

England Performance Potential Identification Policy

Cadet & Junior Age Groups
September 2025 – August 2026

Introduction

England Judo's commitment to fostering excellence begins at the earliest stages, nurturing young fighters as they progress through each level of the sport. The journey for aspiring judoka starts with the Pre Cadet, Cadet, and Junior categories, providing a structured and supportive environment for skill development and growth.

The England Talent Programme has been established to advance British Judo's Olympic and Paralympic goals. The England Performance Potential Squad (EPP) represents a progression from the England Development Squad (EDS). Selected fighters receive enhanced opportunities for performance-focused training, increased access to international competitions, and strengthened engagement with the British Judo World Class Performance Programme, specifically the Olympic Performance Potential (OPP) training group.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the EPP, fighters must meet the following criteria:

- Hold a current BJA licence or affiliate membership;
- Hold a valid British passport or meet the IJF/EJU policy requirements regarding refugees. See the IJF rules here: [IJF Rules](#);
- Signed 2025/2026 England Programme Fighter Agreement, see Appendix 1 of the EDS/EPP Information Booklet:
- Meet the appropriate grade / age criteria for each squad as per the table below:

Squad	Minimum Grade	Year of birth
Cadet	10 th Mon/3 rd Kyu (green belt)	2009 to 2011
Junior	2 nd Kyu (blue belt)	2006 to 2011

- And have been identified for the EDS.

Selection

EPP fighters will be selected after the EDS induction training days on 27-28 September 2025. For information about the identification process, refer to the EDS Identification Policy.

Selection to the EPP will be based on the following factors:

- International results and performances over the previous 12 months.
- Training commitment and behaviours during the Induction Day,
- Performances at domestic events.
- England Talent programme coaches' previous knowledge of the fighter, which will include, but is not limited to:
 - professional behaviours on and off the mat;
 - engagement with the programme;
 - receptiveness to accept and process constructive feedback; and
 - physical and mental capacity to undertake the necessary training volume at both domestic and international camps.

Ongoing selection throughout the year will be based on updated international performance outcomes, alongside consistent adherence to the standards and expectations set by the England programme.

International Camp and Competition Opportunities

An important part of the EDS and EPP programmes is the opportunity to compete internationally as part of the England team. England Judo aims to provide self-funded international competition opportunities to as many fighters as possible. England Judo, as a minimum, will offer 3 competition opportunities to EPP fighters.

EPP Squad Fees

£150 per year

Additional information regarding camps, competitions, and squad fees is available in the EDS & EPP Information Booklet.