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2026 Cadet (U18) World Championships – August 20-23, Guayaquil, Equator

I - INTRODUCTION

This selection procedure applies to the following weight classes:

Men	Women
Under 50 kg (-50 kg)	Under 40 kg (-40 kg)
Over 50 kg and under 55 kg (-55 kg)	Over 40 kg and under 44 kg (-44 kg)
Over 55 kg and under 60 kg (-60 kg)	Over 44 kg and under 48 kg (-48 kg)
Over 60 kg and under 66 kg (-66 kg)	Over 48 kg and under 52 kg (-52 kg)
Over 66 kg and under 73 kg (-73 kg)	Over 52 kg and under 57 kg (-57 kg)
Over 73 kg and under 81 kg (-81 kg)	Over 57 kg and under 63 kg (-63 kg)
Over 81 kg and under 90 kg (-90 kg)	Over 63 kg and under 70 kg (-70 kg)
Over 90 kg (+90 kg)	Over 70 kg (+70 kg)

The IJF allows each country a maximum quota of 10 male and 10 female athletes, with a maximum of two athletes per weight category.

II – SELECTION DATE: May 18 2026

III - FUNDING

Judo Canada will provide funding for the Cadet World Championships only as per Policy 7 of this document.

IV - ELIGIBILITY

1. Athletes must have Canadian citizenship or be approved immigrants as per IJF standards ([IJF Sport and Organization Rules](#)) and be a member in good standing of Judo Canada to be eligible for selection.
2. All athletes must have participated in the 2026 Open National Championships and the 2026 Open National Championships training camp, unless an exception is granted by Judo Canada.
3. **Selected athletes must participate in the Summer Camp starting on August 10 until their departure for the World Championships. Travel to the World Championships will take place as a single group departing from Montreal.**

V - SELECTION PROCEDURES

The Cadet (U18) National Open Championships (May 2026 in Calgary, AB) will serve as the primary selection event for this competition:

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1. The gold medallists in each weight category will be selected, provided they are eligible.
2. The remaining quota will be filled in order of priority according to the Cadet National Team points (Policy 5 of this document) as of the selection date.

VI - MANDATORY PREPARATION EVENTS

Judo Canada's High Performance Director and the national coaching staff will develop and lead the preparation program (competitions, camps, testing, and training requirements). Compliance with the preparation program is a condition for both selection and funding. Failure to meet the program's requirements, as determined by the High Performance Director and supported by the High Performance Committee, will result in removal from the team.

VII - APPEALS TO SELECTION

Appeals to selection are limited to incorrect application of policy or procedures. In the case of an appeal, the [Appeal Policy of Judo Canada](#) applies.

VIII - INJURY OF A TEAM MEMBER DURING PREPARATION PHASE

Athletes are required to report all performance-limiting injuries or medical operations that occur after their selection. An injured athlete that is unable to undergo full training, including regular scrimmage during the two-week period prior to departure, may be withdrawn from the team.

VIII - ALTERNATES

Judo Canada is under no obligation to select an alternate. Only athletes who meet this selection procedure requirements may be named as alternates.

X - UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In the case of any unforeseen circumstances arising during the selection process, the High Performance Committee of Judo Canada will rule on the course of action.

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