

BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION (“BJA”)
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23 July – 8 August 2021
REVISED OLYMPIC SELECTION PROCEDURE

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Olympic Games are the primary PERFORMANCE competition in the WCP quadrennial. Selection of athletes representing Great Britain at the 2020 Olympic Games (OG) 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 to TEAM GB lies with the British Olympic Association (“BOA”). Achievement of the selection criteria therefore represents an “eligibility for nomination”, not selection or even an automatic nomination.

ELIGIBILITY

3. All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Games.

4. In all cases, athletes must meet all of the eligibility requirements to participate in the Games as may be set by the BOA, the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”), the International Judo Federation (“IJF”) 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 requirements.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

5. All athletes participating in the Games must be born on or before 31 December 2006.

IJF QUALIFICATION SYSTEM TOKYO 2020

6. The updated IJF Qualification System in respect of the Games can be found on the following link:

https://78884ca60822a34fb0e6-082b8fd5551e97bc65e327988b444396.ssl.cf3.rackcdn.com/up/2020/05/Tokyo_OG_2020_Revised_Qualific-1590063735.pdf

QUALIFICATION PERIOD

7. The Qualification Period for the Games will run from 25 May 2018 to 28 Jun 2021. There will be approximately, including the 2019, 2020, 2021 European Championships/Games and 2018, 2019 and 2021 World Championships - over sixty IJF World Ranking Events during this period.

8. The final World Ranking List of the 28 June 2021 (“WRL”) and the European Continental Ranking List (which will be based on the WRL) will be used to establish the number of quota places available for the Games. The IJF WRL will be published on 30 June 2021 in accordance set out in the IJF Qualification document.

CRITERIA

9. Maximum Number of Athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC):

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
MEN	7	Maximum 1 athlete per event (weight category)
WOMEN	7	Maximum 1 athlete per event (weight category)
TOTAL	14	

Save as set out in paragraph 13 below, the quota place is allocated to the **athlete by name**.

DIRECT QUALIFICATION

10. Direct qualification will be achieved through meeting the following criteria:

- a. MEN: WRL Top 18 ('clean' WRL)
- b. WOMEN: WRL Top 18 ('clean' WRL)

CONTINENTAL QUOTA

11. An additional 100 athletes will directly qualify quota places for the Games as per the IJF WRL of **28 June 2021** based on continental representation and according to the following procedure:

- 11.1 For each continent and based on the IJF WRL of **28 June 2021**, a Continental Ranking List will be created listing all the athletes from that continent across all weight categories and genders according to their World Ranking points.
- 11.2 Athletes with the highest number of points on the Continental Ranking List will qualify according to the following continental quota:

Continent	Quota Places MEN	Quota Places WOMEN	Quota Places Total
Africa	12	12	24
Europe	13	12	25
Asia	10	10	20
Oceania	5	5	10
Pan America	10	11	21

- 11.3 Maximum one (1) athlete per NOC can qualify through continental qualification across all weight categories and genders and only in a category where a NOC does not have a Direct Qualification.
- 11.4 Maximum two (2) athletes per weight category per continent can qualify through continental qualification
- 11.5 If a continent fails to use its full allocation, any remaining quota place will be allocated according to the IJF WRL of **28 Jun 2021** to the highest ranked athlete, not yet qualified, in the respective gender, respecting the maximum quota of one (1) athlete per NOC per event.

MIXED TEAM EVENT

12. For the first time, the Olympic Games will stage a Mixed Team Event for Men and Women, made up of the following weight categories:

Women

- -57 kg (48kg, 52kg, 57kg),
- -70 kg (57kg, 63kg, 70kg),
- +70 kg (70kg, 78kg, +78kg)

Men

- -73 kg (60kg, 66kg, 73kg),
- -90 kg (73kg, 81kg, 90kg),
- +90 kg (90kg, 100kg, +100kg)

All NOCs having a full team (i.e. must have athletes able to compete in all 6 weight categories) can enter for the Mixed Team Event.

Great Britain will enter a team in the Mixed Team Event should all 6 weight categories be fulfilled and will enter a team on the field of play comprised of the selected athletes who are best placed, in the selectors' (Performance Director and Head Coach) opinion, to win each round and secure a medal at the Games.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

13 The BOA will not, unless in exceptional circumstances and in the BOA's discretion, support Tripartite invitational places 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), so therefore, the BJA reserves the right not to nominate any athlete(s) who may be eligible to receive such a place.

SELECTION PROCESS

In order to maximise the GB Team's preparation for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (as defined in section 14), there will be a First Selection stage prior to the end of the qualification period. The selection process will be as follows:

14. The GB Team for the 2020 Olympic Games will be selected as follows:

- Week 4: w/c Monday 18 Jan 2021 - First Selection Stage
- Week 27: w/c Monday 1 Jul 2021 - Final Selection Stage

CONFIRMATION – Where IJF “clean” WRL Top 8 is stated, this relate to the IJF Olympic Qualification List as published on the IJF website: https://www.ijf.org/wrl_olympic

15. Subject to paragraphs 17 and 18, an athlete will be selected to the GB Team delegation at the First Selection Stage, post **2021 IJF World Masters** in accordance with the IJF WRL, where he / she has achieved the following level of performance;

15.1 IJF “clean” WRL **Top 18** - providing **no other athlete** in the same weight category has a DIRECT QUALIFICATION place **and that the athlete remains in a direct qualification position at the end of qualification on the 28 Jun 2021.**

16. If there are still spaces available in the Team GB delegation after the First Selection Stage, and where more than one athlete has qualified a quota place, such athletes shall be considered for selection at the Final Selection Stage, at the end of Olympic Qualification (**28 Jun 2021**), based on the IJF WRL as of the **28 Jun 2021** in accordance with paragraphs 17 and 18. In the event that there are still spaces available in the Team GB delegation after the First Selection Stage but there is only one athlete in a certain weight category who has met the qualification criteria, that athlete shall be automatically nominated for selection (subject to complying with the remainder of this selection policy).

WHERE TWO OR MORE ATHLETES MEET THE QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

17. Subject to paragraph 15, where two or more athletes in the same weight category meet the qualification criteria either by DIRECT QUALIFICATION or CONTINENTAL QUOTA, the BJA will rank the athletes against the following criteria, **listed in priority order**:

- 17.1 Athlete will be seeded in the Top 8 at the Tokyo Olympic Games
- 17.2 Highest seeded Top 8 athlete
- 17.3 Top 5 placing in 2021 World Championships
 - 17.3.1 World Championships 1st place
 - 17.3.2 World Championships 2nd place
 - 17.3.3 World Championships 3rd place, though where two athletes achieve a 3rd place, then refer to 17.4
 - 17.3.4 World Championships 5th place, though where two athletes achieve a 5th place, then refer to 17.4
- 17.4 Top 3 placing in the 2021 European Championships
 - 17.4.1 European Championships 1st place
 - 17.4.2 European Championships 2nd place
 - 17.4.3 European Championships 3rd place, though where two athletes achieve a 3rd place, then refer to 17.5
- 17.5 Highest Ranked athlete on the IJF Olympic Qualification list published on the 28 June 2021

18. Against the above criteria and in priority order, the athletes who have met the qualification criteria in the same weight category will be ranked in order. The number one ranked athlete will be nominated to the BOA, the number two ranked athlete will be nominated as reserve, the number three ranked athlete will be nominated as second reserve and so on.

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

19. By **30 June 2021**, the IJF will publish the **IJF WRL of 28 June 2021** on its website (www.ijf.org) and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have 14 days to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in the **Qualification Timelines**.

20. The BJA will submit its final nominations, for both First Selection stage and Final Selection stage, based on **DIRECT QUALIFICATION** and **CONTINENTAL QUOTA**, to the BOA in the **w/c 1 July 2021**.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINES

Date	Milestone
25 May 2018 to 28 June 2021	Qualification Period
IOC to provide date	Deadline for NOC's to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places
30 June 2021	IJF World Ranking List of 28 June 2021 published
30 June 2021	IJF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated Quota places
2 July 2021	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to IJF
3 July 2021	IJF to reallocate all unused quota places
4 July 2021	NOC's to confirm use of reallocated quota places to IJF
4 July 2021	TOKYO 2020 Sport Entries deadline

SELECTION PANEL AND THE NOMINATION PROCESS

21. All decisions in relation to nomination of athletes for selection by the BOA in respect of the Games shall be made by the selection panel (the “**Selection Panel**”), which shall comprise of: a Chairperson (normally the Performance Director), a Legal Observer, the Performance Staff (comprised of the GB Head Coach and both the GB Senior Elite Performance Coaches for Men and Women) and a Recording Officer. The responsibilities and voting rights of the Selection Panel shall be as follows:
22. Chairperson: The Chairperson 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. Legal Observer: The Legal Observer will be an independent panel member with legal expertise with no voting right, but to ensure due process is followed. The Legal Adviser will be affiliated to the BOA or BAC. They may only advise voting panel members on the legal obligations of the policy and on such other matters requested by voting panel members.
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 BOA.
27. The Chairperson of the Selection Panel will provide the selection nominations together with appropriate evidence to the Chairman of the PAG for ratification. The Chairman of the PAG will inform the BJA Chairman of the selections. The Chairman of 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 Olympic squad 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 (“**TOCOG**”). This is currently set for **7 July 2021**.

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 29.1;
- 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 29.2;
- 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.

29.1 In the event of injury/illness which may inhibit performance, the decision to deselect 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 29.1a 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 32 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.

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

- a. All athletes will follow the British Judo Weight Management policy.
- 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.

30. For administrative purposes, the BOA must be kept informed of any possible decision to withdraw an athlete. The nomination of a replacement athlete must also conform to this selection policy and must be an individual who has been named on the BOA/ BJA long list and has met the criteria for full selection as stated in this selection policy.
31. 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 IOC's Late Athlete Replacement Policy (or any revised or amended IOC 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:
 - a. The Team GB 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.
 - b. If the athlete passes the medical examination carried out in accordance with Section 31a above but the BJA and the BOA 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 Team GB Chef de Mission can require (on a date specified by himself) the athlete to undergo a performance test as specified in Section 32 below. The test may not be varied or amended without prior approval of the BOA. The test will be conducted by the Team Leader (or his/her delegate) and a BOA 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.
32. The test protocol will be as follows:
 - a. Successful completion of three training bouts of appropriate length (4 minutes) of identified opponents selected by the PD and GB Head Coach, with a rest interval of 20 minutes between bouts.
 - b. The criteria for successful performance will be determined by a four person panel, consisting of the PD together with the GB Head Coach and GB Elite Performance Coaches. A majority decision will be acceptable. In the instance of a tie, the PD shall have the deciding vote.

REPLACEMENTS AND RESERVES

33. In cases where another athlete(s) has/have achieved the qualification criteria, the BJA may nominate prior to the DRM a reserve for consideration, using the same criteria as applied to the nominated athletes and as set out in this selection policy.
34. After the DRM, and in the case of medically certified injury, such nominated reserves would be eligible to replace a selected athlete in accordance with paragraph 31, up to the final confirmation of competitors at the Technical Meeting and draw in Tokyo on **22 July 2021, 2pm** (Tokyo time), subject to any IOC regulations in force from time to time.

GROUNDINGS FOR APPEAL

35. 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 <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/BritishJudoFastAppealsProcess2019v8.pdf>
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37. In respect of any de-selection decision taken by the BOA after the DRM, any appeals must be made to the BOA and dealt with in accordance with the BOA's appeals policy and administered by Sports Resolutions UK.

CONFIDENTIALITY

38. All athletes, officials, panel members or any other persons connected with any selection decision shall keep all matters relating to any selection decisions confidential, and shall not announce any selection decisions until after the final team is announced by the British Olympic Association.