



SELECTION CRITERIA

2024 SENIOR PANAMERICAN-OCEANIA JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

25 – 28 April 2024



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Selection of Athletes to represent Australia at the 2024 Senior Pan American-Oceania 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. Australia will maximise its medal opportunities by selecting the current best performing Athletes.

1.2.2. Australia may select athletes with prior medal winning performances from high level international events to maximise its medal opportunities.

1.2.3. Australia will select a team to maximise the chances of Olympic qualification for Paris 2024.

1.3. 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)
- JA General Manager of Performance and Pathways;
- 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		Female	
	Under 60kg		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 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) be an Australian citizen;
- b) be a financial member of and be in good standing with JA and the Combat Institute of Australia (CombatAUS);
- c) have no outstanding debt with JA or CombatAUS;
- d) have signed the current JA Team Member Agreement;
- e) not by their actions or omissions brought themselves, JA, CombatAUS, or the Team into disrepute or censure;
- f) be at least 1st Dan, black belt;
- g) actively participates in national programs (NES events and National camps); 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 after the Antalya Grand Slam on the 1 April 2024.

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

- 4.1.1.** Eligible athletes who have finished top 7 at the World Championships, and/or IJF World Masters in the 12-month period prior to the date of selection (between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024) will be considered for selection first.
- 4.1.2.** Eligible athletes who win a minimum of one medal at an IJF Grand Slam and/or Grand Prix event in the 12-month period prior to the date of selection between (between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024) will be considered for selection second.
- 4.1.3.** Eligible athletes who ranked in the Top 100 on the Senior IJF World Ranking as of 1 April 2024 will be considered for selection third.
- 4.1.4.** Eligible athletes who won a medal at the 2023 Pan American - Oceania Championships will be considered for selection fourth.
- 4.1.5.** Eligible athletes who won a minimum of one medal at a Senior Continental Open outside Oceania in the 12-month period prior to the date of selection (between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024) will be considered for selection fifth.

If the number of eligible athletes considered for selection under 4.1.1 – 4.1.5 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 4.1.5.

4.1.6. Eligible athletes who do not satisfy the requirements in clause 4.1.1 to 4.1.5 above may be considered for selection to fill the remaining quota positions for the Competition at the absolute discretion of the NSC. In exercising this discretion, the NSC will consider several factors, including (without limitation and in no particular order):

- a) IJF World Ranking;
- b) IJF Olympic Ranking;
- c) National Ranking Points;
- d) Quality of international results;
- e) Quality and quantity of international wins, particularly against athletes of Pan-American nations;
- 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 National Program.

In applying the decision-making process, the NSC will rate each potential athlete according to a traffic light system and the athlete assessed the highest overall will be the athlete selected for the remaining position(s).

4.2. The NSC may (at its absolute discretion) select reserve Athletes for the Competition.

4.3. The NSC has absolute discretion to make decisions it deems made necessary by 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.

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. 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
31 March 2024	End of selection period for the Senior Pan American - Oceania Championships
1 – 3 April 2024	NSC performs selection process for the Competition
4 April 2024	Notification is communicated to selected Athletes and their Coaches via email and on the JA website
7 April 2024	Closing date for Athlete Acceptance
25 – 28 April 2024	2024 Senior Pan American - Oceania Championships, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil