



SELECTION CRITERIA

2025 CADET WORLD JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sofia, Bulgaria

27 August – 31 August, 2025



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Selection of Athletes to represent Australia at the 2025 Cadet 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 Cadet 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);
- 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 50kg	Female	Under 40kg
	Under 55kg		Under 44kg
	Under 60kg		Under 48kg
	Under 66kg		Under 52kg
	Under 73kg		Under 57kg
	Under 81kg		Under 63kg
	Under 90kg		Under 70kg
	Over 90kg		Over 70kg

2.2. The IJF allows each country a maximum quota of 10 male and 10 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 choose not to 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 2008 and 20010;
- b) be an Australian citizen;
- c) have demonstrated international standards by winning fights in international events against international opponents in the 18 months prior to selection;
- d) be a financial member of and be in good standing with JA;
- e) not by their actions or omissions brought themselves, JA, or the Team into disrepute or censure;
- f) have no outstanding debt with JA or CombatAUS;
- g) actively participates in national programs (NES events and National camps); and
- h) be at least 2nd kyu, blue belt.

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 National Championships.

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

4.1.1. Eligible Cadet Athletes who ranked highest on the CNPT in their respective weight categories will be the first Athletes considered for selection.

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

4.1.2. Eligible Cadet 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 Cadet World Championships. Assessing this level, the NSC will consider several factors, including (without limitation and in no particular order):

- a) An Athlete's ranking on the IJF Cadet World Ranking List;
- b) An Athlete's ranking on the Cadet and Junior 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 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
8 June 2025	End of selection period for the Cadet World Championships
9 – 13 June 2025	NSC performs selection process for the Competition
13 June 2025	Notification is communicated to selected Athletes and their Coaches via email
20 June 2025	Closing date for Athlete Acceptance
27 August – 31 August 2025	2025 Cadet World Championship, Sofia, Bulgaria



