



Australian Judoka Distinguished Competitors

The main focus on Judo in Australia should always be at the “grass roots” level amongst the 170 judo clubs around the country. The many thousands of judoka who attend training each week with their local club coaches and enjoy our sport for the Fun & Fitness it provides.

However from this grass roots base of Judoka, there will always be talented sports people who are capable of representing their club and state at National Championships, and some are selected for national representation. From the results achieved within national teams, an elite few achieve selection into Australian Teams to compete with the best of the best internationally at Olympic Games and World Championships.

Approximately 200? judoka since 1961 have competed in these two ultimate competitions, and at least 27 “top 10 results” have been accredited to our small Judo nation. On a number of occasions Australian Judo has achieved better results than many Asian and European countries. It is true that Australia has definitely “punched above our weight” with international judo results over the years.

Below is list of Australian judoka who have achieved very impressive results at just Olympic Games & World Championships. These judoka would be envied by many of the better recognised international competitors throughout the world.

While the vast majority (86%) of Judo participants in Australia, enjoy judo for Fun & Fitness, we trust being aware of these names and results will help inspire many more grass root judoka into striving to be the next “Distinguished Australian Judo Competitor”.....

Australian Judoka at the Olympic Games

1964 Olympics – Ron Ford, Brian Dalton, Peter Paige, **Ted Boronovskis - Bronze Medal**

1972 Olympics – Rob Moffitt, Doug Churchill, Alex Bijkerk, Barry Johnson

1976 Olympics – Warren Richards, **John Van Hoek 7th** Paul Buganey

1980 Olympics – Michael Young, Michael Picken, Mark Carew

1984 Olympics – Gino Giampa, Michael Young, Andrew Richardson,

1988 Olympics – Warren Rosser, Stewart Brain, Luis Val.

1988 Womens Demonstration Sport:

Suzanne Williams Gold Medal, Julie Reardon Bronze medal, Cathy Grainger, Kerrye Katz, Wendy Callander, Geraldine Dekker





1992 Olympics – Chris Bacon, Cathy Brain

1996 Olympics – Tina Kirkman, Cathy Brain, Lara Sullivan, Narelle Hill, Carly Dixon, Natalie Galea, Heidi Burnett, Brian Power, Darren Fagan, Gabor Szabo, David Wilkinson, Miklos Szabo

2000 Olympics - Maria Pekli - Bronze Medal, Daniel Kelly 9th, Rebecca Sullivan 9th Jenny Hill, Carly Dixon, Catherine Arlove, Natalie Jenkinson, Caroline Curren, Adrian Robertson, Andrew Collett, Tom Hill, Robert Ivers, Daniel Rusitovic. Robert Ball.

2004 Olympics – Sonya Chervonsky, Maria Pekli, Carly Dixon, **Catherine Arlove 5th**, Jessica Malone, Scott Fernandis, Heath Young, Andrew Collett, **Morgan Endicott Davies 9th**, **Daniel Kelly 7th**, Martin Kelly, **Semir Pepic 9th**,

2008 Olympics – Tiffany Day, Kristie-Anne Ryder, **Maria Pekli 5th**, Catherine Arlove, Stephanie Grant, **Janelle Shepherd 9th**, Matt D'Aquino, Steven Brown, Dennis Iverson, Mark Anthony, Daniel Kelly, Matt Celotti, Semir Pepic,

Australian Judoka at World Championships (Men)

1961 Paris

1965 Rio de Janeiro

1967 Salt Lake City

1969 Mexico City

1971 Ludwigshafen **Doug Churchill 7th**

1973 Lausanne

1975 Vienna **Barry Johnson 7th**

1977 Not held

1979 Paris

1981 Maastricht

1983 Moscow

1985 Seoul



Australian Judoka at World Championships (Women)

1980 New York **Suzanne Williams 5th**
1982 Paris **Suzanne Williams silver medal, Christina Boyd bronze medal**
1984 Vienna **Suzanne Williams silver medal, Christina Boyd bronze medal, Julie Reardon bronze medal, Geraldine Dekker 5th**
1986 Maastricht

Australian Judoka at World Championships (Combined)

1987 Essen **Suzanne Williams silver medal, Warren Rosser 5th , Luis Val 5th**
1989 Belgrade
1991 Barcelona
1993 Hamilton
1995 Makuhari
1997 Paris
1999 Birmingham **Daniel Kelly 9th**
2001 Munich
2003 Osaka **Maria Pekli 5th**
2005 Cairo **Semir Pepic 9th**
2007 Rio de Janeiro
2009 Rotterdam
2010 Tokyo

NB: The above information has been gathered by John Buckley & Shane Alvisio.
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