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INTRODUCTION

The Olympic Games is the primary performance event of the Olympic Cycle. Selection of athletes representing Great Britain and Northern Ireland (“GBNI”) at the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles (the “Games”) will be made according to the criteria outlined below where the aim is to maximise the medal winning potential of the GBNI Judo Olympic Team.

The final decision for selection to Team GB lies with the British Olympic Association (the “BOA”) who are the National Olympic Committee (the “NOC”) for GBNI. A selection under this selection policy by British Judo means a ‘nomination for selection’ to the BOA for Team GB.

EVENTS

		TOTAL	WEIGHT CATEGORIES
MEN	(Individual)	7	-60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg
WOMEN	(Individual)	7	-48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg
MIXED EVENTS	(Team)	1	Men: -73kg, -90kg, +90kg. Women: -57kg, -70kg, +70kg
TOTAL		15	

SELECTION MEETING

The GBNI Judo Team (“Team GB”) for the LA 2028 Olympic Games will be selected as follows:

- **Week 24: Friday 16th June 2028**

ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible for selection to Team GB for the LA 2028 Olympic Games, athletes must meet the following criteria:
 - 1.1. Hold a valid British passport;
 - 1.2. Hold a valid membership of British Judo or a Home Nation;
 - 1.3. Must have been born on or before 31 December 2013;
 - 1.4. Must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions);
 - 1.5. Must satisfy any eligibility criteria imposed by the BOA, IOC and/or the IJF;
 - 1.6. Must sign a BOA Team Members Agreement;
 - 1.7. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of a transfer of allegiance;
 - 1.8. Not be serving a provisional or permanent suspension for an anti-doping violation, or any other reason;
 - 1.9. Has not, whether by an act or omission, brought British Judo or the BOA/Team GB into disrepute; and
 - 1.10. Has not been disciplined by British Judo or the BOA / Team GB for misconduct.

QUALIFICATION

2. The Qualification Period for the Games will run from 15 June 2026 to 12 June 2028. There will be over sixty IJF Olympic Qualification Events during this period, including the 2027, 2028 European Championship and 2026, 2027 and 2028 World Championships.
3. The IJF World Ranking List of the Olympic qualification period (“WRL OG”) will be used to allocate the 342 qualification quota places (made up of 238 direct qualification and 104 continental quota places) in the hierarchical order of qualification. It will also be used for seeding during the Olympic Games draw. The final WRL OG will be published on the IJF website by 15 June 2028 and can be viewed here: https://www.ijf.org/wrl_olympic.
4. The maximum number of athletes permitted per NOC for the individual competition is 7 male athletes (1 per individual event) and 7 female athletes (1 per individual event).
5. As per the IJF Qualification System, direct qualification quota places are allocated to the **athlete by name**. However, if, within the same weight category, an NOC has more than one athlete ranked in the top 17, the NOC can decide which of these athletes will receive the quota place.
6. In addition to direct qualification, there are 13 male and 13 female continental qualification quota places for Europe available. Athletes will directly qualify for a continental quota place through a Continental Ranking List listing all the athletes from Europe across all weight categories and genders according to their WRL OG. Athletes with the highest number of points on the Continental Ranking List will qualify.
7. A maximum of 1 athlete per NOC can qualify through continental qualification across all weight categories and genders and only in a category where a NOC does not have a direct qualification.
8. If a continent fails to use its full allocation, any remaining quota place will be allocated according to the WRL OG of 15 Jun 2028 to the highest ranked athlete, not yet qualified, in the respective gender, respecting the maximum quota of 1 athlete per NOC per event.
9. To be eligible to participate in the mixed team event, an NOC must form its mixed team from the athletes who qualified for an individual event. NOCs with a full quota of 6 athletes (3 male and 3 female) in the combined mixed team weight categories can enter.
10. Each continent has 1 mixed team invitation quota place. The highest-ranked eligible country in each continent from the IJF Seniors Mixed Team WRL OG will obtain the quota place.

NOMINATION CRITERIA & PROCESS

11. **Round 1: Direct Qualification & Continental Qualification - Named Places**

The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will nominate for selection all named athletes in a direct qualification quota place, where no other athlete in the same weight category is ranked in the top 17 WRL OG. The Panel will also nominate for selection any named athlete who qualifies in a continental qualification quota place.
12. **Round 2: Where two or more athletes meet the Direct Qualification criteria**

If two or more athletes are ranked in the top 17 of the WRL OG, the Panel will nominate for selection in the following order:

 - 12.1 The highest-ranked athlete in the top 8 of the WRL OG.
 - 12.2 If paragraph 12.1 does not apply, the athlete ranked 9 to 17 in the WRL OG, with the best result at the 2028 World Championships, in the following order:
 - 1st place
 - 2nd place
 - 3rd place
 - 5th place

12.3 If two athletes remain tied under paragraph 12.2 (i.e. ranked 9 to 17 in the WRL OG and a 2028 World Championships 3rd place), paragraph 12.4 will apply.

12.4 Under paragraph 12.4, the Panel will compare performances during the LA 2028 Olympic Qualification period (15 June 2026 to 12 June 2028), including but not limited to:

- World Championships;
- European Championships;
- World Judo Masters;
- Grand Slams;
- Grand Prix's; and
- Wins against opponents ranked in the top 10 of the IJF WRL.

12.5 After considering these performances, the Panel will nominate the athlete it believes is most likely to win a medal in LA.

13. Round 3: Mixed Team Event

The Mixed Team Event for Men and Women, are as follows:

	Mixed Weight Category	Made from Individual Weight Categories
Women	-57kg	-48kg, -52kg, -57kg
	-70kg	-57kg, -63kg, -70kg
	+70kg	-70kg, -78kg, +78kg
Men	+73 kg	-60kg, -66kg, -73kg
	-90 kg	-73kg, -81kg, -90kg
	+90 kg	-90kg, -100kg, +100kg

14. Team GB will enter a team in the Mixed Team Event should all 6 weight categories be fulfilled through athletes who have been selected in rounds 1 or 2.

15. Selection for the Mixed Team Event will be decided by the Olympic Performance Coaches depending on opponents on a round by round basis during competition.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

16. The BOA will not, unless in exceptional circumstances and in the BOA's discretion, support Tripartite invitational places or reallocated unused quota places (i.e. hand back places, wildcard places or any other quota places which have not been generated by virtue of a Direct Qualification), so therefore, the Panel reserves the right **not** to nominate any athlete(s) who may be eligible to receive such a place.

SELECTION PANEL

17. The Panel shall comprise of the following voting and non-voting members:

17.1. Voting members:

- o Performance Director
- o 2 WCPP Olympic Performance Coaches

17.2 Non-voting members:

- o Chairperson – a member of the Performance Leadership Team
- o Legal Observer
- o Recording Officer
- o Observers from Team GB / UK Sport
- o Independent Observer from British Elite Athlete Association (BEAA)
- o British Judo staff as required to support the meeting process

18. The Chairperson shall be responsible for chairing the meeting. The Chairperson and the Independent Observer shall be responsible for ensuring due process is followed and decisions are made in accordance with this selection policy.

19. 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 the BOA, or British Elite Athlete Association (BEAA), or a British Judo Legal Representative. The Legal Observer may only advise voting panel members on the legal obligations of the policy and on such other matters requested by voting panel members.
20. Any selection decisions shall be made by way of a majority decision. Each WCPP Olympic Performance Coach and the Performance Director will have one vote each, with the Performance Director having the last vote.
21. The Recording Officer will take notes and document selection decisions as appropriate.
22. The Chairperson and the British Judo Performance Data Analyst will be responsible for ensuring all results and other relevant details on athletes are compiled for consideration by the Panel at the selection meeting.
23. Any individual involved in the selection process must declare any association / conflict of interest concerning any athlete being considered for selection.

COMMUNICATION OF SELECTIONS

24. The Chairperson of the Panel will provide the nomination recommendations, together with any material that the Panel considers appropriate to justify such selections, to the Performance Advisory Group (PAG) Chairperson for ratification immediately following the selection meeting. The PAG Chairperson shall ratify the nominations if the correct procedures were followed by the Panel in the decision-making process.
25. Once nominations have been ratified by the PAG Chairperson by 2pm on Friday 16th June 2028, athletes will be contacted Friday afternoon 16th June 2028 to inform them of their selection or non-selection.
26. The nomination will then be submitted to the BOA on Tuesday 20th June 2028.

DE-SELECTION AND REPLACEMENT

27. The process under which an athlete may be de-selected depends on the exact timing in relation to the Delegation Registration Meeting ("DRM"). That is the date that the GBNI Team is formally entered, by the BOA, with the LA Organising Committee ("LAOCOC"). This is currently set for 26 June 2028.
28. At any stage of the selection process prior to the date of the DRM, the Panel reserves the right not to nominate, or to de-select, any athlete on the following grounds:
 - 28.1 Medical grounds – i.e. when an injury/illness may inhibit the achievement of appropriate performance - pursuant to the process set out in paragraph 29;
 - 28.2 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 30;
 - 28.3 Suitability as a team member, where for example an athlete's behaviour or attitude leads the Panel to determine in its opinion that the selection of such athlete would be inappropriate.
29. In the event of injury/illness which may inhibit performance, the decision to deselect will be taken as follows:
 - 29.1 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 British Judo may (if appropriate) nominate a replacement athlete in accordance with this selection policy.

- 29.2 If the athlete passes the medical examination carried out in accordance with section 29.1 above, but British Judo 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 Performance Director can require (on a date specified) the athlete to undergo a performance test. The test, as set out in section 33 below, may be replaced by an actual competitive event performance, at the Performance Director'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 Performance Director considers appropriate), his/her nomination will be withdrawn on medical grounds and, if appropriate, a replacement can be nominated by British Judo in accordance with this selection policy.
30. In the event of weight management issues, the criteria applied and decision to deselect will be taken as follows:
- 30.1 The athlete fails to follow safe weight management or safe weight making processes.
- 30.2 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 including how the athlete will be supported to achieve the targets. 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 British Judo in accordance with this selection policy.
31. For administrative purposes, the BOA must be kept informed of any possible decision to withdraw an athlete. The nomination of a replacement athlete must also conform to this selection policy and must be an individual who has been named on the BOA / British Judo long list and has met the criteria for full selection as stated in this selection policy.
32. After the DRM has been completed and Team GB athletes selected, the de-selection and selection of a replacement athlete is only allowed in accordance with the IOC's Late Athlete Replacement Policy (or any revised or amended IOC policy dealing with athlete replacement). This primarily provides for replacement in the case of injury and/or illness. In the event of there being a query over the ability of an athlete to be able to compete to the best of his/her ability due to an injury or illness the following procedure will be adhered to:
- 32.1 The Team GB Chief Medical Officer (CMO), in conjunction with British Judo, can require an athlete to undergo a medical examination to determine his/her fitness to participate. This examination will be carried out by the CMO or another doctor delegated by them. If the athlete fails the medical examination, he/she will be withdrawn from Team GB and British Judo may (if appropriate) nominate a replacement athlete in accordance with its selection policy.
- 32.2 If the athlete passes the medical examination carried out in accordance with section 30 above but British Judo and the BOA still have 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 Team GB Chef de Mission can require (on a date specified) the athlete to undergo a performance test as specified in section 33 below. The test may not be varied or amended without prior approval of the BOA. The test will be conducted by the Team Leader (or his/her delegate) and a BOA representative or delegate will be present (if possible/available). If the athlete fails the test (which can be undertaken on more than one occasion and within a short time frame if the Team Leader considers appropriate), he/she will be withdrawn from Team GB on medical grounds and, if appropriate, a replacement can be nominated by British Judo in accordance with this selection policy.
33. The test protocol will be as follows:
- 33.1 Successful completion of three training bouts of appropriate length (4 minutes) of identified opponents selected by the Performance Director and LA Olympic Coaches, with a rest interval of 20 minutes between bouts.
- 33.2 The criteria for successful performance will be determined by a four-person panel, consisting of the CMO, Performance Director together with the LA Olympic Coaches. A majority decision will be acceptable. In the instance of a tie, the Performance Director shall have the deciding vote.

REPLACEMENTS AND RESERVES

34. In cases where another athlete(s) has/have achieved the qualification criteria, British Judo may nominate prior to the DRM a reserve for consideration, using the same criteria as applied to the nominated athletes and as set out in this selection policy.
35. After the DRM, and in the case of de-selection due to injury, weight management, or behaviour, such nominated reserves would be eligible to replace a selected athlete in accordance with paragraph 32, up to the final confirmation of competitors at the Technical Meeting and draw in LA at 2pm local time on Thursday 13th July 2028, subject to any IOC regulations in force from time to time.

GROUNDS FOR APPEAL

36. The British Judo Fast Appeals process is the only method of appeal should an athlete wish to appeal a selection or de selection decision prior to the DRM. The British Judo Fast Appeals Process can be found on the British Judo website: <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/gb-judo/support/gb-judo-policies/>
37. In respect of any de-selection decision taken by the BOA after the DRM, any appeals must be made to the BOA and administered by Sports Resolutions UK.

CONFIDENTIALITY

38. 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 the BOA.