



England Squad Selection

Under 15, 17 and 20 years (Pre Cadet, Cadet and Junior)

Summary

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 key selection events (ranking tournaments) together with a tightly aligned points system, 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)
- Aged between 13 and 19 years (during the selected Squad year)

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 at the end of October using the ‘best’ results from four of six ranking events (listed below 2.2.1), performance at the British Championships (2.2.2 below) and Great Britain representation at major EJU/IJF events (2.2.3).

2.2.1 Ranking Events

1. British Trials
2. Midlands
3. Northwest
4. Kent International
5. Heart of England
5. UK School Games (**as appropriate**)
6. British Championships for players aged 12 & 13 – 14 & 15 - 16, 17, 18.



Points from each of these events will be awarded to the medalists and the 5th place as follows: Gold – 10, Silver - 8, Bronze 6 and 5th place 2. The ratio between these points will ensure the players have to operate within the competitive environment created by the ranking system.

PLEASE NOTE: AS WE ARE STARTING THIS PROCESS MID CYCLE FOR 2010 SQUAD IDENTIFICATION, THE POINTS FROM EVENTS 5 & 6 WILL BE USED. PERFORMANCE IN EVENTS 1, 2 & 3 WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED BY ENGLAND STAFF TO SUPPORT 2.2.4

2.2.2 Performance at the British Championships

Gold medalists in the British Championships will gain automatic entry to the England Squad, where there are a minimum of four competitors.

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 (formerly World Class Start) events as well as technical, tactical, physical, mental and lifestyle attributes.