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## 2026 Youth Olympic Games (U18) – October 31 to November 13, 2026, Dakar, Senegal

### 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 allocates each country a maximum quota, which is yet to be determined.

### II – SELECTION DATE: August 31, 2026

### III – FUNDING

Judo Canada will provide **100% funding** for athletes selected to the **Youth Olympic Games**.

### IV – ELIGIBILITY

1. Athletes must be **Canadian citizens** and **members in good standing with Judo Canada** to be eligible for selection.
2. **All athletes must have participated in the 2026 Open National Championships and the 2026 Open Nationals Camp, unless an exemption has been granted by Judo Canada.**

### V – SELECTION PROCESS

All athletes who meet the above eligibility criteria will be ranked based on **Cadet National Team Points (Policy 5)** as of the selection date. Athletes with the **highest number of points** will be selected in accordance with the **quotas allocated**

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by the IJF. Please note that all nominations are subject to review and must be officially **approved—or may be denied—**by the Canadian Olympic Committee.

#### VI – MANDATORY PREPARATION EVENTS – TBC

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 REGARDING 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 THE PREPARATION PHASE

Athletes are required to report any injury or medical treatment that occurs **after selection** and that could limit performance. An injured athlete who is unable to participate in full training, including **regular sessions**, during the **two weeks prior to departure** may be **removed from the team**.

#### IX – ALTERNATES

Judo Canada is **not obligated** to select an alternate. However, if an alternate is selected, the **selection process outlined in "Section V – Selection Process"** above will be used.

#### X – UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In the event of unforeseen circumstances arising during the selection process, the **Judo Canada High Performance Committee** will determine the appropriate course of action.

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