

Judo Athlete Categorisation – 2023

The Athlete Categorisation for Judo for 2023 has been completed in line with the Athlete Categorisation Criteria published on the [Judo Australia](#) and [CombatAUS](#) websites.

The sport-industry wide National Categorisation Framework consists of five levels across the Podium Pathway: Podium, Podium Ready, Podium Potential, Developing and Emerging. The Athlete Categorisation Criteria for Judo aligns, as is required, with these five Podium Pathway categories. The Commonwealth Games Medal Potential Category is no longer part of the Judo Categorisation due to Judo not being included in the next Commonwealth Games. However, there is now a Judo-specific Associate category to recognise athletes that don't currently meet the performance requirements for the Podium Pathway but are part of the national team selected for the most recent benchmark event. The Birmingham Commonwealth Games were considered a benchmark event for 2022 along with the World championships.

Athlete Categorisation will be conducted annually in the final quarter of each calendar year, to take effect from January the following year. A mid-year categorisation consideration may occur in 2023 to reflect specific performances at events such as the 2023 World Championships. These will be specific circumstances that will be committed and communicated to affected individuals.

As such, the following Athlete Categorisations will apply from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

ATHLETE	JA CATEGORISATION for 2023	WEIGHT DIVISION
Aoife Coughlan	Podium Ready	70 kg
Katharina Haecker	Podium Ready	63 kg
Tinka Easton	Developing	52 kg
Joshua Katz	Developing	60 kg
Nathan Katz	Developing	66 kg
Uros Nikolic	Developing	81 kg
Abigail Paduch	Developing	78 kg
Harrison Cassar	Emerging	90 kg
Maeve Coughlan	Emerging	63 kg
Anneliese Fielder	Emerging	52 kg
Jordon Greenbank	Emerging	66 kg
Maria Swan	Emerging	78 kg
Charisma Taylor	Emerging	57 kg
Kohsei Toyoshima	Emerging	73 kg
Danny Vojnikovich	Emerging	90 kg
Jake Bensted	Associate	73 kg
Liam Park	Associate	Over 100 kg
Kayhan Ozcicek-Takagi	Associate	100 kg

These categorised athletes will receive a level of investment to support targeted camps and competitions in 2023. We would like to acknowledge the investment that JA and CombatAUS receives from the AIS and the Victorian Institute of Sport.

Any appeals will be conducted pursuant to clause 8 of the Athlete Categorisation Guidelines - Judo.