

Selection Guidelines for Cadet & Junior International Events

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. JA has developed an annual Cadet and Junior High Performance program that is inclusive of international events throughout the year. Major tournaments, like World Championships and Continental Championships, have their own specific selection criteria published on the JA website each year.
- 1.2. Athlete selections for other planned international events are based on the set of guidelines listed in this document.
- 1.3. Cadet and Junior athletes are expected to be competing at a range of domestic events if they are wanting to be considered for selection for international opportunities.
- 1.4. Selection for international events other than major championships will be performed by the members of the cadet and junior coaching team and the Technical Director.
- 1.5. The JA CEO will have final approval of all selections at their discretion.

2. MINIMUM STANDARDS & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1. To be eligible for consideration for selection for international cadet and junior events, an Athlete must satisfy the following requirements:
 - born in the years specified for the Cadet and Junior age groups by the IJF;
 - have Australian Citizenship;
 - be a financial member of and be in good standing with Judo Australia (JA);
 - have signed the current JA National Team Member Agreement; and
 - hold a valid IJF ID Card.

3. SELECTION GUIDELINES

- 3.1. All Athletes considered for selection must meet the Minimum Standards and Eligibility Requirements as stated above.
- 3.2. JA may not fill all divisions and may select multiple athletes in one division for certain events.
- 3.3. Selection of athletes will be at the absolute discretion of the relevant coaching teams (including the Technical Director). In exercising this discretion, the selectors will consider a number of factors, including (without limitation):
 - An athlete's ranking on the Cadet and Junior National Points tables at the time of selection. Due to the growth of athletes in these age groups, points across multiple divisions may be considered
 - An Athlete's JA Categorisation
 - An Athlete's history of prior performances
 - An Athlete's potential for future success

3.4. In assessing an athlete's potential for future success, the coaching team will consider a number of factors including (without limitation and in no particular order):

- An athlete's physical attributes:
 - current level of aerobic conditioning;
 - strength;
 - endurance;
 - explosive power;
 - and mobility.

These may be tested against benchmarks.

- An athlete's judo specific skills:
 - ability to dominate Kumikata;
 - ability to throw for Ippon;
 - ability to win in newaza; and
 - ability to manage and read a contest.
- An athlete's ability to fight without fear.
- An athlete's performance behaviour:
 - attitude to training and development;
 - engagement with national programs;
 - resilience in challenging situations;
 - whether an athlete strives for excellence on and off the mat; and
 - weight management, including the ability to make weight safely.

Anyone unsure of the meaning or interpretation of these guidelines should consult the relevant national coaching teams. Questions relating to this guidance can also be directed to the Technical Director via email at maria.pekli@ausjudo.com.au