

11.6 2026 Youth Olympic Games (U18) – October 31 to November 13, 2026, Dakar, Senegal

I - INTRODUCTION

This selection procedure applies to the following weight classes, as that is the only quota we have been allocated by the IJF:

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| Men |
| Over 60 kg and under 66 kg (-66 kg) |

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 - IJF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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| Athletes must be born between 14 November 2008 and 31 October 2011 (inclusive). | To be eligible to participate in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must have: 1. Minimum Grade - 1st KYU In judo, 1st KYU denotes the highest KYU level of brown belt, which reflects a high degree of technical competence and competitive experience, appropriate for international youth-level events. After this level, only black belts are awarded, with the corresponding Dan grade. 2. Performance Records Each nominated athlete must submit verifiable performance records from their National Federation, covering the previous two years (2025 and 2026). These records should highlight the athlete's top three results from recognised IJF competitions. |
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VI – 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 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**.

VII – 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.

VIII – 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.

IX – 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**.

X – 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.

XI – 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.