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## 2026 Junior (U21) World Championships – November 19-21, Tashkent, UZB

### I - INTRODUCTION

This selection procedure applies to the following weight classes:

Men (7)	Women (7)
under 60 kg	under 48 kg
Over 60 kg and under 66 kg	Over 48 kg and under 52 kg
Over 66 kg and under 73 kg	Over 52 kg and under 57 kg
Over 73 kg and under 81 kg	Over 57 kg and under 63 kg
Over 81 kg and under 90 kg	Over 63 kg and under 70 kg
Over 90 kg and under 100 kg	Over 70 kg and under 78 kg
Over 100 kg	Over 78 kg

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

### II – SELECTION DATE: July 13 2026

### III - FUNDING

Judo Canada will provide funding for the Junior World Championships for Olympic weight class as per Policy 7 of this Handbook.

### IV - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Athletes must have Canadian citizenship or be approved immigrants as per IJF standards (see section 1.7.2.2 *Junior and younger immigrants* page 16 of the [IJF Sport and Organization Rules](#)) and be a member in good standing of Judo Canada to be eligible for selection.
2. One of the following minimum performance standards for eligibility must be met:
  - a. Medalist at an EJU Junior Continental Cup within the 12 months prior to the selection date; or
  - b. 2026 Pan American Junior Champion; or
  - c. Ranked among the top 20 on the IJF Junior World Ranking and be the 2026 Canadian Junior or Senior Champion.
3. The eligibility minimum performance standards must be achieved in the same weight class in which the athlete is selected to compete in the World Championships.

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4. All selected athletes must take part in the following national camps (full camps):
  - a. Participation in the National Summer Camp (August 10–22) is mandatory to be eligible for selection.
5. All selected athletes must take part in the following competitions:  
2026 National Championships and the 2026 National Championships training camp.

Should an athlete not be able to participate in one of the above events due to injury, he/she may still be considered for selection but must send notice of injury, diagnosis and anticipated date of return to training to the High Performance Director at [a.valoisfortier@judocanada.org](mailto:a.valoisfortier@judocanada.org) within seven days of the injury.

## V - SELECTION PROCEDURE

All athletes who have met the eligibility criteria above will be ranked according to the Junior National Team Points (Policy 5) on the selection date. Athletes with the highest point total will be selected up to the permitted IJF quota.

Note: The High Performance Committee reserves the right to add an athlete to the team to strengthen it for the team event.

## VI - TRAINING COMMITMENT

Judo Canada's High Performance Director and the national coaching staff will design and lead the preparation program (competitions, camps, testing, and training requirements). Meeting the requirements of the preparation program is a condition of selection and funding; a failure to live up to the preparation program, as determined by the High Performance Director and Junior National Coach, and supported by the High Performance Committee, will result in the withdrawal of selection.

## 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 four-week period prior to departure, may be withdrawn from the team.

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#### IX - ALTERNATES

Selection of alternates will be conducted according to this policy and the Judo Canada Ranking as of the selection date.

#### 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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