

15.7 Olympic Games Selection Internal Nomination Procedures – Los Angeles, USA – July 14- July 22, 2028

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I. INTRODUCTION

This selection policy constitutes the entire policies and procedures through which Judo Canada will identify and select its nominations to the Canadian Olympic Committee for selection to the 2028 Canadian Olympic Team. Judo Canada's maximum number of nominations is dictated by the procedures adopted by the International Judo Federation, such procedures being provided here in in Appendix A. It is Judo Canada's intention to utilize all the quota positions earned by the athletes/NSF as per the qualification process established by the IJF.

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II. ELIGIBILITY

1. All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti -Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions).
2. Born on or before December 31, 2013 as validated by the passport provided to the Canadian Olympic Committee by the Accreditation Deadline of March 9, 2028.
3. Must be in compliance with all International Judo Federation (IJF) requirements for eligibility, as outlined here: https://78884ca60822a34fb0e6-082b8fd5551e97bc65e327988b444396.ssl.cf3.rackcdn.com/up/2025/12/JUD_-_LA28_Qualification_Syste-1765518820.pdf
4. The list of athletes eligible to participate in the 2028 Olympic Games will be determined by the IJF and communicated to National Olympic Committees by June 15, 2028. This list is referred to in this document as the "IJF Olympic List".
5. Must possess a valid Canadian passport which does not expire on, or before February 25, 2029.
6. Must sign and submit the LA 2028 Conditions of Participation Form no later than June 15, 2028.
7. Must complete the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) registration requirements, which includes to sign and submit the COC Team Member Agreement no later than June 15, 2028.
8. Must be a member in good standing of Judo Canada.

III. **DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY**

Olympic nominations (Athletes and Staff) will be recommended by Judo Canada's High-Performance Director and submitted for approval to Judo Canada's Board of Directors. Recommendations for Olympic nominations will be determined as follows:

IV. **SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR OLYMPIC NOMINATIONS**

Olympic nominations, including alternates, will be presented by Judo Canada to the Canadian Olympic Committee's (COC) Team Selection Committee as early as June 15, 2028, and no later than June 21, 2028, based on the athlete with the best ranking in the IJF Olympic List as of June 15, 2028, in the relevant weight class.

Case 1: In a weight class in which only one athlete is allocated a quota place as per the IJF Olympic List, the named athlete is awarded the quota and will be nominated to the COC for inclusion on the Olympic Team.

No alternate can be nominated as per the IJF Qualification system.

Case 2: In a weight class in which two or more athletes are allocated a quota place as per the IJF Olympic list, the following cumulative point system will be used to rank them. The first ranked athlete, in total points, will be nominated to the COC for inclusion on the Olympic Team. The second-ranked athlete will be nominated as alternate.

- 1) Athlete with the best ranking in the IJF Olympic List, as of June 15, 2028, in the weight class of the selection (2pts);
- 2) In the case that a World championship is added in 2028 before the Olympic Games: Athlete with the better ranking, 1st to 7th, at the 2028 World Championships in the weight class of the selection (2pts);
- 3) Athlete with the better ranking, 1st to 7th, at the 2027 World Championships in the weight class of the selection (2pts);
- 4) Athlete with the better ranking, 1st to 7th, at the 2026 World Championships in the weight class of the selection (1pts);

In the case of a tie between the top two ranked athletes, the athlete with the best IJF Olympic ranking as of June 15, 2028, will be selected.

** Note: Only one athlete per weight category per country may be selected to compete at the Olympic Games, in accordance with the Olympic ranking list of the International Judo Federation (qualification period from June 15, 2026 to June 12, 2028):*

https://www.ijf.org/wrl_olympic?category=all

V. **REALLOCATED QUOTAS**

In the instance of a reallocated quota received after June 15, 2028, the same selection process outlined in Section IV will apply.

VI. APPEAL TO SELECTION

Appeals to selection are limited to incorrect application of these policies or procedures. In case of an appeal, Judo Canada's "Appeal Policy" will be applied in use at the time of the selection. This policy and procedure can be found at:

https://judocanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Appeal_Policy_Dec_4_EN.pdf

Due to time restraint, and if both parties agree, the Appeals Policy can be bypassed, and the matter can be brought immediately before the Sport Dispute Resolution Center of Canada who will then manage the appeals process.

All appeals will be resolved by June 26, 2028

VII. TRAINING COMMITMENT

Judo Canada's Olympic Coaching Staff (as indicated below in section VIII) will plan and implement the Olympic preparation program (training, competitions, camps, testing, and all other preparation requirements). Compliance with the preparation program will be monitored by the Olympic Coaching Staff based on objective criteria such as participation in mandatory training activities, competitions, camps, performance monitoring, and timely fulfillment of agreed-upon preparation and reporting requirements. Failure to meet these requirements, as documented and communicated to the athlete, may be considered a failure to live up to the preparation program.

VIII. INJURY OF A TEAM MEMBER DURING PREPARATION PHASE

At the end of the nomination process, all athletes will be required to report performance limiting injuries, or medical procedures they might need to undergo to the National Team physician by June 15, 2028.

An injured athlete will be withdrawn from the Olympic team when the two following conditions are met:

1. The athlete is unable to follow full training, such as regular scrimmage, during the two weeks prior to the Olympic Team's departure for the Olympics Games.
2. The National Team physician does not recommend the athlete's participation to the Olympic Games.

Additionally, after nomination to the COC by no later than June 21, 2028, any such replacement of a withdrawn athlete is subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. After June 26, 2028, any athlete replacement is also subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

IX. SELECTION OF THE COACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF

1. Judo Canada's High-Performance Director, Head Coach or Manager will serve as the Team leader for the Olympic Games 2028 and will have final decision-making authority at the Olympic Games, including on the field.
2. Selection does not guarantee accreditation. Accreditation to coaches and support staff will be distributed in the following order of priority:
 1. National coaches
 2. Head therapist
 3. Training partners
 4. Other IST members

All coaches, training partners and support staff will also be required to meet the following requirements:

1. Must possess a valid passport which does not expire on, or before February 25, 2029.
2. Must sign and submit the LA 2028 Conditions of Participation Form no later than June 15, 2028.
3. Must complete the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) registration requirements, which includes to sign and submit the Canadian Olympic Committee COC Team Member Agreement, complete all required trainings and certifications no later than June 15, 2028.
4. Must be a member in good standing of Judo Canada or employed/contracted by Judo Canada.

To be recognized as a coach he or she must be in good standing with the Professional Coaching program of the Coaching Association of Canada, either as a Chartered Professional Coach or as a Registered Coach by June 15, 2028.

To be accredited as a therapist, he or she will need to be certified as CATA or SCP and have a professional liability insurance coverage. Other IST members will require to be member of their professional order by June 15, 2028.

X. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

Should unforeseen circumstances arise during the selection process, the High-Performance Committee of Judo Canada will recommend a course of action. The principle used in this process will be maintained as mentioned in section IV: priority to Senior World Championship performance top 8 (2028; 2027 & 2026) and World Ranking, pending approval by the Board of Directors of Judo Canada.

Should Judo Canada need to make amendments to the published selection criteria, it would submit the proposed amendments to the COC for review. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of these Internal Nomination Procedures unless it is due to an unforeseen circumstance. This clause is to allow for changes that may become necessary due to but not limited to: changes in the IJF

qualification process/events, typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording, before it has an impact on athletes.

Upon review, a memorandum with the amended version of the selection criteria would be emailed by Judo Canada to the COC, all athletes involved in the selection process, the coaching staff, and all Provincial/Territorial Judo Associations. This amended document would also be placed immediately on Judo Canada's website in replacement of the older version.

XI. TIMELINES SUMMARY:

- Qualification period: June 15, 2026, until June 12, 2028
- Deadline to complete Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) registration requirements for all athlete, staff and alternates: June 15, 2028
- Selection deadline: Olympic ranking as of June 12, 2028
- Deadline of nomination to the COC: June 21, 2028
- IOC Late athlete replacement policy: after June 26, 2028

Note: the COC deadlines are subject to change and will be communicated via the COC depending on LA 2028 deadlines.