

**BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION**  
**2020 SENIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION PROCEDURE**  
**1 - 3 MAY 2020 | PRAGUE, CZE**

## INTRODUCTION

The European Championships is a PERFORMANCE competition and a milestone event that forms part of the TOKYO 2020 strategy.

The selection of athletes to represent Great Britain at the 2020 Senior European Championships will be made according to this selection policy.

Athletes should note that for all major championships, each delegation may enter a maximum of 9 entries in total for men and 9 entries in total for women, and in each weight category of men or women, a maximum of 2 athletes can be entered.

To note, in Olympic Year only, the IJF Olympic Qualification Ranking List (OQRL) published on the IJF website will be used, instead of the IJF World Ranking List (WRL).

## SELECTION PROCESS

1. The GB Team for the 2020 European Championships (wk18) will be selected as follows:

- Week 9: w/c Monday 24 Feb 2020 - First Selection Stage
- **Week 11: w/c Monday 09 Mar 2020 - First Selection Stage for -63kg**
- Week 15: w/c Monday 06 April 2020 - Second Selection Stage

## CRITERIA

Note: In sections 2, 3 and 4, reference to medals achieved in 2019-2020, refers to the definitive Performance Timeline from **1 May 2019 to 5 Apr 2020**, including ALL IJF World Ranking events during this period.

2. An athlete will be selected to the GB Team delegation at the First Selection Stage where he / she achieves one or more of the following levels of performance (prioritised in descending order):
  - 2.1. OQRL Top 25 Women and Top 35 Men prioritised on Olympic Qualification Ranking;
  - 2.2. 1 x Grand Slam medal in 2019 - 2020;
  - 2.3. 2 x Grand Prix medals in 2019 - 2020.
3. If there are still spaces available in the GB Team delegation after the First Selection Stage, an athlete will be considered for selection at the Second Selection Stage where he / she achieves one or more of the following levels of performance (prioritised in descending order):
  - 3.1. OQRL Top 35 Women and Top 50 Men prioritised on Olympic Qualification Ranking;
  - 3.2. 2 x Top 5 Grand Slam placing's in 2019 - 2020;
  - 3.3. 1 x Grand Prix medal and 1 x top 7 Grand Prix Placing in 2019 - 2020;
  - 3.4. 3 x Continental Open medals in 2019 - 2020, a minimum of one in 2020 **AND two must be from European Continental Opens.**

4. An athlete who was born in 1998 or later may also be considered for selection at the Second Selection Stage where he / she achieves the following level of performance:
  - 4.1. 2 x Continental Open medals in 2019 - 2020, a minimum of one in 2018 **AND one must be from a European Continental Open.**
  - 4.2. 2019 Junior European Championships top 5 placing and a minimum of **ONE** Continental Open medal in 2020 **from a European Continental Open.**
  - 4.3. 2019 Junior World Championships top 7 placing and a minimum of **ONE** Continental Open medal in 2020 **from a European Continental Open.**
5. **Where, pursuant to the First Selection Stage and Second Selection Stage, the athletes qualified for the Team exceed 9 Men or 9 Women, and more than 2 athletes achieve the same levels of performance as set out in sections 2 to 4 (as applicable) in any one weight category**, the Selection Panel shall decide which athlete(s) to select taking into account the factors listed in section 6 and the provisions of section 8.
6. When considering selections, in addition to the level of performance achieved by an athlete, the Selection Panel shall take into account, and give such weight as it considers appropriate, to the following factors (not ranked in order):
  - 6.1. An athlete's potential to win a medal;
  - 6.2. An athlete's current Olympic Qualification Ranking;
  - 6.3. An athlete's past results (Note: when considering 'results', factors other than the final placing may be taken into account - these factors may include such things as the standard of the event, the draw, the opposition, officiating, injury and any other factors that may have influenced the final results);
  - 6.4. An athlete's stage of development and their ability to win a medal in the at future milestone events including European, World Championships and Olympic Games;
  - 6.5. An athlete's commitment to the GB WCPP Programme (and HC Programme where appropriate) - this may include attendance record at ONST, National Randori and Competitions (Note: when considering 'attendance', factors such as performance, attitude and punctuality may be taken into account);
  - 6.6. Number of wins against opponents on the IJF World Ranking List top 20;
  - 6.7. Current and previous medical / injury history;
  - 6.8. 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 taken into account).

7. If, after the Selection Panel has completed its consideration and selection of athletes under sections 3 and 4, there are still spaces available in the GB Team delegation at the Second Selection Stage, the Selection Panel may then consider and select additional athletes to complete a full team delegation if the Selection Panel deems such selection(s) would be beneficial to British Judo and/or the longer-term development of the athlete(s) concerned. Selections made under this section 7 shall be made as part of the Second Selection Stage. There shall be no obligation on the Selection Panel to select any athlete under this section 7. Athletes being considered for selection under this section 7 will be considered on an individual basis taking into account the factors listed in section 6.

All athletes who have met the Performance benchmarks at Continental Opens, Grand Prix, Grand Slams and World Ranking through the 2019/2020 season (Home Countries, Great Britain or Self-funded) will be eligible for selection to the 2020 European Championships.

8. Save in respect of any selection made pursuant to section 2, the Selection Panel shall have the power to decide, at its discretion, and taking into what it considers will be in the best interests of British Judo, whether to select two, one or no athletes in any particular weight category.

#### TEAM EVENT

9. There is no Team Event being held at these European Championships, therefore, there will be no consideration given to selecting a team in respect of making up a team for the Team Event.

#### ADIDAS JUDO GI

10. It will be compulsory that all selected GB athletes for the 2020 European Championships will wear Adidas Judogi in competition. The GB WCPP will provide 1x White and 1x Blue Adidas Judogi to each selected athlete. All selected athletes will be responsible for purchasing and applying their backnumber to the Adidas Judogi in accordance to the IJF Judogi regulations. The backnumber can only be ordered from [www.ijfbacknumber.com](http://www.ijfbacknumber.com) or [www.mybacknumber.com](http://www.mybacknumber.com).

#### SELECTION PANEL

11. The Selection Panel shall comprise: the Performance Director, a minimum of three GB WCPP Elite Performance Coaches and the Recording Officer. If the Performance Director or other personnel are unavailable for any reason, the PD will nominate appropriate replacements.
12. The Chairperson shall be the Performance Director and shall be responsible for ensuring that due process is followed and decisions are made in accordance with this selection policy.
13. Any selection decisions shall be made by way of a majority decision. Each GB WCPP Elite Performance Coach will have one vote each.
14. The Recording Officer of the Selection Panel will document 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.
15. The GB WCPP Performance staff and the Recording Officer will be responsible for compiling results and other relevant details on athletes for consideration by the Selection Panel at selection meetings.

16. Any individual involved in the selection process must declare any association / conflict of interest concerning any athlete being considered for selection. Where there is a conflict of interest declared, the Chairperson (PD) will have one vote.

## COMMUNICATION OF SELECTIONS

17. The Chairperson of the Selection Panel will provide the selection recommendations, together with any material that the Selection Panel considers appropriate to justify such selections, to the Performance Advisory Group ('PAG') for ratification. The PAG shall ratify the selections if the correct procedures were followed by the Selection Panel in the decision-making process.
18. Once selections have been ratified by the PAG, these will be immediately communicated to the relevant athletes by email and published on the BJA website.

## FITNESS

19. Athletes may be required to undergo fitness tests and/or 'fit to compete' tests at any time.

## DE-SELECTION

20. The Selection Panel shall have the power to de-select an athlete at any time if that athlete:
- 20.1. does not fully participate in the event preparation and GB WCPP;
  - 20.2. fails to adhere to the BJA weight policy;
  - 20.3. fails to comply with any applicable anti-doping regulations;
  - 20.4. in the opinion of the BJA medical staff, becomes medically unfit to compete as a result of injury or illness;
  - 20.5. receives a suspension which prevents him/her from competing;
  - 20.6. in the opinion of the BJA Elite Performance Coaches, fails to demonstrate the level of fitness expected;
  - 20.7. is guilty of misconduct or bad behaviour which the Selection Panel considers is sufficiently serious;
  - 20.8. acts in any way which is deemed to be detrimental to the BJA and/or its sponsors / partners.
21. Any athlete being considered for de-selection shall be notified by the Chairperson of the Selection Panel before any decision is made in this regard. Such notification must be in writing and must set out brief details of the reason(s) why the athlete is being considered for de-selection ('De-selection Notice'). That athlete shall then have the opportunity to provide his / her response to the points / issues raised in the De-selection Notice. Such response must be in writing and must be received by the Chairperson of the Selection Panel within 48 hours of the athlete's receipt of the De-selection Notice. The Selection Panel shall take into consideration any response received by an athlete.
22. In the event that the Selection Panel decides to exercise its power under section 21, it shall submit any proposed selection change(s), together with any material that the Selection Panel considers appropriate to justify its decision, to the PAG for ratification. The PAG shall ratify the selection change(s) if the correct procedures were followed by the Selection Panel in the decision-making process.

23. Once selection change(s) have been ratified by the PAG, these will be immediately communicated to the relevant athlete(s) by email and published on the BJA website.
24. The Selection Panel shall have the ability to replace any de-selected athlete(s). Athletes being considered as replacements under this section 24, will be considered on an individual basis taking into account the factors listed in section 7 and the provisions of sections 17 and 18 shall apply.

### **SELECTION PANEL DECISIONS**

25. Subject to section 27, and without prejudice to the Selection Panel's ability to de-select athletes in accordance with the provisions set out in sections 20 to 22, the decisions of the Selection Panel shall be final once ratified by the PAG.
26. In the event that the PAG does not ratify a selection or de-selection decision, the PAG shall refer that decision back to the Selection Panel for reconsideration. The Selection Panel may re-submit that selection decision to the PAG.
27. An athlete may only appeal a selection or de-selection decision on the grounds that the Selection Panel failed to follow the applicable criteria. The BJA Fast Appeals process is the only method of appeal should an athlete wish to appeal a selection or de-selection decision. Any appeal must be made within 24 hours of the selection or de-selection decision being communicated to the athlete. The BJA Fast Appeals Process can be found on the BJA website - <http://www.britishjudo.org.uk/british-judo-selection-and-nomination-fast-appeals-procedure>.

### **PREPARATION**

28. All athletes selected for the 2020 Senior European Championships will be expected to submit their preparation programmes to the GB Senior Elite Performance Coach. All WCPP athletes will follow the WCPP preparation programme in alignment to their IAP. The GB Senior Elite Performance Coach will meet with non-WCPP athletes and their coach to discuss their preparation programme for these championships and will be allocated a GB Elite Performance Coach as their point of contact.