

1. Introduction

1.1. Programme Policy Dates

The 2023/2024 Pre-Cadet England Development Squad (EDS) will run from September 2023 to 31st August 2024.

England Judo aims to develop young fighters to progress onto the British Judo World Class Performance Programme and achieve senior performances at Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games.

A critical component for the success of English Judo relies on an approach to selection that involves objective and subjective data, together with a programme of continuous personal development (technical, tactical, physical, psychological and lifestyle). The criteria for entry onto the EDS programme will require some competitive success but not in isolation.

The England Programme priority for Pre-Cadets is to prepare those fighters for the level required at Cadet age and beyond. Sessions will be run nationally to bring together all fighters for the best quality training supplemental to the training done within club environments. The England Programme aims to engage as many competitive fighters as possible and deliver meaningful experiences, training and competition opportunities.

2. Eligibility

2.1. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the EDS, Pre-Cadet fighters must meet the following criteria:

- Hold a current BJA licence or affiliate membership.
- Hold a minimum grade of 7th Mon (Orange Belt).
- Born between 2010 and 2011 inclusive.
- 2023/2024 England Programme Fighter agreement MUST be signed and adhered to.

3. Identification

There are two routes to EDS 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 4 and win a minimum of two contests.

3.1.2. Home nation Opens from the previous 12 months (pre-cadet year 2).

3.1.3. Club coach recommendations (evidence required through application form).

3.2. Secondary Identification

3.2.1. British Championships – Pre-cadets who place in the top 4 and win a minimum of two contests.

3.2.2. Additional EDS places may be allocated to fighters via a continuous review by England coaches following events during the 2023-2024 squad year.

England coaches have the discretion to select and/or invite fighters who fall outside these criteria when appropriate.

4. Pre-Cadet EDS Training

4.1. Calendar

- The 2023/2024 annual calendar will be published by 5th August 2023. This will be updated as necessary.
- All scheduled training days may be subject to change in the event of clashes with other events. We will provide as much notice as possible.

4.2. Attendance & Communication

- Fighters' attendance at EDS training is expected and will be continually reviewed.
- Attendance and engagement are primary factors taken into consideration when selections are made for international competitions and training camps and additional training opportunities.
- Clear communication is always required. Non-attendance, with a valid reason detailed in section 4.5 **MUST** be received via Spond within the timelines of the calling notice.
- Where calling notices are persistently not responded to, the England Programme has the right to remove Fighters from EDS at its discretion.

4.3. Training Invites & Additional Opportunities

- The England Programme reserves the right to send all invites on an individual basis (based on performance, commitment and behaviours).
- Additional invitations to train with EDS will be issued by the England Coaching Team on an individual basis and **not by request**.
- The EDS 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 EDS members will regularly (preferably weekly) attend an England Talent Development Centre (ETDC):

- Pre-Cadets – Weekly expected, twice a month minimum (where geographically possible)
- 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

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

- Injury and illness
- Other circumstances which have been communicated to and approved by the England coaches in advance.

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5. International Competition & Training Opportunity

EDS Pre-cadets will be provided the opportunity to compete in at least two International Competitions and Camps on a self-funded basis (E.g. Harnes, Antwerp, Venray, etc.)

Priority places will be allocated to those who complete the Squad Induction Day.

6. EDS Squad Fees

6.1. Fee System

The 2023/2024 EDS fees will run from September 2023 to 31st August 2024 at a cost of £100. Fees will be requested when the squad selection is made and are due by the 30th September 2023. Fees are payable online.