

**National Selection Criteria for the
European Senior Championships – G4
(12-14/05/2026 – Munich - Germany)**

1. General Information

1.1 Championship Date

The 2026 Taekwondo European Senior Championships (2026 ESC) will take place from 12/05/2026 to 14/05/2026.

1.2 Venue

Munich - Germany

1.3 Eligibility

To participate in the 2026 ESC, the taekwondoin must:

- Be affiliated with a federation member of the Belgian Taekwondo Federation.
- Be of Belgian nationality.
- Hold a valid GAL.
- Hold a Kukkiwon-delivered Dan certificate.
- Be born in 2009 (year in which they turn 17) or before.

1.4 Weight Categories

The weight categories open to selection are:

Women: -46, -49, -53, -57, -62, -67, -73, +73kg

Men: -54, -58, -63, -68, -74, -80, -87, +87kg

1.5 Number of Athletes Selected per Category

Only one taekwondoin per category and nation must be selected.

1.6 Registration Deadline

The registration deadline for selected taekwondoins is on the xx/xx/2026 (when drafting these criteria, this date is yet to be known).

1.7 Selection Period

The selection period starts on 01/02/2026 and ends on 12/04/2026 at 11:59 pm.

2. National Criteria

To be eligible to participate in the 2026 ESC, in addition to meeting the WT prerequisites (see 1.3), the Belgian taekwondoin must meet at least the following conditions.

2.1 Results in G1-G2-G3 opens

The taekwondoin must

- a) have won a medal in a senior G1/G2/G3 open during the selection period
and
- b) He must have earned at least 7 points from 3 tournaments (sum of points based on the points system used for the WT world ranking – Table 1) during the selection period.

Result	G1	G2	G3
1 st place	10	20	30
2 nd place	6	12	18
3 rd place	3,6	7,2	10,80
4 th place	-	-	-
5 th place	2,16	4,32	6,48
9 th place	1,51	3,02	4,54
17 th place	1,06	2,12	3,18
33 th place	0,74	1,48	2,22
65 th place	0,52	1,04	1,56

Table 1: Points awarded by the WT according to the result obtained in G1, G2 and G3 opens

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 three best results must have been achieved in the same WT weight category. Results obtained in different WT categories cannot be combined.

2.2 In Case of a Tie

If multiple taekwondoins have met the minimum selection criteria (2.1) for participation in the 2026 ESC in the same weight category, one or more additional selection conditions are required, in order of priority:

- a) The taekwondoin who reaches the top 8 of the WT world ranking (not cleaned up) published in April 2026 (ranking including events up to 31/03/2026) in the relevant category will be selected.
- b) In case of a tie, if multiple taekwondoins are in the top 8, the taekwondoin with the highest number of points accumulated over 3 selection G1-G2-G3 opens (based on the points awarded in the WT ranking – table 1) during the relevant selection period (see 1.7) will be selected. Results will only be considered if they were achieved in the same weight category and if at least one match was won during the relevant tournament.
- c) In case of a new tie (in points), the taekwondoin with the highest position in the WT world ranking in the relevant category in April 2026 (ranking including events up to 31/03/2026) will be selected.

3. Deliberation

The national selection committee may select a taekwondoin based on a case analysis oriented towards the chances of success (deliberation). This deliberation is not automatic, it only applies during the second selection period and is at the discretion of the Technical Director of the said taekwondoin's federation.

3.1 Deliberation for a Taekwondoin Who Has Met the Selection Criteria

The national selection committee may propose to a non-selected taekwondoin (who has met the selection criteria – see 2) to compete in the higher or lower weight category, provided that this category is vacant.

3.2 Deliberation for a Taekwondoin Who Has Not Met the Selection Criteria

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

- reaching at least 2 quarterfinals, after having won 1 fight each time, during the selection period (see 1.7).

3.3 Factors Considered in Deliberation

The deliberation is a multifactorial analysis of the taekwondoin and their environment, oriented towards the chances of success. It 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.
- Place in the world and Olympic ranking.
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4. Validation of the Selection

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

Note:

Selected taekwondoins must continue their training program to tackle the 2026 ESC in optimal shape. If prolonged or repeated absences from training result in a decline in competition level, the selection may be suspended or canceled.



5. Reference

In case of disputes over the understanding of the selection criteria, the English version of the text will prevail.