



SELECTION CRITERIA

2023 JUNIOR WORLD JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Coimbra, Portugal

4 – 8 October, 2023



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Selection of Athletes to represent Australia at the 2023 Junior World Championships (**Competition**) will be made according to the criteria outlined in this document. Athletes selected for Individual Competition will be eligible to be entered for the Mixed Teams Competition.

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

1.2.1. The Junior World Championships is a high performance event, and Australia will select athletes with proven international results to maximise its opportunities for top 8 performances.

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

- CombatAUS Performance Pathway Manager (Chair);
- CombatAUS Technical Lead for Judo;
- JA Junior National Coach;
- JA State Performance Pathway Coach, Victoria;
- JA State Performance Pathway Coach, New South Wales; 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 100kg		Over 78kg

2.2. The IJF allows each country a maximum quota of 9 male and 9 female Athletes, with a maximum of two (2) Athletes per weight category.

2.3. Australia may decide not to use the maximum quota of Athletes and may not send athletes in all weight categories.

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

3.1. To be eligible for consideration for selection for the Competition, an Athlete must satisfy the following requirements:

- a) born between 2003 and 2005 (Note: cadet athletes will not be considered for this junior event);
- b) be an Australian citizen;
- c) have demonstrated international standards by winning fights in international events against international opponents over the 18 months period leading up to selection;
- d) be a financial member of and be in good standing with JA;
- e) have signed the current JA Team Member Agreement;
- f) not by their actions or omissions brought themselves, JA, or the Team into disrepute or censure;
- g) have no outstanding debt with JA or CombatAUS;
- h) be at least 1st kyu, brown belt; and
- i) hold a valid IJF ID Card.

4. SELECTION PROCEDURE

All Athletes considered for selection must meet the Eligibility Requirements as stated above at the date of selection. Due to the Continental Championship taking place in September 2023, there will be a two staged selections for the Competition:

- a) **Stage 1** selection will be at the conclusion of the of the Hong Kong Junior Asian Cup on Monday, 17 July 2023.
- b) **Stage 2** selection will be at the conclusion of the 2023 Junior Pan American-Oceania Championships on Monday, 11 September 2023.

Eligible athletes will be considered for selection for the Competition under **stage 1** in the following priority order:

- 4.1.1.** Eligible athletes who have won at least one medal at a Junior European Cup Event (including the Bremen Masters and Thuringia Cup) during the 18 month period prior to stage 1 selection (between 17 January 2022 and 16 July 2023) will be considered for selection first.
- 4.1.2.** Eligible athletes who won multiple contests and finished in top 7 in a Junior European Cup Event (including the Bremen Masters and Thuringia Cup) during the 18 month period prior to stage 1 selection (between 17 January 2022 and 16 July 2023) will be considered for selection second.
- 4.1.3.** Eligible athletes who won a medal at the 2022 Junior Pan American-Oceania Championships in the same division will be considered for selection third.

If the number of eligible athletes considered for selection under 4.1.1 – 4.1.3 is above the quota limit of 9 athletes per gender, the Athletes who achieved better international results as determined by the NSC (and if they are still even, at the absolute discretion of the NSC) will be the Athlete considered for selection under 4.1.1. to 4.1.3.

- 4.1.4.** Eligible athletes who win a medal at the 2023 Junior Pan American-Oceania Championships will be considered for selection under **stage 2**.
- 4.1.5.** Eligible athletes who ranked 1st on the Junior National Point Table at the date of **Stage 2** selection and do not satisfy the requirements in clause 4.1.1 to 4.1.4 above may be considered for selection to fill the remaining quota positions for the Competition if their level is considered appropriate for a Junior World Championships. 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 Junior World Ranking List;
 - b) An Athlete's ranking on the Junior and Senior National Ranking List;
 - c) An athlete's performance on the National Event Series (**NES**);
 - d) Quality of international results;
 - e) Quality and quantity of international 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.

4.3. The NSC will make decisions relating to any unforeseen circumstances relating to selections in their absolute discretion.

4.4. The JA CEO will have final approval of all selections at their discretion.



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 Technical Director, National Coaches, AW&E Manager) relating to the assessment, treatment and rehabilitation plan.

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 by the JA National Selection 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
17 July 2023	Stage 1 selection cutoff date
17 – 20 July 2023	NSC performs selection under stage 1 for the Competition
21 July 2023	Notification is communicated to Athletes and their Coaches selected under stage 1
28 July 2023	Closing date for Athlete Acceptance for stage 1 selections
11 September 2023	Stage 2 selection cutoff date
11 – 13 September 2023	NSC performs selection under stage 2 for the Competition
14 September 2023	Notification is communicated to Athletes and their Coaches selected under stage 2 via email and the full team is communicated on the JA website
17 September 2023	Closing date for Athlete Acceptance for stage 2 selections
4 – 8 October 2023	2023 Junior World Championships, Coimbra, Portugal