

2021/2022 REGIONAL ENGLAND DEVELOPMENT SQUAD (REDS) IDENTIFICATION POLICY

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 priority for REDS is to prepare those fighters for the level required for the ETD programme. The criteria for entry onto the REDS programme will now require some competitive success. All REDS weekend sessions will be national (six per year) in order to bring together all fighters for the best quality randori. More emphasis will be placed on REDS fighters attending their regional ETDC sessions.

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 Pre-Cadets
- Hold a minimum grade of 10th Mon (Green Belt) for Cadets
- Born between 2007 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 English Closed Championships

- Pre-Cadets who place in the top 8 and win one or more contests
- 1st year Cadets who do not qualify for ETD, were members of REDS previously and win one or more contests

3.2 Secondary Identification

3.2.1 British Championships

- Pre-Cadets who place in the top 8 and win one or more contests
- 1st year Cadets who do not qualify for ETD, were members of REDS previously and win one or more contests

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- 3.2.2 Limited REDS places will be allocated to fighters via a continuous review by England coaches at identified events as listed on the REDS 2021/2022 Calendar.

England coaches reserve the right to select people who fall outside these criteria in exceptional circumstances.

4. REDS Training

4.1 Calendar

- 4.1.1 The 2021/2022 annual calendar will be published by 31st July 2021. 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 the event of clashes with other events. 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 – Weekly expected, twice a month minimum (where geographically possible)
 - Cadets – Weekly expected (where geographically possible)

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- Where individuals cannot attend the expected number of sessions, this must be communicated with the ENG programme coaches

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:

- Injury – providing a physio/medical note can be provided
- Illness – Evidence may be required
- Family bereavement
- Family wedding

5. REDS Competitions

5.1 Selection

5.1.1 In 2021/2022 there may be various opportunities for members of the REDS to participate in competitions abroad. 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: 2008/9.

5.1.3 In the case of oversubscription, places will be allocated to those who have the highest levels of attendance at REDS and ETDC sessions.

6. REDS Squad Fees

6.1 Fee System

6.1.1 The 2021/2022 REDS fees will run from 11th September 2021 to 31st August 2022 at a cost of £60. Fees will be requested when the squad selection is made and are due by the 30th September 2021. Fees are payable online.