

Selection Criteria for the JUNIOR World Championships (JWC)

Location TBC, 17 – 21 October 2018

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Selection of Athletes to represent Australia at the 2018 Junior World Championships (**JWC**) will be made according to the criteria outlined in this document. Only Athletes selected for the JWC will be selected for the Team Competition.

1.2. The selection criteria for the JWC is underpinned by the following principle:

- Australia will select Athletes with proven international performances at the Relevant International Events defined in clause 4.2.1-4.2.4 as a priority to maximise our chances for top 8 finishes at the JWC.

2. IJF ALLOCATIONS

2.1. Weight Divisions will be as per the categories of the International Judo Federation (**IJF**), namely:

Male	Under 55kg	Female	Under 44kg
	Under 60kg		Under 48kg
	Under 66kg		Under 52kg
	Under 73kg		Under 57kg
	Under 81kg		Under 63kg
	Under 90kg		Under 70kg
	Under 100kg		Under 78kg
	Over 100kg		Over 78kg

2.2. The IJF allows each country a maximum quota of 10 male and 10 female Athletes, with a maximum of two (2) Athletes per weight category.

2.3. Australia may decide not to use the maximum quota of Athletes.

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

3.1. To be eligible for consideration for selection for the JWC, an Athlete must satisfy the following requirements:

- born between 1998 and 2003;
- have Australian Citizenship;
- be a financial member of the Judo Federation of Australia (**JFA**) and be in good standing with the JFA;
- be at least 1st Kyu, brown belt;
- have signed the current JFA Team Member Agreement; and
- hold a valid IJF ID Card.

4. SELECTION PROCEDURE

All Athletes considered for selection must meet the Eligibility Requirements as stated above at the date of selection.

4.1. The following will be the main tools used to inform selection of the Australian team for the JWC (in the following priority order):

4.1.1. Proven international performances by Eligible Athletes at the international events specified in clauses 4.2.1 - 4.2.4 below during the period between 1 August 2017 and 5 August 2018 (inclusive) (“Relevant Selection Period”) (“Relevant International Events”); and

4.1.2. Junior National Points Table for Selection (**JNPTS**) as at the 5 August 2018.

The JFA is commencing a new National Points System (NPS) from 1 January 2018. In the interest of certainty and transparency for Athletes and coaches alike, selections for this Competition will be governed by the new NPS. The points table used for this selection will have results from the Relevant Selection Period prior to 1 January 2018 converted to points awarded for equivalent results according to the new NPS.

*Please note – the 2018 Oceania Championships **will not** be included in the JNPTS for the purposes of this Selection Criteria.*

For clarity, pursuant to clause 1.2 of this Selection Criteria, proven international performances at the Relevant International Events will prevail over rankings in the JNPTS in the selection of Eligible Athletes for the JWC.

4.2. Pursuant to the IJF quota restrictions specified in clause 2.2, eligible Athletes will be considered for selection for the JWC in the following descending priority order:

4.2.1. Athletes who have won at least one medal from a Senior IJF World Ranking Event (outside of Oceania) during the Relevant Selection Period;

4.2.2. Athletes who have won at least one medal at one of the following Junior European Cups during the Relevant Selection Period (selected for their degree of difficulty on the international junior circuit):

- Junior European Cup, Kaunas, Lithuania, 12 – 13 May 2018
- Junior European Cup, La Coruna, Spain, 19 – 20 May 2018
- Junior European Cup, Paks, Hungary, 14 - 15 July 2018
- Junior European Cup, Prague, Czech Republic, 21 – 22 July 2018
- Junior European Cup, Berlin, Germany, 28 – 29 July 2018
- Junior European Cup, Romania, Cluj-Napoca, 4 – 5 August 2018

In the event two or more Athletes of the same gender have equal results, they will be ranked for selection purposes at the absolute discretion of the NSC.

4.2.3. Athletes who have achieved at least two top 8 performances from Senior IJF WRL events (outside of Oceania) during the Relevant Selection Period

In the event two or more Athletes of the same gender have equal results, they will be ranked for selection purposes at the absolute discretion of the NSC;

- 4.2.4.** Athletes who have achieved at least two top 8 performances from the Junior European Cups specified in clause 4.2.2 during the Relevant Selection Period

In the event that two or more Athletes of the same gender have equal results, they will be ranked for selection purposes at the absolute discretion of the NSC;

- 4.2.5** Athletes who are ranked 1st on the Junior National Points Table for Selection as at 5 August 2018 (excluding OJU Championships) in their respective weight division.

In the event that two or more Athletes in a single weight division have equal highest points as at 5 August 2018 the Athlete who achieved the best result at the 2018 National Championships (and if they are still even, at the absolute discretion of the NSC) will be the Athlete considered for selection under 4.2.5.

- 4.3.** The JFA CEO will have final approval of all selections at their discretion.

5. FUNDING & TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

- 5.1.** The allocation and communication of funding per athlete will be determined at the time of selection. The allocation will be subject to funding from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and will take into account the following factors:

- 5.1.1.** Recent performance (six months prior to selection);
- 5.1.2.** AWE categorisation status;
- 5.1.3.** Current developmental stage; and
- 5.1.4.** Commitment to improve as evidenced by the actions of athletes.

- 5.2.** The JFA will coordinate all flights and accommodation for the Athletes.

6. PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1.** Selected Athletes will be required to participate in the following preparation event:

- 6.1.1.** Junior World Preparation Camp, Japan – 17 to 30 September 2018. Final details, including the exact dates, will be confirmed and communicated closer to date.

7. INJURY/ILLNESS OF TEAM MEMBER

- 7.1.** Athletes are required to report all performance limiting injuries, illnesses, conditions or medical operations that occur prior to or after their selection for the Competition. Reporting includes providing medical evidence to the Technical Director relating to the assessment, treatment and rehabilitation plan.
- 7.2.** An injured selected Athlete who is unable to undergo full training, including regular randori during the two weeks period prior to departure for the Competition, may be withdrawn from the Team as determined by the Technical Director.

8. APPEALS

If an Athlete does not agree with their non-selection for this event under this policy, they may seek a review of the selection decision in the following manner:

- a) The Athlete must submit to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) within 5 days of the selection announcement being published on the JFA website, or the athlete being notified directly of their non-selection (whichever is the earlier) (Review Period), a written request for a review (Review Request). A Review Request must set out the reasons why the Athlete feels that the selection decision is incorrect. The Review Request must specifically address the criteria in Section 4 of this policy.
- b) The Review Request must be accompanied by a deposit of \$1,000 payable to the JFA as a contribution towards the costs of the appeal (“Appeal Fee”). The JFA will bear all other costs of the Appeal Panel, but each party will bear their own additional costs of the appeal. The Appeal Fee is non-refundable, unless the appeal is successful.
- c) Within 5 days of the expiry of the Review Period, the CEO will appoint an independent panel to consider any Review Requests received (Appeal Panel).
- d) The Appeal Panel will consider all Review Requests within 14 days of being appointed and shall inform the athlete/CEO of its decision(s) as soon as practical after that.
- e) The NSC will assist the Appeal Panel by providing relevant reasoning for its selection decision.
- f) The decision of the Appeal Panel shall be final. There shall be no further right of review or appeal.

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

9.1. Any incidences which breach the current JFA Team Agreement or Code of Conduct involving selected Athletes will be investigated and where relevant, penalties may be applied, which could include the required return of funded monies and/or suspension from future National Teams.

10. KEY DATES

Dates	Activity
5 August 2018	National points table is closed for selection
6 – 12 August 2018	NSC performs selection process for JWC
13 August 2018	Communication of selection to Athletes and Coaches
20 August 2018	Closing date for Athlete Acceptance
17 - 30 September 2018	Junior Worlds preparation camp, Japan (final details TBA)
17 – 21 October 2018	Junior World Championships