

World Kickboxing and Karate Council (Ireland). Qualification requirements for World Championships.

For the benefit of this document the World Kickboxing and Karate Council's team representing Ireland at the World Championships and European Championships and any other event where they enter collectively as a team will be referred to as "Team Ireland". World Kickboxing and Karate Council (Ireland) will be referred to as WKC Ireland.

Introduction

WKC Ireland is committed to the positive development of Martial Arts in Ireland both through sporting events and teaching. Competitor's safety, spectator's enjoyment and the public's perception of events is a priority in that development. The selection of Team Ireland is based on these commitments.

Our goal is to hold a National selection tournament on an annual basis in order to select the best competitors for Team Ireland.

In the absence of a National qualifying tournament the selection of Team Ireland will be based on a competitor's entry and achievement at International WKC events and Irish open national events.

Points will be awarded for both entry to events and results.

With the exception of Kata competitor's can only qualify for the event for which they have received their points.

Since Kata can be made up of several varying teams and individual events at the World Championships which may not be available at national level, team selection will be based on individual entry/results and performances as determined by the WKC Ireland officials.

The qualifying year for Team Ireland begins at the start of the current year's World Championships and ends before the start of the following year. Any points obtained in the current year's World Championship count towards the following year entry.

Competitors should declare their interest in team selection by obtaining an Official WKC Ireland competition record card. Securing the qualifying points for selection does not automatically give a competitor entry to the World Championships, terms and conditions also apply.

The Points system

10 points required for qualification.

Please note competitors must secure at least 1 gold or silver medal in National tournaments regardless of tournaments entered or any medal in World or European Championships, for example entering 10 tournaments will get 10pts but not qualification.

Current year Gold Medal and Silver Winners World and European Championships	9pts
Current year Bronze Medal Winners World and European Championships	8pts
National Open Gold	7pts
National Open Silver	6pts
National Open Bronze	5pts
Entry World or European Championships no win	3pts
Entry National Competition no win	1pt
Points to qualify for individual Kata obtained within a team Gold	4pts
Points to qualify for individual Kata obtained within a team Silver	3pts
Points to qualify for individual Kata obtained within a team Bronze	2pt
Officials discretion* fighting	1pt
Officials discretion* Kata	2pts

*Officials discretion. A competitor may have fought throughout the year and obtain 9pts, due to unforeseen circumstances, example injury or illness and unable to attend a final tournament or injured in one event and unable to fight in another, a WKC Ireland official may award no more than 1pt in order to allow the competitor to qualify. 2pts may be awarded in the instance of Kata, Example a competitor may have performed well within a team but the team may have not secured enough points to add to the individuals overall qualifying score.

Qualifying examples:

1. World Medal Gold winner 2015 =9pt

Entry National Open 2015-16 =1pt

2. National Open Gold = 7pts

Entry in European Championships = 3pts

3. National Open x2 Bronze x 2 =10pts