



2012 England Squad Selection- Pre Cadet, Cadet, Junior and Transition

A critical component for the success of English Judo relies on an objective approach to selection, together with a programme of continuous talent identification.

Selection to the England Squad embraces these components through a set of identified key selection events where performances will be used to select only the “very best” players. Further, an effective talent identification programme is also provided, enabling players with long-term potential to be co-opted through-out the year.

1. Eligibility

To be eligible, players must meet the following criteria:

- Be Resident in England, born in England or have a parent born in England.
- Hold a BJA license or a license of an affiliated body of judo
- Hold a British passport
- Hold a minimum grade of 10th Mon (green belt)
- Born between 1999 and 1991

2. Routes for selection

2.1 There are four routes to selection. The first three use a prescribed set of events; the fourth is through a talent identification programme. The details for each of these routes are set out below.

2.2 Initial Selection

Initially the England Squad for under 15, 17 and 20 years will be selected after the British Championships using the ‘best’ results from **four out of five** identified events for Pre cadet (listed below 2.2.1), using the ‘best’ results from **four out of eight** identified events for Cadets and Juniors (listed below 2.2.1), performance at the British Trials (2.2.2 below), Great Britain representation at major EJU/IJF events (2.2.3) and through consultation with coaches within the Performance Network (2.2.4).

Initially the England Squad for Transition players will be selected after the Scottish Open considering performances at the listed Home Country ranking events for Juniors if born 1992, or at the listed GB ranking events for seniors if born 1991, Great Britain representation at major EJU/IJF events (2.2.3) and through consultation with coaches within the Performance Network (2.2.4).

2.2.1 England Identified Events for Pre Cadets

1. 2011 Midlands Age bands
2. 2011 Northwest Age bands
3. 2011 Welsh Age bands
4. 2011 Heart of England
5. 2011 British Championships

2.2.1 England Identified Events for Cadets and Juniors

1. 2010 Scottish Junior Open
2. 2011 Midlands Age bands
3. 2011 Northwest Age bands
4. 2011 English Junior Open
5. 2011 Northern Ireland Junior Open
6. 2011 Welsh Age bands
7. 2011 Heart of England
8. 2011 British Championships

Full consideration of **all** results - we understand that players may change weight during the year and there will be players in transition to Pre Cadet, Pre Cadet to Cadet and Cadet to Junior groups from 2010 to 2011.

2.2.2 Performance at the British Trials JUNIOR/TRANSITION ONLY

Additional co-options to the England Squad will be made of players finishing top four at the British Junior trials.

2.2.3 Great Britain representation at major EJU/IJF events

English players who represented Great Britain in at the following events will gain automatic selection.

- European Cadet Championships
- European Youth Olympic Festival (as applicable)
- Junior European Championships
- Junior World Championships

2.2.4 Long Term Potential.

Players with long term potential, identified by the England Squad coaches in partnership with coaches working within the Performance Cell framework, will be considered for co-option. Other factors that will be taken into account include previous performances in existing England Squad events as well as technical, tactical, physical, mental and lifestyle attributes.

3.1 Home Country Ranking List

The England Programme will use the Home Country Ranking List purely to track results and performances in domestic competition. The Home Country Ranking list will not be used to make selections of any sort.

The Home Country Ranking List for Cadets and Juniors will be published on the England Website and will be primarily used for Seeding purposes at Identified Events.

The Home Country Ranking List for Pre-Cadets will not be published on the England Website. This will be primarily used for Seeding purposes at Identified Events and internally, the tracking of results and performances in the Identified Events for Pre-Cadets.