



**NOMINATION POLICY FOR JUDO
2026 GLASGOW COMMONWEALTH GAMES**

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1. APPLICATION OF THIS NOMINATION POLICY

- 1.1 This Nomination Policy is issued by the Board of the NSO.
- 1.2 This Nomination Policy shall take effect from 11 August 2025 and conclude on 23 July 2026.
- 1.3 This Nomination Policy applies to:
 - (a) all Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the Games Team to compete in a Sport Event; and
 - (b) the NSO, including its Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to CGA to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

2. PERFORMANCE AIM FOR THE GAMES

- 2.1 The Games represent the pinnacle of athletics achievement within Commonwealth nations.
- 2.2 The NSO will nominate Athletes that will assist Australia achieve its aspiration for Australia *“to be the No. 1 nation in both gold and overall medals at the 2026 Commonwealth Games”*.
- 2.3 The NSO’s performance aims for the Games within the NSO's high performance strategy are:
 - (a) eight to ten overall medals for the team; and
 - (b) two gold medals.

3. SELECTORS

- 3.1 The Selectors have been appointed by the Board.
- 3.2 The Selectors will consider and determine the nomination of Athletes to CGA to be considered for selection by CGA for the Games Team and comprise:
 - (a) Andrew Nolan, CombatAUS High Performance Director - Selector & Chair of Selectors;
 - (b) Maria Pekli, JA General Manager of Performance and Pathways – Selector;
 - (c) Emilien Freund – Selector;
 - (d) Ivica Pavlinic – Selector; and
 - (e) Ellen Wright – Selector.

Should a Selector no longer be available at the time of selection, the JA Board may appoint another Selector to take their place if determined as required. Team selection procedure will be observed by Marcus Memmolo, NSO appointed legal representative.

4. COMMONWEALTH GAMES COMPETITION FORMAT

- 4.1 Weight Divisions at the Games will be as per the categories of the International Judo Federation (IJF):

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 100kg		Over 78kg

- 4.2 The CGF has reduced the overall athlete quotas (slots) available to CGA for the Games in the Open Athlete Allocation Sports. CGA has developed a quota distribution system to determine how many quotas each sport receives. Through this quota distribution system JA receives eleven (11) slots for the Games.
- 4.3 The maximum number of athletes per nation is seven female and seven male athletes, with a maximum of two (2) athletes per weight category but the total number of athletes selected cannot exceed the slots allocated to JA by the CGA.
- 4.4 JA may allocate reserve positions for the Games in accordance with clause 6.3(h). A Reserve Athlete is not nominated until a free position becomes available on the team.

5. NOMINATION PROCEDURE

5.1 ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION

An Athlete will not be eligible for nomination by the Selectors unless the Athlete has first satisfied (to the reasonable satisfaction of the Selectors) each of the following conditions:

- (a) the Athlete is an Australian citizen;
- (b) the Athlete is a member of the NSO or eligible to represent the NSO;
- (c) the Athlete has duly completed, signed and returned the Athlete Agreement to CGA prior to the Nomination Date;
- (d) the Athlete has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the NSO that they are not suffering from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Games to the highest possible standard;
- (e) the Athlete has not by their actions or omissions brought themselves, the Sport, the NSO or the CGA into public disrepute, censure or scandal;
- (f) the Athlete has disclosed any current / ongoing investigations regarding potential breaches of any other national sporting organisation's policies as well as any substantiated / determined breaches of any other national sporting organisation's policies to both CGA and the NSO;
- (g) the matters disclosed by the Athlete pursuant to clause 5.1(f) are not of a

nature or severity that could bring the Athlete, the NSO or the CGA into disrepute, scandal or censure or put others at risk if the Athlete were to be selected to the Games Team;

- (h) the Athlete has not breached the CGA Anti-Doping By-Law as amended by CGA from time to time (unless the Athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and completed the sanction imposed); and
- (i) the Athlete has not, to the NSO's knowledge, used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in the NSO's, the CGF's or the CGA's Anti-Doping By-law.

5.2 NOMINATION PROCEDURE FOR QUALIFICATION SYSTEM SPORTS

- (a) Australia must qualify for places in each Sport Event in accordance with the Qualification System for the Games (Athlete Allocation System).
- (b) Qualification for a place in any Sport Event(s) by an Athlete does not guarantee that the Athlete will be nominated by the NSO or selected by CGA to compete in the relevant Sport Event at the Games unless specified in the Athlete Allocation System.

5.3 NOMINATION PROCEDURE FOR OPEN ALLOCATION SPORTS

- (a) The CGF has set athlete quota restrictions for the Games and has advised CGA that the total number of "open athlete allocation" slots for Australia is 158.
- (b) CGA has allocated a total of 11 "open athlete allocation" slots of the 158 slots to the NSO.
- (c) The number of Athletes that may be nominated by the NSO for an Open Athlete Allocation Sport must not exceed the number of Athletes that are permitted to be nominated under the Athlete Allocation System and as specified in clause 5.3(b) above.

6. NOMINATION CRITERIA

6.1 CATEGORIES OF NOMINATION CRITERIA

- (a) The criteria for nomination of Athletes by the NSO to CGA for selection to the Games Team comprise:
 - (i) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria (as specified in clause 6.2); and
 - (ii) the Sport Specific Nomination Criteria (as specified in clause 6.3).
- (b) Provided the requirements set out in clauses 6.2 and 6.3 are satisfied, the Selectors shall nominate to CGA, prior to the Nomination Date, those Athletes that the Selectors consider have met the applicable Nomination Criteria. Prior to the Nomination Date JA will ask Athletes to confirm in writing which weight category they will be seeking nomination for selection

to the Games. Athletes will only be considered for selection in the one nominated weight category. Athletes will be advised of this requirement upon the circulation of this Nomination Policy.

6.2 OVER-RIDING NOMINATION CRITERIA

- (a) In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete for a Sport Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that:
 - (i) the Athlete has a track record of quality and depth;
 - (ii) the NSO is confident that the Athlete will be competitive at the Games; and
 - (iii) the NSO is confident that the Athlete will perform creditably in that Sport Event.
- (b) In determining whether or not the Athlete has met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for the relevant Sport Event(s), the Selectors must take into consideration the Athlete's performances and results in the Sport Event at which they seek to be nominated and selected for the Games Team in the following Key Events during the period commencing on 1 January 2025 and ending on 30 April 2026:
 - (i) Senior World Championships;
 - (ii) IJF Grand Slam events;
 - (iii) IJF Grand Prix events;
 - (iv) 2025 Senior Continental Championships;
 - (v) Junior World Championships;
 - (vi) Continental Open events (outside Oceania);
 - (vii) 2025 Gold Coast Oceania Open (GP level event);
 - (viii) Senior European Cup events;
 - (ix) Junior European Cup events;
 - (x) 2025 Junior Continental Championships; and
 - (xi) All Judo Australia National Event Series (NES) events, including the 2025 National Championships.

6.3 SPORT SPECIFIC NOMINATION CRITERIA

All Athletes considered for nomination must meet the Eligibility for Nomination requirements and the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria as set out in clauses 5.1 and 6.2 respectively. In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete for a Sport Event, the Selectors will consider eligible Athletes for nomination for the Games based on the Athlete's ability to satisfy the criteria below in the following priority order:

- (a) Eligible athletes who have finished top 7 at the 2025 Senior World Championships, and/or IJF World Masters in the period between 1 Jan 2025 and 30 April 2026 will be considered for nomination first.
- (b) Eligible athletes who win a minimum of one medal at an IJF Grand Slam or Grand Prix event in the period between 1 Jan 2025 and 30 April 2026 will be considered for nomination second.
- (c) Eligible athletes who win a medal at the 2025 Senior PanAmerican-Oceania Championships will be considered for nomination third.
- (d) Eligible athletes who have finished top 7 at the 2025 Junior World Championships will be considered for nomination fourth.
- (e) Eligible athletes who won a minimum of one medal at a Senior Continental Open outside Oceania in the period between 1 Jan 2025 and 30 April 2026 will be considered for nomination fifth.

If the number of eligible Athletes considered for nomination under clauses 6.3(a) – 6.3(e) is above the quota allocated to JA as set out in clause 4.2 and 4.3, the Athlete(s) who achieved better international results (being a combination of the quality of the international competition, the strength of the result, and the depth of quality of competitors in the relevant division) as determined by the selectors (and if they are still even, at the absolute discretion of the Selectors) will be the Athlete(s) considered for nomination under 6.3(a) to 6.3(e).

- (f) Eligible athletes who do not satisfy the requirements in clauses 6.3(a) to 6.3(e) above may be considered for nomination to fill the remaining quota positions for the Games at the absolute discretion of the Selectors. In exercising this discretion, the Selectors will consider several factors, including (without limitation and in no particular order):
 - An athlete's potential to contribute to the overall medal tally of the CGA;
 - IJF World Ranking;
 - National Ranking Points;
 - Quality of international results;
 - Quality and quantity of international wins, particularly against athletes of Games nations;
 - Depth of the divisions at Commonwealth level to maximise the potential for medal performances by the team;
 - CombatAUS/JA categorisation;
 - An athlete's stage of development and future potential to perform at benchmark events;
 - An athlete's technical and tactical competence;
 - An athlete's current fitness level; and
 - An athlete's commitment to the National Program as evidenced by their participation at the National Event Series, domestic training camps,

international competitions and international training camps they have been selected for.

Selectors will apply a traffic light system to rate each athlete considered for nomination under clause 6.3(f). The traffic light system assesses each athlete against objective performance data and against the Judo Australia What It Takes To Win model and Athlete Development Guide.

- (g) The factors specified in clause 6.3(a)-(f) are the Sport Specific Nomination Criteria.
- (h) In the event one or more positions become available for the Games the Selectors will convene to identify a suitable replacement (Reserve Athlete). Reserve Athletes will be determined based on the discretion of the Selectors. In exercising this discretion, the selectors will consider the Over-Riding Criteria and the Sport Specific Criteria under clause 6.

6.4 EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to CGA for selection to the Games Team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 7.

6.5 NOMINATION PROCEDURE

After consideration of the Nomination Criteria, the Selectors must follow the procedure set out in the CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law.

6.6 INFORMING THE ATHLETE

Athletes nominated to CGA for selection to the Games will be notified in accordance with the process set out in the CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law.

7. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

7.1 CONSIDERATION OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

In considering the nomination of an Athlete to CGA for selection to the Games Team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, have regard to extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) injury or illness;
- (b) travel delays;
- (c) equipment failure;
- (d) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member, which means a spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling; or

- (e) any other factor that is reasonably considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

7.2 ATHLETE TO ADVISE THE SELECTORS OF APPLICABLE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- (a) Athletes that are unable to compete at events, trials or other attendances required in this Nomination Policy, must provide written notice to the Chair of the Selectors (as identified in clause 3.2) of the applicable extenuating circumstances and reasons with as much advance notice as possible and ideally no less than seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the relevant event, trial or other attendance.
- (b) If the Chair of Selectors is notified of extenuating circumstances in accordance with this clause 7, then the Selectors may have regard to those extenuating circumstances (on a case by case basis) but will have no obligation to base their nomination decision on the basis of such circumstances.

7.3 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

- (a) In the case of injury or illness, an Athlete may be required by the Selectors to:
 - (i) provide a medical certificate; and/or
 - (ii) undergo an examination by one or more health practitioners nominated by the Selectors; and/or
 - (iii) provide the relevant health practitioners' opinion and/or report to the Selectors.
- (b) Any failure to comply with clause 7.3(a) may preclude the Selectors from considering the injury or illness to be an extenuating circumstance.

8. NOMINATION APPEALS PROCEDURE

8.1 NOMINATION APPEALS

Subject to the CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law, an Athlete may appeal to the NST against their non-nomination by the Selectors provided always that the Athlete has submitted a duly completed and executed Athlete Agreement to the CGA prior to the Nomination Date.

8.2 PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION APPEALS

Any appeal against non-nomination under clause 8.1 must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in Schedule 1 of the CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law.

9. INCONSISTENCIES

For the avoidance of doubt, if the NSO's Nomination Criteria:

- (a) imposes a higher qualification standard; or

(b) permits a lesser number of participants;

than stated by the Athlete Allocation System, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

10. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOMINATION POLICY

10.1 This Nomination Policy may be amended from time to time by the Board, before the Nomination Date, provided that CGA has first approved the proposed amendment(s). For the purpose of version control, any amended version of the Nomination Policy must state the version number and date of the amendment.

10.2 Once any amendments to the Nomination Policy are approved by CGA, the NSO must:

- (a) publish the amended Nomination Policy on the NSO's website and social media channels;
- (b) communicate the amended Nomination Policy to all potentially eligible Athletes for the Games, coaches and other stakeholders; and
- (c) ensuring the amended Nomination Policy is known and adhered to.

11. DEFINITIONS

11.1 The following definitions apply in this document unless the context requires otherwise:

Athlete means a person who competes or participates in a Sport under the authority of the NSO and wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.

Athlete Agreement means the agreement in the form specified by CGA which governs the Athlete's participation in the Games that must be completed and duly executed by any Athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the Games Team in accordance with the CGA Nomination and Selection By-Law.

Athlete Allocation System has the meaning set out in clause 5.2 (a).

Board means the Board of the NSO.

CGA means the Commonwealth Games Australia Limited.

CGF means the Commonwealth Games Federation.

Games means the 2026 Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow from 23 July 2026 to 2 August 2026.

Games Team means the team of athletes and officials who are selected by CGA in accordance with the CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law to represent Australia and participate in the Games.

Key Events mean any international, continental or national competition listed in clause 6.2(b) which is a major or pinnacle event for the Sport or is at least the equivalent of a "world cup" or "world championship" and have an equivalent field to that which is likely to occur at the Games.

Nominated Athlete means an Athlete who has been nominated by the NSO for selection to the Games Team in compliance with this Nomination Policy to the CGA by Sport.

Nomination Criteria means the criteria specified in clause 5 comprising the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors.

Nomination Date means on or before 15 May 2026 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between CGA and Sport), by which Sport must submit any Nominated Athletes to the CGA.

Nomination Policy means this nomination document as amended by the NSO from time to time (subject always to CGA's prior written approval).

NSO means Judo Australia.

NST means the Australian Government entity known as the National Sports Tribunal established by the *National Sports Tribunal Act 2019* (Cth).

Open Athlete Allocation Sports means each of Athletics, Bowls, Boxing, Cycling – Track, Gymnastics - Artistic, Judo and Swimming.

Over-Riding Nomination Criteria has the meaning set out in clause 6.2(a).

Qualification System means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria determined by CGF and applied by the NSO to nominate Athletes for each Qualification System Sport.

Qualification System Sports means each of Basketball 3X3, Netball, Para Athletics, Para Bowls, Para Cycling - Track, Para Powerlifting, Para Swimming, Weightlifting and Wheelchair Basketball 3X3.

Reserve Athlete has the meaning set out in clause 6.3(h).

Selectors means the selectors appointed by the NSO as specified in clause 3.

Sport Specific Nomination Criteria has the meaning set out in clause 6.3(g).

Sport means Judo.

Sport Event means the following events on the program at the Games:

Men's Events	Women's Events
Under 60kg	Under 48kg
Under 66kg	Under 52kg
Under 73kg	Under 57kg
Under 81kg	Under 63kg
Under 90kg	Under 70kg
Under 100kg	Under 78kg
Over 100kg	Over 78kg