



SELECTION CRITERIA

2025 SENIOR OCEANIA OPEN – GOLD COAST

Gold Coast, QLD, Australia

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The 2025 Senior Oceania Open – Gold Coast (hereafter Competition) has been allocated the same number of IJF World Ranking points as a Grand Prix and will be run under Grand Prix rules. This event is outside the Olympic Qualification Period for LA2028, therefore is expected to be a lower level event than it will be in 2026 and 2027.

1.2. Grand Prix rules allow the organising country to enter a maximum of four competitors in each weight category. As such Australia may select up to four competitors in each weight category.
Note: According to IJF rules, at Grand Prix and Grand Slam events only the two (2) best domestic athletes per category can obtain points for the IJF Seniors WRL. In case of equality the points will be automatically given to the highest ranked athlete. If still equal, the domestic national federation will decide ([LINK to IJF SOR](#))

1.3. The selection criteria for the Competition are underpinned by the following principle:

1.3.1. Australia will maximise its medal opportunities by selecting the current best performing Athletes.

1.3.2. Australia will make selections based on competition readiness compared to the expected standard of the Competition as defined in clause 1.1.

1.3.3. Australia may therefore not utilise all available quotas should there not be suitable numbers of athletes deemed, through this policy, as being of appropriate standard.

1.3.4. Where any remaining quotas exist, Australia may give athletes with potential for future success an opportunity to compete at this event.

1.4. Selection of athletes under this policy will be conducted by the National Selection Committee (NSC), comprising of the following members:

- CombatAUS High Performance Director (Chair);
- JA General Manager of Performance and Pathways;
- JA Junior National Coach;
- JA Cadet National Coach; and
- A legal representative to ensure due process is followed.

2. IJF ALLOCATIONS

2.1. Weight Divisions will be as per the categories of the International Judo Federation (IJF), namely:

Male	Under 60kg	Female	Under 48kg
	Under 66kg		Under 52kg
	Under 73kg		Under 57kg
	Under 81kg		Under 63kg
	Under 90kg		Under 70kg
	Under 100kg		Under 78kg
	Over 100 kg		Over 78 kg

2.2. The IJF allows each country a maximum of 2 Athletes per category and a maximum of 4 Athletes per category for the host country.

2.3. Australia may decide not to fill the maximum quota of Athletes.

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1.** To be eligible for consideration for selection for the Competition, an Athlete must satisfy the following requirements:
- a) born in 2010 or before;
 - b) be an Australian citizen;
 - c) be a financial member of and be in good standing with JA and the Combat Institute of Australia (CombatAUS);
 - d) not by their actions or omissions brought themselves, JA, CombatAUS or the Team into disrepute or censure;
 - e) have no outstanding debt with JA or CombatAUS;
 - f) actively participates in national programs (NES events and National camps);
 - g) be at least 1st kyu, brown belt; and
 - h) hold a valid IJF card.

4. SELECTION PROCEDURE

All Athletes considered for selection must meet the eligibility requirements as stated above at the date of selection, which will be at the conclusion of the 2025 Queensland Open on 28 September 2025.

- 4.1.** Eligible athletes will be considered for selection for the Competition in the following priority order:

- 4.1.1.** Eligible athletes ranked top 3 on the Senior National Points Tables (SNPT) as at the 28 September 2025 will be considered for selection first.

In the event that two or more Athletes in a single weight division have equal points, the Athlete who achieved the better result at the 2025 National Championships will be considered first for selection under clause 4.1.1.

- 4.1.2.** Eligible Athletes who do not satisfy the requirements in clause 4.1.1 above may be considered for selection to fill the remaining quota positions for the Competition if their level is considered appropriate for the 2025 Senior Oceania Open – Gold Coast. In exercising this discretion, the NSC will consider several factors, including (without limitation and in no particular order):

- a) An Athlete's ranking on the IJF Senior and Junior World Ranking Lists;
- b) An Athlete's potential to qualify for the 2026 Commonwealth Games;
- c) An Athlete's ranking on Senior and Junior National Ranking List;
- d) An athlete's performance on the National Event Series (**NES**);
- e) Quality of international results and wins in the 18 months leading up to selection;
- f) CombatAUS/JA categorisation;
- g) An athlete's stage of development and future potential to perform at benchmark events;
- h) An athlete's technical and tactical competence;
- i) An athlete's current fitness level; and
- j) An athlete's commitment to the JA National Program.

- 4.2.** The NSC may (at its absolute discretion) select reserve Athletes for the Competition providing they meet the eligibility criteria set out in 3.1.

- 4.3.** The NSC has absolute discretion to make decisions it deems necessary to due to any unforeseen circumstances that may arise before, during or after selection.

4.4. All selections are subject to final approval by the Judo Australia CEO.

5. DISCLOSURE OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Judo Australia Code of Conduct (the Code) requires volunteers, selectors, and employees to take reasonable steps to avoid any conflict of interest, real or apparent, in connection with their role.

A real conflict of interest occurs where there is a conflict between their duty and personal interests of an athlete that improperly influences the outcome of their task.

An apparent conflict of interest occurs where it appears that an employee's personal interests could improperly influence the performance of his or her duties but this is not in fact the case. The appearance of a conflict can be just as damaging to athlete and member confidence in public administration as a conflict which gives rise to a concern based on objective facts.

Conflicts of interest, real or apparent, cannot always be avoided. Where this is the case, the Code requires all members of Judo Australia to disclose details of any material personal interest of the member in connection with their role.

Athletes should have every confidence in the integrity of the Judo Australia Selection Committee, and to know that the Judo Australia Selection Committee or employee's personal interests do not conflict with his or her duties. The management of any conflict is managed by Judo Australia CEO.

6. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

In considering athletes' performances under these criteria, the NSC may consider and approve "extenuating circumstances".

For the purposes of this clause, extenuating circumstances means an inability to compete, attend training camps or perform at an optimum level arising from:

- a) Injury or illness;
- b) Bereavement or personal misfortune;
- c) Any other factors reasonably considered by the NSC to constitute extenuating circumstances.

A decision as to whether Extenuating Circumstances may apply to an athlete will be made by the NSC on an individual case by case basis and will be specifically noted in the selection announcement. There is no appeal against any decision made in respect of extenuating circumstances.

7. INJURY/ILLNESS OF TEAM MEMBER

7.1. Athletes are required to report all performance-limiting injuries, illnesses, conditions or medical operations that occur prior to or after their selection for the Competition. Reporting includes providing medical evidence to the High-Performance team (JA GM of Performance and Pathways, National Coaches, AW&E Manager) relating to the diagnosis or assessment, treatment and rehabilitation plan for the Athlete.

7.2. An injured selected Athlete who is unable to undergo full training, including regular randori during the two weeks period prior to departure for the Competition, may be withdrawn from the Team and replaced with the highest ranked reserve athlete as determined by the HP team.

8. APPEALS

Athletes may appeal their non-selection to the Competition. Appeals will be conducted in accordance with, and will be governed by, the procedure provided in the [JA Selection Appeal Policy](#).

9. KEY DATES

Dates	Activity
28 September 2025	End of selection period for the 2025 Senior Oceania Open – Gold Coast
29 Sep – 2 Oct 2025	NSC performs selection process for the Competition
3 October 2025	Notification is communicated to selected Athletes and their Coaches via email
10 October 2025	Closing date for Athlete Acceptance
1 – 2 November 2025	2025 Senior Oceania Open - Gold Coast