



**Policy and Procedure
2025 Cadet European
Championships
Selection Procedure**

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INTRODUCTION

This policy details the identification process and criteria for the 2025 European Cadet Championship (ECC).

The purpose of the Home Nation Programmes is to prepare fighters for future success at the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Home Nation Programmes are committed to:

- Develop technical proficiency in the Trademarks: **Throw for Ippon & Win in Newaza.**
- Develop professional performance behaviours for Junior & Senior success.

The ECC delegation will be a maximum of 10 entries in total for male and 10 entries in total for females. In each weight category of male or female a maximum of 2 fighters can be entered. The maximum number of fighters per delegation is 20.

The ECC delegation size and Home Nation places are subject to Home Nation funding. Home Nations reserve the right to allocate places at their discretion, dependent on the funding available.

Fighters must be born between 2008 (maximum 17 years old) and 2010 (minimum 15 years old during the 2025 calendar year).

SELECTION PROCESS

- The GB Team for the 2025 Cadet European Championships (wk26) will be selected as follows:
 - Week 18: w/c Monday 28th April - Final Stage Selection

IDENTIFICATION COMPETITIONS

- Positional results and the number of contests had by fighters will be logged from the following domestic competitions and displayed in the GB Cadet Identification Ranking:

Domestic Competitions:

1	Welsh Open (Cadet)	26-27 October 2024
2	British Cadet Championships	7-8 December 2024
3	Scottish Open (Cadet)	18-19 January 2025
4	English Open (Cadet)	22-23 February 2025
5	Northern Ireland Open (Cadet)	12-13 April 2025

International Competitions:

- International event support will depend on which Home Nation fighters compete for. Fighters are required to gain identification to international events through their Home Nation Programme and should seek to discuss any Identification with their respective Home Nation Lead Cadet Coaches.
- Positional result, contest wins and total number of contests had by fighters will be logged from the following international competitions below and will be listed in the GB Cadet Identification Ranking:

1	Cadet European Cup Italy (Genova)	8-9 February 2025
2	Cadet European Cup Slovakia (Samorin)	15-16 February 2025
3	Cadet European Cup Croatia (Porec)	15-16 March 2025
4	Bremen (Male) /Thuringia (Female) Internationals	22-23 March 2025
5	Cadet European Cup Czech Republic (Teplice)	5-6 April 2025
6	Cadet European Cup Germany (Berlin)	26-27 April 2025

- A fighter's best 3 domestic Competition Performances and best 3 international Competition Performances from the above lists will be considered within the Cadet Identification Ranking.
 - If a fighter moves up a weight category during the identification period, they will transfer half the points earned at the identification competitions stated.
 - Fighters who move down a weight category during the identification period will not transfer any the technical and result points earned at the identification competitions.
- Should any competition be cancelled or postponed, they may be removed from the criteria/league. In these circumstances a replacement competition may be identified or not.*

Result rating index:

Placing	Points (Domestic) Home Nation Opens	Points (Domestic) British Champs	Points (International)	Wins at identified International events
1 st	25	30	35	5 additional points per international win
2 nd	20	25	30	
3 rd	15	20	25	
5 th	10	15	20	

- Please note:
 - No points will be awarded should a fighter place, but not win a contest.

- If a fighter (who has competed in their own weight category) also competes in a heavier category to enable fighters to have more contests (due to lack of entries), they will not receive ranking points in the heavier category.

Whether they receive a medal will be at the tournament organisers discretion.

- Any fighter who has contests because of other fighters moving up a weight to provide them opportunity to fight (due to poor entry in their category), must win at least one contest to receive ranking points, decided by their finishing position in the whole group.

IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA

7. In order to be identified, fighters will be considered against the below criteria:

- **Technical Performance in Competition & Competition Results**
- **Performance Behaviours**

Technical Performance in Competition & Competition Results

8. To be considered for identification for the European Cadet Championships fighters should meet the criteria below **by the selection meeting held week commencing Monday 28th April 2025**.

9. A fighter will be **identified** for the GB Team delegation where they meet all of the following:

- Member of Home Nation Programme
- Top 5 in weight category on the GB Cadet Identification Ranking

and then consideration in priority given to:

- A top 7 placing at a 2025 Junior European Cup (achieved before the selection meeting)
- 1 international top 5 placing (and which includes a minimum of 3 wins in 1 day) at an GB Cadet Identification ranking stated international competition.

10. Where places are available, a fighter will be **considered** for identification for the GB Team delegation if they achieve:

- Member of Home Nation Cadet Programme
- Top 5 in Weight Category on the GB Cadet Identification Ranking

and then consideration in priority given to:

- 1 international top 7 placing (and which includes a minimum of 2 wins in 1 day) at an GB Cadet Identification ranking identified international competition.
- A minimum of 3 contest wins in 1 day at an GB Cadet Identification Ranking international competition.

11. In the case where multiple fighters in the same weight category meet the above requirements, the Identification Panel will consider each fighter against the whole of the criteria laid out. The Identification Panel will be entitled to decide in such cases on the criteria in its absolute discretion.

Performance Behaviours & Additional Factors

12. Performance behaviours are an integral component in the identification policy and an essential part of a fighter's development and in performance sport and therefore an important factor for the Identification Panel to consider.

13. To perform at the highest level, talented fighters need to be able to display performance behaviours alongside an excellent technical foundation. A fighter's performance behaviours will be monitored by the Home Nation Cadet leads throughout the identification period on the following basis:
- Home Nation programme engagement and attitude during camps
 - Competition/Camp suitability based on an athlete's current experience
 - Current weight and the ability to make the fighting weight safely
 - Current level of physical fitness and current medical/injury status
 - Future potential as a Junior or Senior fighter
 - Commitment to developing Throw for Ippon and Win in Newaza trademarks in training and competition
 - Resilience in challenging environments including randori, conditioning, international competition and training camps
 - A fighter'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 considered).
14. Home Nation Cadet Leads will endeavour to highlight and discuss with fighters at the nearest possible opportunity when Performance Behaviours are not to an acceptable standard as part of the monitoring process.
15. In the case where a fighter is not selected based on Performance Behaviours, the reasoning will be clearly defined and communicated by the Identification Panel to the fighter. The relevant Home Nation Cadet Lead will create an action plan for the fighter to work on the identified behaviours for future development.
16. *A young person's physical development during the Pre-Cadet and Cadet years is extremely important and therefore we do not support fighters from cutting weight before competition. Fighters are encouraged to maintain a healthy diet and physical preparation programme in order to maintain and progress physical capabilities working towards the Technical Trademarks stated within the Hajime-Matte Model.*

ECC IDENTIFICATION PANEL & PROCESS

17. The identification process will use two phases to nominate and confirm athletes:
- Nomination phase
 - Identification phase

Nomination Phase

18. The Nomination Phase will involve each of the Home Nation's designated Cadet Leads and the process will be managed by the British Judo Head of Performance Pathways.
19. The Home Nation's designated Cadet Leads will review their respective fighters against the criteria detailed above to agree the fighters they are prepared to nominate and endorse.

Identification Phase

20. The Identification Phase will involve reviewing the nominated fighters from the Home Nations endorsements.
(A list of fighters that have not been nominated by Home Nations will also be provided to the Identification Panel so that these can be ratified or considered further by the Identification Panel)

21. Chairperson: The Chair of the Identification Panel (normally the Head of Performance Pathways) will be responsible for ensuring that due process is followed, and identifications are made in adherence with the policy.
22. BJA Performance and Home Nation Staff: This will be comprised of a GB Performance Staff Member, GB Performance Leadership Team (PLT) member and a minimum of 2 different Home Nation Coaches. HN Coaches will be entitled to one vote each, in the event of a tie an identified BJA Performance Staff member will have the deciding vote. This will normally be the GB PLT member.
23. The Chair and the Recording Officer will be responsible for compiling results and other relevant details on all nominated athletes being considered for identification. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair of the panel will have the deciding vote.
24. Recording Officer: The Recording Officer of the identification panel will document the 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. Independent observers will also be selected to ensure policy process is followed.

COMMUNICATION OF SELECTIONS

26. The Chairperson of the Selection Panel will provide the identification recommendations, together with any material that the Identification Panel considers appropriate to justify such selections, to the Performance Leadership Team (PLT) for ratification. The PLT shall ratify the selections if the correct procedures were followed by the Identification Panel in the decision-making process.
27. Once selections have been ratified by the PLT, these will be immediately communicated to the relevant athletes by email and published on the BJA website.
28. The Great Britain team for the ECC will be identified the week commencing Monday 28th April 2025. Note: the ECC is funded by the Home Nation programmes and they will cover all costs of fighters identified for this event.

HOME NATIONS

29. Home Nations will endeavour to ensure that fighters are:
 - Aware of this selection process
 - Entered in appropriate weight categories.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

30. Please note the Identification Panel reserves the right:
 - To select 2 fighters in a weight category if appropriate
 - Not to select any fighter in a category where there is no fighter of the correct level
 - Not to select a fighter who they feel is unsuitable as a team member and ambassador for the BJA
 - To identify reserve fighters in event of a withdrawal
31. Following selection, the Selection Panel retains the right to deselect a fighter at any time:

- If they are medically unfit to compete because of injury or illness
- If there is behaviour or other issues
- If they act in any way which is deemed to be detrimental to the BJA

APPEALS

32. Individuals may appeal the process of identification via the British Judo Association Fast Appeals Process, available on the British Judo Website.