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**Additional Athlete Development Opportunities 2014**

**Nominations are invited NOW!**

In 2014, the Judo Federation of Australia will team with the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Combat Centre of Excellence to provide additional developmental opportunities for Cadet and Junior athletes. This is in addition to the NTID program and is open to all Australian Cadet and Junior athletes, not just NTID athletes. Nominated athletes will attend a training camp at the AIS in April (11th-18th) along with HP and NTID athletes who will be preparing for the OJU tournament at that time. All Cadet and Junior athletes attending the camp will be eligible for selection to attend international Cadet/Junior competitions in Hong Kong and Macau in July 2014.

**What does the program involve?**

* The AIS training camp will be used as a selection camp. Note: Selection will not be dependent on athletes’ results at ACT Open/QLD Open/OJU
* At the end of the camp a small group of athletes will be selected to take part in:
	+ A pre-tour training Camp at AIS. Provisional dates are 6th – 10th July (exact dates TBC).
	+ Cadet / Junior International Competition in HONG KONG & MACAU. Provisional dates are the 10th – 21st July (exact dates TBC).
* Cost of travel, food & accommodation for participation will be covered by the JFA and AIS.
* Selections will be made by national coaching staff attending the AIS camp based on a range of factors including, but not limited to, technical capability, physical capability, attitude and work ethic, willingness to learn and future potential at international level.

**How can an athlete be nominated to attend?**

* NTID athletes will automatically be attending the camp and eligible for selection
* Each State will be able to nominate 2 additional athletes (CAD or JUN and Male or Female) to attend the AIS camp. Nominations, must be made by the NTID State Coordinators in each state
* An additional 5 athletes may be nominated at the discretion of the JFA National Development Coach/Coordinator
* Nominations close Friday, 14th March 2014. (After QLD Open)

*#Note: State Coordinators, the training at the AIS is at a high level, so please make sure the athlete/s nominated are able to handle the intensity and volume. If unsure, please contact the NDCC or myself. If you only select 1 athlete or none, that is understandable. Potentially an extra spot could go to a larger state.*

**What are the minimum criteria to be nominated?**

* Australian Citizen and be able to hold an Australian Passport
* Green Belt
* Participate at either ACT or QLD Open (only 1 needed)
* Attributes we are looking for; Wiliness to learn, Good Fitness level, Determination, Will power, Enthusiastic.

Regards

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