



**BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION (“BJA”)
ENGLAND JUDO
2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES
28 July - 8 August 2022
SELECTION PROCEDURE**

INTRODUCTION

The Commonwealth Games are a priority performance competition, within both the British Judo Association’s and England Judo’s Strategies. Success in Birmingham 2022 is important as a success indicator to the Olympic Games but also in building the reputation of judo to inspire the nation through medal winning performances.

Selection of fighters representing England at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham will be made according to the following criteria as set out below.

The final decision in selection to the Commonwealth Games to Team England lies with Commonwealth Games England. Achievement of the selection criteria therefore represents an “eligibility for nomination”, not selection or even an automatic nomination.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.2. In all cases, athletes must meet all of the eligibility requirements to participate in the Commonwealth Games as may be set by Team England, The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) 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 British passport) and of UK anti-doping requirements.
- 1.3. Athletes must meet the code of conducts laid out by the British Judo Association, Team England and the Commonwealth Games Federation. Breaches of these codes may result in deselection or non-selection. This includes signing the Commonwealth Games England, Team Members Agreement and signing the CGF Entry and Eligibility Form.
- 1.4. Athletes must hold a current BJA License.

2. AGE REQUIREMENTS

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

ENGLAND JUDO

British Judo Centre of Excellence, University of Wolverhampton (Walsall Campus), Gorway Road, Walsall, WS1 3BD

T 07814 556 591 E EnglandProgramme@britishjudo.org.uk W englandjudo.co.uk



3. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 3.1. The competition format for Birmingham 2022 consists of individual events in the weight categories listed below:
 - i. Male; -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg
 - ii. Female; -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg
- 3.2. A maximum entry of 14 athletes may be selected, 7 males and 7 females, with a maximum of 2 fighters per weight category. The Selection Panel reserve the right to not select an athlete for a weight category in order to prioritise medal opportunity and select 2 in a weight category. This means that being the top ranked English athlete in a weight category does not guarantee selection.

4. QUALIFICATION PERIOD

- 4.1. Fighters will be considered for selection via the IJF world ranking list on the 30/05/2022 To be confirmed <https://www.ijf.org/wrl>
- 4.2. Selection week commencing 30/05/2022.

5. SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCESS

The intention will be to select a team most capable of winning medals at Birmingham 2022. This means that British Judo will nominate the 7 male and female athletes who present the best opportunity to win medals. British Judo will double up on athletes in weight categories rather than fielding an athlete in each individual event should this present greater medal opportunities.

The selection meeting will take place on the week stated in 4.2 and will follow 3 stages.

- 5.1. **STAGE 1** - An athlete will be nominated to the Team England delegation at Stage 1 where he / she achieves top 35 women and top 50 Men on the IJF World Ranking List. Where 2 or more athletes have met these criteria in a single weight category, the highest ranked athlete will be nominated. At stage 1 only 1 athlete per weight category will be selected.
- 5.2. **STAGE 2** - If there are still spaces available in the Team England delegation after Stage 1, an athlete will be considered for selection at Stage 2 where he / she achieves 1 or more of the following levels of performance.
 - 5.2.1. World Ranking Top 35 Women and Top 50 Men.
 - 5.2.2. European Championships top 5 placing in 2022.
 - 5.2.3. Grand Slam top 7 placing in 2021 or 2022.

- 5.2.4. Grand Prix Top 7 placing in 2021 or 2022.
 - 5.2.5. European Continental Open Medal in 2021 or 2022 and/or 2021 Junior World Championships Top 5 placing.
 - 5.2.6. 2021 Junior European Championships Top 5 placing.
- 5.3. At this stage, athletes will be selected based on the performances listed above taking into account their likelihood to win a medal based on:
- 5.3.1. Potential competition seeding.
 - 5.3.2. Previous Performances against likely opponents in 2021/2022 and quality of the field.
- 5.4. **STAGE 3** - If, after the Selection Panel has completed its consideration and nomination of athletes under stages 1 and 2, there are still spaces available in the Team England delegation at the Second Selection Stage and the Selection Panel recognises other opportunities for medals have been exhausted, consideration of factors such as long term development will be considered.

There shall be no obligation on the Selection Panel to select any athlete under this section 5.3. Athletes being considered for selection under this section 5.3 will be considered on an individual basis taking into account the factors listed in section 6.

2 reserve athletes will be named at this stage and will be nominated should any unforeseen withdrawals occur.

6. ADDITIONAL FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION (Applies Stage 3 Only)

- 6.1. 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 (ranked in order):
- 6.1.1. An athlete's potential to win a medal; based on the evidence from World Rankings and Competition performances in the competitions stated in 5.2. At this point the panel may also consider Senior European Cups and Non-European Continental Opens at their discretion.
 - 6.1.2. An athlete's current World Ranking;
 - 6.1.3. An athlete's past results (2021 & 2022) (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);
 - 6.1.4. An athlete's stage of development and their ability to win a medal in the at future milestone events including European, World Championships, Olympic Games and Commonwealth Games
 - 6.1.5. Number of wins against opponents on the IJF World Ranking List top 20 or likely Birmingham Commonwealth Games opponents in 2021 & 2022.
 - 6.1.6. 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 ‘meeting agreed expected attendance’, factors such as performance, displaying the “GB Judo Way” values and punctuality may be taken into account);
- 6.1.7. Injury status over at the time of selection and over the 2021 & 2022 Competition years.
 - 6.1.8. An athlete’s suitability as a team member against the (BJA code of conduct) and/or as an ambassador for the BJA (Note: when considering ‘suitability’, factors such as behaviour and previous disciplinary record over the qualification period will also be taken into account).
 - 6.1.9. Current weight and the ability to make the fighting weight without detriment to performance.

7. SELECTION PANEL

- 7.1. All decisions in relation to nomination of athletes for selection by Commonwealth Games England in respect of the Games shall be made by the Selection Panel (the “Selection Panel”), which shall comprise of: a Chairperson (Normally the England Judo Team Leader), Legal Observer (normally a legal observer with neutrality), Chair of the England Areas, the England Commonwealth Games Coaching Team and a Recording Officer. The responsibilities and voting rights of the Selection Panel shall be as follows:
 - 7.2. Chairperson: The Chairperson of the Selection Panel (normally the England Judo Team Leader) 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.
 - 7.3. 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 CGE or The 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.
 - 7.4. Coaching Team: The England Commonwealth Games Coaching Team will be entitled to one vote each in the selection of all athletes. The Coaching 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.
 - 7.5. 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.
 - 7.6. Members of the Selection Panel must declare any perceived conflict of interest concerning the selection of any athlete. In cases where there is conflict of interest, then the Selection Panel member affected [will remain in the meeting

and will be able to discuss the merits of selecting the athlete in question, but not to vote on the selection of the athlete subject to the declaration to which their conflict of interest extends.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SELECTIONS AND NON-SELECTIONS

- 8.1. Official announcement of the team will be by Commonwealth Games England. Until this announcement is made all selections and non-selections must remain confidential.
- 8.2. Selected athletes will be informed in writing via email that they have been selected.
- 8.3. Athletes that have been deemed to have met stage 1 or stage 2 of the selection criteria will be informed if they have not been selected. Athletes must keep this confidential, although this communication will trigger the start of an athlete's ability to appeal through the BJA Fast Appeals Policy.

9. DE-SELECTION AND REPLACEMENT

- 9.1. The process under which an athlete may be de-selected from the Commonwealth Games Team applied until the dates of 23rd June 2022. After this date, if an athlete is deselected a replacement can only be called if deselection is for injury or illness reasons. A letter from a doctor must be provided.
- 9.2. At any stage of the selection process prior to the 23rd June 2022, the Selection Panel reserves the right not to nominate, or to de-select, any athlete on the following grounds:
 - 9.2.1. Medical grounds - i.e. when an injury/illness may inhibit the achievement of appropriate performance - pursuant to the process set out in paragraph 9.3
 - 9.2.2. 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 9.4
 - 9.2.3. Suitability as a team member, where an athlete is deemed to have breached the code of conduct leading to the Selection Panel to determine in its opinion that the selection of such athlete would be inappropriate. This would be managed through the British Judo Performance Programme Fighter Disciplinary Policy. Where there is a grievance from a fellow athlete or staff member, this will be managed through the Conduct and Complaints Policy. <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Conduct-and-Complaints-Policy.pdf>
- 9.3. In the event of injury/illness which may inhibit performance, the decision to deselect will be taken as follows:
 - 9.3.1. 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.

- 9.3.2. If the athlete passes the medical examination carried out, 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 England Judo Team Leader can require (on a date specified by The Team Leader) the athlete to undergo a performance test. The test, as set out in Section 9.5 below, may be replaced by an actual competitive event performance, at the Team Leader'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 TL 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. Athletes wishing to appeal deselection may do so through the BJA Fast Appeals Policy.
- 9.4. It is the responsibility of each fighter to manage their weight in a controlled and safe manner. Excessive food & fluid restriction, training, heat stress and other methods to make weight before competition result in underperformance and place fighters health at significant risk.
 - 9.4.1. Short-term risks include, but not limited to- underperformance, illness & injury due to fatigue and cardiac complications associated with severe dehydration.
 - 9.4.2. Long-term risks include, but not limited to- mental health issues, eating disorders, bone disease, reproductive disorders, impaired growth & development, impaired renal function and overuse injuries.
 - 9.4.3. In the event of weight management issues, the criteria applied and decision to deselect will be taken as follows. 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. Athletes wishing to appeal deselection may do so through the BJA Fast Appeals Policy.
- 9.5. The test protocol will be as follows:
 - 9.5.1. Successful completion of three training bouts of appropriate length (4 minutes) of identified opponents selected by the TL and Head Coach, with a rest interval of 20 minutes between bouts.

- 9.5.2. The criteria for successful performance will be determined by a 4-person panel and described to the athlete prior to the test. The panel will consist of the TL, and Team England Commonwealth Games Coaches and CMO. A majority decision will be acceptable. In the instance of a tie, the TL shall have the deciding vote.
- 9.5.3. Members Panel must declare any perceived conflict of interest concerning the selection of any athlete. In cases where there is conflict of interest, then the Panel member affected will be removed from the Panel and an appropriate replacement found.
- 9.6. For administrative purposes, Team England must be kept informed of any possible decision to withdraw an athlete. The nomination of a replacement athlete must also conform to and meet the criteria described in this selection policy.

10. REPLACEMENTS AND RESERVES

- 10.1. In cases where another athlete(s) has/have achieved the qualification criteria, the BJA may nominate prior to the 23rd June 2022 a reserve for consideration, using the same criteria as applied to the nominated athletes and as set out in this selection policy.
- 10.2. After the 23rd June 2022 and in the case of medically certified injury, such nominated reserves would be eligible to replace a selected athlete in accordance with section 9. This is subject to and in accordance with The Late Athlete Replacement Policy and to any Commonwealth Games regulations in force at that time.

11. GROUNDS FOR APPEAL

- 11.1. The BJA Fast Appeals process is the only method of appeal should an athlete wish to appeal a selection, de selection or replacement decision prior to the 23rd June 2022. The BJA Fast Appeals Process can be found on the BJA website at <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/BritishJudoFastAppealsProcess2018v7FINAL.pdf>

12. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 12.1. 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 Commonwealth Games England.