

# Policy: Taekwondo Australia Points System (Sparring)



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## POLICY STATEMENT

### Intent

To objectively rank athletes in order to select the most likely to achieve podium performances at international benchmark events.

### Objectives

- To objectively identify athletes most likely to achieve podium performances for Australia.
- To objectively align high performance funding to athletes most likely to achieve podium performances for Australia.
- To provide clarity in regards to the definition of a high performance athlete and the pathway process for athletes and coaches aspiring to this level.

### Scope

National Sports Committee, Athletes and Coaches.

### Policy Principles

1. Ranking system will be applied to all sanctioned championships, provided that the championships are organised in compliance with Taekwondo Australia's (TA) competition rules, on an individual basis in the (8) weight categories (male and female) that are defined in the World Taekwondo Federation's (WTF) competition rules.
2. In the case of Olympic weight divisions applying, points shall be awarded to the participating athlete regardless of their registered weight class.
3. In the case of Olympic Qualification tournaments, two weight divisions shall be consolidated in seeding. For example, the top ranked athletes of the Men's Fly and Fly weight divisions can be seeded according to their achieved points. (Subject to recognition issue being resolved)
4. In the case of National Championships or National Selection Championships semi final losers may playoff for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place or be allocated 3<sup>rd</sup> by losing to the eventual Gold medallist or 4<sup>th</sup> by losing to the eventual Silver medallist. Subject to competition time constraints.
5. If two or more athletes achieved the same points, it shall be considered as a tie. In the case of tie ranks at the seeding, the athlete who won the ranking points at the higher grade event shall be considered as the higher ranked athlete. In the case that the athletes are still tied in terms of points, the higher ranked athlete shall be decided by a random draw.
6. The points table will clearly define in rank order male and female, eight (8) weight divisions, national and international points.
7. Only two International competitions will be considered for international points, TA Nationals and TA Selection Competitions nationally and one (1) TA sanctioned state event.

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## Eligibility

1. Athletes must be Australian Citizens
2. Athletes must be a member in good standing of Taekwondo Australia

## Eligible Sparring Open Black Belt Divisions

Points will only be awarded to athletes in the following disciplines and divisions

### Female

Division	Fin	Fly	Bantam	Feather	Light	Welter	Middle	Heavy
Over	-	46	49	53	57	62	67	73+
Under	46	49	53	57	62	67	73	-

### Male

Division	Fin	Fly	Bantam	Feather	Light	Welter	Middle	Heavy
Over	-	54	58	63	68	74	80	87+
Under	54	58	63	68	74	80	87	-

## Maintaining Eligibility

Athletes must maintain their eligibility throughout the process and may not be in contravention of international or national anti-doping policies to be eligible for points or be under Taekwondo Australia sanction.

## Points Distribution

### Selection Championships

Rank	Allocated Points
1 <sup>st</sup> place	120
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	90
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	60
4 <sup>th</sup> place	30

### National Championships

Rank	Allocated Points
1 <sup>st</sup> place	90
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	60
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	30
4 <sup>th</sup> place	15

### State Selection Championships

Rank	Allocated Points
1 <sup>st</sup> place	30
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	-
4 <sup>th</sup> place	-

## Ranking Points Formula for International Competitions

**A** = Points received according to the rank at the TA promoted or sanctioned event

**B** = Grade of pertinent event

$$\text{FINAL POINTS} = A \times B$$

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## International Competition Allocated Points Per Rank

The Final Points for the competitions listed above will be given out depending on the number of athletes in the weight class and the athlete's final placing:

Result	1 – 4 Athletes	5 – 8 Athletes	9 -16 Athletes	17 – 32 Athletes	33 - 64 Athletes
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Placing</b>	8	10	12	14	16
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Placing</b>	4	6	8	10	12
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Placing</b>	2	4	6	8	10
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Placing</b>	1	2	4	6	8
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Placing</b>	-	1.5	3	4	6
<b>Loss in Quarter Final</b>	-	1	2	3	4
<b>Loss in round of 16</b>	-	-	1	2	3
<b>Loss in round of 32</b>	-	-	-	1	2
<b>Loss in round of 64</b>	-	-	-	-	1

Athletes must win one match to receive more than one point.

Two way ties in the round robin for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> placings at Senior Nationals will be broken by the result of the head to head match. If there are more than two athletes in a tie, points will be combined and divided equally amongst the athletes.

## Major International Events

Points will be allocated as per the WTF World ranking system and in accordance with the WTF by laws.

Grade	Event
10	Olympic Games
7	WTF World Championships
5	WTF World Cup Team Championships, Continental Championships, Continental Multi-Games
4	World Qualification Tournament for Olympic Games, WTF Tour Open Championship (if any)
3	Continental Qualification Tournament, AAA Class Multi-Games, AAA class WTF sanctioned tournament, (including Continental Team Championships and/or Continental Tournaments other than Continental Championships)
2	AA class Multi-Games, AA class WTF sanctioned tournament, World University Games
1	A Class Multi-Games, A class WTF sanctioned tournament, World Military Championships

## Validation of Points

### International Points

The National Tour Manager is responsible for forwarding the tournament results report to the National Sports Manager within 2 weeks of the pertinent competition.

### National Points

The National Competition Manager is responsible for forwarding the tournament results report to the National Sports Manager within 2 weeks of the pertinent competition.

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## State Points

The State Competition Manager is responsible for forwarding the tournament results report to the National Sports Manager within 2 weeks of the pertinent competition.

## Points Devaluation

- Points earned in the current year will be valued at 100%
- Points earned in the previous year will be valued at 60%
- Points earned two years ago will be valued at 40%
- Points earned three years ago will be valued at 20%
- Points earned four years ago will be deleted

## Appeal Process

Decisions made throughout the selection process may be appealed in accordance with the Taekwondo Australia Appeal Policy posted at [www.taekwondoaustralia.com.au](http://www.taekwondoaustralia.com.au)

## Selection Committee

The selection committee will determine selected athletes and funding allocations based on the ranking position of the athlete.

## Application of the Points

Ranking points shall only be applied when the appropriate managers successfully submits the official result within the designated timeline.

## Update and Management of the National Rankings

The National Sports Committee will manage the National Rankings and has responsibility for dissemination of the information.

## ASSOCIATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Pol.004 Appeals Policy  
Prc.002 Appeals Procedure

## ACCOUNTABILITIES

Implementation:	Sports Manager
Compliance:	Board
Monitoring and Evaluation:	Chief Executive Officer
Development and Review:	Sports Manager
Interpretation and Advice:	Sports Manager

## WHO SHOULD KNOW THIS POLICY

- All Taekwondo Australia registered **Athletes and Coaches** are responsible for informing themselves of this policy.
- The **Board** is responsible for the approval and maintenance of this policy.
- The **Chief Executive Officer** is responsible for ensuring adherence to this policy.
- The **Sports Manager** is responsible for the implementation educating athletes and coaches of this policy.

## HOW WILL THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS POLICY BE MEASURED?

1. All sparring Sports Members and Coaches will have knowledge of the ranking system.
2. National Rankings are up to date and publicly available.
3. The highest ranked athletes achieve podium results at international events ahead of lower ranked athletes.