

**BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION**  
**2019 EUROPEAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE**  
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## Introduction

British Judo in collaboration with the British Olympic Association and the Home Nations are pleased to support a team to the 2019 European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF). This event is seen as one of many development opportunities available to young athletes eligible to compete for Britain at international competitions.

This Identification procedure is best read in conjunction with the 2019 Cadet Identification Procedure. The same Competitions, Scoring and Cadet Identification List will be used for the identification of athletes for EYOF.

## 1. Team Ages & Composition

The competitors have to be born between 2002 (they can be, this year maximum 17 years old) and 2003 (they have to be this year minimum 16 years old during the calendar year).

The British Olympic Association (BOA) assign to British Judo a maximum of 12 entries in total for men and women. In each identified weight category a maximum of 1 athlete can be entered. The maximum number of athletes per delegation is 12.

## 2. Identification Competitions

The Identification Competitions will be the same as highlighted in the GB Cadet Identification Policy version 1.5 available on the British Judo Website.

## 3. Identification Criteria

In order to be identified, athletes, will be considered against the below criteria (rated in order of importance):

1. Technical Performance in Competition
2. Competition Results
3. Performance Behaviours

### 3.1 Technical Performance and Competition Results

To be identified athletes must achieve:

1. Top 3 ranking on the overall Cadet Identification list
2. Achieve a minimum of 1 international top 7 placing (*that includes minimum of 2 wins on the day*) at an identified international competition. (Competitions listed in the Cadet ID List).

To be considered for identification athletes should:

1. Top 3 ranking on the overall Cadet Identification list
2. Achieve a minimum of 2 contest wins at the identified International competitions. (Competitions listed in the Cadet ID List).

***The above should be achieved by 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019***

If 2 or more athletes of the same category achieve the criteria, priority will be given to the athlete with the highest placing in the 2019 Cadet ID List European Cups first, and then highest position on the ranking list.

### 3.2 Performance Behaviours and Additional Factors

Performance behaviours is a subjective element of the identification policy, but an essential part of a player's development and in performance sport.

In order to perform at the highest level, talented players need to be able to display performance related behaviours alongside an excellent technical foundation. A player's performance behaviours will be monitored by the Home Nation Cadet leads throughout the identification period.

- Home Nation programme engagement and attitude during camps.
- Competition/Camp suitability based on an athlete's current experience
- Current weight and the ability to make the fighting weight safely
- Current level of physical fitness and current medical/injury status
- Future potential as a Junior athlete
- Commitment to developing Throw for Ippon and Win in Newaza trademarks in training and competition
- Resilience in challenging environments including randori, conditioning, international competition and training camps
- An athlete's suitability as a team member and/or as an ambassador for the BJA (Note: when considering 'suitability', factors such as behaviour and previous disciplinary record will also be considered)

Home Nation Cadet Leads will endeavour to highlight and discuss with players at the nearest possible opportunity when Performance Behaviours are not to an acceptable standard as part of the monitoring process.

In the case where an athlete is not selected based on Performance Behaviours, the reasoning will be clearly defined and communicated by the Identification Panel to the player. The relevant Home Nation Cadet Lead will create an action plan for the player to work on the identified behaviours for future development.

*A person's physical development during the Pre-Cadet and Cadet years is extremely important and therefore would discourage players from cutting weight before competition. It is encouraged that players should maintain a healthy diet and physical preparation programme in order to maintain and progress physical capabilities working towards Pathway Framework and Trademarks.*

## 4. Identification Panel & Process

The identification process will use two phases to nominate and confirm athletes for EYOF; (1) Nomination phase and (2) Identification phase.

### 4.1 Nomination Phase

The Nomination Panel will be comprised of each Home Nation's designated Cadet Lead and the process will be managed by the BJA Performance Pathway Manager.

The Nomination Panel will review athletes against the criteria detailed in sections 1,2 & 3 to agree the athletes they are prepared to nominate and endorse.

### 4.2 Identification Phase

The Identification Panel will review the nominated athletes from the Home Nations endorsements. Chairperson: The Chair of the Identification Panel (normally the Performance Pathway Manager) will be responsible for ensuring that due process is followed and identifications are made in adherence with the policy.

BJA Performance and Home Nation Staff: This will be comprised of a GB Performance Coach, GB Performance Leadership Team (PLT) member and a minimum of 2 Home Nation Coaches (1 per Home Nation). HN Coaches will be entitled to one vote each, in the event of a tie an identified BJA Performance Staff member will have the deciding vote. This will normally be the GB PLT member.

The Chair and the Recording Officer will be responsible for compiling results and other relevant details on all nominated athletes being considered for identification. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair of the panel will have the deciding vote.

Recording Officer: The Recording Officer of the identification panel will document the decisions as appropriate. The Recording Officer will not be involved in the discussions other than to provide advice on non-technical matters and will not be entitled to vote.

#### 4.4 Communication of Nominations

The Chairperson of the Selection Panel will provide the identification recommendations, together with any material that the Identification Panel considers appropriate to justify such nominations, to the Performance Leadership Team (PLT) for ratification. The PLT shall ratify the nominations if the correct procedures were followed by the Identification Panel in the decision-making process.

Once nominations have been ratified by the PLT, these will be immediately communicated to the relevant athletes by email and published on the BJA website.

The identified GB Team attending the 2019 European Youth Olympic Festival will be submitted to the British Olympic Association (BOA) by June 2019 to allow time of athletes to accept their place.

#### 4.5 Home Nations

Home Nations will endeavour to ensure that athletes are:

- aware of this selection process
- entered in appropriate weight categories

#### 4.6 Important Information

Please note the Identification Panel reserves the right:

- Not to select any athlete in a category where there is no athlete of the correct level
- Not to select an athlete who they feel is unsuitable as a team member and ambassador for the BJA.
- To identify reserve athletes in event of a withdrawal

Following selection, the Selection Panel retains the right to deselect an athlete at any time:

- 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

#### 4.7 Appeals

Individuals may appeal the process of identification via the British Judo Association Fast Appeals Proceeds, available on the British Judo Website.

Please note an adaption for GB Pathway Identification Policies mean that the Appeals Panel will be made up by members of the British Judo World Class Performance Programme's, Performance Leadership Team (PLT).