



**Poomsae & Para-Poomsae
Performance Department**

GB POOMSAE 2026

World Poomsae & World Para-Poomsae Championships Team Selection Procedure 2026

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(1) Competition Details

- (a) This selection procedure pertains to the World Poomsae & World Para-Poomsae Championships 2026.
- (b) The competition is expected to be in September 2026 (possibly 16th-20th) in Korea (subject to full confirmation of event pack publication).
- (c) Only athletes meeting the minimum requirement of being competitive in the respective category will be selected for this event.

(2) Eligibility

- (a) To be eligible for selection to the World Poomsae & Para-Poomsae Championships 2026, athletes must:
 - Be a current Elite National Squad Member.
 - Hold a valid British passport (with expiry more than 6 months).
 - Hold a current British Taekwondo Membership.
 - Hold a 1st Dan Kukkiwon Certificate (or higher).
 - Hold a current 2026 GAL Licence (or currently in application process).
 - Para athletes must be eligible for WT classification requirements.
 - Declare any medication and must be able to obtain a TUE if needed.
 - Declare any injuries with supporting documentations before the start of the selection process and report immediately if any changes/updates on injuries throughout the process.

(3) Entries

- (a) All costs (entries, travel, accommodation, equipment, food and any other miscellaneous costs) associated with the Championships will be paid by the competitor.
- (b) Team logistics will be centrally organised through British Taekwondo and the Poomsae Committee Team Manager. The selected team will travel together from the designated airport.
- (c) Para-Poomsae athletes must travel with a responsible chaperone (exclusions must be authorised by the Poomsae Committee). All chaperone costs will be self-funded.
- (d) Payment links will be sent directly to the competitors from British Taekwondo and payments must be made as requested before the deadlines.

(4) Selection Procedure World Poomsae Championships 2026

- (a) The Selection procedure is based on performance at 3 events:
 - * London International G1 / Para International G2 - 2nd May 2026
 - * Presidents Cup G2 - 3rd May 2026
 - * Play-Off event May/June (date to be confirmed)
- (b) It will be assumed that all Elite Squad Poomsae & Para-Poomsae Athletes would like to be considered for selection. To opt out of selection squad athletes must inform the Team Manager before the 14th February 2026.
- (c) At the February NST (22nd February 2026) the High Performance Coaches will select various configurations of pairs/teams to compete in the selection events. Regardless of results of the teams/pairs athletes will be assessed individually on their performances in all categories and not as a pair/team. The selection panel reserves the right to pick the configuration of pairs/teams for the selection events.
- (d) For the World Championships - Selected athletes must understand that configurations of pairs and teams are fully at the discretion of the selection panel, in order to achieve the best performances and medal potentials.
- (e) Commitment, attendance, performance and behaviour at Elite Training sessions and Squad competitions will be taken into consideration for selection.
- (f) **There is no hierarchy over Individual/Pair/Team/Freestyle categories, it is an honour to represent Great Britain and British Taekwondo in any division.**
- (g) Athletes may be selected for one or a maximum of two different categories for the World Championships. The selection panel has the right to determine the best placement of athletes into the various divisions for the best progression and medal potential at World Level. Therefore, it may be possible that the top ranked individual athlete may be used in a pair / team / freestyle instead of in the individual category.
- (h) Pairs and teams will be selected at the discretion of the selection panel with consideration of the above points and other aspects such as visual aesthetics and dedication for working in a pair/team.
- (i) The Official Selection meeting will take place in June after the final selection event, overseen by the independent representative. Selection letters will be sent out within two weeks of the play-off event with acceptance to be received one week after the selection letters are emailed.
- (j) Selected athletes will be expected to check communications regularly and transfer funds before deadlines - via the issued BT Payment links.
- (k) Selected athletes are expected to **fully** commit to the team training calendar leading up to the Championships. Non-Selected athletes are also expected to commit to their training in case of team substitutions as a reserve athlete, and for preparation for future Elite squad activities.

- (l) The National High Performance Coaching Team reserves the right to de-select any athlete post-selection that is not fulfilling the selection criteria :
- Being medically unfit to compete as a result of injury or illness.
 - Being medically unfit to undertake full participation in the NST sessions as a result of injury or illness.
 - Being medically unfit to undertake full participation in the European Team sessions as a result of injury or illness.
 - Behaviour or other issues that may affect their own performance or that of the team.
 - A fall in performance, following selection, below the required standard of either an Elite Athlete or that required to be competitive at European level - specific to age category.
 - Not fully participating in the event preparation and the team's activity programme.
 - Refusing to adequately train as part of a selected team or pair, or any behaviour which causes a detriment to the performance of the selected team/pair.
 - Lack of commitment, dedication or poor attendance - (Selected Players must have full attendance at the Team training sessions).
 - For Para-Athletes - inability to meet the WT Classification requirements.
 - Acting in a way that is deemed to be detrimental to the British Taekwondo and the World Class Programme.
 - Any unforeseen circumstances that leaves the athlete unable to be insured by the National Governing Body or eligible for squad membership.
- (m) It must be noted that the results of any other 2026 domestic or International Poomsae Championships not listed on this document will have no impact on the team selected for this event.

(5) Selection Panel of the World Poomsae GB Team 2026

- (a) The selection panel will consist of all 5 High Performance Coaches of the GB Elite Poomsae Squad, the High performance Para-Poomsae Coach and a World level International Referee who will be independently voting. The Official Selection meeting will be overseen by the Independent Representative.
- (b) The selection panel will be able to discuss and make decisions on club members involved in the selection process but will not be able to make decisions or be involved in selections involving family members (where applicable).

(6) Timeline/deadlines 2026

Sun 14 th February	Deadline for opt-out of selection process
Sun 22 nd February	Selection for Teams/Pairs for G1 & Presidents Cup
Sat 2 nd May	Selection Event 1 London International G1
Sun 3 rd May	Selection Event 2 Presidents Cup - London
May/June NST	Selection Event 3 Play-offs
June	Final Selection Meeting
June	Selection Letters sent
2 weeks later	Deadline for acceptance of Team place

(7) Declaration of Medications and application for a TUE

- (a) All National Squad members must fully disclose all relevant medical information and applications for TUE exemption certificates must be processed prior to the Selection Event.

(8) Selection Appeal Procedure

- (a) The selection procedure as outlined above will be followed adhering to the timeline with a selection panel of all 5 experienced High Performance Coaches and 1 World Level International Referee. Appeals against a selection decision are limited to athletes under consideration for that selection and are permitted solely on the grounds that the applicable Selection Procedure was not followed.
- (b) British Taekwondo operates a formal appeals procedure for challenging selection decisions. The Appeals Procedure must be instigated within 48 hours of email notification being sent. A copy of the appeals policy is available on request. An athlete seeking to appeal against a selection or de-selection must follow the British Taekwondo Appeals Policy.
- (c) Please note that this document may be amended if necessary.