

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Fighters & Coaches

**From:** GB Performance Team

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

**Subject:** 2026 GB Junior & Senior Squad Co-Option Criteria & Online Application Form

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The GB Performance Team in consultation with the GB Home Nations have introduced certain criteria for fighters wishing to apply for co-option to the **2026 GB JUNIOR & SENIOR SQUAD**.

This is to support and encourage participation at domestic competition level (Home Nation Open Events) and to ensure fighters have a performance rationale to compete in European Continental Open level events and above.

Fighters can only apply within 2 windows of time (December 2025 & April 2026) via this online [Co-Option Application Form](#), which once completed, will be automatically sent to the fighters' respective GB Home Nation Lead Coach for review & recommendation, and then onto the GB Performance Team for final approval.

The criteria and timelines to apply for co-option is:

**December Application Window: 1<sup>st</sup> December to 5pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
**December Criteria:**

- Unable to enter or had to withdraw during the 2025 British Championships due to injury/illness, with medical confirmation (doctors/physio note).

**AND any 1 of the following:**

- A medal in 2 or more 2025 Junior/Senior Home Nation Opens (Scottish, English, N.I, Welsh).
- A medal in a 2025 Junior/Senior European Cup.
- A top 5 place in a 2025 Junior/Senior European Open.
- A top 7 place in a 2025 Grand Prix / Grand Slam.
- Selected for the 2026 GB Judo World Class Performance Programme.

**May Application Window: 20<sup>th</sup> April to 5pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026**  
**May Criteria:**

- A medal in 2 or more 2026 Junior/Senior Home Nation Opens.
- OR**
- A medal in a 2026 Junior/Senior European Cup.

Applications outside of these windows will not be considered.

**Junior fighters** may submit a co-option application for the **2026 GB Junior Squad** also via the online [Co-Option Application Form](#) using the same 2 application windows and will be considered by the GB Home Nation Lead Coaches on a case-by-case basis.

GB Home Nation Lead Coaches will then review all co-option applications and notify the GB Performance Team of their recommendations. The successful applicants will then be contacted.

If a fighter is unable to compete at the 2025 British Junior/Senior Championships, they must provide medical confirmation (Doctors/Physio note) to support their co-option application.

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