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**Selection Policy and Standards**

**JUDO**

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# **Team Scotland: Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games**

## **Judo**

### **Athlete - Sport Selection Policy and Standards**

The information in this Selection Policy is accurate as of September 2021 but remains subject to change. As a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19 and the subsequent impact on international sporting calendars, CGS and JudoScotland will be closely monitoring this Selection Policy to determine if any changes are necessary.

#### **Introduction**

- 1 This selection policy has been agreed by JudoScotland and Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS). It provides detail on the process by which JudoScotland will arrive at athlete nominations, which will be submitted to CGS for consideration, for final selection to Team Scotland for Birmingham 2022
- 2 Achievement, by an athlete, of individual selection standards, detailed in this document, is therefore the 1st step by which nomination can be considered. The final decision in selection to the 2022 Games lies with CGS.
- 3 JudoScotland will nominate only those athletes that have qualified under both the judo Sport Specific Selection Standards stated below, and the CGS General Selection Policy (available on the CGS website) that should be read in conjunction with these standards.
- 4 Entry numbers per event are in accordance with Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) agreed numbers and should more athletes achieve the standards then the SGB will prioritize in accordance with the Sport Selection Standards.
- 5 CGS have confirmed that a minimum of 9 places have been allocated to judo subject to meeting the sport specific selection criteria, these are referred to as assured places. JudoScotland will apply for additional discretionary places for anyone who is nominated for selection above this number.

#### **Team Scotland General Selection Policy Aim**

- 6 Scotland selects a team that performs with distinction in 2022:
  - a. Having a higher percentage of athletes meeting the selection standards when in competition at these Games than in 2018
  - b. Meeting the stated performance aims of each sport at the Games
  - c. With all Team members having a positive experience within Team Scotland at the Games

7 This judo policy is consistent with the aim cited in clause 6 above.

### **Athlete Eligibility**

8 The eligibility criteria of the CGF Constitution and Byelaws, must be met by all nominees, see Appendix 1.

9 Where prospective team members do not automatically comply with the above, in terms of birth or parents' birth, they will only be nominated for final selection if they receive prior approval from the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) under their guidelines.

### **Games Competition Format**

10 The competition format for Birmingham 2022 consists of individual events, with the following weight categories:

Men	60Kg	66Kg	73Kg	81Kg	90Kg	100Kg	+100Kg
Women	48Kg	52Kg	57Kg	63Kg	70Kg	78Kg	+78Kg

A maximum of 2 competitors per weight category can be entered.

11 The maximum entry is 14 judo competitors, maximum 7 Men/maximum 7 Women.

12 CGS may impose a limit on team size for the judo team which is lower than the maximum entry shown in point 11 above.

### **Sport Specific Selection Standards and Framework**

13 JudoScotland Selection Panel will use the criteria detailed below to nominate athletes to CGS.

14 JudoScotland Selection Panel will use the following criteria to nominate for selection the team deemed most capable of delivering the greatest medal success for Team Scotland at the 2022 Games.

- i. Points using the matrix below for events held between the period 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 – 30<sup>th</sup> Apr 2022. An athlete's best 3 point scoring results across the period will amount to their sum\*
- ii. Ranking of athletes will be made using their best 3 result sum.

	2021 British SNR Championships	JNR European Cup	European Cup	European Open	IJF Grand Prix	IJF Grand Slam	European Championships	IJF Masters	Senior World Championships /Olympic Games
1st Place	20	50	100	150	300	400	400	500	600
2nd Place	10	30	60	90	180	240	240	300	360
3rd Place	5	20	40	60	120	160	160	200	240
5th Place		10	20	30	60	80	80	100	120
7th Place			10	15	30	40	40		60

*\*A minimum of 2 matches must be won at an event for points to be eligible*

- 15 JudoScotland will nominate adhering to the games competition format detailed in points 10-12 above. This may mean nominating two (2) athletes in some weight category(s) and zero (0) athletes in other weight category(s), in order to maximise medal potential.

## **Other Factors and Procedures for Consideration**

- 16 Total of points across all identified events within the selection period.
- 17 Strength of entry in the identified events. Total entry in each category and World/EJU ranking of opponents will be considered.
- 18 Commonwealth nation ranking. Commonwealth nation ranking will be identified using the IJF World Ranking List on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 where all non-Commonwealth nation athletes are removed.
- 19 Win:Loss ratio against top 6 ranked Commonwealth nation opponents during the selection period. A top 6 ranked opponent is deemed a Commonwealth nation athlete in the first 6 places in a weight category using the list described in point 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022.
- 20 Results and performances at the Olympic Games, Senior World Championships, Senior European Championships, u23 European Championships, u20 World Championships, u20 European Championships out with the qualification period may be taken into consideration.
- 21 Where two or more athletes are deemed to have shown the same level of performance, the athlete who has the potential to perform at the 2024 / 2028 Olympic Games and who will benefit from the experience of participating in a Games environment may be prioritised for selection.

- 22 In instances where an athlete has had evidence of medal potential prior to injury / illness which precluded them from qualifying within the period, nomination may be possible **provided** there is sufficient validated objective evidence to suggest that the athlete in question has returned to medal potential form, this may include evidence from out with the qualification period.
- 23 Commitment to an agreed performance training programme. This will include progression to meet performance targets set out in individual player plans and elite athlete behavior during training sessions, competitions and training camps.
- 24 The athletes will be expected to compete at the Commonwealth Games, in the weight category at which they achieved the selection standard and they were selected.
- 25 Form and Fitness
- An athlete may be removed from the squad by JudoScotland, at any stage during the selection period, if there is reason that the High Performance Coach or Team Manager considers may affect their performance at the Games e.g. illness or injury, non-compliance in training or competition, lack of consistency in performance or training, failure to make agreed weight targets or breach of the Team Code of Conduct or Athlete Agreement.
- Prior to an athlete being removed they must be given the right to appeal against the decision. Any de-selected athlete will have the opportunity to meet with the High Performance Coach and request the attendance of the Team Manager.
- 26 Additional factors which may also be considered include:
- Consistency of performances and current rate of improvement
  - Current weight and the ability to make the fighting weight
  - Current level of physical fitness and current medical/injury status
  - Bona-fide medical evidence for absence
  - Suitability as a team member (past behaviour).

## **Selection Panel**

- 27 The Selection Panel will consist of the following;
- i. JudoScotland Chief Executive (non-voting Panel Chair)
  - ii. Sportscotland Institute of Sport National High Performance Judo Coach
  - iii. Sportscotland Institute of Sport High Performance Assistant Judo Coach
  - iv. JudoScotland Board Representative.

- 28 Members of the Selection Panel will perform the following duties:
- i. **Chief Executive Officer**  
Will assume the role of the Selection Panel Chair. They will not be involved in any discussions, other than to provide advice on procedural matters and will not be entitled to vote. They will record the Selection Panels decisions and will also minute the meeting.
  - ii. **SIS National High Performance Judo Coach**  
Will provide the panel with player information for nomination to Commonwealth Games Scotland and will assume the role of a Selection Panel Member, participate in the nomination discussions and will be entitled to one vote in the nomination. Where nomination vote is tied the SIS High Performance Judo Coach will cast a deciding vote.
  - iii. **SIS High Performance Assistant Judo Coach**  
Will assume the role of a Selection Panel Member, participate in the nomination discussions and will be entitled to one vote in the nomination.
  - iv. **JudoScotland Board Representative**  
Will assume the role of a Selection Panel Member and will participate in the nomination discussions and will be entitled to one vote in the nomination
- 29 If for any reason any member(s) cannot attend, Chief Executive Officer - in the capacity as the Chairman of the Selection Panel - will appoint an appropriate substitute(s) who will perform the duties (as detailed above) of the member(s) that they are substituting.
- 30 JudoScotland may utilise expert advisors to provide information to the selection panel. These advisors will not perform any voting role, nor be present when selection decisions are made.

## **Selection Process**

- 31 The selection panel will meet on Monday 2nd May 2022.
- 32 JudoScotland will communicate the outcome of the Selection Panel's deliberations to athletes to be nominated and athletes close to being nominated by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.
- 33 JudoScotland will send their final nominations to CGS by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- 34 CGS will confirm the final team selections by 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- 35 The above dates may be subject to change and failure to adhere to them will in no way invalidate decisions made by JudoScotland and/or CGS.

- 36 Final selection to the Games team is dependent on receipt of relevant information required by CGS such as completion and signing of the CGF Eligibility form and CGS Team Member Agreement

## **De-Selection**

### **37 Anti-doping**

Athletes suspended by their Governing Body as a result of ongoing or concluded anti-doping violation allegations, will not be considered for selection, and if previously selected will be deselected from Team Scotland

### **38 Injury management**

Where injury issues are identified at or after selection, a fitness test may be used to determine that the athlete is capable of performing to the level required for the Games. The format will be determined by CGS after discussion with the Judo Team Management. This will be specific to Judo and the athlete's condition and may include input from CGS medical staff. Any selection or de-selection decision, following such a test, will be made by CGS after discussion with the Judo Team Management and will be final.

## **Appeal Process**

- 39 An appeal against non-nomination to CGS by JudoScotland is entirely a matter for the athlete and JudoScotland.
- 40 This should be held in accordance with Judo Scotland's' own internal appeal process, but taking into consideration only the CGS selection policy and agreed sport-specific selection standards and conditions.

## **JudoScotland Appeal Process**

- 41 JudoScotland will communicate the outcome of the Selection Panel deliberations on nominations to CGS by the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.
- 42 In the case of non-nomination, applicants have the right to appeal the decision of the Selection Panel. Any appeal made to JudoScotland must follow the Selections Appeals Process as describe below:
- a. Following written notification of non-selection from JudoScotland, the Applicant must inform the Chief Executive Officer of JudoScotland, in writing, of their decision to Appeal and the grounds upon which the appeal is made. This must occur within three working days of notification of non-selection.
  - b. Any appeal can only be made under the following criteria and must be accompanied with supporting written evidence:
    - i. The Selection Panel did not follow the published Selection Process
    - ii. The Selection Panel did not understand evidence presented at the original selection panel

- iii. Additional evidence is now available that may influence the Selection Panel's original decision.
  - c. Following receipt of the Appeal, JudoScotland will convene an Appeal Panel, independent of the original selection panel
  - d. The Appeal Panel will convene and determine whether to:
    - i. Dismiss the appeal on the grounds that there is insufficient evidence to support the appeal
    - ii. Inform the original Selection Panel of the new evidence and request that the Selection Panel reconsider the applicant with respect to the new evidence.
- 43 The Selection Appeal Panel will only be referred to under exceptional circumstances and is the final, binding authority upon which Selections can be referred.
- 44 The Selection Appeal Panel will consist of the following:
  - a. The Chairman of JudoScotland
  - b. A representative from sportscotland
  - c. A senior member of staff from another Scottish Governing Body of Sport..
- 45 In all instances, JudoScotland will respond in writing to the applicant within what is considered a reasonable period of time, notifying them of the outcome of the Selection Appeal Process.
- 46 An appeal against non-selection on behalf of an athlete may only be submitted by JudoScotland and not by any individual athlete.
- 47 If an appeal is submitted to CGS by JudoScotland, an Appeal Panel will consider the case along with any additional information provided.
- 48 The appeal must be made by email to [jon.doig@teamsotland.scot](mailto:jon.doig@teamsotland.scot) within 3 days of notification of selection outcomes to JudoScotland by CGS.

## **Appointment of Team Staff**

- 49 A Team Manager will be appointed by the CGS in consultation with JudoScotland by December 2020.
- 50 The final complement of Judo team staff attending the Games will ultimately depend upon team numbers and composition and will be determined by the CGS in consultation with JudoScotland.
- 51 This will include different categories of accreditation and access to the Games Village and other secure areas.



## Appendix 1

### CGF Byelaw 17 Eligibility

1. It is the responsibility of all Affiliated CGAs to ensure that their competitors are fully aware of and comply with Byelaw 17.

### 2. Primacy

2.1 Subject to Byelaw 17(4) 17(5) 17(6) and 17(7), a competitor shall be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them where they satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

a) Are in possession of a current valid passport of the Commonwealth Country which enters them;  
or

b) Are a subject who can demonstrate 'Belonger Status' in Great Britain or relevant British Overseas Territory of the Commonwealth Country which enters them

c) In respect of the following Affiliated CGAs: -

i. Guernsey, Jersey, and Isle of Man. The governments of these three Crown Dependencies do not define citizenship. For these Affiliated CGAs, citizenship shall be defined as three (3) years continuous residency immediately prior to the Commonwealth Games. For the avoidance of doubt, the immediately prior three-year period shall mean the three-year period that immediately precedes the "final entries deadline"\* date of the relevant Games as determined by the respective Organising Committee ("Continuous Residency") and the competitor must be in possession of a current valid UK passport.

ii. Northern Ireland. Byelaw 17 will defer to the Belfast Agreement (1998). Northern Ireland athletes who meet birth right criteria are to be treated equally regardless of their possession of either a current valid UK or Irish passport (but must hold one of these). This right is enshrined within the Constitution Issues (iv) of the 1998 Belfast Agreement.

iii. Norfolk Island. Any individual who was in possession of a current valid New Zealand passport and was also deemed eligible to compete at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games for Norfolk Islands may continue to compete for Norfolk Islands at future iterations of the Games.

### 3. Secondary

3.1 Subject to Byelaw 17(4) 17(5) 17(6) and 17(7), where a competitor was born in a Commonwealth Country which has common citizenship/passport with other Commonwealth Countries, the competitor may represent either:

4.1

a) the Commonwealth Country of their birth;

or

b) the Commonwealth Country of birth of their parent;

or

c) where the relevant IF recognises grandparents as part of its eligibility criteria, the competitor may represent the Commonwealth Country of birth of their grandparent;

or

- d) the Commonwealth Country where they have completed a minimum period of three (3) years continuous residency immediately prior to the Commonwealth Games. For the avoidance of doubt, the immediately prior three-year period shall mean the three-year period that immediately precedes the “final entries deadline”\* of the relevant Games as determined by the respective Organising Committee.

3.2 Subject to the other provisions of this Byelaw 17, where a competitor is eligible to represent more than one Affiliated CGA due to common passport privileges they may choose which Affiliated CGA to represent. For the avoidance of doubt, if an individual has competed at a Commonwealth Youth Games this will not be deemed to be a choice of country, and the competitor may choose to represent a different Affiliated CGA at a Commonwealth Games.

3.3 For the avoidance of doubt subject to Byelaw 17(4) and 17(5) any competitor of a common passport area who competes for their common passport country (i.e. Great Britain, New Zealand and Australia) at either the Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games and/or any World Championships or any other major sporting event shall be entitled to choose to represent their home Affiliated CGA (e.g. Turks and Caicos) at the Commonwealth Games.

#### **4. Disqualifications and Suspensions**

4.1 A competitor shall not be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them if they:

- a) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by the Federation
- and/or
- b) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by their respective Affiliated CGA
- and/or
- c) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by their respective IF, National Federation
- and/or
- d) are currently under disqualification or suspension under the World Anti-Doping Code.

#### **5. Compliance with applicable rules and regulations**

5.1 A competitor shall only be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them if they:

- a) Satisfy and comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Federation
- and
- b) Satisfy and comply their respective IF rules and regulations (including but not limited to, complying with respective IF eligibility rules as applied within each respective edition of the Commonwealth Games Athlete Allocation Systems)
- and
- c) Satisfy and comply with the World Anti-Doping Code as applied within the Federation Anti-Doping Standard to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed.

5.2 For the avoidance of doubt, where there is an inconsistency between respective IF Nationality rules and regulations and those of the Commonwealth Games Federation, the Commonwealth Games Federation Bye Law 17 shall prevail.

## **6. Transfer of Allegiance**

6.1 After having established eligibility status under this Byelaw 17 a competitor who has previously represented one Commonwealth Country at a Commonwealth Games may not represent another Commonwealth Country unless they also receive the prior approval of the Federation, the relevant IF and the relevant previously represented Affiliated CGA. For the avoidance of doubt, this Byelaw shall not apply if an individual has represented a Commonwealth Country at a Commonwealth Youth Games. Applications under this Byelaw 17(6) must be submitted to the Executive Board two calendar months before the “final entries deadline”\* for the respective Commonwealth Games. Applications must include formal confirmation of the prior approval of the relevant IF and the relevant previously represented Affiliated CGA.

6.2 All applications for transfer of allegiance under Byelaw 17(6) and/or discretionary eligibility dispensation under Byelaw 17(7) including all relevant paperwork and documentation must be submitted no later than two calendar months prior to the published “final entries deadline”\*, as outlined by the respective Organising Committee.

## **7. Dispensations**

7.1 The Executive Board shall delegate authority to the Governance and Integrity Committee (GIC) who have the power to grant dispensations to Byelaw 17 in exceptional circumstances and to consider any matters relating generally to Byelaw 17. Each application for dispensation under Byelaw 17 shall be considered on its own merits and will not create a precedent for any future applications. Decisions made by GIC are subject to the right of appeal directly to the Executive Board, whose decision shall be final and binding.

\*“final entries deadline” means the final date that an individual athlete may be entered in a particular event(s) for the relevant Commonwealth Games, usually completed via an online entry system. Such date to be communicated for each relevant Commonwealth Games in the Sport Handbook.