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OLYMPIC SELECTION PROCEDURE TO TEAM GB

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Olympic Games are the primary PERFORMANCE competition in the WCP quadrennial. Selection of athletes representing Great Britain at the 2024 Olympic Games (OG) in Paris (the “Games”) will be made according to the criteria outlined below where the aim of the process is to maximise the medal winning potential of the British Olympic Team.

2. The final decision in selection to the Games to TEAM GB lies with the British Olympic Association (“BOA”). Achievement of the selection criteria therefore represents an “eligibility for nomination”, not selection or even an automatic nomination.

ELIGIBILITY

3. All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Games.

4. In all cases, athletes must meet all of the eligibility requirements to participate in the Games as may be set by the BOA, the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”), 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 UK passport) and of anti-doping requirements.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

5. All athletes participating in the Games must be born on or before 31 December 2009.

IJF QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PARIS 2024

6. The Paris 2024 IJF Qualification System in respect of the Games can be found on the IJF website on the following link:

https://78884ca60822a34fb0e6-082b8fd5551e97bc65e327988b444396.ssl.cf3.rackcdn.com/up/2022/04/Paris_Olympic_Games_2024_Judo_-1649757842.pdf

QUALIFICATION PERIOD

7. The Qualification Period for the Games will run from **24 June 2022 to 23 June 2024**. There will be approximately, including the 2023, 2024 European Championship and 2022, 2023 and 2024 World Championships - over sixty IJF Olympic Qualification Events during this period.

8. The **final World Ranking List of the 25 June 2024** (“WRL”) and the **European Continental Ranking List** (which will be based on the WRL) will be used to establish the number of quota places available for the Games. The IJF WRL will be published on 25 June 2024 in accordance set out in the IJF Qualification document.

CRITERIA

9. Maximum Number of Athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC):

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
MEN	7	Maximum 1 athlete per event (weight category)
WOMEN	7	Maximum 1 athlete per event (weight category)
TOTAL	14	

Save as set out in paragraph 13 below, the quota place is allocated to the **athlete by name**.

DIRECT QUALIFICATION

10. Direct qualification will be achieved through meeting the following criteria based on the IJF Olympic Qualification List, as published on the IJF website: https://www.ijf.org/wrl_olympic:

- a. MEN: WRL Top 17 ('clean' WRL)
- b. WOMEN: WRL Top 17 ('clean' WRL)

CONTINENTAL QUOTA

11. An additional 100 athletes will directly qualify quota places for the Games as per the IJF WRL of **25 June 2024** based on continental representation and according to the following procedure:

- 11.1 For each continent and based on the IJF WRL of 25 June 2024, a Continental Ranking List will be created listing all the athletes from that continent across all weight categories and genders according to their World Ranking points.
- 11.2 Athletes with the highest number of points on the Continental Ranking List will qualify according to the following continental quota:

Continent	Quota Places MEN	Quota Places WOMEN	Quota Places Total
Africa	12	12	24
Europe	13	12	25
Asia	10	10	20
Oceania	5	5	10
Pan America	10	11	21
TOTAL	50	50	100

- 11.3 Maximum one (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.
- 11.4 Maximum two (2) athletes per weight category per continent can qualify through continental qualification
- 11.5 If a continent fails to use its full allocation, any remaining quota place will be allocated according to the IJF WRL of 25 Jun 2024 to the highest ranked athlete, not yet qualified, in the respective gender, respecting the maximum quota of one (1) athlete per NOC per event.

MIXED TEAM EVENT

12. The Olympic Games for Judo now stages a Mixed Team Event for Men and Women, made up of the following weight categories:

Women

- -57 kg (-48kg, -52kg, -57kg),
- -70 kg (-57kg, -63kg, -70kg),
- +70 kg (-70kg, -78kg, +78kg)

Men

- -73 kg (-60kg, -66kg, -73kg),
- -90 kg (-73kg, -81kg, -90kg),
- +90 kg (-90kg, -100kg, +100kg)

All NOCs, having a full team (i.e. must have athletes able to compete in **all** 6 weight categories) can enter for the Mixed Team Event.

Great Britain will enter a team in the Mixed Team Event should all 6 weight categories be fulfilled through **DIRECT or CONTINENTAL QUALIFICATION** and will enter a team on the field of play comprised of the selected athletes who are best placed on the day round-by-round, in the selectors' (Performance Director, Men and Women's Coaching Team) opinion, to win each round and secure a medal at the Games.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

13 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. handback places, wildcard places or any other quota places which have not been generated by virtue of a Direct Qualification), so therefore, the BJA reserves the right not to nominate any athlete(s) who may be eligible to receive such a place.

SELECTION PROCESS

14. The GB Team for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games will be selected as follows:

- Week 26: Thursday 27 June 2024 - Final Selection Stage

CONFIRMATION – Where IJF “clean” WRL Top 17 is stated, this relates to the IJF Olympic Qualification List as published on the IJF website: https://www.ijf.org/wrl_olympic

15. Subject to paragraph 16, an athlete will be selected for nomination to the Team GB delegation in accordance with the IJF WRL, where he / she has achieved the following level of performance;

- 15.1 Direct Qualification on IJF “clean” WRL Top 17 - providing **no other athlete** in the same weight category has a DIRECT QUALIFICATION place;
- 15.2 Continental Quota Place in line with the IJF Continental Qualification Quota process

WHERE TWO OR MORE ATHLETES MEET THE QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

16. Where two or more athletes in the same weight category meet the qualification criteria by DIRECT QUALIFICATION, the BJA will rank the athletes against the following criteria, **listed in priority order**:

- 16.1 Athlete will be seeded in the Top 8 at the Paris Olympic Games
- 16.2 Highest seeded Top 8 athlete
- 16.3 Top 5 placing in 2024 World Championships
 - 16.3.1 World Championships 1st place
 - 16.3.2 World Championships 2nd place
 - 16.3.3 World Championships 3rd place, though where two athletes achieve a 3rd place, then refer to 16.4
 - 16.3.4 World Championships 5th place, though where two athletes achieve a 5th place, then refer to 16.4
- 16.4 A comparison of performances during the Paris cycle Olympic Qualification period (24 June 2022 – 23 June 2024), including but not limited to, World and European Championships, Grand Slams, Grand Prix's and wins against opponents ranked in the Top 10 of the IJF WRL.
 - 16.4.1 Other factors such as injury and future potential to qualify and medal at the LA 2028 Games, will also be taken into consideration.

17. Against the above criteria and in priority order, the athletes who have met the qualification criteria in the same weight category will be ranked in order. The number one ranked athlete will be nominated to the BOA, the number two ranked athlete will be nominated as reserve, the number three ranked athlete will be nominated as second reserve and so on.

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

18. By 25 June 2024, the IJF will publish the **IJF WRL of 25 June 2024** on its website (www.ijf.org) and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have 14 days to confirm, if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in the **Qualification Timelines**.

19. The BJA will submit its final nominations, based on **DIRECT QUALIFICATION** and **CONTINENTAL QUOTA**, to the BOA on Friday 28 June 2024.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINES

Date	Milestone
24 June 2022–23 June 2024	Qualification Period (for full list of events, IJF Calendar)
25 June 2024	IJF World Ranking List of the Olympic Qualification period published
25 June 2024	IJF confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.
2 July 2024	The NOCs to confirm to the IJF the use of the allocated quota places.
3 July 2024	IJF to reallocate all unused quota places
6 July 2024	The NOCs to confirm to the IJF the use of the allocated quota places.
TBC	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Universality Places to the NOCs.
8 July 2024	Paris 2024 Sport Entries deadline
26 July – 11 August 2024	Olympic Games Paris 2024

SELECTION PANEL AND THE NOMINATION PROCESS

20. All decisions in relation to nomination of athletes for selection by the BOA in respect of the Games shall be made by the selection panel (the “**Selection Panel**”), which shall comprise of: a Chairperson (normally the Performance Director), a Legal Observer, the Performance Staff (comprised of the GB Coaches for Men and Women) and a Recording Officer. The responsibilities and voting rights of the Selection Panel shall be as follows:
 21. Chairperson: The Chairperson of the Selection Panel (normally the Performance Director) 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.
 22. 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 the BOA or 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.
 23. The Performance Staff will be entitled to **one vote each** in the selection of all athletes. The Performance 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.
 24. 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.
 25. All nominations are subject to the Performance Advisory Group (“**PAG**”) ratification. The role of the PAG is to ensure that due process has been adhered to before the nominations are submitted to the BOA.
 26. The Chairperson of the Selection Panel will provide the selection nominations together with appropriate evidence to the Chairman of the PAG for ratification. The Chairman of the PAG will

inform the BJA Chairman of the selections. The Chairman of the PAG will also ratify any subsequent changes.

DE-SELECTION AND REPLACEMENT

27. The process under which an athlete may be de-selected from the Olympic squad depends on the exact timing in relation to the Delegation Registration Meeting (“**DRM**”). That is the date that the Team is formally entered with the Paris Organising Committee (“**POCOG**”). This is currently set for **12 July 2024**.
28. At any stage of the selection process prior to the date of the DRM, the Selection Panel reserves the right not to nominate, or to de-select, any athlete on the following grounds:
- a. medical grounds – i.e. when an injury/illness may inhibit the achievement of appropriate performance - pursuant to the process set out in paragraph 28.1;
 - b. 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 28.2;
 - c. suitability as a team member, where for example an athlete’s behaviour or attitude leads the Selection Panel to determine in its opinion that the selection of such athlete would be inappropriate.

28.1 In the event of injury/illness which may inhibit performance, the decision to deselect will be taken as follows:

- a. 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.
- b. If the athlete passes the medical examination carried out in accordance with Section 28.1a above, 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 BJA Performance Director (“**PD**”) can require (on a date specified by himself) the athlete to undergo a performance test. The test, as set out in Section 31 below, may be replaced by an actual competitive event performance, at the PD’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 PD 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.

28.2 In the event of weight management issues, the criteria applied and decision to deselect will be taken as follows:

- a. The athlete fails to follow safe weight management or safe weight making processes;
- b. 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 the BJA in accordance with this selection policy.

29. 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/BJA long list and has met the criteria for full selection as stated in this selection policy.

30. After the DRM has been completed and the Team selected, 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:
- a. The Team GB Chief Medical Officer (CMO), in conjunction with the BJA, 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 him/her. If the athlete fails the medical examination he/she will be withdrawn from the Team and the BJA may (if appropriate) nominate a replacement athlete in accordance with its selection policy.
 - b. If the athlete passes the medical examination carried out in accordance with Section 30a above but the BJA 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 by himself) the athlete to undergo a performance test as specified in Section 31 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 the Team on medical grounds and, if appropriate, a replacement can be nominated by the BJA in accordance with this selection policy.
31. The test protocol will be as follows:
- a. Successful completion of three training bouts of appropriate length (4 minutes) of identified opponents selected by the PD and Men or Women's Paris Olympic Coaches, with a rest interval of 20 minutes between bouts.
 - b. The criteria for successful performance will be determined by a four-person panel, consisting of the CMO, PD together with the Men or Women's Paris Olympic Coaches. A majority decision will be acceptable. In the instance of a tie, the PD shall have the deciding vote.

REPLACEMENTS AND RESERVES

32. In cases where another athlete(s) has/have achieved the qualification criteria, the BJA 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.
33. After the DRM, and in the case of medically certified injury, such nominated reserves would be eligible to replace a selected athlete in accordance with paragraph 30, up to the final confirmation of competitors at the Technical Meeting and draw in Paris on 25 July 2024, 2pm (Paris time), subject to any IOC regulations in force from time to time.

GROUNDINGS FOR APPEAL

34. The BJA 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 BJA Fast Appeals Process can be found on the BJA website at <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/BritishJudoFastAppealsProcess2019v8.pdf>
35. In respect of any de-selection decision taken by the BOA after the DRM, any appeals must be made to the BOA and dealt with in accordance with the BOA's appeals policy and administered by Sports Resolutions UK.

CONFIDENTIALITY

36. 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 British Olympic Association.