

**JUDO FEDERATION OF  
AUSTRALIA Inc.**

**NATIONAL SPECIAL NEEDS  
SELECTION**

**And  
POINTS SYSTEM**

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## **National Selection System**

### **Introduction**

This System contains the criteria applied by the National Special Needs Judo Committee (NSNJC) in recommending or determining the selection of men and women as Special Needs Australian Senior Team Representatives. The Selection System is part of a long-term strategy to develop the competitive international base of Judo in Australia. It is designed to ensure that athletes are given the opportunity to develop and compete at a level appropriate to their abilities.

A second objective is to promote the openness and transparency of the selection system. It is my hope that athletes, coaches and other officials wishing to pursue international competition become familiar with the National Special Needs Selection and Points System.

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# 1. NATIONAL SELECTION SYSTEM

## 1.1 Procedures for Selection

- a) Preference will be given to the top place getters at JFA and IJF recognized events.
- b) Players must be able to show that they would be a worthy Australian team representative – behaviour, sportsmanship and demeanour on and off the tatami.
- c) Sign and abide by Athletes Agreement,
- d) Be registered with JFA Inc and AUSRAPID (I/D athletes only, forms on the [www.ausjudo.com.au](http://www.ausjudo.com.au) website Under Special Needs tab)
- e) Have previously travelled overseas with a team or been involved in a national training camp and demonstrated that they can manage independently away from individual support i.e. do not require one on one care or support from parents, care givers, individual coaches etc, Exemption from this requirement would involve supporting evidence to show the judoka can manage independently away from individual support as stated above
- f) Display appropriate behaviour, sportsmanship and demeanour expected of Australian representatives,
- g) Be medically able to complete all training and competition requirements leading up to and during the event,

## 1.2 Scope of Application

This System does not apply for the Paralympic Games, where specific criteria from both, the OJU and the JFA Inc. may apply.

- 1.3.1 Because currently we do not have a current national team, national team managers / coaches we have not been able to produce this document

## 1.3 Distribution of Selection and Points System

- 1.3.2 This selection and points system must be distributed by the chairman of the NSNJC, as soon as possible after they are received to national team, national team managers / coaches and states/ territories, also any future amendment(s) must be distributed
- 1.3.3 It is the responsibility of state / territory associations to distribute copies of the above to concerned persons/parties in their state / territory.

## **1.4 Criteria for Recommending or Determining Selection**

The NSNJC will take the following points into consideration when recommending athletes for selection to represent Australia in international competitions:

Title in the year of the World Championships for which he or she is to be considered, may be recommended for selection if no other athlete fulfils the required conditions above.

### **1.4.2**

Preference given to future potential: where two or more athletes are equal on merit, preference will be given to the athlete who in the view of the NSNJC has demonstrated a potential for future development.

### **1.4.3 Participation at national/international training events.**

Where the merits of an athlete to be recommended or selected are equal to that of another athlete, consideration will be given to both athletes' record of participation at national/international training events. For this purpose, the athlete's commitment to training will be monitored by the NSNJC on an ongoing basis.-

## **1.5 Selection of athletes for International Events**

### **1.5.1 Selection of Athletes**

An athlete may be selected if is leading with points in their weight division. If two or more athletes are equal on points preference will be given to the athlete placed highest at the current SN National Championship.

### **1.5.2 Selection – Reserve Athletes for one Weight Category**

The athlete with the next highest points may be selected as the reserve athlete. If two or more athletes are equal on point preference will be given to the athlete placed highest at the current SN National Championship.

### **1.5.3 Selection –Reserve Athlete(s) across Weight Categories in Order of Priority\_**

The nominated reserve athlete(s) with the highest points of all nominated reserve athletes across all different weight divisions, separately for men and women, may be selected as the reserve athlete(s). If two or more athletes are equal on points, then preference will be given to the athlete(s) with the highest international result in the preceding 12 months.

## **1.6 Foreign Athletes**

Any athlete who wishes to be recommended or selected for an Australian SN team must possess an Australian passport.

## 1.7 Non-Selection

Without limiting the foregoing, the National Special Needs Judo Committee reserves the right not to recommend or select athletes for one or more of the following reasons:

- a) An athlete who, without reasonable cause, in the view of the NSNJC, has not taken up their invitation to attend a camp or training sessions organised by the JFA. Athletes with the permission of the NSNJC are exempted from this requirement. Note: the athlete must forward in writing the request to the NSNJC to be exempted from the above.
- b) An athlete who, has not taken up their invitation to attend a camp or training sessions specifically intended to prepare them for a particular international event The NSNJC is of the view that the athlete has not trained to their satisfaction in preparation for that event.
- c) An athlete has not been able to provide proof of his or her medical. Fitness when required to do so by the NSNJC. Proof of medical fitness is established by taking a medical examination
- d) An athlete has not demonstrated an appropriate fitness level.
- e) An athlete is over or underweight for their designated weight division and has previously demonstrated difficulties in meeting his or her weight.
- f) An athlete was previously excluded from an international event for which he or she had been selected due to a failure to comply with his or her nominated weight category.
- g) An athlete has previously engaged in serious misconduct whilst part of the Australian team. Such misconduct must have been reported in writing to the NSNJC by the JFA team manager or coach at the time of the incident. All other procedural requirements of the JFA with regard to the investigation of incidents involving Australian representatives overseas must have been complied with.
- h) An athlete has been convicted of a criminal or drug-related offence. Proven to have used a drug in sport prohibited by the Australian Sports Drug Agency (ASADA). Be the subject of any Court Order preventing him/her from leaving Australia. Further the athlete will notify JFA Inc of the full details of any order or conviction, past or present, that have been made against him/her by any Court of any jurisdiction

## **1.8 General Considerations**

All Australian team representatives will be required to undergo an annual medical examination and must produce a medical certificate before being allowed to participate at an international event. The medical examination must be authorised by the NSNJC.

Once athletes have accepted selection for an event they shall be required to make themselves available for that event unless special circumstances warrant an exemption. Athletes seeking an exemption must make a written request to the NSNJC which has discretion to excuse such an athlete from competition.

## **1.9 NSNJC Decisions:**

All decisions of the NSNJC shall be by majority vote. In case of a deadlock in voting, the Chairman's vote shall determine the decision.

## **1.10 Appeal Process**

The appeal process contained in this clause 1.10 applies to any decision of the NSNJC concerning non-selection of an athlete to an international event, which is subject to the selection procedures in clause 1.1.

- 1.10.1 The appeal process is two tiers, with the appeal being first heard by the Panel of Review with any subsequent appeal to be heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).
- 1.10.2 The sole grounds for any appeal are that the System has not been properly followed and/or implemented.
- 1.10.3 Any appeal must be made to the Panel of Review and be in accordance with the following procedure:
  - (a) The appellant must lodge written notice of his appeal to the National Sports Office Administrator (N.S.O.A.) of the JFA Inc. within 2 working days of the announcement of the decision against which the appeal is made.
  - (b) The N.S.O.A. must notify the BOD of the notice of the appeal.
  - (c) The BOD must appoint the Panel of Review by majority vote and in accordance with clauses 1.10.6 and 1.10.7.
  - (d) Within 5 working days of lodging the written notice of appeal, the appellant must submit to the a written statement of the grounds of that appeal accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of \$ 2000 payable to the JFA Inc. as contribution towards the costs of the appeal. The JFA Inc. will bear all other costs of the Panel of Review but each party will bear their own costs of the appeal.

- (e) The Panel of Review will convene a hearing as soon as possible after the submission of the grounds of appeal, and having regard for the timing of the event to which the appeal relates. The hearing may occur in such manner as the Chairman decides, including telephone or video conferencing. The Panel of Review is not bound by the rules of evidence but must observe the principles of procedural fairness.
- (f) Prior to the hearing, the NSNJC will provide the Panel of Review and the appellant with a written statement as to the reasons for the decision against which appeal is made.
- (g) The Panel of Review will give its decision as soon as practicable after the hearing and will provide the appellant, the NSNJC and the N.S.O.A. with a written statement of the reasons for its decision.

1.10.4 The Panel of Review must consist of the following persons;

- (a) a barrister, solicitor or other person with skills in dispute resolution who will act as Chairman;
- (b) a person with a thorough knowledge of the sport of judo and who preferably has had recent international competition experience in the sport of judo; and
- (c) one other person of experience and skills suitable to the function of the Panel of Review, including without limiting the foregoing, a sport official or representative of either the Australian Olympic Committee or the Australian Sports Commission.

1.10.5 The Panel of Review must not consist of:

- (a) any member of the NSNJC;
- (b) any member of the BOD;
- (c) any person who by reason of their relationship with one or more of the BOD, the NSNJC or the appellant, would not reasonably be considered to be impartial.

1.10.6 Any appeal from a decision of the Panel of Review must be solely and exclusively resolved by the CAS according to the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration. The decision of the CAS will be final and binding on the parties and neither party may institute or maintain proceedings in any court or tribunal other than the CAS.

1.10.7 Any appeal to the CAS must accord with the following procedure:

- (a) An appellant wishing to subsequently appeal to the CAS must give written notice of that fact to the N.S.O.A. within 2 working days of



the announcement of the decision against which the appeal is made and must then file his or her statement of appeal with the Court of Arbitration for Sport within 5 working days.

- (b) Failure to observe the above time limits will render any appeal a nullity provided that an appellant may apply to the CAS for an extension of time in which to commence an appeal. The CAS may grant such an extension of time only in extenuating circumstances outside the control of the athlete concerned.
- (c) Any appeal will be a rehearing of the matters appealed against and the provisions of clause 1.10.7 will apply, mutatis mutandis, to any appeal to the CAS.

1.10.8 Notwithstanding anything in this clause 1.10, the Panel of Review may vary the time limits provided for in this clause 1.10 in special circumstances upon its own initiative, or upon the application of either party.

## **2. National Points System**

THE NATIONAL POINTS SYSTEM TOGETHER WITH THE SELECTION SYSTEM WILL BE USED BY THE NSNJC AS THE SOLE DETERMINATOR FOR RECOMMENDING ATHLETES FOR SELECTION AS AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES.

### **2.1 Evaluation of the National Points System**

- a) Points awarded for tournament results will be recorded by the NSNJC.
- b) The points allocated to the SN National Points System will be continuously monitored by the NSNJC.
- c) Points from international events listed in the National Points Table will be allocated to athletes.
- d) Points will be combined only on the basis of a single weight division (separating junior men/women from men/women and weight divisions from the open division).
- e) The NSNJC will conduct an annual review of the classification of international events for the purpose of the National Points System.
- f) After each National Titles event the NSNJC will draw up a list of athletes eligible to participate in the national teams and thus in a position to accumulate points from international events.
- g) The NSNJC will distribute (by email) after each national title the updated National Points Table to national team members, national team managers/coaches and State/territory association. It is the responsibility of state/territory

associations to distribute a copy to concerned persons/parties in their state / territory.

## **2.2 Terms for Awarding Points**

- Points will be awarded only for individual competitions and not for team events.
- To be awarded points an athlete must win a minimum of one fight, excluding a win by default.
- No bronze medal winner will receive more points than a silver medal winner, irrespective of the number of fights won in the competition. Any medal winner, placed higher than another medal winner, will receive points totalling at least one more than the lower place-getter, even if they win only one fight. This applies only where the medallist received less point(s) than the player placed below.
- Draw sheets from international events must be submitted to the chair of the NSNJC by the concerned athlete or the official. Exception where an official Australian Team participate.

## **2.3 Time Period for Awarding Points**

All annual events will be from title to title. (Nationals to Nationals etc.) Events that are held every two years or more, points will be awarded for a 12 month period only.

## **2.4 Procedure for Deducting Points**

- All points will be forfeited twelve months after the event except annual events where points remain from event to event..  
All points will be deducted on the day of the event or 12 months after the event if the event is cancelled or held biennially or longer.

## **2.5 Change of Weight Division**

Athletes who change weight divisions at the Senior SN National Title will be allowed to transfer points attained in different weight divisions.

The following rules apply:

- a) the athlete must make a request in writing to the chair of the NSNJC requesting the transfer of points no longer than four (4) weeks after the conclusion of the Senior National Titles.
- b) an athlete who wins the National Title will be allowed to transfer all points attained in different weight divisions.
- c) an athlete who wins a silver medal at the Senior National Titles will be

allowed to transfer 50% of points attained in different weight divisions.

d) an athlete who wins a bronze medal at the Senior National Titles will be allowed to transfer 25% of points attained in different weight divisions.

e) if there is only one athlete in a weight division who make weight at the official weigh-in, they will be allowed to transfer all points attained in different weight divisions as under above a).

## 2.6 Foreign Athletes

Foreign athletes who acquire an Australian Passport will be credited with points gained in the proceeding 12 months. The athlete must present evidence of their past international results (draw sheets, certificates, medals etc.).

<b><u>NATIONAL POINTS TABLE</u></b>							
<b><u>EVENT</u></b>							
<b>PLACING</b>	<b>GAINED</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4/5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>
<b><u>Category A</u></b>							
	Paralympics, Special Olympics, Global Games, Deaf Olympics	<b>48</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>
<b><u>Category B</u></b>							
	International events National Championships	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b><u>Category C</u></b>							
	State Titles	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	