SELECTION CRITERIA

2025 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lima, Peru

5 - 8 October, 2025

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Selection of Athletes to represent Australia at the 2025 Junior 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 Junior 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 High Performance Director (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 60kg	**Female**	Under 48kg
	Under 66kg		Under 52kg
	Under 73kg		Under 57kg
	Under 81kg		Under 63kg
	Under 90kg		Under 70kg
	Under 100kg		Under 78kg
	Over 100 kg		Over 78 kg

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) born between 2005 and 2010;
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 1st kyu, brown 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 Macau Junior Asian Cup on 27 July 2025.

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

4.1.1. Eligible athletes who have won at least one medal at a Senior Continental Open Outside Oceania during the 18-month period prior to selection (between 29 February 2024 and 27 July 2025) will be considered for selection first.

4.1.2. Eligible athletes who have won at least one medal at a Junior European Cup during the 18-month period prior to selection (between 29 February 2024 and 27 July 2025) will be considered for selection second.

4.1.3. Eligible athletes who won a medal at the 2025 Junior Pan American-Oceania Championships will be considered for selection third.

4.1.4. Eligible athletes who won multiple contests and finished within the top 7 in a Junior European Cup Event during the 18-month period prior to selection (between 29 February 2024 and 27 July 2025) will be considered for selection fourth.

4.1.5. Eligible athletes who won a medal at a Junior Asian and/or Pan-American Cup during the 18-month period prior to selection (between 29 February 2024 and 27 July 2025) 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 ranked 1st on the Junior National Point Table at the date of selection and 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 if their level is considered appropriate for the Junior World Championships. In exercising this discretion, the NSC will consider several factors, including (without limitation and in no particular order):

a) An Athlete's ranking on the IJF Junior World Ranking List;
b) An Athlete's ranking on the Junior and Senior National Ranking List;
c) An athlete's performance on the National Event Series (**NES**);
d) Quality of international results and wins in the 18 months leading up to selection;
e) CombatAUS/JA categorisation;
f) An athlete's stage of development and future potential to perform at benchmark events;
g) An athlete's technical and tactical competence;
h) An athlete's current fitness level; and
i) 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
27 July 2025	End of selection period for the Junior World Championships
28 July – 7 August 2025	NSC performs selection process for the Competition
8 August 2025	Notification is communicated to selected Athletes and their Coaches via email and on the JA website
15 August 2025	Closing date for Athlete Acceptance
5 – 8 October 2025	2025 Junior World Championship, Lima, Peru