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Dear GB Squad Player

2009 British Judo World Class Performance Programme

After Beijing we will be restructuring how High Performance Judo operates in Great Britain. This includes the British Judo Performance Institute (BJPI), the British Judo Performance Network around it, and more importantly the coaching and programme structure.

The British Judo Performance Institute programme will start in April 2009 and we will be requesting applications, so that we can evaluate and induct players who will train at the BJPI. Prior to this we will advertise for National coaches of all squads - you will have seen the recent Head Coach advertisement.

Accommodation at the BJPI will be sourced through Dartford Council and managed by the BJA, so that players can have 'homes' rather than rooms, to create the right environment for training. A full-time Athlete Support Manager will be based at the Institute to help players with life off the mat- whether that may be exploring education or employment possibilities or just general lifestyle issues.

We intend to have Junior, Transition and Senior coaches all working full time out of the British Judo Performance Institute and all funded players training full time within the British Judo **Performance Network** (including all identified British Judo Performance Centres). Therefore **ALL** players will apply for a place on the 2009 World Class Performance Programme, based on their Performance Record; players with the appropriate Performance Record will be evaluated on Technical, Physical and Mental attributes. (Details of this will be circulated later in the year). Following the evaluation, the most appropriate training base within the Performance Network for each player will be agreed.

More information will be circulated throughout the year, but hopefully this will give you an indication of our intentions for 2009 and beyond.

Yours sincerely

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