

RITA International Competitor Classification.

The purpose of this document is to outline the classification procedure for competitors representing The ITF Ireland at International events. Classification will be used by the RITA to determine if any financial assistance will be made available to RITA members who are selected.

Class “A” Competitor

- Anyone who has won medals at a European and/or World Championships in the past 5 years. There must be a least 8 competitors in the section in which the medal was won. The ranking of the medal and the number of competitors in the section will be taken into consideration.
- Has the realistic ability to win medals at European and World level
- Has represented Ireland at International level on a regular basis
- Proven track record at International and National Tournaments
- Attends at least 80% of Squad Training Sessions
- Attends extra training camps organised by the coaching staff
- Competes in additional National and International competitions

Note: This classification relates to the event in which the competitor won a medal in.

Class “B” Competitor

- Has the ability to compete at European and World level
- Has the potential to win a medal at European and World level
- Anyone who has won two or more medals at Class ‘B’ tournament in the past 5 years. A Class ‘B’ event is a competition with black belt competitors from 8 or more countries with a high standard of competition. There must be a least 8 competitors in the section in which the medal was won. The ranking of the medal and the number of competitors in the section will be taken into consideration. At the moment the RITA recognises ‘The St Peter the Great Cup (Russia)’ and the ‘Czech Open’ as Class ‘B’ events. This list may be expanded/modified in the future
- Has represented Ireland at International level
- Proven track record at International and National Tournaments
- Attends at least 80% of Squad Training Sessions
- Attends extra training camps organised by the coaching staff
- Competes in additional National and International competitions

Class “C” Competitor

- Has the potential to compete at European and World level
- Anyone who has won two or more medals at Class ‘C’ tournament in the past 5 years. A Class ‘C’ event is a competition with black belt competitors from 4 or more countries with a high standard of competition. There must be a least 8 competitors in the section in which the medal was won. The ranking of the medal and the number of competitors in the section will be taken into consideration. At the moment the RITA recognises ‘UKTA British Open’ as Class ‘C’ even. This list may be expanded/modified in the future
- Proven track record at National Tournaments
- Attends at least 80% of Squad Training Sessions
- Competes in additional National and International competitions

Selection Criteria.

Junior competitors must be 13 to 17 at the commencement of the championships.

Senior competitors must be 18 to 39 at the commencement of the championships.

Veteran competitors must be 40 years and over at the commencement of the championships.

You must be a registered ITF black belt, with recognised ITF Certification.

You must attend squad-training sessions on a regular basis (At least 80%).

You must participate in 2 or more ITF Ireland recognised national championships with in the past 12 months. At the moment these events are the ‘ITF Ireland Cup’ and the ‘RITA’s Irish Open’

Must be a Registered Member of ITF Ireland

Must be a Registered Member of the RITA for at least 3 consecutive years.

Must be willing to obtain sufficient individual funding to cover relevant costs.

All Team and Individual selections will be made by the Coaching staff.

Selection will be based on

- 1) Performance at National and International competition
- 2) Performance at ITF Ireland training sessions
- 3) Attitude towards coaches and fellow Registered Members
- 4) The Registered Members demeanour and general courtesy
- 5) Previous competition experience
- 6) Future expectations/prospects
- 7) Attainment of minimum fitness/conditioning level set by coaching staff
- 8) Can confirm occupation or study leave suitable for the duration of the championships and associated travelling time.

Furthermore, competitors must undertake to maintain a pre-determined level of participation at their school as agreed with their Instructor. They must confirm that they have their Instructor's permission to participate in National Squad Sessions and their Instructor should confirm same in writing. If their Instructor is dissatisfied with their attendance or conduct, s/he has the right to rescind this permission and may contact the National Coach regarding same.

Selection for all Tournaments will be made as far in advance as is possible of the Tournament dates, and may still be subject to change if circumstance require.

Funding for International Competition

The RITA will do its best to cover the costs of RITA competitors travelling o International Competition. The funding will be based on the classification of the competitor (i.e. 'A, B or C' class) and the funds available to the RITA.

The accepted expenses for international events are travel (flights etc), accommodation at the event, and entry fee.

Depending on the event and total expected expenses the RITA will fund its international competitors as follows: Class 'A' – 100 % funding; Class 'B' – 50 % funding; Class 'C' – 25 % funding

RITA team members competing at the 4 – Nations Challenge will funded at 100%. However, expenses should be minimised, e.g. cheapest flights, shortest stay etc.