

Selection Criteria for the Senior Oceania Championships

Noumea, New Caledonia, 6 – 8 April 2018

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The selection criteria for Senior Oceania Championships 2018 (**Competition**) will be underpinned by the following principle:

1.1.1. Australia will maximise its gold medal opportunities by selecting the current best performing Athletes. The 2018 Oceania Championships is not within the 2020 Olympic Qualifying period, therefore no special criteria will be used to protect WRL positions.

1.2. Selection of Athletes to represent Australia at the Competition will be made according to the criteria outlined in this document. In the event there is a Teams Competition held as part of this Competition, only Athletes selected for Competition will be selected for the Teams Competition.

1.3. 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 11 March 2017 to 1 January 2018 converted to points awarded for equivalent results according to the new NPS.

2. IJF ALLOCATIONS

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

Male	Under 60kg	Female	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 9 male and 9 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. MINIMUM STANDARDS & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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

- born in or before 2003;
- have Australian Citizenship;
- be a financial member of the Judo Federation of Australia (**JFA**) and be in good standing with the JFA;

- have signed the current JFA Team Member Agreement; and
- hold a valid IJF ID Card.

4. SELECTION PROCEDURE

- 4.1. All Athletes considered for selection must meet the Minimum Standards and Eligibility Requirements as stated above.
- 4.2. The Senior National Points Table for Selections (**SNPTS**) as at 11 March 2018 will be the main tool used to inform selection decisions.
- 4.3. Athletes will be considered for selection for the Competition in the following priority order:
 - 4.3.1. Athletes who are the highest ranked on the SNPTS in their respective weight categories will be the first Athletes considered for selection;

In the interests of clarity, Athletes who are selected pursuant clauses 4.3.1 are referred to as **“Direct Qualified Athletes”**.

- 4.4. In respect of Female Athletes who do not satisfy the requirements in clause 4.3 above, selection for the remaining quota positions for Female Athletes will be determined as follows:
 - 4.4.1. An Athlete who is the highest ranked Athlete on the SNPTS in their weight category (excluding any Direct Qualified Athlete) will be included on a ranking list for selection recommendations for the remaining quota positions (**“Quota Ranking List”**). For the purposes of clause 4.4.1, in the event that two or more Athletes in the same weight division have equal points on the SNPTS, the Athlete who had the best result at the 2018 Queensland International Open (and if they are still even, at the absolute discretion of the NSC) will be included on the Quota Ranking List.
 - 4.4.2. Athletes included on the Quota Ranking List will be ranked in order of their number of SNPTS points. In the event that two or more Athletes on the Quota Ranking List have the same number of SNPTS points, the ranking of these Athletes will be determined at the absolute discretion of the NSC.
 - 4.4.3. Athletes on the Quota Ranking List may be considered for selection to fill the remaining quota positions for the Competition at the absolute discretion of the NSC. In exercising this discretion, the NSC will take into account a number of factors, including (without limitation):
 - 4.4.3.1. There must be a maximum of two (2) Athletes per weight category;
 - 4.4.3.2. Clauses 2.2 and 2.3 of this document (above);
 - 4.4.3.3. An Athlete who has a higher ranking on the Quota Ranking List will be preferred over an Athlete who has a lower ranking on the Quota Ranking List.

- 4.5. In respect of Male Athletes who do not satisfy the requirements in clause 4.3 above, selection recommendations for the remaining quota positions for Male Athletes for the Competition will also be determined according to clause 4.4 above.
- 4.6. The NSC may (at its absolute discretion) select from the Quota Ranking List reserve Athletes for the Competition.
- 4.7. The NSC will make decisions relating to any unforeseen circumstances relating to selections.
- 4.8. The JFA CEO will have final approval of all selections at their discretion.

5. FUNDING & TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

- 5.1. Athletes are responsible for all travel and accommodation costs.
- 5.2. The JFA will coordinate all flights for Athletes and make accommodation bookings.

6. INJURY/ILLNESS OF TEAM MEMBER

- 6.1. 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 relating to the assessment, treatment and rehabilitation plan.
- 6.2. 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.

7. 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.

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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.

9. KEY DATES

Dates	Activity
17 - 18 February 2018	ACT International Open
10 - 11 March 2018	Queensland International Open
12 March 2018	National Points Tables are updated and NSC commences selection process for Competition
15 March 2018	Communication of selection to Athletes and Coaches
21 March 2018	Closing date for Athlete Acceptance
6 - 8 April 2018	Oceania Championships