



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Players on England Squad and ETD, Coaches and Parents

**From:** Karen Roberts – Performance Operations Manager

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010

**Subject:** Selection Policies

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Due to the cancellation of the British Junior trials this year, the English Junior Open is being utilised in its place to consider cooption's for the 2010 English Squad.

With regards to the 2011 English Squad identification, as the Kent International will follow a grade banded format not an age banded format unfortunately it is removed from the competitions utilised for the Ranking List formation. This is obviously still a strong tournament for players to use in their development. Therefore, there is an amendment to 2.2 of the 2011 England Squad Selection Policy:

*Initially the England Squad for under 15, 17 and 20 years will be selected at the end of October using the 'best' results from **three** of the ranking events (listed below 2.2.1 Table 1), performance at the British Junior Trials (2.2.2 below) and Great Britain representation at major EJU/IJF events (2.2.3).*

The full amended document is below.

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## **2011 England Squad Selection- Pre Cadet, Cadet and Junior (Under 15, 17 and 20 years)**

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**

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##### **2.2.1 Ranking Events**

1. Midlands
2. Northwest
3. Heart of England
4. UK School Games (**as appropriate**)
5. 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 described below:

Table 1

Event	Midland Age Bands	NW Age Bands	UK School Games	Heart of England	British Championships
Gold	10	10	10	10	15
Silver	8	8	8	8	12
Bronze	6	6	6	6	9
5th	2	2	2	2	3

**The first event of the Ranking cycle is the Midlands Area and the last is the 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.

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### **2.2.2 Performance at the British Trials JUNIOR 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 (formerly World Class Start) events as well as technical, tactical, physical, mental and lifestyle attributes.