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INTRODUCTION

The Senior World Championships is a PERFORMANCE competition and a milestone event that forms part of the LA2028 strategy.

The selection of athletes to represent Great Britain at the 2025 Senior World Championships will be made according to this selection policy.

Athletes should note that for all major championships, each delegation may enter a maximum of 9 entries in total for men and 9 entries in total for women, and in each weight category of men or women, a maximum of 2 athletes can be entered.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. The GB Team for the 2025 Senior World Championships (wk24) will be selected as follows:

- Week 14: w/c Monday 31 March - First Selection Stage
- Week 20: w/c Monday 12 May - Final Stage Selection

CRITERIA and ELIGIBILITY

Based on the IJF rules for competing in a Senior World Championships, only athletes who are ranked in the Top 100 of the IJF SNR WRL or Top 16 of the IJF JNR WRL are eligible to be considered for selection.

Note: In sections 2, 3 and 4, reference to medals achieved in 2024-2025, refers to the definitive Performance Timeline from **1 Sep 2024 to 11 May 2025**, including ALL IJF World Ranking events during this period.

Should an athlete achieve a performance standard in 2024 as outlined in Sections 2 and 3, then an athlete must also have a minimum performance standard in 2025 as follows;

2025 Minimum Performance Standards

- 2025 Grand Slam Top 7 placing
- 2025 Grand Prix Top 7 placing
- 2025 European Open medal

2. An athlete will be selected to the GB Team delegation at the First Selection Stage only, where he / she achieves one or more of the following levels of performance (prioritised in descending order):

- 2.1. 2025 1x Grand Slam medal or
2024 1x Grand Slam medal and one of the **2025 Minimum Performance Standards;**
- 2.2. 2025 1x Grand Prix medal
2024 1x Grand Prix medal and one of the **2025 Minimum Performance Standards;**
- 2.3. WRL Top 36 Women and WRL Top 36 Men, prioritised on the IJF WRL and one of the **2025 Minimum Performance Standards;**

3. If there are still spaces available in the GB Team delegation following the First Stage Selections, an athlete will then be **considered** for selection at the Second Stage Selections, where he / she achieves one or more of the following levels of performance (prioritised in descending order):

	WOMEN	MEN
3.1	2025 1x Top 5 Grand Slam placing or 2024 1x Top 5 Grand Slam placing and one of the 2025 Minimum Performance Standards	2025 1x Top 7 Grand Slam placing or 2024 1x Top 7 Grand Slam placing and one of the 2025 Minimum Performance Standards
3.2	2025 1x Grand Prix Top 5 placing or 2024 1x Grand Prix Top 5 placing and one of the 2025 Minimum Performance Standards	2025 1x Grand Prix Top 7 placing or 2024 1x Grand Prix Top 7 placing and one of the 2025 Minimum Performance Standards
3.3	WRL Top 45 Women, ranked in descending order and one of the 2025 Minimum Performance Standards	WRL Top 50 Men, ranked in descending order and one of the 2025 Minimum Performance Standards
3.4	2x European Open medals and a MINIMUM of one European Open medal must be in 2025.	2x European Open medals and a MINIMUM of one European Open medal must be in 2025.

4. An athlete who was born in 2003 or later **may also be considered** at the Second Stage Selections, where he / she achieves the following level of performance and such factors as outlined in Section 6:

	WOMEN Born 2003 or Later	MEN Born 2003 or Later
4.1	2025 1x European Open medal and previous performance track record	2025 1x European Open medal and previous performance track record

5. Where, the number of athletes qualified for the Team **exceed 9 Men or 9 Women**, and more than 2 athletes achieve the same levels of performance as set out in sections 2 to 4 (as applicable) in any one weight category, the Selection Panel shall decide which athlete(s) to select taking into account the factors listed in section 6 and the provisions of section 8.
6. When considering selections, in addition to the level of performance achieved by an athlete, the Selection Panel shall take into account, and give such weight as it considers appropriate, to the following factors (not ranked in order):
- 6.1. An athlete's potential to win a medal;
 - 6.2. An athlete's current World Ranking;
 - 6.3. An athlete's past results (Note: when considering 'results', factors other than the final placing may be taken into account – these factors may include such things as the standard of the event, the draw, the opposition, injury and any other factors that may have influenced the final results);
 - 6.4. An athlete's stage of development and their ability to win a medal in future milestone events including European, World Championships and Olympic Games;
 - 6.5. An athlete's commitment to the GB WCPP Programme (and HC Programme where appropriate);
 - 6.6. Number of wins against opponents on the IJF World Ranking List top 36;

- 6.7. Current and previous medical / injury history;
 - 6.8. An athlete's suitability as a team member and/or as an ambassador for the BJA (Note: when considering 'suitability', factors such as behaviour and previous disciplinary record will also be taken into account).
7. If, after the Selection Panel has completed its consideration and selection of athletes under sections 2, 3 and 4, there are still spaces available in the GB Team delegation, the Selection Panel may then consider and select additional athletes to complete a full team delegation if the Selection Panel deems such selection(s) would be beneficial to British Judo and/or the longer-term development of the athlete(s) concerned.

There shall be **no obligation** on the Selection Panel to select any athlete under this section 7. Athletes being considered for selection under this section 7 will be considered on an individual basis, taking into account the factors listed in section 6.

All athletes who have met the Performance benchmarks at Continental Opens, Grand Prix, Grand Slams and World Ranking through the 2025 season (Home Countries, Great Britain or Personal Programme) will be eligible for selection to the 2025 Senior World Championships.

8. Save in respect of any selection made pursuant to section 2, the Selection Panel shall have the power to decide, at its discretion, and taking into what it considers will be in the best interests of British Judo, whether to select two, one or no athletes in any particular weight category.

MIXED TEAM EVENT

9. Should British Judo enter a team in the World Mixed Team Championships, the Selection Panel shall select the team according to what it considers will be in the best interests of British Judo.

ADIDAS JUDOGI

10. It will be **compulsory** that all selected GB athletes for the 2025 Senior World Championships will wear Adidas Judogi in competition. The GB WCPP will provide 1x White and 1x Blue Adidas Judogi to each selected athlete.

All selected athletes will be responsible for purchasing and applying their backnumber to the Adidas Judogi in accordance to the IJF Judogi regulations. The backnumber can only be ordered from www.ijfbacknumber.com or www.mybacknumber.com.

SELECTION PANEL

11. The Selection Panel shall comprise: the Performance Director, a minimum of two GB WCPP Elite Performance Coaches for each of the Men's and Women's programmes, the Recording Officer and a minimum of two Observers. If the Performance Director or other personnel are unavailable for any reason, the PD will nominate appropriate replacements.
12. The Chairperson shall be the Performance Director and shall be responsible for ensuring that due process is followed and decisions are made in accordance with this selection policy.
13. Any selection decisions shall be made by way of a majority decision. Each GB WCPP Elite Performance Coach will have one vote each. Where there is a tie in the votes, the Performance Director shall have the casting vote.
14. The Observers will have no voting rights but will be present to ensure that selections are made in accordance with this selection policy for the Men and Women's Team.

15. The Recording Officer of the Selection Panel will document 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.
16. The GB WCPP Performance staff and the Recording Officer will be responsible for compiling results and other relevant details on athletes for consideration by the Selection Panel at selection meetings.
17. Any individual involved in the selection process must declare any association / conflict of interest concerning any athlete being considered for selection. Where there is a conflict of interest declared, the Chairperson (PD) will have one vote.

COMMUNICATION OF SELECTIONS

18. The Chairperson of the Selection Panel will provide the selection recommendations, together with any material that the Selection Panel considers appropriate to justify such selections, to the Performance Advisory Group ('PAG') for ratification. The PAG shall ratify the selections if the correct procedures were followed by the Selection Panel in the decision-making process.
19. Once selections have been ratified by the PAG, these will be immediately communicated to the relevant athletes by email and published on the BJA website.

FITNESS

20. Athletes may be required to undergo fitness tests and/or 'fit to compete' tests at any time.

DE-SELECTION

21. The Selection Panel shall have the power to de-select an athlete at any time if that athlete:
 - 21.1. does not fully participate in the event preparation and GB WCPP;
 - 21.2. fails to adhere to safe weight management and weight making practices;
 - 21.3. fails to comply with any applicable anti-doping regulations;
 - 21.4. in the opinion of the BJA medical staff, becomes medically unfit to compete as a result of injury or illness;
 - 21.5. receives a suspension which prevents him/her from competing;
 - 21.6. in the opinion of the BJA Elite Performance Coaches, fails to demonstrate the level of fitness expected;
 - 21.7. is guilty of misconduct or bad behaviour which the Selection Panel considers is sufficiently serious;
 - 21.8. acts in any way which is deemed to be detrimental to the BJA and/or its sponsors / partners.
22. Any athlete being considered for de-selection shall be notified by the Chairperson of the Selection Panel before any decision is made in this regard. Such notification must be in writing and must set out brief details of the reason(s) why the athlete is being considered for de-selection ('De-selection Notice'). That athlete shall then have the opportunity to provide his / her response to the points / issues raised in the De-selection Notice. Such response must be in writing and must be received by the Chairperson of the Selection Panel within 48 hours of the athlete's receipt of the De-selection Notice. The Selection Panel shall take into consideration any response received by an athlete.

23. In the event that the Selection Panel decides to exercise its power under section 22, it shall submit any proposed selection change(s), together with any material that the Selection Panel considers appropriate to justify its decision, to the PAG for ratification. The PAG shall ratify the selection change(s) if the correct procedures were followed by the Selection Panel in the decision-making process.
24. Once selection change(s) have been ratified by the PAG, these will be immediately communicated to the relevant athlete(s) by email and published on the BJA website.
25. The Selection Panel shall have the ability to replace any de-selected athlete(s). Athletes being considered as replacements under this section 25, will be considered on an individual basis taking into account the factors listed in section 7 and the provisions of sections 18 and 19 shall apply.

SELECTION PANEL DECISIONS

26. Subject to section 28, and without prejudice to the Selection Panel's ability to de-select athletes in accordance with the provisions set out in sections 21 to 23, the decisions of the Selection Panel shall be final once ratified by the PAG.
27. In the event that the PAG does not ratify a selection or de-selection decision, the PAG shall refer that decision back to the Selection Panel for reconsideration. The Selection Panel may re-submit that selection decision to the PAG.
28. An athlete may only appeal a selection or de-selection decision on the grounds that the Selection Panel failed to follow the applicable criteria. The BJA Fast Appeals process is the only method of appeal should an athlete wish to appeal a selection or de-selection decision. Any appeal must be made within 24 hours of the selection or de-selection decision being communicated to the athlete. The BJA Fast Appeals Process can be found on the BJA website – <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/British-Judo-Selection-Nomination-and-Deselection-Fast-Appeals-Procedure.pdf>

PREPARATION

29. All WCPP athletes will follow the WCPP preparation programme.
30. All selected Team members will attend any planned Preparation Camps at the British Judo National Training Centre.