



Oceania Taekwondo

Para Taekwondo
Talent Identification Tour
Project Proposal

Background



- For Tokyo 2020 Paralympics, Oceania region qualified 5 athletes for Para Taekwondo.
- Of the 5 athletes, (3 Australia, 2 Solomon Islands) only 1 Australian athlete competed at the games. Although this athlete was successful at Tokyo, the athlete is unable to compete due to classification rule changes.
- WT is concerned that the Oceania region will be unable to fill the 10 allocated continental positions for Paris 2024 Paralympics. If so, then WT has proposed that there will not be a Oceania a qualifying region, and athletes must qualify via the Asia region for the LA2028 Games.
- Individual MNAs in the Oceania region have been doing various things to try and attract new athletes to the sport of Para Taekwondo, with little success in finding new athletes that meet the criteria to compete in Paris 2024.

Goal of project

*Have all 10 allocated
Oceania region positions
filled for Paris 2024
Paralympics.*

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Overview of Project

- Plan and develop a “Para Taekwondo Talent I.D. Tour” that will involve a small group of people to tour the Oceania region and conduct Talent I.D. sessions.
- Aim to find 20 new Oceania athletes (10 male, 10 female) from the Talent I.D. Tour that are committed to training and preparing for the Oceania Region Qualifying Tournament in April 2024.
- Training and preparation will be guided by a Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach, to support and mentor local coach.
- Opportunities for athletes to attend Para Taekwondo camps in lead up to competing at international events.



Timeline Overview

Date	Task
September –October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposal for project drafted• Dates and venues to be organised• Logistic of tour organised – flights, transfers, accommodation, etc• Information package and promotional material created for circulation.• Contact with MNAs & NPCs regarding upcoming tour and establishing links with MNAs on how they can play a role
November 2022– January 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information package distributed amongst MNAs & NPCs for promotion of project and tour• Athlete registration for events
February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oceania Para Taekwondo Talent I.D. Tour conducted• Position of Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach advertised
March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach appointed• Athletes selected from tour• Letter of commitment signed and returned by athlete• Oceania Head Coach to work with MNAs to find suitable local coaches to train athletes.• Athlete starter pack distributed

Timeline Overview cont.

Date	Task
March 2023 – July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach to conduct monthly check-ins with athlete and local coach. Provide mentorship for coaches • Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach to help facilitate local coaches to gain Level 2 coaching qualifications in Para Taekwondo • Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach to plan and develop first Para Taekwondo camp in lead up to new athletes competing at Oceania Para Open and Oceania Para President's cup
End July- August 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para taekwondo camp (4-5 days) held • Athletes to be internationally classified face-to-face • Athletes to compete in 2 international events (Oceania Para Open and Oceania Para President's Cup)
September 2023 – March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach to conduct monthly check-ins with athlete and local coach. Provide mentorship for coaches • Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach to plan and organise opportunity for athletes to compete overseas (either Europe, Asia or Americas) • Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach to plan and organise training opportunities for athletes with other countries before international competition
April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes to compete at Oceania Region qualification event
April –August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach to conduct monthly check-ins with athlete and local coach. Provide mentorship for coaches • Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach to plan and organise either participation at another international event prior to Paris 2024 games for 10 athletes who were successful in filling the quota positions, or plan and organise another Para Taekwondo training camp
September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paris 2024 Paralympic game

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More Detailed look at the project

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Main Individuals involved in project

- February 2023 Talent I.D. tour:
 - Janine Watson – Para Taekwondo athlete Tokyo 2020 Games, Level 2 Para Taekwondo Coach
 - Ben Hartmann – Para Taekwondo coach Tokyo 2020 Games, Level 2 Para Taekwondo Coach *TBC
 - Bernie Victor – Level 2 Para Taekwondo Coach *TBC
 - Denzil Ray – Chair of Oceania Para Taekwondo
- March 2023 Onwards:
 - Appointed Head Oceania Para Taekwondo Coach
 - Denzil Ray – Chair of Oceania Para Taekwondo

Information package for MNAs & NPCs



Funding Considerations:

Cost of time for person to organise information package

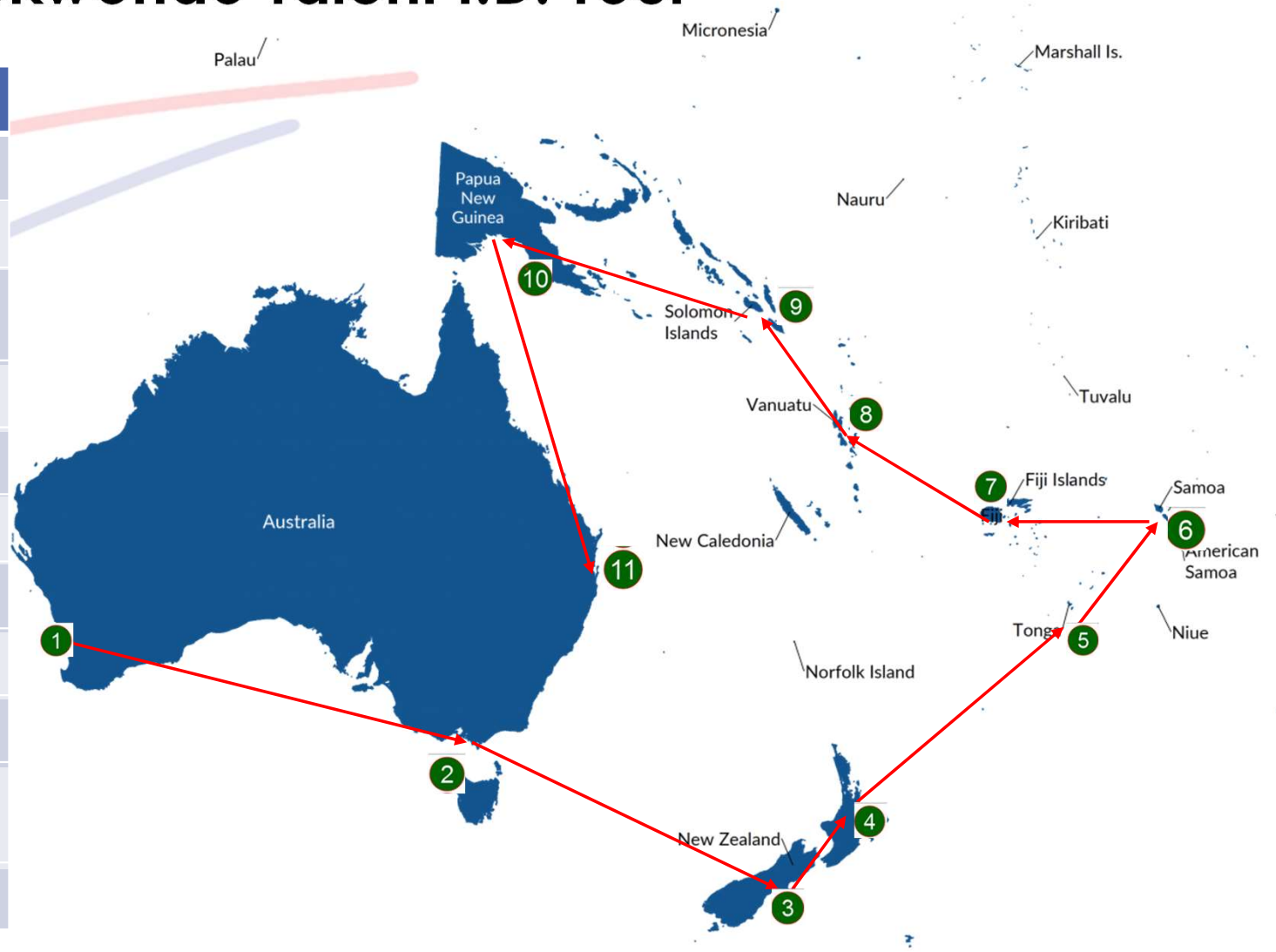
Cost of time for person to create promotional material

Cost of time for person to set up and maintain registration link

- When: October 2023 – January 2024
- Information package created and distributed amongst MNAs & NPCs
- Information package contains:
 - Purpose of project and overview
 - Date and location of Talent I.D. tour
 - Information regarding the Talent I.D. tour session (3 ½ hours)
 - Information regarding commitment of athlete if selected from tour
 - Information regarding what support from WT and OT will provide MNAs, NPCs, athlete and local coaches
 - Promotional information for MNAs & NPCs to distribute
 - Information about link to online registration for Talent I.D. tour sessions
 - Information regarding classification and MDFs for athletes to complete
 - Information regarding position of Head Oceania Para Taekwondo Coach and selection criteria for appointment.
- Information package to be distributed to MNAs & NPCs by December 2022 to allow 2 months of promotion.

Oceania Para Taekwondo Talent I.D. Tour

	Locations
1	Perth, Australia
2	Melbourne, Australia
3	Christchurch, New Zealand
4	Auckland, New Zealand
5	Nuku'alofa, Tonga
6	Apia, Samoa
7	Suva, Fiji
8	Port Vila, Vanuatu
9	Honiara, Solomon Islands
10	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
11	Brisbane, Australia



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Oceania Para Taekwondo Talent I.D. Tour Proposed Schedule

2023 FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1 Perth, Australia	2	3	4 Melbourne, Australia
5	6 Christchurch, New Zealand	7	8 Auckland, New Zealand	9	10	11 Nuku'alofa, Tonga
12	13	14 Apia, Samoa	15	16	17	18 Suva, Fiji
19	20	21	22 Port Vila, Vanuatu	23	24	25 Honiara, Solomon Islands
26	27	28 Port Moresby, PNG	1	2	3 Brisbane, Australia	4

Funding Considerations:

Cost of flights, transfers, accommodation, daily meal allowance etc for persons involved in tour

Cost of venue hire

Cost of equipment used in sessions

Proposed Schedule of the Talent I.D. session

Time	Activity
3:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Overview of project• Overview of session
4:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical component• General introduction to basic Taekwondo Skills and Drills
5:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15 minute break
5:45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstration and explanation of Para Kyorugi match using Daedo system• Basic rules of Kyorugi match• Practical component• Wearing a hogu and learning how to kick someone and be kicked• Supervised and guided free sparring
6:45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of 'where to from here?'• Athlete/coaches Q&A
7:15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finish

Head Para coach appointed/ Selection of athletes/letters of commitment signed



- When: March 2023
- Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach appointed
- Athletes selected from tour
- Letter of commitment signed and returned by athlete
- Oceania Head Coach to work with MNAs to find suitable local coaches to train athletes.
- Athlete starter pack distributed
 - Training bag
 - Dobok
 - Arm and Shin guards
 - Hogu
 - Training shoes
 - Paddle
 - Training log book
 - 2023 GAL fees covered

Funding Considerations:

Wage for Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach

Cost of equipment in athlete starter pack (up to 20 athletes)

Cost of freight/delivery of athlete starter pack

Athlete commitment & Oceania Taekwondo Support

Athlete commitment	Oceania Support
Participate actively in project until April 2024	Athlete starter kit provided
Train weekly with local coach, and maintain training log	Link athlete with local coach
Participate in gradings	Ensure fast track grading for athletes
Participate in monthly check-ins with Head Oceania Coach	Participate in monthly check-ins with athlete and local coach
Attend training camps	Fund flights, accommodation, camp expenses to attend training camps
Compete at 2 events in August 2023	Fund flights, accommodation, nomination fees to compete at 2 events in August 2023
Compete at Oceania Region Qualification event 2024	Fund flights, accommodation, nomination fees to compete at Oceania Region Qualification event 2024

Head Oceania Para Taekwondo Coach Role



- When: March – July 2023
- Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach to conduct monthly check-ins with athlete and local coach. Provide mentorship for coaches
- These check-ins would involve zoom/phone call to discuss training log with athlete, progress, concerns, keeping athlete UpToDate with information
- Check-in with local coaches each month as well, discuss and plan together training schedule, focus for training, sharing ideas for coaching para athlete
- Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach to help facilitate local coaches to gain Level 2 coaching qualifications in Para Taekwondo
- Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach to plan and develop first Para Taekwondo camp in lead up to new athletes competing at Oceania Para Open and Oceania Para President's cup

Funding Considerations:

Wage for Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach



Para Taekwondo Camp

- When: July-August 2023 (Depending on the Oceania events)
- Head Oceania Para Taekwondo Coach to organise and deliver camp.
- Venue: dependant on venue of Oceania Para Open and Oceania Para President's Cup competitions.
- Bring all athletes from Talent ID Events together for a 4-5 day camp in preparation for first competition.
- Athlete's local coach to attend the camp as well.
- Each day would consist of a morning and afternoon session. Sessions may include taekwondo drills, strength and conditioning, competition simulation.
- Some sessions may be used as an 'rest/recovery, tourist outing' session to build team dynamics and friendships amongst coaches and athletes
- Athletes to receive daedo and KPNP socks at camp
- Option to invite other para teams to be part of camp
- Option to work with local able-bodied athletes for competition simulation sessions.
- Local coaches to undergo education and ensure they have Level 2 Para Coaching qualifications so that they can coach at upcoming events.
- Classifier education and training to be held at same time as camp.

Funding Considerations:

Wage for Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach

Cost of flights, transfers, accommodation, camp expenses for athlete and local coaches

Cost of electronic socks for athletes

Cost of camp expenses, e.g. venue hire etc

Cost of delivering coaching and classifier training

Competition Events



- When: Late July – August 2023
- Venue: TBA
- Athletes to compete at both the Oceania Para Open and Oceania Para President's Cup
- Athletes to be classified internationally face-to-face
- Local coach to have Level 2 para coaching qualifications and to coach athletes under the guidance of Head Oceania Para Taekwondo Coach

Funding Considerations:

Wage for Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach

Cost of flights, transfers, accommodation, competition expenses (e.g. nomination fees) for athlete and local coaches

Head Oceania Para Taekwondo Coach Role



- When: September 2023 – March 2024
- Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach to conduct monthly check-ins with athlete and local coach. Provide mentorship for coaches
- These check-ins would involve zoom/phone call to discuss training log with athlete, progress, concerns, keeping athlete UpToDate with information
- Check-in with local coaches each month as well, discuss and plan together training schedule, focus for training, sharing ideas for coaching para athlete
- Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach to plan and develop any training/competition opportunities for athletes before Oceania Region Qualification Event.
- This could include travelling to Europe, Asia, Americas for competition and/or provide training camp style opportunities with host country.

Funding Considerations:

Wage for Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach

Cost of flights, transfers, accommodation, competition expenses for athletes attending international event.

Oceania Region Qualification Event



- When: April 2024
- Venue: TBA
- Athletes to compete in Qualification Tournament
- Local coaches to coach at event under guidance of Head Oceania Para Taekwondo Coach.
- Athlete to fulfil all eligibility requirements by the Qualification tournament
- After qualification event, initial athlete commitment to program ceases and new athlete commitment developed. E.g. The 10 athletes who qualify at the event may have one commitment plan that focuses on preparation for Paris games in September, while athletes who did not qualify may have a different commitment plan with the focus on further development.

Funding Considerations:

Wage for Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach

Cost of flights, transfers, accommodation, competition expenses for athletes attending qualifying event.

Head Oceania Para Taekwondo Coach Role



- When: April 2024 – September 2024
- Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach to conduct monthly check-ins with athlete and local coach. Provide mentorship for coaches
- These check-ins would involve zoom/phone call to discuss training log with athlete, progress, concerns, keeping athlete UpToDate with information
- Check-in with local coaches each month as well, discuss and plan together training schedule, focus for training, sharing ideas for coaching para athlete
- Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach to plan and develop any training/competition opportunities for athletes before Oceania Region Paris games.
- This could include travelling to Europe, Asia, Americas for competition and/or provide training camp style opportunities with host country.
- Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach works with local coaches, MNAs & NPCs to ensure that the 10 athletes who qualified for the Paris games, make it to Paris.

Funding Considerations:

Wage for Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach

Cost of flights, transfers, accommodation, competition expenses for athletes attending international event.

Paris 2024 Games



- Project successful if all 10 quota slots have been filled by Oceania athletes.
- Oceania Para High Performance program and squad now established and therefore increasing the public exposure and participation rates of para athletes in Para Taekwondo.
- Similar ongoing programs, Post Paris 2024, to continue to ensure development of Para Taekwondo in Oceania Region pushing forward to LA2028.

Funding Considerations and Possible Solutions

Funding Considerations	Possible Solutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of time for person to organise information package • Cost of time for person to create promotional material • Cost of time for person to set up and maintain registration link • Cost of flights, transfers, accommodation, daily meal allowance etc for persons involved in Talent I.D. Tour • Cost of venue hire and equipment used in Talent I.D. sessions • Wage for Head Oceania Para Taekwondo coach • Cost of equipment in athlete starter pack (up to 20 athletes) • Cost of freight/delivery of athlete starter pack • Cost of flights, transfers, accommodation, camp expenses for athlete and local coaches • Cost of electronic socks for athletes (up to 20 athletes) • Cost of camp expenses, e.g. venue hire, meals, activities etc • Cost of delivering coaching and classifier training • Cost of flights, transfers, accommodation, competition expenses (e.g. nomination fees) for athlete and local coaches for Oceania event • Cost of flights, transfers, accommodation, competition expenses for athletes attending international event. • Cost of flights, transfers, accommodation, competition expenses for athletes attending qualifying event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athlete registration for Talent I.D. sessions could be made through GMS, therefore saving cost to have anyone maintain it • WT can assist with the process of getting MDFs in and reviewing them • Venue hire and equipment could be waived by asking host clubs to open up for the Talent I.D. sessions • A head coach could be provided through the Kukkiwon, TPF and WT programs • Financial support with equipment could be requested from WT member and development department • Nomination fee at the Oceania Para Taekwondo events could be waived • Coaching and classifier education could be negotiated with WT to be provided at minimal cost to OUT/host