
To: All Athletes and Coaches

CC: BoD, State Presidents, HP Team

Topic: JFA Medal Performance Reimbursement Program

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The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) allocate funding to sports based on their ability to gain medal winning performances at benchmark events, which are Senior World Championships and Olympics Games. This targeted focus is tightening up each year.

Within Australia, Judo has always been a sport where the majority of athletes travel overseas to train and compete by using a mix of ASC funding and/or personal funds. Very few of our athletes are fully funded to compete at events. Athletes will need to continue to contribute into the future, however the JFA is also committed to improving our high performance program, and finding new ways to develop and motivate our athletes.

We are delighted to announce that to support the High Performance Program, the JFA is launching a Medal Performance Reimbursement Program for those athletes not fully funded.

For the first time, we will be rewarding medal winning performances at approved IJF events. The scheme will officially commence at the 2017 Cadet World Championships in August.

How will this incentive program work?

Note: The scheme is only applicable to those athletes not fully funded to an event.

In recognition of a medal winning performance at a listed IJF event, the JFA will either reimburse total costs paid by the Athlete to the approved competition, or in the case of partial funding, will top up the funding to cover the full cost of travel and accommodation.

Breakdown of costs and receipts must be submitted to the JFA within 7 days of medal winning performance to be eligible to receive any payments and the cost must be within reason.

What events will the incentive program apply to?

These events have been selected as appropriate in level and depth. The number per draw or number of fights won will not be disputed, it is only applicable if a medal has been won.

- All IJF Grand Prix, Grand Slam, Masters and World Championships;
- Senior European Opens – prior approval is required from the Technical Director;
- Senior African, Asian and Pan-American Opens during Olympic Qualifying period only – prior approval is required from the Technical Director;

- Junior European Opens and Cadet European Opens – prior approval is required from the Technical Director.

This scheme will be in operation during the 2017/18 financial year or until it is revoked by the JFA.

Any questions in relation to this scheme should be directed to the Technical Director via Maria.Pekli@ausjudo.com.au