

Selection criteria European & World Championships

The selection criteria for the national team:

- Selection for a previous championship is no guarantee to be selected for the next championship. The selection starts from zero for every WC and EC.
- The candidate should be at least 14 years old on the day of the accreditation of the championship.
- The candidate should at least have a recognized ITF black belt 1° degree, as stated in the ITF Online System, in the section ITF-Belgium.
- The candidate should be member of ITF-Belgium through a recognized club/school of ITF-Belgium, with a valid license and insurance for the year of the championship and in the year of the trials for that championships (so already valid at the moment of the trials).
- The candidate should agree with the rules & regulations of ITF, AETF, ITF-Belgium and its sub federations ITF-Vlaanderen/ITF Wallonie. The candidate should behave at any moment according to the rules.
- The candidate should be willing to sign the competitor agreement and behave according to it at any moment. Minors should have the agreement of the parents. At least one of the parents should sign the competitor agreement. Every member of the selection will need to sign a contract in which his/her duties before and during the WC and/or EC are explained. This needs to be done before every championship, and before the requested deadline.
- Candidates should express their interest to be selected for the national team by sending in the completely filled in form, also indicating in which category/categories they are interested. They should be present at the trial trainings, preferably at all trial trainings, but at least during one of the two trials prior to the championship they want to be selected for. In case they cannot be present, they should excuse themselves, with a valid reason.
- The instructor of the candidate should agree with the candidature. There will be close contact with the instructor, to check if the candidate is present during the regular classes in the gym, and to check if the physical condition/health is on good level.
- The candidate cannot be involved in a disciplinary case (with ITF, AETF, ITF-Belgium or one of the sub federations) at the moment of the trial preceding the championships, nor can he/she be excluded from the national team by the disciplinary committee of one of those federations.
- The candidate should be present on as many events organized on national level (championships, courses, seminar, Days of Taekwon-Do etc.) as possible. This is a way of showing his/her abilities, diligence and attitude and a way of showing the interest in Taekwon-Do and ITF-Belgium.
- The candidate should be in good physical condition and without any injuries at the moment of the trials.
- The candidate should at all times have a positive attitude and comply with the agreements at any time.
- The candidate should be aware of the anti-doping rules and check the list before taking any medication. The candidate should inform the coaches about any medication before the start of the first trials.
- On the trial trainings the candidate should be active, working hard, showing his/her abilities and show the coaches and board members involved in the selection procedure he/she is implementing the feedback. The candidate has to work with this feedback, showing improvement at the next trials.
- If more candidates apply for the same category/division than the available places, the candidates will have to compete each other in a trial competition. This will be organized as soon as possible, with the regular competition rules and with umpires from different schools. Also competition results will be taken into account.

- However, candidatures can be rejected for the upcoming championship (one or more divisions/categories or selection in total), even if this candidate is the only one applying for a certain category/division, if the majority of the coaches and board members involved in the selection procedure agree. Possible reasons: negative attitude, lack of respect, not working with the given feedback, no visible improvement, danger for the candidate, health problems and/or lack of good physical/mental condition etc. This can be reconsidered if the candidate can prove otherwise, e.g. because of meaningful competition results in the division/category he/she is applying for. The candidate can still apply for next championships.
- For these same reasons, or if the coaches notice a lack of effort during the preparation, a selection for a championship can be withdrawn.
- The candidates need to take part in as many championships, on national and international level, as possible to gain experience and competition rhythm.
- For team events, priority will be given to candidates that are already selected for individual events and/or pre-arranged free sparring, and to candidates that can compete in several team events.