



**SELECTION CRITERIA**

**2023 SENIOR OCEANIA CONTINENTAL OPEN**

Perth, Australia

18 – 19 November 2023



## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Senior Oceania Continental Open (**Competition**) in Perth is expected to be of Grand Prix standard given it will have the same number of IJF World Ranking points allocated as a Grand Prix and it will be organised according to Grand Prix rules.
- 1.2. Grand Prix rules allow the organising country to enter a maximum of four competitors in each weight category. As such Australia may select up to four competitors in each weight category.
- 1.3. The selection criteria for this **Competition** will be underpinned by the following principles:
  - 1.3.1. Australia will maximise its medal opportunities by selecting the current best performing Athletes.
  - 1.3.2. Australia will make selections based on competition readiness compared to the expected standard of the Competition as defined in clause 1.1.
  - 1.3.3. Australia may therefore not utilise all available quotas should there not be suitable numbers of athletes deemed, through this policy, as being of appropriate standard.
  - 1.3.4. Where any remaining quotas exist, Australia may give athletes with potential for future success an opportunity to compete at this event.
- 1.4. Selection of Athletes to represent Australia at the Competition will be made according to the criteria outlined in this document.
- 1.5. Selection of athletes under this policy will be conducted by the National Selection Committee (NSC), comprising of the following members:
  - CombatAUS High Performance Director (Chair);
  - CombatAUS Technical Lead for Judo;
  - JA Junior Female 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:

<b>Male</b>	Under 60kg	<b>Female</b>	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 2 Athlete per category per country and a maximum of 4 Athletes per category for the host country.
- 2.3. Australia is not obligated to fill the maximum quota of Athletes.



### 3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1. To be eligible for consideration for selection for the Competition, an Athlete must satisfy the following requirements:
- a) born in or before 2003;
  - b) have Australian Citizenship;
  - c) be a financial member of and be in good standing with JA and the Combat Institute of Australia (CombatAUS);
  - d) have no outstanding debt with JA or CombatAUS ;
  - e) have signed the current JA National Team Member Agreement;
  - f) not by their actions or omissions brought themselves, JA, CombatAUS, or the Team into disrepute or censure;
  - g) be at least 1<sup>st</sup> Dan, black belt; and
  - h) 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, which will be at the conclusion of the Queensland International Open on Monday, 25 September 2023. Selection will be in the priority order listed in clause 4.1 – 4.5.

- 4.1. Eligible athletes who ranked in the Top 100 on the Senior IJF World Ranking as of 25 September 2023 will be selected first.
- 4.2. Eligible athletes who meet the Grand Slam/Grand Prix eligibility criteria at the time of selection will be selected second, subject to there being remaining quotas following the application of clause 4.1, and as per clause 2.2.
- 4.3. Eligible **senior** athletes who finished first at the 2023 National Championships will be selected third, subject to there being remaining quotas following the application of clause 4.1 through 4.2, and as per clause 2.2.
- 4.4. Eligible **senior** athletes ranked first on the Senior National Points Table (**SNPT**) as of 25 September 2023 will be selected fourth, subject to there being remaining quotas following the application of clause 4.1 through 4.3, and as per clause 2.2.
- 4.5. Should there be any remaining quotas following the application of clauses 4.1 through 4.4, and as per clause 2.2, further selections may be allocated at the discretion of the NSC. In exercising this discretion, the NSC will consider several factors, including (without limitation and in no particular order):
  - 4.5.1.1. The underlying principle of this policy and selection process as outlined by clause 1.1 through 1.4.
  - 4.5.1.2. An Athlete's ranking on the SNPT as of 25 September 2023.
  - 4.5.1.3. An Athlete's ranking on the IJF World Ranking list and IJF Olympic Ranking list as of 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
  - 4.5.1.4. An Athlete's National categorisation.
  - 4.5.1.5. An Athlete's history of performances; and
  - 4.5.1.6. An Athlete's potential for future success

- 4.6. The NSC may (at its absolute discretion) select reserve Athletes for the Competition providing they meet the eligibility criteria set out in 3.1.
- 4.7. The NSC will make decisions relating to any unforeseen circumstances relating to selections in their absolute discretion.
- 4.8. 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
25 September 2023	End of selection period for the Senior Oceania Continental Open
25 – 29 September 2023	NSC performs selection process for the Competition
2 October 2023	Notification is communicated to selected Athletes and their Coaches via email and on the JA website
6 October 2023	Closing date for Athlete Acceptance
18 – 19 November 2023	2023 Senior Oceania Continental Open, Perth, Western Australia