

National Selection Criteria for the World Junior Championship

(12-17/04/2026 - Uzbekistan)

1. General Information

1.1 Championship Date

The 2026 Taekwondo World Junior Championship (2026 WJC) will take place from 12-17/04/2026.

1.2 Venue

Tashkent - Uzbekistan

1.3 Eligibility

To participate in the 2026 WJC, the taekwondoin must:

- Be of Belgian nationality.
- Be affiliated with a member of the Belgian Taekwondo Federation.
- Hold a valid GAL.
- Hold a Kukkiwon-delivered Dan certificate.
- Be born in 2011-2010-2009.

1.4 Weight Categories

The weight categories open to selection are:

- Women: -42kg, -44kg, -46kg, -49kg, -52kg, -55kg, -59kg, -63kg, -68kg, +68kg
- Men: -45kg, -48kg, -51kg, -55kg, -59kg, -63kg, -68kg, -73kg, -78kg, +78kg

1.5 Number of Athletes Selected per Category

Only one taekwondoin per weight category and nation must be selected.

1.6 Registration Deadline

The registration deadline for selected taekwondoins is 15/03/2026, 17:00 (local Swiss time).

1.7 Selection period

The selection period starts on 07/02/2026 and ends on 09/03/2026 at 11:59 pm.

2. National Selection Criteria

2.1 Selection criteria

To be eligible to participate in the 2026 WJC, the Belgian taekwondoin must meet at least the following condition:

Having won at least a **silver** and in the following selection tournaments:

- G-class Austian Open G1/E1 (7-08/02/2026)
- G-class Bulgarian Open G2/E2 (27-28/02/2026)
- G-class Slovenian Open G2/E2 (07-08/03/2026)

Notes:

- A result will only be considered if at least **one fight was won** during the relevant tournament.
- The taekwondoin will be selected in the weight category where they fulfilled the selection criteria.
- The body of junior athletes is still developing. If a selected taekwondoin can no longer maintain their weight to stay in the category in which they were selected, after an analysis of their chances of success and upon request by their Technical Director, the taekwondoin may move up to a higher category, provided that no one had been selected in that higher category.
- If certain selection tournaments had to be cancelled, the National Selection Committee reserves the right to review the criteria.

2.2 In Case of a Tie

If multiple taekwondoin meet the selection criteria, the following tie-breaker will be applied:

The taekwondoin with the highest total points across three participations in the selection opens, in the relevant category, will be selected. Points are awarded based on the Table 1 below:

Result	G1/E1	G2/E2
1 st place	10	20
2 nd place	6	12
3 rd place	3,6	7,2
5 th place	2,16	4,32
9 th place	1,51	3,02
17 th place	1,06	2,12
33 th place	0,74	1,48
65 th place	0,52	1,04

Table 1: Points awarded by the WT
according to the result obtained in the G1/G2 open

Notes:

- A result will only be considered if at least one match was won during the relevant tournament.
- The three best results must have been achieved in the same WT weight category. Results obtained in different WT weight categories cannot be combined.

2.3 In Case of a New Tie

In case of a new tie, the National Selection Committee will select a taekwondoin based on a multifactorial analysis of the case, taking into account the parameters described in point 3.3.

3. Deliberation

The National Selection Committee may select a taekwondoin based on a multifactorial analysis of their case, oriented towards their chances of success. This deliberation is not automatic and is left to the discretion of the Technical Director from the federation with which the taekwondoin is affiliated.

3.1 Deliberation for a Taekwondoin Who Met the Selection Criteria

The National Selection Committee may propose that a taekwondoin who met the selection criteria but was not selected competes in a higher or lower category, provided that the category is vacant.

3.2 Deliberation for a Taekwondoin Who Did Not Meet the Selection Criteria

A taekwondoin who did not meet the direct selection criteria (see 2) may still be selected through deliberation if they satisfy at least the following condition:

- Having won at least two bronze medals, with at least 1 fight won in each case, in the 3 selection opens.

3.3 Factors Considered in Deliberation

The deliberation process takes into account the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Competition level.
- Number of fights won.
- Level of opponents they lost to.
- Level of opponents they defeated.
- Results achieved in other weight categories.
- Weight stability.
- Body fat percentage.
- Standing height.
- Taekwondoin's age in the category.
- Training environment
- Progression potential between the registration deadline and the target event.
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4. Validation of the Selection

The National Selection Committee validates the selection based on these criteria.

Note:

Selected junior athletes must continue their training program to arrive at the 2026 WJC in the best possible shape. If, due to prolonged or repeated absences from training, the Technical Direction observes a decline in competition level, the selection may be suspended or canceled.

5. Reference



In case of a dispute regarding the understanding of the selection criteria, the English version of the text will serve as the reference.