

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 and lifestyle). The England Programme aims to engage as many competitive fighters as possible and deliver meaningful training and competition opportunities.

The England Programme is continuing the development of the REDS (Regional England Development Squad) and broadening the age range the squad caters to. The regional infrastructure will continue to grow in order to deliver and support the physical and technical development of our young judoka. This is intended to provide more contact time with the fighters, engage a bigger group of fighters and hopefully reduce the amount of travel.

2. Eligibility

2.1 Eligibility Criteria

2.1.1 To be eligible for the REDS, fighters must meet the following criteria:

- Hold a current BJA licence
- Hold a minimum grade of 7th Mon (Orange Belt) for Minors and evidence they have been active in competition at area level
- Hold a minimum grade of 10th Mon (Green Belt) for Pre-Cadets and Cadets and competed in the British Championships 2019, with 2 years competition experience at area level
- Born between 2005 to 2009

3. Identification

There are two routes to REDS identification, Primary and Secondary. Long-term injury cases will also be considered:

3.1 Primary Identification

3.1.1 The existing 2020 REDS Squad, in lieu of a 2020 British Championships, will form the 2021 squad which will be published by **11th December 2020**. Except for fighters with 2004 year of birth.

3.2 Secondary Identification

3.2.1 Limited REDS places will be allocated to fighters via a continuous review by England Coaches at identified events as listed on the REDS 2021 Calendar.

4. REDS Training

4.1 Calendar

4.1.1 The 2020 annual calendar will be published by 13th November 2019. This will be updated to reflect any changes in the BJA/IJF/EJU Calendar as necessary.

4.1.2 The REDS training days will be subject to change in alignment to the challenges that Covid-19 presents. We will of course provide as much notice as possible for any changes.

4.2 Attendance & Communication

4.2.1 Fighters attendance at REDS sessions will be reviewed continually. Fighters are expected to attend every session.

4.2.2 Fighters attendance at REDS training is expected. Attendance should **NOT** be below 80%.

4.2.3 Attendance is a factor taken into consideration when selections are made for international or domestic competitions and training camps.

4.2.4 Clear communication is required at all times. Non-attendance (with a valid reason detailed in section 4.5.1 **MUST** be received within the timelines of the calling notice.

4.2.5 Where calling notices are not responded to, the England Talent Programme has the right to remove Fighters from REDS.

4.3 Training Invites & Additional Opportunities

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

4.3.2 Additional invitations to train with REDS will be issued by the England Talent Coaching Team on an individual basis and not by request.

4.3.3 The REDS Programme may identify further training opportunities. These will be communicated in due course.

4.4 Performance Pathway Training

4.4.1 There is an expectation that REDS members will regularly (preferably weekly) attend an England Talent Development Centre (ETDC):

- Pre-Cadets – Once a month minimum
- Cadets – Twice a month minimum

4.4.2 Attendance to ETDC weekly sessions is taken into consideration when selections are made for international or domestic competitions and training camps.

4.4.3 We also encourage you to attend Area or interclub randori/training opportunities where available.

4.5 Accepted Absences

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

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- Covid-19 travel restrictions or isolation requirements
- Injury – providing a physio/medical note can be provided
- Illness – providing a medical note can be provided
- Family bereavement
- Family wedding

5. REDS Competitions

5.1 Selection

- 5.1.1 In 2021 there may be various opportunities for members of the REDS to participate in competitions abroad. Most of these will be non-selection events and all fighters will be offered the same opportunity.
- 5.1.2 In some instances priority of attendance at these events will be given to certain age ranges eg: 2007/8.
- 5.1.3 In some instances, and in the case of oversubscription, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis whilst taking into consideration attendance to REDS and ETDC training sessions and the suitability of the event.
- 5.1.4 There may be certain events where fighters are selected depending on their suitability for that particular event. Criteria for these will be communicated separately.
- 5.1.5 In all cases player will only be accepted onto the event if they have paid their annual fee. Training behaviours and attendance to REDS sessions will also always be taken into consideration.

5.2 Selection and Identification Panel

- 5.2.1 The selection panel will consist of the England Talent Development Coaches whom will assess fighters against the criteria. Chairperson: The Chair of the selection panel (England Talent Coordinator) will be responsible for ensuring that due process is followed, and selections are made in adherence with the policy.
- 5.2.2 Coaches will be entitled to one vote each.
- 5.2.3 The Coaches will be responsible for compiling results and other relevant details on all nominated fighters being considered for selection.
- 5.2.4 In the event of a tied vote, the Chair of the panel will have the deciding vote.
- 5.2.5 The Recording Officer of the identification panel will document the decisions as appropriate.

6. REDS Squad Fees

6.1 Fee System

- 6.1.1 The 2021 REDS fees will run from 1st April 2021 to 31st August 2021 at a cost of £40. Fee's are due on 1st April 2021 and are payable online.