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BRITISH COLUMBIA WILL BE WELL REPRESENTED AT THE WTF WORLD TAEKWONDO JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BURNABY

Two talented British Columbia athletes have been officially named to the 20-member team that will represent Canada

August 29, 2016, Burnaby, BC, Canada: The Burnaby Organizing Committee is excited to welcome all the junior athletes to Burnaby for the World Taekwondo Junior Championships. They anticipate over 800 athletes, between the ages of 14-17, from 100-plus countries to compete including powerhouses like South Korea, Great Britain and Mexico. This event will be the biggest multi-cultural sports event in Canada this year.

The Canadian team was selected following the recent national taekwondo championships in Calgary. And Burnaby will have a sentimental favorite to cheer for. Burnaby native Josipa Kafadar, 15, who trains at Metro Performance Taekwondo Studios under coach Master Daniel Thornton, will be competing in the 49-52 kg division. She has been participating in the sport since the age of ten and is a former Cadet division national champion.

BC's other representative on the teams is Santiago Herrera, who will compete in the 55-59 kg division. Santiago, 16, lives in Coquitlam but trains in Maple Ridge under coach Master Michell Ge.

Ontario athletes dominate the national team with five members on the women's team and seven on the men's side. Other members come from Nova Scotia, Quebec and Manitoba.

"Team Canada is extremely excited to be competing on home turf, said Master Tony Kook, vice-president of the Canadian Taekwondo Federation. "We look exceptionally strong this year with quite a few medal hopefuls. Our coaching staff along with all support members have been working exceptionally hard to make this a memorable event for Team Canada."

Burnaby's Master Song Chul Kim, just back from officiating at the Rio Summer Olympics, said "BC and Canada are very proud to host this event. We welcome the world to the great city of Burnaby and wish everyone a safe and memorable event."

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the public to experience this exciting sport – and for many, it will be the first time watching Taekwondo. Tickets are available online at <http://burnabyjuniorchampionships.com/tickets/> and start at just \$15. Athletes begin arriving for pre-meet training on November 11.



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TEAM CANADA

FEMALE:

42 kg Angelique Orozco, Ontario
42-44 kg Emily Waung, Ontario
44-46 kg Aidan Marie MacDonald, Nova Scotia
46-49 kg Viviane Tranquille, Quebec
49-52 kg JOSIPA KAFADAR, BURNABY
52-55 kg Penelope Robert, Quebec
55-59 kg Skylar Park, Manitoba
59-63 kg Vanessa Romanski, Ontario
63-68 kg Danielle Ennett, Ontario
68 kg+ Mona Parhard, Ontario.

MALE:

45 KG Christopher Ryan Boodoo, Ontario
45-48 kg Darius Brown, Ontario
48-51 kg Lean Attendido, Ontario
51-55 kg Nicholas Migneault, Quebec
55-59 kg SANTIAGO HERRERA, COQUITLAM
59-63 kg Sherif Hassan, Ontario
63-68 kg Hugh Joshua Cleghorn, Ontario
68-73 kg Zachary Hiebert, Manitoba
73-78 kg Kai Cayenne, Ontario
78 kg+ Jigme Yugal Gyanatsang, Ontario

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