

### 1. Introduction

A critical component for the success of English Judo relies on an objective approach to selection, together with a programme of continuous talent development (technical, tactical, physical, psychological).

### 2. Eligibility

#### 2.1 Eligibility Criteria

2.1.1 To be eligible for the England Talent Development (ETD) Squad, players must meet the following criteria:

- Hold a current BJA or affiliate membership
- Hold a valid British passport or meet the new policy requirements advised in the GB memo regarding Refugees and Junior and Younger Immigrants
- Cadets to hold a minimum grade of 10<sup>th</sup> Mon (green belt)
- Juniors to hold a minimum grade of 13<sup>th</sup> Mon/2nd Kyu (blue belt)
- Cadets born between 2003 and 2005
- Juniors born between 2000 and 2002
- Seniors born 1999
- 2020 England Programme Player agreement MUST be signed and adhered to

\*If a player does not have a British Passport they must sign an agreement confirming they will commit to representing England and GB only

### 3. Identification

There are two routes to ETD Squad identification, Primary and Secondary.

#### 3.1 Primary Identification

3.1.1 The 2020 ETD Squad will be identified after the British Championships in December 2019 and published by **13<sup>th</sup> December 2019**.

3.1.2 English Medallists at the 2019 British Championships will automatically gain a place on the ETD Squad; where there has been a minimum of two contest wins.

3.1.3 The England Programme staff will invite further players to join the ETD Squad. An informed decision will be made based on competition performances from September 2019 at events listed on the ETD Calendar.

#### 3.2 Secondary Identification

3.2.1 Additional limited places into the ETD Squad will be allocated to players via a continuous review by England Coaches at identified events as listed on the **ETD 2020 Calendar**.

#### 3.3 Injury

3.3.1 Whereby a player who has previously been a member of the ETD Squad has suffered a long-term

injury preventing them from fulfilling the identification requirements a decision will be made based on previous performances, attendance at ETD Squad trainings, performance behaviours and future potential.

#### **4. ETD Training**

##### **4.1 Calendar**

4.1.1 The 2020 annual calendar will be published by **15th November 2019**. This will be updated to reflect any changes in the BJA/IJF/EJU Calendar as necessary.

4.1.2 ETD Squad training dates will be fixed as much as possible but may change due to unforeseen circumstances. In the event of date changes, we will endeavour to provide updated information as quickly as possible.

##### **4.2 Attendance**

4.2.1 Players attendance at ETD squad training is expected.

4.2.2 Players attendances will be continually reviewed. Players who miss session/s without advanced communication may be withdrawn from the ETD Squad.

##### **4.3 Behaviour & Disciplinary**

4.3.1 All ETD players must sign and adhere to the England Athlete Player Agreement.

4.3.2 The England Programme reserves the right to de-select athletes from International Competition and/or withdraw them from the ETD Squad, should their behaviours not be in line with the England Athlete Player Agreement.

##### **4.4 Training Invites & Additional Opportunities**

4.4.1 The England Programme reserves the right to send all invites on an individual basis (based on performance, results and behaviours).

4.4.2 Additional invitations to train with the ETD Squad will be issued by the England Coaching Team on an individual basis and not by request.

4.4.3 The England Programme may identify further training opportunities. These will be communicated in due course.

##### **4.5 Elite Talent Development Squad (EDS) – GB Pathway**

4.5.1 Members of the ETD squad will be invited to profile for the EDS.

4.5.2 Players selected for the EDS programme must maintain attendance to ETD Camps and attend the full ETD training programme. Where clashes occur the England Lead Coach will advise what course of action individual players should take. This will be done after consultation with EDS coaches.

##### **4.6 Area & Performance Pathway Training**

4.6.1 There is an expectation that ETD Squad members will regularly attend identified ETD/Area training sessions and ETDC training camps where geographically possible. Further details will be published on the England webpage.

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### 4.7 Accepted Absences

4.7.1 The following reasons will be accepted as absences and will therefore not be counted as missed sessions:

- Injury – providing a physio/medical note can be provided
- Illness – providing a medical note can be provided
- Competition – where a player is representing England or Great Britain at an international competition (this does not include individual self-funded competitions outside of England calendar activity)
- Family bereavement
- Family wedding

## 5. ETD Squad Fees

### 5.1 Fee System

5.1.1 In 2020 the England Squad will be collected annually. Payment of £80 is due before the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. All payments must be made via the on-line link, shown below

<https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/gb-judo/home-nation-programmes/england-judo-programme/england-squad-payments/>