

British Judo Association World Class Performance Programme Athlete Personal Awards - Funding Options



UK Sport provides funding for Athlete Personal Awards for players identified by the BJA for the World Class Podium (A, B & C) and Development (D, E, &F) Levels. At this time the maximum number of players that can be funded is 9 and 29 respectively, but this is expected to increase in the next Olympic cycle to enable the sport to deliver its target of 4 Olympic medals at London in 2012. We aim to increase the number of Podium and Development places- based on doubling the medal target from Beijing.

Judo has been identified as a sport with the potential to significantly increase their medal winning performances through the 14 weight categories- places which are automatically qualified as the host nation.

Athletes will apply for awards presenting their 'Performance Record' and satisfying GB Squad membership and Full Time training within the Performance Network.

ALL APA's are allocated through an evaluation process of individual athletes.

Players whose application meet the necessary performance level to be considered for funding will be evaluated at the British Judo Performance Institute during a series of camps to assess:

- Technical Capabilities
- Physical Benchmarks
- Mental Skills Attributes
- Potential to grow as World Class players

This criteria will be developed over the next 6 months and then develop as a 'work in progress' as we start to refine a range of Judo Benchmarks.

Performance Records

To be considered for Podium A and B level, personal awards Top 8 results in the annual milestone event, which generally is either the Olympic/Paralympic Games or World Championships must be met in the 12 month Performance Record of the player.

To be considered for a Podium C level personal awards, players must either:

- a) In their 24 month Performance Record, medal in the annual milestone U20 events, which generally is either the Junior World or European Championships. OR
- b) In their 12 month Performance Record, medal in the Senior European Championships

To be considered for Development (Institute and Network) personal awards, players must show performance history including:

Senior- Junior

- a) Super World Cup Top 5
- b) World Cup Top 5
- c) U23 European Championship Top 5 Junior- Cadet
- d) U20 A Tournament Top 5
- e) European B Tournament Medals
- f) Home Country Ranking Medal

Implementation:

Full reviews of all existing 'Podium and Development' players -Sept/Oct 08

Open application for all players Performance Records- Nov/Dec 08

Evaluation of all players shortlisted from applications and reviews- Jan/Feb 09

(Interim awards where necessary Jan- Mar 09)

Awards granted Apr-Dec 09- Reviews Jun 09 & Sep 09