

Name of the Committee
Coaching Committee



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Team Selection Policy And Funding Criteria For National Championships

Purpose:

This Policy is used to develop a provincial team list for the National Judo Championships. These criteria are in place because the Judo Alberta Coaching Committee wants to ensure that every member of Judo Alberta has the right to participate on the provincial team as long as they achieve the minimum requirements. The minimum requirements are designed so the coaching staff can be confident that the selected athletes can compete at this level of competition without injury. The Coaching Committee wants to be sure that Judo Alberta's allocated funding is being used for serious athletes based on the LTAD program for competitors at the respective age levels.

I. Points System:

Points are counted over a one year period. Points are zeroed after the selection of the provincial team for the Nationals.

Points tournaments:

Provincial level: Senda Cup (senior only), U of A (senior only), Red Deer (U21 and under only), Provincial Championships, Rocky Mountain Invitational (depending on the date of the event)

Western province level: Edmonton International, Sask Open, and Pacific International

National level: Nationals (prior year in same age division, half points for new age div), Quebec Open, Ontario Open, US Open Junior

International level: Any international competition that Judo Canada participates in and recognizes for points or sanctioning.

Points Tables:

	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place
Provincial level tournaments	3 points	2 points	1 point

- If you are the only athlete in a weight division, you receive 1 point
- If you are the only one in your weight division, but win an exhibition match set up by the tournament coordinators, you will receive 1st place points

	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	5 th place
Western province level	4 pts	3 pts	2pts	1pt

- If you are the only athlete in a weight division you receive 1 point
- Must win 1 fight to receive other placing points
- If you are the only one in your weight division but win an exhibition match set up by the tournament coordinators you will receive 1st place points

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	5 th	7 th
National level	5pts	4pts	3pts	2pts	1pt

- If you are only athlete in the weight division, you receive 1 point
- Must win 1 fight to receive the other placing points

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	5 th	7 th	Selected by Judo Canada
International level	8pts	6pts	4pts	3pts	2pts	2pt

- Must win 1 fight to receive points for placing

Training Camp Points:

Single Team training session e.g. after a tournament	1pt
Provincial training camps (multiple days)	2pts
National training camps and Alberta Winter camp	3pts
International camps	3pts

- To receive points for Training camps athletes must participate in all sessions including the physical training.
- If injured at camp, an athlete may receive points while sitting on the sidelines or doing alternate training on side with a provincial Coach or designate.

Selection procedure:

Athletes wishing to be considered for the Provincial Team must be recommended by their club sensei using the club recommendation form. This form must be received by the Coaching Committee prior to the announced selection deadline. Any athlete that meets the minimum requirements will be selected for the provincial team, subject to any team quota limitations.

The provincial team selection is based on club recommendation and on points accumulated per weight class and age division according to the results received at designated provincial, national, and international tournaments and according to participation at training camps.

Upon completion of the team selection, the Coaching Committee will submit the list of athletes whom they feel merit being on the Provincial Team to the Executive for ratification, along with their justification.

Minimum requirements:

U16 division	Participation in Provincial championships and 1 prov. training camp
U18 division	Participation in Provincial championships plus 1 points tournament and 2 prov. training camps
U21 division	Participation Provincial championships plus 1 points tournament and 2 prov. training camps
Senior division	Participate in provincial championship plus 1 points tournament and 1 training camp.
Veterans	Participate in provincial championship. Pass a physical before National Championships

*Training camp means a designated camp (not a training session after a tournament) and athletes must participate in full (including the conditioning sessions) to receive recognition for the camp points.

Athletes training at the National Training Center in Montreal:

Any athlete training at the National Training Centre (NTC) under the national coaches will automatically be awarded **12 points** for funding purposes, since they will be unable to participate in local tournaments and training camps (subject to the NTC coach report on participation and training prior to National Championships). Those athletes must also keep in contact with either their club coach (who must report to the provincial coaching staff) or directly with the provincial coaching staff to ensure all coaches are informed about their participation in tournaments in their locale. They must also apply for the provincial team directly to the coaching staff with their training plan, tournament results, and training camps for the year.

The provincial coaching staff will also check in with the NTC coaches to verify the athlete's training plan prior to granting any funding.

Athletes training out of province other than at the NTC:

The athletes that are not training in Alberta due to school, work, etc... must apply to the coaching staff directly for provincial team selection with their training plan, tournament results, and attendance at training camps. Funding will be determined on an individual basis depending on where and how involved the athlete has been in judo training while out of the province.

Funding:

U16 athletes:

- These athletes will receive equal amounts of the funding that is allocated to this age group.

U18/U21/Senior/Veterans:

- To receive funding these athletes must have a minimum of 14 points from the year leading up to Nationals. If an athlete has less than 14 points, but meets minimum requirements for National Championships they can go as self-funded athletes only.
- The funding will be allocated for the athletes with minimum 14 points and up as follows
 - a) The top 30% of ranked athletes will receive 50% of the budgeted money for the event.
 - b) The middle 35% of ranked athletes will receive 35% of the budgeted money for the event
 - c) The bottom 35% of ranked athletes will receive 15% of the budgeted money for the event.
 - d) If a funded athlete fails to make weight, the athlete will be invoiced for the Judo Alberta funded amount plus any Judo Canada fines.
 - e) Funded money will not exceed actual costs.
 - f) All age groups will be separated for funding, so if an athlete chooses to fight U21 and Senior or U18 and U21 divisions and has 14 points in both divisions, those athletes will be funded for each category.

Exemptions:**Injury/ Sickness:**

- If an athlete cannot participate in the Provincial Championships due to sickness or injury, the Prov. Coaching staff must receive a doctor's note within 7 days of competition explaining what the medical issue is and the anticipated date for "return to play". Athletes that do not comply will not meet the minimum requirements and will not be selected for the provincial team.

Work for senior athletes:

- If a senior athlete cannot participate in a Provincial training camp due to work demands, the Prov. Coaching staff will need a written explanation 1 week prior to competition and the athlete should make other arrangements to participate in other competitions to make up for missing minimum requirement.

Extenuating circumstances:

- If an athlete has to miss the Provincial Championships for any other reason, this athlete must write a letter to the Provincial Coaching staff at least 1 week prior to the tournament with an explanation. The provincial coaching staff will then review the note and make a decision based on the individual's circumstance.

Out of Province/ NTC athletes:

- Are exempt from the Provincial Championship qualification as long as they are participating in competitions outside of the province. This is based on individual athletes and the athletes must be in direct contact with the provincial coaching staff during their time out of province.

Athletes asked to participate at an International competition:

- Athletes that have been chosen by Judo Canada to participate in an international event the same weekend or the weekend before or after Provincials will be exempt due to the higher level tournament.

* No points will be given to any athletes that are exempt from Provincial Championships, except where noted previously. If these athlete wish to be funded, they must participate in more than the minimum number of events *