

## Required Standard and Prioritisation of allocated places for Grand Slam and Grand Prix events during the 2024 Paris Olympic Qualification Period

IJF Grand Slam and Grand Prix events during the 2024 Olympic Qualification period will have a very high standard because of the World Ranking List points on offer. They will therefore attract high quality and quantity of athletes.

Whilst continuing the work to improve the standards and readiness of our athletes in relation to these top line events, Judo Australia will only be entering those athletes who meet the minimum eligibility standards to be considered for selection to compete at IJF Grand Slam and Grand Prix events.

The motivation behind this is twofold:

- To most effectively channel the focus and resources of Judo Australia, Combat Institute of Australia, and our athletes towards delivering sustainable podium performance at major international events
- To ensure the ongoing development and confidence of Australian Judoka by competing at the right standard of events, rather than have athlete motivation and development decline or stagnate by competing at events beyond their current reach.

Commencing from 24 June 2022, only athletes who meet the required standards will be eligible to participate in an IJF Grand Slam or Grand Prix event.

### Required Standard

Athletes who reach these standards/results **in the 2 years (24 months) period prior to an event** will be eligible to be entered into Grand Slam and Grand Prix events in the 2024 Olympic Qualification Period:

- Top 16 at the Senior World Championships or Olympic Games;
- Top 16 at the Masters;
- Top seven in a Grand Slam or a Grand Prix;
- Top seven at the Asian-Oceania Championships and/or PanAmerican-Oceania Championships;
- Achieved a medal from a Continental Open outside Oceania (Perth Oceania Open in 2022 and 2023 is treated as a Grand Prix event);
- Achieved a medal in a European Cup and fought for a medal in a Continental Open outside Oceania; and/or
- Finish top 7 at the Junior World Championships.

An athlete may also be eligible at the discretion of the National Selection Committee in special circumstances. In these instances, the level of the athlete will be assessed by the NSC and special access to Grand Slam and Grand Prix events may be given. However, there is no obligation for this discretion to be exercised.

### What to do if an athlete doesn't meet the required standard

There are IJF Continental Open events around the world all year round as well as a number of European Cup events that athletes can attend to work their way up to the required standard. The Technical Director would welcome an opportunity to discuss with you your future competition plans and assist you in making informed decisions on the number and level of events you should target.

**Prioritisation of allocated places at IJF WRL Events**

The current IJF Rules state that a nation can enter unlimited athletes per weight category for an IJF Continental Open and no more than 2 athletes per weight category for a Grand Slam and a Grand Prix event, except for the host nation, who can enter 4 athletes per divisions. However only the top two per weight category will receive world ranking points.

In the event that the number of eligible athletes exceed the number of places available for a Grand Slam or a Grand Prix, JA Categorised Athletes will be prioritised. If there are still remaining places, these will be offered at the discretion of the Technical Director. When using this discretion, the Technical Director will take into consideration factors such as an athlete's World Ranking, Olympic Ranking, performances during the past 6-9 months and an athlete's potential to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.