received another medal a second year in a row will receive the following defined points instead of those defined in Section 8, Part 6 subsection c noted above:

Repeat Same Placement

Event Category	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Provincial Games Cadet/Jr	0	0	0
Provincial Games Senior	0	0	0
National/International Games Cadet/Jr	8	5	3
National/International Games Senior	20	15	10

Improved Placement

Event Category	2nd to 1st	3rd to 1st	3rd to 2nd
Provincial Games Cadet/Jr	0	0	0
Provincial Games Senior	0	0	0
National/International Games Cadet/Jr	8	7	5
National/International Games Senior	18	16	12



Demoted Placement

Event Category	1st to 2nd	1st to 3rd	2nd to 3rd
Provincial Games Cadet/Jr	0	0	0
Provincial Games Senior	0	0	0
National/International Games Cadet/Jr	8	7	5
National/International Games Senior	15	10	10

9. Point Devaluation

Point will accumulate over a 3-year span for all active athletes submitting passports. Points from previous year earned will be devalued as follows:

- Current ranking year points 100% earned
- Previous 1 year points earned valued at 50%
- Previous 2 years points earned valued at 25%

Athletes that transition from Junior to Senior categories are only eligible to bring over 50% of their points for eligibility. (Example – A senior athlete with 20 points from the previous year as a junior will only bring over 10 points and then have those devalued at a rate of 50% as defined in Article 7, Section a, subsection ii. They will then bring over 5 points from the previous junior year as a senior).

10. Eligibility for Points

Athletes are required to meet the follow conditions for points to be eligible to earn:

- Athletes must have competed at the event claimed for points. Disqualifications or registering without attendance do not qualify as competing.
- Kyorgi athletes must make weight
- Athletes are to attend opening ceremonies of the event they are competing in, when applicable.
- Athletes have registered and paid the appropriate fees to compete at the event.
- Kyorgi athletes are required to compete in a minimum of 1 (one) fight to claim points.
- Poomse athletes are required to complete 1 (one) poomse form to claim points
- Byes, disqualifications, or withdrawals do not qualify as a fight



11. Ranking Ties

In the event that there is a tie within the same category, the tie will be broken as such:

- The athlete with the most fights won over the current ranking year will be deemed the higher ranked athlete
- If both athletes have the same number of fights won, then the athlete with the most gold medals won in the current ranking year is deemed the higher ranked athlete;
- If there is still a tie it will then be determined by a TKDNB Selection Committee to break the tie accordingly