

MEMORANDUM

To: All Fighters & Coaches
cc: GB Performance Staff

From: GB Performance Team

Date: 1 December 2023

Subject: 2024 GB Squad Identification

We are looking forward to identifying the 2024 GB Junior and Senior Squads in a couple of weeks' time at this year's 2023 British Junior & Senior Championships, and as such wanted to provide some information.

Since Judo became an Olympic Sport at the Tokyo 1964 Olympic Games, it has evolved to the spectacle we saw at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, from only having 4 men's categories and 27 participating nations in 1964, to an impressive 15 medal categories, for men, women, and mixed teams with a staggering 128 nations participating in Tokyo 2020.

Our GB Judo Squad is the pinnacle of our Club system and underpins the World Class Performance Programme. Reaching the GB Judo Squad marks the minimum Performance standard required to represent Great Britain on the international circuit (**Personal Programme**), and therefore is an identification opportunity for our Development and Performance programmes.

GB SQUAD IDENTIFICATION

All fighters who place in the top 4 of each weight category for both the Junior and Senior British Championships, will earn a place on the 2024 GB Junior / Senior Squad.

GB SQUAD CO-OPTIONS

Any fighter who is unable to participate in the British Championships due to illness/injury and has aspirations of being on the 2024 GB Squad will need to apply for co-option within the set timelines and meeting the co-option criteria.

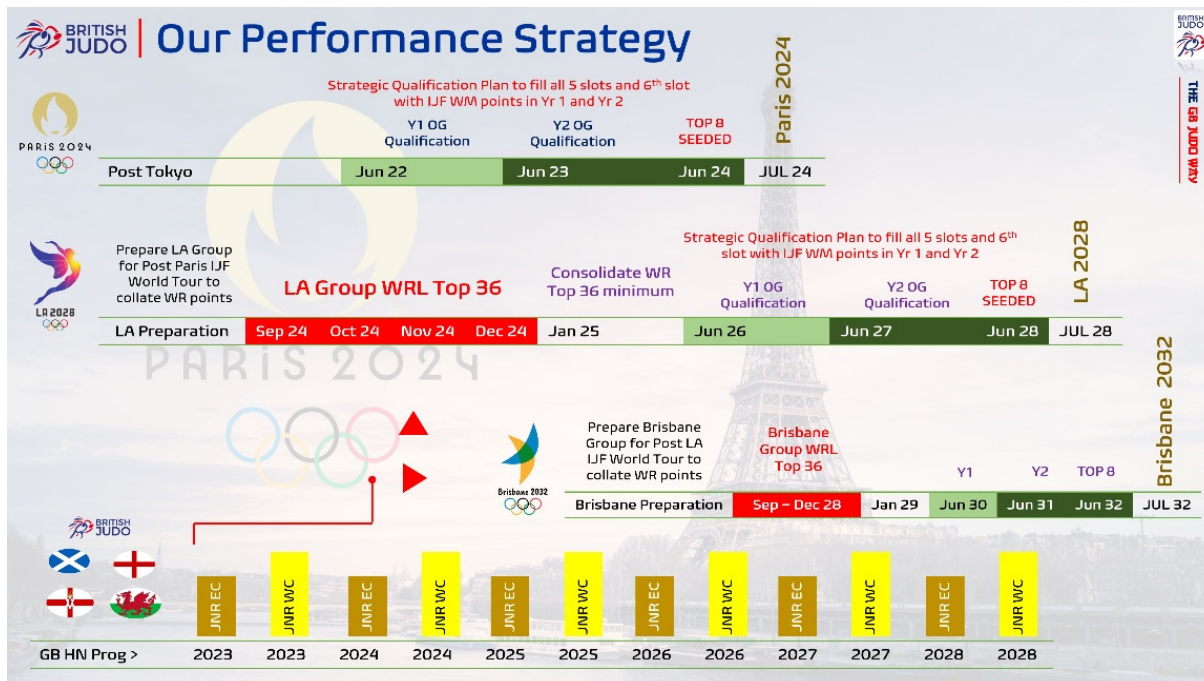
Please click on the following link for full details and how to apply:

https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/GB_MEMO_2024_GB_SQUAD_CO-OPTION.pdf

PARIS 2024 – Strategy Overview

From the 24 June 2022, the Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification period will commence through until June 2024. Our primary strategy for qualification is firmly focussed on MISSION 8 – qualifying fighters to be ranked in the **Top 8 of WRL** for seeding in Paris.

Additionally, we are also planning for LA 2028 and will prepare fighters to optimise the post Games period, to climb the IJF World Rankings to +30 in readiness for qualification from June 2026 onwards.



The primary focus of our Home Nation programmes is to develop Junior fighters to perform and medal at Junior European and Junior World Championships. The Junior World Championships is a key performance indicator for future Senior success.

OLYMPIC POTENTIAL PROGRAMME

As we near the end of the current Olympic cycle, with regards to qualification and final preparation, we also need to consider our post Games programme and in 2024, we will introduce the Olympic Potential Programme (formerly GB u23 Squad), to invest greater resource into our potential LA 2028 and Brisbane 2032 fighters.

At this stage, we are currently writing our UK Sport LA Submission for investment into the LA cycle, however, the Olympic Potential Programme will commence in 2024 with a series of domestic training camps, an international training camp and targeted performances at the Junior European and u23 European Championships.

(Note – there are no scheduled Junior World Championships in Olympic Year). We will also be hosting our GB Junior European Cup, followed by a training camp in June.

Once we have our UK Sport funding level confirmed at the end of 2024, we will increase our investment into our Olympic Potential Programme from 2025 onwards, to include a full domestic and international camp programme and competition programme with a focus on developing fighters to perform and medal at the Junior World Championships and to transition onto the World Class Performance Programme.

OPEN NATIONAL SQUAD TRAINING (ONST's) & OLYMPIC POTENTIAL TRAINING CAMPS (OPTC's)

Although we have a reduction in UK Sport funding for the Paris cycle, we have committed a budget for the GB Squads of £120,000 (£40,000 per year) to complement the Home Nation Programmes. To protect the GB Squad training programme, we have switched to a 2-day camp model for ONST's and a 4-day camp model for OPTC's

The 2024 ONST & OPTC dates are confirmed below:

Open National Squad Training (ONST's):

- ONST 1 JAN Sat 06 & Sun 07 Jan
- ONST 2 OCT Sat 05 & Sun 06 Oct

Olympic Potential Training Camps (OPTC's):

- CAMP 1 APR Wed 17 – Sat 20 Apr
- CAMP 2 JUL Wed 17 – Sat 20 Jul
- CAMP 3 AUG Mon 26 – Thu 29 Aug

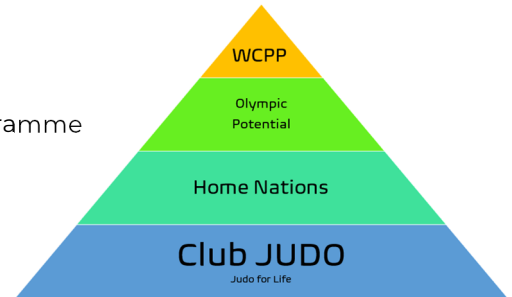
Competition Programme:

- JUN - GBR JNR Ecup and Training Camp
- SEP - Junior European Championships and Preparation Programme
- NOV - u23 European Championships

International Training Camp – identified fighters.

- Japan - Oct – 2 weeks, Date TBC

NOTE – GB ONST's are for invited 2024 GB Squad Fighters (JNR & SNR) and for Fighters who GB and Home Nation National Coaches wish to invite to attend or for Club Coaches to bring along for additional training opportunities with the National Team.



Additional Opportunities

In collaboration with the GB and Home Nation Programme Coaches, identified Olympic Potential fighters will be considered for additional training opportunities to attend both domestic and international training camps with the WCPP, to provide essential experiences for further development.

Olympic Potential Identification

In 2024, all fighters who medal in the 2023 British Senior Championships who are u23 and all 2023 British Junior Championships medallist will be invited to all ONST and Olympic Potential Training Camps. Home Nation programmes have the option to invite additional fighters to these camps at their own costs.

The international training camp in Japan, will be selected from the Olympic Potential programme by the GB WCPP Coaching Team.

2025 Onwards

Following our UK Sport LA investment confirmation, we will communicate how we will further invest in our Olympic Potential programme.

GB PERSONAL PROGRAMME POLICY

All **2024 GB Junior and Senior Squad Fighters** are eligible to attend to EJU/IJF World Tour events as part of their Personal Performance Programme at their own costs. Please ensure that you are fully aware of the policy & criteria, and stick to the application timelines as outlined on the GB Policies Page on the BJA Website: <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/gb-judo/gb-judo-policies/>

GB SQUAD KIT

British Judo are pleased to confirm that Adidas will continue to be their Official Kit Sponsor for the Paris Cycle. Adidas UK provide National Sport Governing Bodies with their "Teamwear Federation Range" for GB Squads & Teams to use whilst training and competing both at home and abroad.

Please see the Adidas Federation Catalogue to see what items are available to purchase throughout the range. All items are subject to Adidas UK current availability and stock levels.

All fighters (excluding those who have been co-opted) on the 2024 GB Junior, Senior, and VI Squads will receive a £30 kit credit which they can redeem against any GB Adidas Kit Order which they might like to place, plus the opportunity to purchase extra GB Adidas Squad Kit. Full details will be sent to 2024 GB Squad Members on Monday 11th December when the GB Adidas Kit online portal will be open for orders.

JUDOBASE I.D. CARD

For entry into EJU/IJF International Competitions, going forwards it will be the GB Squad fighter's responsibility to cover the cost of their own Judobase I.D. Card, currently £65.00 every 2 years. Please use the following link to apply for a new Judobase I.D. Card or to renew an existing out-of-date card: www.britishjudo.org.uk/judobase-registration-card
Please note, this is an IJF cost, not a British Judo cost.

GB SQUAD REGISTRATION PROCESS

In keeping with a sustainable future, we will continue to not issue any GB Squad paperwork to the medallists as they step off the podium at the British Championships in Sheffield. Instead, all medallists will receive a congratulations email on Monday 11th December containing a link to register their place on the 2024 GB Squad, an invite to ONSTI, and a link to the GB Adidas Kit online order portal.

The Performance Team.

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