

World University Games - Selection Policy

The primary goal of the British Judo Association's (BJA) World Class Performance Programme (WCPP) is to deliver medals at the Olympic and Paralympic Games. To achieve this the BJA has adopted a 'no compromise' approach which targets resources and activity solely at those players capable of delivering medal winning performances at the highest level of competition.

The World University Games is therefore used in this context. This event is therefore being utilised within the programme to prepare athletes for the Under 23 Europeans later in the year, or in exceptional cases for players in transition from U23 to Senior. Therefore the following core criteria will stand:

1. Eligible for selection under the rules of the International Judo Federation, BUCS and FISU
2. Eligible to compete for Great Britain
3. Born between 1981-1991.
4. A full British passport holder and a current individual member of the BJA
5. A current member of the 2009 GB squads

Players must have a track record that demonstrates their suitability as suitable ambassadors to represent the BJA.

The Head Coach will assess an individual's stage of development and their ability to win a medal in the future. Commitment to the BJA World Class Programme, including attendance record at training sessions and competitions will be considered, and factors such as performance, attitude and behaviour will also be taken into account.

Additional factors which may be considered include:

- Consistency of performances and current rate of improvement
- Past achievements at major events
- Current weight and the ability to make the fighting weight
- Current level of physical fitness and current medical/injury status
- Bona-fide medical evidence for absence
- Suitability as a team member (past behaviour)
- **Commitment and attitude towards the programme**

The Head Coach will only select players who can gain a long term advantage from competing; this may mean not sending a full team.

All selections will be sent to the BJA Chairman for ratification before submission to BUCS.

Selected Players must contribute £345 to the cost of the Competition to BUCS