



SELECTION CRITERIA

2024 KATA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

LAS VEGAS, USA

9-10 November 2024



1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In general, the participation rules and timelines are outlined in the latest version of the IJF event outline for the Las Vegas World Championship Kata 2024 ([HERE](#)). Below are the selection criteria for the Australian Judo Kata Team.
- 1.2. Selection of Athletes to represent Australia at the 2024 Kata World Championships (**Competition**) will be made according to the criteria outlined in this document. Athletes will be selected in pairs.
- 1.3. Judo Australia (JA) may enter in the competition a maximum of 10 pairs and a maximum of 3 pairs in a kata.
- 1.4. The selection criteria for the Competition are underpinned by the following principle:
 - 1.4.1. JA will maximise its medal opportunities by selecting the current best performing Athletes.
 - 1.4.2. JA may select athletes with prior medal winning performances from high level international events to maximise its medal opportunities.
- 1.5. Selection of athletes under this policy will be conducted by the National Kata Selection Committee (NKSC), comprising of the following members:
 - National Kata Committee – Chair
 - National Kata Committee – Committee Member (1)
 - Independent Legal representative or National Kata Commission – Committee Member (2)

1.4 The competition date is 9-10 November 2024.

2. IJF ALLOCATIONS

- 2.1. Nage-no-Kata
 - 2.1.1. Senior
 - 2.1.2. Junior (Under 23)
- 2.2. Kateme-no Kata
 - 2.2.1. Senior
 - 2.2.2. Junior (Under 23)
- 2.3. Ju-No-Kata
 - 2.3.1. Senior
 - 2.3.2. Junior (Under 23)
- 2.4. Kime-No-Kata
 - 2.4.1. Senior
- 2.5. Goshin-Jutsu
 - 2.5.1. Senior
- 2.6. JA may decide not to use the maximum quota of Athletes and may not send athletes in all Kata categories.

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1. To be eligible for consideration for selection for the Competition, an Athlete must satisfy the following requirements:
 - a) be an Australian citizen;
 - b) be a financial member of and be in good standing with JA and the Combat Institute of Australia (CombatAUS);
 - c) have no outstanding debt with JA or CombatAUS;



- d) have signed the current JA Team Member Agreement;
- e) not by their actions or omissions brought themselves, JA, CombatAUS, or the Team into disrepute or censure;
- f) be under/directly involved in any investigation by Sport Integrity Australia or State or Federal Police.
- g) be at least 1st Dan, black belt; with the exception of Under 23's, which must be a minimum of 1st Kyu
- h) hold a valid IJF ID Card.

4. SELECTION PROCEDURE

Athletes must meet the relevant criteria set down within the JA Eligibility Criteria (3.1) before they will be endorsed for national representation at international events. This includes WADA & specific selection criteria for the range of international IJF events and activities.

- 4.1. Eligible athletes who have finished top 3 at the National Championships in the 12-month period prior to the date of selection will be considered for selection first. The minimum performance score is set at 85%.
- 4.2. Eligible athletes who win a minimum of three medals at an JA National Event Series Kata event in the 12-month period prior to the date of selection will be considered for selection second. And must achieve an average score of 80%.
- 4.3. Eligible athletes who do not satisfy the requirements in clause 4.1 to 4.2 above may be considered for selection to fill the remaining quota positions for the Competition at the absolute discretion of the NKSC. In exercising this discretion, the NKSC will consider several factors, including (without limitation and in no particular order):
 - a) IJF World Ranking;
 - b) National Ranking Points;
 - c) Quality of international results;
 - d) A pair's stage of development and future potential to perform at benchmark events;
 - e) A pair's technical and tactical competence; and
 - f) A pair's current fitness level

In applying the decision making process the NKSC23 will rate each potential athlete according to a traffic light system and the athlete assessed the highest overall will be the athlete selected for the remaining position(s).

- 4.4. The NKSC may (at its absolute discretion) select reserve pairs for the Competition.
- 4.5. The NKSC will make decisions relating to any unforeseen circumstances relating to selections in their absolute discretion.
- 4.6. The JA CEO will have final approval of all selections at their discretion.
- 4.7. All selected Kata athletes must attend the National Kata Training Camp. Failure to attend the camp may result in dismissal from the national team.

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 NKSC 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 NKSC to constitute extenuating circumstances.

A decision as to whether Extenuating Circumstances may apply to an athlete will be made by the NKSC 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 Kata Committee Chair relating to the assessment, treatment and rehabilitation plan.

7.2. An injured selected pair who is unable to undergo full training two weeks period prior to departure for the Competition, may be withdrawn from the Team and replaced with the highest ranked reserve pair as determined by the Kata Commission

8. APPEALS

Athletes may appeal their non-selection to the Competition by the National Kata Committee. 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
2 July 2024	Application (expressions of interest) for Australian National Kata Team open
22 July 2024	Applications for representation close 5pm AEST
5 August 2024	Australian Team Announcement
9-10 November 2024	World Kata Championships – Las Vegas, USA

