



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Karen Roberts – Performance Operations Manager

Date: 27th January 2010

Subject: **Selection Policies**

Please find the following documents attached:

- The selection Policy for 2011 England Squad Selection- Pre Cadet, Cadet and Junior
- The selection Policy for 2011 England Talent Development Squad Selection - Cadet and Junior
- Criteria for England Squad International representation - Cadet and Junior

These policies are introduced with immediate effect.

Existing selections for the 'Belgium Ladies Open and Training camp' and the 'International Judo Championship of Community of Madrid for Cadets', will not be affected.

If you have any questions regarding the policies, please contact me.

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

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 out of six** ranking events (listed below 2.2.1 Table 1), performance at the British Trials (2.2.2 below) and Great Britain representation at major EJU/IJF events (2.2.3).

2.2.1 Ranking Events

1. Midlands
2. Northwest
3. Kent International
4. 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 described below:
Table 1

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

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.

2011 England Talent Development Squad Selection- Cadet and Junior (Under 17 and 20 years)

It is critical that young English Judo talent is clearly identified to be nurtured and developed to maximise potential as an Elite British athlete. To accomplish this, resources will be focused on an elite group of players selected from the England Cadet and Junior Squad talent pool.

1. Eligibility

- England Squad Cadet or Junior player as per England Squad Identification document.

2. Evaluation weekends

As we are identifying an elite group of players to develop, simply being eligible is not enough to secure selection. Players will therefore be assessed during training over a weekend period in consideration of the following factors:

- Tachiwaza, Newaza and Transition skills
- Attitude towards training, Technical progression
- Basic physical attributes of :
 - Flexibility (Sit and Reach)
 - Lower Body Power (Vertical Jump)
 - Aerobic Fitness (Multi Stage Fitness Test)
 - Upper Body Strength Endurance (Press Up Bleep Test)

Full information on these assessment benchmarks is available on the England Squad website in the 'ETD Assessment information', if you require hard copies of this information please send your request to Trevor Sitlinton.

CONTINUED INCLUSION ON THE TALENT DEVELOPMENT SQUAD IS SUBJECT TO COMMITMENT TO PROGRAMME AND PROGRESSION

Criteria for England representation:

Selection

1. An England Squad player with identified **Performance History**
2. An England Talent Development Squad Cadet or Junior who has achieved and developed **Technical and Physical Benchmarks**.

3. In **Adherence to the England Programme**

England Squad Area Training

- Monthly Session within Area, absence communicated and agreed

ExCell Programme

- Weekly Session, absence communicated and agreed
- Compulsory for ALL ETD Squad Players with an ExCell in their Area

England National Squad Training

- 5 x 1 day Squad Training sessions per year, absence communicated and agreed

ETD Squad Training Camps

- 4 Squad Training Camps per year, absence communicated and agreed

4. Consideration of **current** competition **Performance Standards**

De-selection

Players may be deselected at any time:

- If they do not fully participate in the event preparation and team activity programme
- If their performance following selection falls below the required standard
- If there are weight management issues (according to BJA weight policy for U18 year olds- available on the website)
- If they are medically unfit to compete as a result of injury or illness
- If there is behaviour or other issues
- If they act in any way which is deemed to be detrimental to the BJA

We retain the right to require a player to undergo a fitness test and/or a 'fit to compete' test at any time.