JUDO AUSTRALIA

MEDAL PERFORMANCE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Australian Sports Commission, as part of the WinWell 2032 Strategy for High Performance Sport, funds sports based on their ability to gain medal-winning performances at benchmark events such as World Championships, Olympic Games, and Commonwealth Games.

To be able to build to this stage in judo, athletes must train and compete overseas on a regular basis. Very few of our athletes are fully funded to compete at events, and the majority of National Team members fund their representative duties with a mix of ASC subsidies, other grants and personal funds, at considerable cost to themselves and their families.

To ensure our top talent can continue to travel and compete, Judo Australia has reintroduced the Medal Performance Reimbursement Program, designed to motivate athletes and maximise their ability to participate in a full calendar of events.

2. HOW DOES IT WORK?

*Note: The Medal Performance Reimbursement Program is only available to those athletes who are **not fully funded** to an event. The reimbursement covers accommodation and flights only.*

In recognition of a medal winning performance at a listed IJF or other approved event (detailed below), Judo Australia will either:

- Reimburse part of or the total costs paid by the Athlete to an approved competition (for unfunded athletes)
- **OR** top up the funding to cover the cost of travel and accommodation to the level listed below (for partly funded athletes)

GOLD MEDALS will be rewarded by the reimbursement of full payment (100%) of costs paid by the athlete/athlete's family.

SILVER MEDALS will be rewarded by the reimbursement of 75% of costs paid by the athlete/athlete's family.

BRONZE MEDALS will be rewarded by the reimbursement of 50% of costs paid by the athlete/athlete's family.

A cost breakdown and receipts must be submitted to Judo Australia with seven (7) days of a medal-winning performance to be eligible for any payments. Costs must be within reason/in line with the typical Judo Australia expenditure on flights/accommodation. This step applies to those who booked their own flight and accommodation.

3. WHICH EVENTS QUALIFY?

The following events qualify for reimbursement of costs associated with a competition in which the athlete has medalled.

The number per draw or the number of fights won will not be disputed – all gold, silver and bronze medal-winning performances at the following events are eligible:

- World Championships
- IJF World Tour Grand Slam, Grand Prix events
- European Opens – Senior
- European Cups (Juniors & Cadets)
- Bremen Masters (Juniors & Cadets)
- Thuringia Cup (Juniors & Cadets)

Prior approval to compete on behalf of Australia – and qualify for medal reimbursement for any of these events - must be granted by the General Manager of Performance & Pathways.

This program will operate for events throughout the 2026 and 2027 financial year. Future operation is strictly subject to available funding.

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