

CUKC Competition Selection Policy

Policy Objectives

This policy is to enable the Club to fairly and equitably select members of the Club for all of the competitions which the Club enters; this policy is principally related to, but not limited to those competitions at which there is restricted participation and the Club is not able to enter all Members who wish to be entered in any given category.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible athletes must be paid up members of CUKC and be affiliated with a recognised karate affiliation, whilst holding an up to date licence.

In order to compete in “student” competitions representing the University of Cambridge, the person must be matriculated to the University of Cambridge.

Students at other universities that are CUKC members may be entitled to compete at certain “student” competitions as a representative of CUKC, but not of the University of Cambridge; for competitions where the latter is the case, this shall be made clear at the start of the selection process. Non-student members of the Club may compete in competitions the Club enters that are not “student” competitions.

Selection Criteria for Competitions with Restricted Entry

The competitions which the Club enters annually which have restricted entry are Varsity and BUCS, which this policy is chiefly written in relation to. If there are any other competitions with restricted entry that the Club enters in any given year, the following selection criteria shall still apply. The limits for these two competitions are as follows:

- Varsity
 - 5 women and 7 men for individual kata
 - 5 women and 7 men for kumite (to participate in two bouts each)
 - A female team kata, a male team kata and a mixed team kata
 - (1 female reserve, 1 male reserve)
- BUCS
 - Kata categories are divided by gender and ability – novice, intermediate and senior – kumite categories are further split into weight classifications
 - In each category, kata or kumite, there can be no more than 3 competitors per university
 - There can only be 1 team kata (process for selection is outlined below)

Selection Process and Criteria for Individual Kata, Individual Kumite and Team Kumite:

- Consistent training throughout the year with CUKC (recommend at least training twice a week during term)
- Performance in the intra-club competition
- Performance in external competitions
- Attitude in training and willingness to learn and take criticism
- Team spirit and togetherness with the CUKC
- Performance on trial/selection day
- The selection will be made with the Selection Panel
- The selection process will happen adequately in advance of the competition

Selection Process and Criteria for Team Kata:

- In addition to the selection criteria above, team kata criteria also include;
- Team kata selection for the year will be made around the start of November, however, this may be altered at the discretion of the Captains and Chief Instructor.
- Each team will consist of 4 members, allowing for a reserve team member if required.
- Team kata selections require athletes to apply either as an individual or as a pre-formed team of 4. The Selection Panel will then decide the compositions of the teams for that year, reserving the right to alter any pre-formed team of 4.
- The best people at kata are not automatically chosen for team kata, but people who work well together and look the most effective will be selected.
- Selected kata teams will be expected to train together mostly in their own time, although time within kata classes may be made available for their training, particularly in the lead-up to a competition.
- The Selection Panel reserves the right to alter the composition of the kata teams at any point within the year should it be deemed necessary.
- Teams will be expected to compete as much as they can throughout the year.
 - At the end of Michaelmas, the best team kata will be selected to compete in BUCS. For this, it is required that this team learns/creates bunkai for their kata as this is a requirement for the finals at BUCS.
 - Three kata teams are required for Varsity – a men's team, a women's team and a 'mixed' team (no gender ratio requirements).

The Selection Panel will consist of Captains, Chief Instructor, President, Vice-President and instructors. All members of the Selection Panel will receive a vote, in the event of a tie the Chief Instructor will have the casting vote. If a member of the Selection Panel is trying out for the team, that member will not have a vote.

All athletes must be in good standing with the Club and University at the time of the competition, any athlete not in good standing will be deselected.

Informing Athletes

Successful athletes will be informed by the Captains via email that they have been successful at the time that is appropriate for the given competition. All selected athletes are asked to bear in mind other athletes that have not been selected for the event in question and recognise the impact that this may have on them.

The final composition of teams for team kata and kumite shall be determined at an appropriate time before the competition in question; athletes whom this affects shall be informed by email so they are aware of whom they are competing with in advance of the competition in question.

Unsuccessful athletes will be informed by the Captains as to why they have not been selected.

Appeals Process

Athletes wishing to appeal should follow the complaints process outlined in the Club's Constitution.