

## Minimum Performance Standards and prioritisation of allocated places for Grand Slam and Grand Prix events

IJF Grand Slam and Grand Prix events attract the world's best judo athletes as they fight for all-important World Ranking points.

Whilst Judo Australia and Combat Aus will continue to work towards improving the standards and readiness of our athletes in relation to these top line events, only those athletes who meet the minimum performance standards will be considered for selection.

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.

### Required Performance Standards

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:

- 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 PanAmerican-Oceania Championships;
- Achieved a medal from a Continental Open outside Oceania;
- 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 Senior Head Coach in special circumstances. In these instances, the level of the athlete will be assessed

and special access to Grand Slam and Grand Prix events may be given. However, there is no obligation for this discretion to be exercised.

### **Alternatives for non-selected athletes**

There are IJF Continental Open events around the world all year round as well as several European Cup events that athletes can attend to work their way up to the required standard.

The General Manager of Performance and Pathways 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. (The exception is the host nation, which can enter 4 athletes per division). However only the top two per weight category will receive world ranking points.

If the number of eligible athletes exceed the number of places available for a Grand Slam or a Grand Prix event, JA Categorised Athletes will be prioritised in order of their categorisation level.

If there are remaining places, these will be offered at the discretion of the Senior Head Coach. When using this discretion, the Senior Head Coach will take into consideration factors such as an athlete's World Ranking, Olympic Ranking, performances during the past six to nine months, and an athlete's potential to qualify for the LA 2028 Olympic Games.