

**PROVINCIAL TEAM SELECTION  
POLICY AND GUIDELINES  
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## PROVINCIAL TEAM SELECTION POLICY AND GUIDELINES INTRODUCTION

This document outlines the qualification process and the selection procedures of the Ontario Grappling Association (OGA) for determining the athletes and staff that will be selected to represent Ontario at Provincial, National and International Events.

It is very important that athletes and their coaches understand that OGA is under no obligation to send complete teams to any events. Being nominated to the team does not give an athlete the automatic right to represent Ontario..

The athlete must earn that right through a commitment to the training and competitive programs leading up to the events and demonstrated the ability to be competitive at the required level as determined by the coaches in consultation with the Board of Directors. Training camps and scheduled competitions are a necessary part of the preparation program and are, therefore mandatory. Non-compliance with the specified program can result in removal from the team.

## ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for selection to participate in events, all athletes must meet the following requirements at the time of selection and maintain these requirements until the completion of the event.

- be a Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident or Landed Immigrant;
- be a member in good standing of OGA;
- be in compliance with all relevant OGA requirements for eligibility.

## QUALIFICATIONS, IDENTIFICATION & SELECTION CRITERIA

The athlete identification process for each season will be based on how athletes compete at the major tournaments as outlined. Identification and selection of Team ON athletes will include provincial carding (if applicable) status and partial funding to the national championships.

Training bursaries may also be available for athletes to attend the provincial camps. All selected athletes will also receive Team ON shirts. Selection criteria will be based on performance in the following provincial tournaments:

### **Athletes:**

Provincial Championships

National Championships

Points will be awarded to athletes based on placements in the preceding tournaments.

Points will be awarded as follows:

- 1st place: 10 pts
- 2nd place: 7 pts
- 3rd place: 5 pts
- 4th place: 3 pts

5th place: 2 pts

6th place: 1 pt

When less than 6 in a weight class, points will be awarded as:

5 athletes: 8-5-3-2-1

4 athletes: 7-4-2-1

3 athletes: 5-2-1

2 athletes: 4-1

1 athlete: 3 points

The OGA will usually not select beyond second place at the qualifying events. Coaches must submit applications in writing to the Board of Directors of the OGA to have athlete included in the events if the athlete has met qualifications based on the above criteria.

## INJURYPROVISION

Under extenuating circumstances, an injured athlete will be allowed to submit a petition to the Board of Directors of the OGA for a "fight off" for the Provincial team if all of the following conditions being met:

- An athlete unable to compete in the qualifying event due to illness or injury (or injured during) will be allowed to petition for a try-out for the Provincial team if:
- The Board of Directors of the OGA deems the athlete deserves a fight-off.
- Or s/he is a defending champion.
- In order for a wrestle-off to occur, the petition must be approved by the Board of Directors of the OGA.
- The weight tolerance for an injury provision wrestle-off will be +2 kilograms.
- The fight-off will be conducted between the team participant and the injured athlete in a best two of three matches. The athlete qualifying for the event will be given one match. The petitioning athlete must win two matches to take the spot.
- The date and place for the fight-off will be determined by the respective coaches, taking into consideration cost effectiveness and the injury status of the individuals involved and will NOT be later than 2 weeks prior to the event.
- The request for a fight-off should be submitted to the Board of Directors of the OGA in writing in a timely manner.

## APPEALS PROCEDURE

OGA nominations to the Provincial Team may be appealed to the Board of Directors of the OGA in writing. The Board of Directors of the OGA will make all final decisions.

## POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

The OGA in consultation with the ON High Performance Coaches are responsible for the implementation of this policy. All team nominations including alternates and staff will be ratified by the Board of Directors of the OGA.