

**BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION (“BJA”)  
2020 XVI Paralympic Games  
PARALYMPIC SELECTION PROCEDURE**

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. The Paralympic Games are the primary PERFORMANCE competition in the WCPP quadrennial. Selection of athletes representing Great Britain at the 2020 Paralympic Games (PG) in Tokyo (the “Games”) will be made according to the following criteria as set out below.

2. The final decision in selection to the Games lies with the British Paralympic Association (“BPA”). Achievement of the selection criteria therefore represents an “eligibility for nomination”, not selection or even an automatic nomination.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

3. In all cases, athletes must meet all of the eligibility requirements to participate in the Games as may be set by the BPA in their Games Qualification & Eligibility Handbook, the International Paralympic Committee (“IPC”), the International Blind Sports Association (“IBSA”) and/or the BJA, including (for example) in respect of matters such as of nationality (e.g. by having a UK passport) and of anti-doping.

4. In addition to the criteria outlined in point 3, to be eligible for competition, athletes must:

- Must have been born before the 1 January 2006;
- Have competed in at least (1) international, sanctioned IBSA Judo competition between 1 January 2018 and 31 May 2020; and
- Be internationally classified with a ‘Confirmed’ sport class status or a ‘Review’ sport class status with a review date after the 31 December 2020.

## **IBSA QUALIFICATION SYTEM TOKYO 2020**

5. The IBSA Qualification System in respect of the Games can be found on the following link (Judo from page 68):

[https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/180626090110212\\_2018\\_06\\_26%2BTokyo%2BQG.pdf](https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/180626090110212_2018_06_26%2BTokyo%2BQG.pdf)

## QUALIFICATION PERIOD

6. The qualification period for the Games will run from **1 September 2018 to 31 May 2020**. The nominated events during the qualification period are outlined below:

- 2018 16 – 18 Nov IBSA World Championships POR
- All other Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Qualification Events to be confirmed by IBSA. These will be communicated to all programme athletes and staff as they are published.

7. The **final IBSA Judo World Ranking List of the 31 May 2020 (“WRL”)** will be used to establish the number of quota places available for the Games. On 18 June 2020, IBSA Judo will confirm in writing to the NPCs, the allocation of qualification slots.

## CRITERIA

8. Maximum Number of Athletes per NPC :

	Quota per NPC	Event Specific Quota
MEN	7	Maximum 1 athlete per event (weight category) - 60kg, 66kg, 73kg, 81kg, 90kg, 100kg, +100kg
WOMEN	6	Maximum 1 athlete per event (weight category) - 48kg, 52kg, 57kg, 63kg, 70kg, +70kg
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	

## ATHLETE QUOTA TOTAL

MEN	Women	Gender Free	TOTAL
80	58	0	138

## ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

9. The qualification slot is allocated to the **individual athlete**, not to the NPC.

10. An NPC can enter a maximum of **one (1)** eligible athlete per individual event. NPCs may only enter athletes in medal events in which they have achieved a qualification slot.

## SELECTION PROCESS

11. The ParalympicsGB Team for the 2020 Paralympic Games will be selected as follows:

- Week 25: Friday 19 June 2020

12. An athlete will be nominated for selection to the ParalympicsGB team where he / she is **the top ranked male and female B1 athlete** in each medal event up to the 20th rank on the IBSA Judo 2020 World Ranking List closing 31 May 2020 and has obtained a qualification slot for their respective NPC according to the following matrix (19 male athletes and 11 female athletes):

MEN	Slots	Women	Slots
Up to 60kg	3	Up to 48kg	2
Up to 66kg	3	Up to 52kg	2
Up to 73kg	3	Up to 57kg	2
Up to 81	3	Up to 63kg	2
Up to 90kg	3	Up to 70kg	2
Up to 100kg	2	Over 70kg	1
Over 100kg	2		

Any slots that cannot be allocated via this method will be then allocated via the World Ranking List Allocation method (see below) regardless of sport classification.

13. If there are still slots available after selection against point 12, then **the top ranked male and female athlete** in each medal event, regardless of sport classification on the IBSA Judo 2020 World Ranking List closing 31 May 2020 and who has obtained a qualification slot for their respective NPC according to the following matrix (47 male athletes and 35 female athletes), will be nominated for selection to the ParalympicsGB team:

MEN	Slots	Womn	Slots
Up to 60kg	7	Up to 48kg	6
Up to 66kg	7	Up to 52kg	6
Up to 73kg	7	Up to 57kg	6
Up to 81kg	7	Up to 63kg	6
Up to 90kg	7	Up to 70kg	6
Up to 100kg	6	Over 70kg	5
Over 100kg	6		

#### WHERE TWO OR MORE ATHLETES MEET THE QUALIFICATION QUOTA

14. Where two or more athletes in the same weight category meet the qualification quota, the BJA will rank the athletes against the following criteria:

14.1 As per the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Qualification System, the Top Ranked GB Athlete on the IBSA WRL as of the 31 May 2020 will be nominated

**15. RESERVES – the IPC policy as published in MARCH 2018, does not allow for replacements and therefore where two athletes or more achieve the qualification quota, NO RESERVE will be nominated, unless an updated IPC policy states the process.**

## CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

16. By 1 July 2020 each qualified NPC must confirm to IBSA in writing (only email is accepted) if they wish to use their allocated slot. NPCs that have not responded by this date will lose their team qualification slots, and IBSA may reallocate these slots.

17. By 8 July 2020 IBSA will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

18. By 8 July 2020 it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated slots for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. Any NPC that does not use its allocated slots may be subject to sanctions by IPC and IBSA.

## BIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

19. The BPA will consider Bipartite or reallocated unused quota places (i.e. handback places, wildcard places or any other quota places which have not been generated by virtue of a direct qualification). Bipartite places will be nominated to the BPA for any athlete(s) who may be eligible to receive such a place on the same day that nominations take place: Friday 19 June 2020. The final decision on whether or not to proceed with a Bipartite application is at the discretion of the BPA and only athletes will be nominated for a Bipartite place if:

19.1 An athlete was injured through the qualification period and just missed out on an qualification slot;

19.2 An athlete just missed out on automatic qualification and the experience of competing in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, will support their preparations and potential qualification for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

## CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

20. By 18 June 2020, IBSA will publish the **IBSA WRL of 31 May 2020** on its website (<http://www.ibsasport.org/>) and inform the respective NPCs of their allocated quota places. The NPCs will then have until 1 July 2020 to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in **Qualification Timelines**.

21. The BJA will submit its nominations, based on the **ALLOCATION of QUALIFICATION SLOTS** to the BPA on the 19 June 2020.

## QUALIFICATION TIMELINES

Date	Milestone
1 Sep 2018	Start of the period for performances to be recorded on the IBSA Judo World Ranking List
16 – 18 Nov 2018	IBSA Judo World Championships
8 May 2020	Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs (“Accreditation Long List”)
31 May 2020	End of the period for performances to be recorded on the IBSA Judo 2020 World Ranking List
18 Jun 2020	IBSA Judo confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification and host country slots
18 Jun 2020	Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process
1 Jul 2020	NPCs confirm in writing to IBSA the use of allocated qualification and host country slots
1 Jul 2020	Deadline to submit Bipartite Commission Invitation applications to IBSA Judo
8 Jul 2020	IBSA Judo confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of unused qualification slots
8 Jul 2020	IBSA Judo confirms in writing the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots
3 Aug 2020	Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

## SELECTION PANEL AND THE NOMINATION PROCESS

21. All decisions in relation to nomination of athletes for selection by the BPA in respect of the Games shall be made by the selection panel (the “**Selection Panel**”), which shall comprise of: a Chairperson, a representative from the British Paralympic Association, a Legal Adviser, the Performance Staff (comprised of both the GB Elite Performance Paralympic Coach and GB Head Coach) and a Recording Officer. The responsibilities and voting rights of the Selection Panel shall be as follows:

22. Chairperson: The Chair of the Selection Panel (normally the Performance Director) will be entitled to one vote in the selection. The Chairperson will be responsible (along with the legal observer) for ensuring that due process is followed and selections are made in adherence with this selection policy.

23. BPA Representative and Legal Observer: There will be a BPA representative and a panel member with legal expertise with no voting rights, but to ensure due process is followed. The Legal Adviser will be affiliated to the BPA or BAC. They may only advise voting panel members on the legal obligations of the policy.

24. The Performance Staff will be entitled to one vote each in the selection of all athletes. The Performance Staff and the Recording Officer will be responsible for compiling results and other relevant details on all athletes being considered for selection – to be presented to the Selection Panel in advance of the meeting. In the event of a tied selection vote, the Chairperson will have the deciding vote.

25. Recording Officer: The Recording Officer of the Selection Panel will document the selection 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.

26. All nominations are subject to the Performance Advisory Group (“**PAG**”) ratification. The role of the PAG is to ensure that due process has been adhered to before the nominations are submitted to the BPA.

27. The Chair of the Selection Panel will provide the selection nominations together with appropriate evidence to the Chair of the PAG for PAG ratification. The PAG will also ratify any subsequent changes.

#### **DE-SELECTION AND REPLACEMENT**

28. The process under which an athlete may be de-selected from the ParalympicsGB Team depends on the exact timing in relation to the Delegation Registration Meeting (“**DRM**”). That is the date that the Team is formally entered with the Tokyo Organising Committee (“**Tokyo2020**”). This is likely to be on or around the 15 August 2020.

29. At any stage of the selection process prior to the date of the DRM, the Selection Panel reserves the right not to nominate, or to de-select, any athlete on the following grounds:

- a. medical grounds – i.e. when an injury/illness may inhibit the achievement of appropriate performance - pursuant to the process set out in paragraph 30.1;
- b. issues of weight management, when the athlete’s current bodyweight suggests that the weight category may not be achieved or performance inhibited, pursuant to the process set out in paragraph 30.2;
- c. suitability as a team member, where for example an athlete’s behaviour or attitude leads the Selection Panel to determine in its opinion that the selection of such athlete would be inappropriate.

30.1 In the event of injury/illness which may inhibit performance, the decision to deselect, in discussion with the British Judo Chief Medical Officer, ParalympicsGB Chief Medical Officer and/or the ParalympicsGB Chef de Mission, will be taken as follows:

- a. The British Judo Chief Medical Officer (CMO) will require the athlete to undergo a medical examination to determine his/her fitness to participate. This examination will be carried out by the British Judo CMO or another doctor delegated by him/her. If the athlete fails the medical examination his/her nomination will be withdrawn and the BJA may (if appropriate) nominate a replacement athlete in accordance with its selection policy.
- b. If the athlete passes the medical examination carried out in accordance with Section 30.1a above, but the BJA still has concerns over whether or not the athlete is able to compete to the best of his/her ability due to the underlying injury or illness, the BJA Performance Director (“**PD**”) can require (on a date specified by himself) the athlete to undergo a performance test. The test, as set out in Section 33, below, may be replaced by an actual competitive event performance, at the PD’s discretion. If the athlete fails the test (which can be undertaken on more than one occasion and within a short time frame if the PD considers appropriate), his/her nomination will be withdrawn on medical grounds and, if appropriate, a replacement can be nominated by the BJA in accordance with this selection policy.

30.2 In the event of weight management issues, the criteria applied and decision to deselect will be taken as follows:

- a. Identification of weight management issues will be based on previous data of each individual athlete's bodyweight profile. Monitoring of this process will be completed by the Paralympic Lead Coach as appropriate.
- b. In the event of concerns, the athlete will receive a maximum of two written warnings, with each warning providing an exact specification of the target weight to be achieved and by when. Failure to meet the target specified in the second warning will result in the athlete's deselection and, if appropriate, a replacement can be nominated by the BJA in accordance with this selection policy.

31. For administrative purposes, the BPA must be kept informed of any possible decision to withdraw an athlete.

32. After the DRM has been completed and the Team selected, de-selection and selection of a replacement athlete is only allowed in accordance with the IPC's Late Athlete Replacement Policy (or any revised or amended IPC policy dealing with athlete replacement). This primarily provides for replacement in the case of injury and/or illness. In the event of there being a query over the ability of an athlete to be able to compete to the best of his/her ability due to an injury or illness the following procedure will be adhered to:

- d. The ParalympicsGB Chief Medical Officer (CMO), in conjunction with the BJA, can require an athlete to undergo a medical examination to determine his/her fitness to participate. This examination will be carried out by the CMO or another doctor delegated by him/her. If the athlete fails the medical examination he/she will be withdrawn from the Team and the BJA may (if appropriate) nominate a replacement athlete in accordance with its selection policy.
- e. If the athlete passes the medical examination carried out in accordance with Section 30.1a above but the BJA and the BPA still have concerns over whether or not the athlete is able to compete to the best of his/her ability due to the underlying injury or illness, the ParalympicsGB Chef de Mission can require (on a date specific data) the athlete to undergo a performance test as specified in Section 33 below. The test may not be varied or amended without prior approval of the BPA. The test will be conducted by the Team Leader (or his/her delegate) and a BPA representative or delegate will be present (if possible/available). If the athlete fails the test (which can be undertaken on more than one occasion and within a short time frame if the Team Leader considers appropriate), he/she will be withdrawn from the Team on medical grounds and, if appropriate, a replacement can be nominated by the BJA in accordance with this selection policy.

33. The test protocol will be as follows:

- a. Successful completion of three training bouts of appropriate length (4 minutes for men, 4 minutes for women) of identified opponents selected by the PD, with a rest interval of 20 minutes between bouts.

- b. The criteria for successful performance will be determined by a three-person panel, consisting of the PD together with the Paralympic Coaches. A majority decision will be acceptable.

#### **GROUNDS FOR APPEAL**

34. The BJA Fast Appeals process is the only method of appeal should an athlete wish to appeal a selection or de selection decision prior to the DRM. The BJA Fast Appeals Process can be found on the BJA website at <http://www.britishjudo.org.uk/british-judo-selection-and-nomination-fast-appeals-procedure>

35. In respect of any de-selection decision taken by the BPA after the DRM, any appeals must be made to the BPA and dealt with in accordance with the BPA's appeals policy and administered by Sports Resolutions UK.