

**Team Alberta Selection policy and funding criteria for National Championships 2015
(Minimum requirements and points can be accumulated between September 1st 2014 and
March 28th, 2015 (Rocky Mountain tournament) along with the results from the previous
National Championships)**

Purpose:

This Policy is used to develop a provincial team list for national championships. These criteria are in place because the Judo Alberta Coaching Committee wants to be sure that every member of Judo Alberta has the opportunity to participate on the provincial team, as long as they achieve the minimum requirements. The requirements are designed to ensure the athletes can compete at this level of competition without injury. The Coaching Committee wants to be sure that Judo Alberta allocated funding is being used for serious athletes at their respective age level, using the LTAD program for competition.

I. Points System:

Points are counted over a one season period. Points are zeroed after the selection of the provincial team for the Nationals. (With exemption to receiving points from National championships the season prior).

Minimum requirements:

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

*Training camp means a full weekend camp (not a training session after a tournament) and athletes must participate all weekend to receive recognition for camp, including physical training and team meetings.

*National training camps do count for minimum requirements (athletes still must complete all sessions to receive points and minimum requirements)

Points tournaments:

Provincial level: Senda Cup (senior only), U of A (senior only), Red Deer (U21 and under only), Provincial Championships, Rocky Mountain (Deadline tournament date)

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

National level: Nationals (prior year in same age division; half points for new age division), Elite 8 championships, Quebec Open and Ontario Open

International level: Any international competition that Judo Canada recognizes and participates in

Points Tables:

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

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- If you are the only athlete in a weight division you receive 1 point
- If you have a medal and no fights, you receive no 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 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 the weight division, you receive 1 point
- Must win 1 fight to receive 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 the only athlete in your weight division, you receive 1 point
- Must win 1 fight to receive points

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

- Must win 1 fight to receive points

Training Camp Points:

Team training sessions after tournaments	1pt
Provincial training camps	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 physical training
- If injured at camp athlete may receive points while sitting on the sidelines or doing extra training on side with a prov. Coach

Selection procedure:

Athletes must apply to the Coaching Committee by March 1st so the coaching staff knows who is interested. All athletes must meet the minimum requirements by the last provincial selection tournament (Rocky Mountain Invitational) to be selected for the provincial team.

Athletes training at National training center in Montreal:

Any athlete training at the NTC under the national coaches will automatically awarded **10 points** for funding, since they will be unable to participate in local tournaments and training camps (subject to NTC coach report prior to the National Championships). These athletes must also keep in contact with either, their club coach, who reports to the provincial coaching staff, or the provincial coaching staff directly about participation in tournaments locally for them. 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 confirm athletes training plans prior to funding.

Athletes training out of province other than 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 training camps participated in. Funding will be determined on an individual basis, depending on where and how involved the athlete has been in judo 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 12 points from the year leading up to nationals. If an athlete has less than 12 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 12pts and up as follows:
 - a) The top 35% ranked athletes will receive 50% of the budgeted money for the event.
 - b) The middle 35% ranked athletes will receive 35% of the budgeted money for the event
 - c) The bottom 30% ranked athletes will receive 15% of the budgeted money for the event.
- If a funded athlete fails to make weight, the athlete will be invoiced for the Judo Alberta funded amount plus any Judo Canada fines.
- Funded money will not exceed actual costs.
- All age groups will be separated for funding so if an athlete chooses to fight u21 and senior division and in both divisions has 12 points those athletes will be funded twice.

Exemptions:

Injury/ Sickness:

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

Work for senior athletes:

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

Extenuating circumstances:

- If an athlete has to miss provincial championships for any other reason this athlete must write a letter to the prov. Coaching staff 1 week prior to tournament explaining why. The provincial coaching staff will then review and make a decision based on individual circumstance.

Out of Province/ NTC athletes:

- Are exempt from the Provincial championship qualification as long as they are participating in competitions out side of the province. This is based on individual athletes and the athletes must be in direct contact with 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 after provincials can be exempt due to higher tournament level.

*No points will be given to any athletes that are exempt from Provincial Championships. These athletes must participate in additional events, in order to receive funding.

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