

**Name of the Committee**

Coaching Committee



**Policy Number**

# 3-06

**Selection Criteria and Guidelines for Canada Winter Games**

**Purpose**

This policy will be used to select a Provincial Team to attend the 2023 Canada Winter Games for Team Alberta.

The team will be selected by the Judo Alberta High Performance Coach Committee and approved by the Judo Alberta Executive committee. Once approved by the Judo Alberta Executive, the Team Selections will be posted on the Judo Alberta website.

The most current CWG technical package for judo is the authority on weight divisions, age division and eligibility criteria. Please refer to the most current CWG technical package and eligibility requirements at <http://www.canadagames.ca/sports> for complete details.

**Policy:**

The Canada Winter Games Team will be selected at the conclusion of the Final CWG Selection Tournament (Sept/October 2022). Only eligible athletes will be invited to the event and the following points system will rank them for that tournament.

**I. Points System and Procedure Ranked athletes**

Any athlete that has achieved a National Team (E) standard or higher (and meets the CWG eligibility criteria) that is valid at the time of the 2023 Canada Winter Games Final Selection Tournament (Fall 2022) will automatically be selected for the CWG Team in the weight division in which they obtained their standard.

If there is more than one athlete in the same weight division who has scored a National Team (E) standard or higher (as above) that is valid at the time of the 2023 Canada Winter Games Final Selection Tournament (Fall 2022), there will be a 2 out of 3 match fight off.

For divisions where no athlete has received a National E standard, Team Selection will be based on the results of the Final Selection Tournament. To be invited to the Final Selection Tournament, athletes must compete in the following qualification events and meet the following criteria.

The qualification events for the Games will start in the winter 2021/spring of 2022 and consist of: 2022 CWG Provincial Identification competition, 2022 Edmonton International, the 2022 Open Nationals (Spring/summer), 2022 Canada Cup (summer)

and 2022 US Open (summer). The Final CWG Selection Tournament in the fall of 2022 will determine which athletes will be selected to the judo team representing Alberta at the 2023 Canada Winter Games. (Competitions, location, & date TBD)

The 2022 Alberta Provincial Championships (winter/spring tournament) will run a separate CWG age and weight divisions closed to Alberta athletes only for the CWG team qualification. The 2022 Edmonton International, 2022 Open Nationals & 2022 Canada Cup will consider the results of U16, U18, U21 and Senior performances for the CWG team qualifications. The 2022 US Open will consider the results of U15, U18 & Senior results for the CWG team qualifications.

Athletes need to score at least one win to score points in the qualification competition to score points in the criteria. (Exceptions will be granted if there is only one competitor in the weight division for that event).

Athletes cannot accumulate points from multiple divisions at any of the events. The best result of the athlete will count towards the qualification points from that event.

Athletes need to have national level or international competitive experience prior to the final selection. To be eligible for the CWG Final Selection Tournament, the athletes need to compete in a minimum of four of the five qualification events. (2022 Edmonton International / 2022 CWG Provincial identification competition / 2022 Open Nationals / 2022 Canada Cup /2022 US Open\*)

Judo Alberta would like to fill all weights division if possible. However, if no athlete meets the eligibility standard, we can fill other weights divisions with a maximum of 2 athletes in a weight division provided we do not go over our allotted 7 athlete quota per gender. If athletes do not make the eligibility standards of participating in 4 of 5 qualification events, they will not be invited to the Final CWG Selection Tournament.

**Participation Exemptions (Extenuating circumstances including injuries)**

If an athlete must miss a qualification event, for any reason, the athlete and the athlete's judo coach are responsible for communicating with the Judo Alberta HP Coach who will share the information with the Provincial Coaching Staff. The Provincial Coaching Staff will then review the information and make a decision regarding points and credit for the event.

**Exemptions: (Injury/ Sickness)** If an athlete cannot participate in the CWG qualification event due to sickness or injury, the Judo Alberta HP Coach must be notified prior to the event and receive a doctor's note within 7 days of the competition explaining why.

**Exemptions: (Athletes asked to participate at an International competition)** Athletes that have been chosen by Judo Canada to participate in an international event on the same weekend can be exempt due to the higher tournament level.

**Exemptions: (Out of Province/ Out of Country / NTC athletes)** These athletes are exempt from the qualification event minimum participation standards if they are following a training program and are participating in competitions outside of the province.

**Exemptions (Extenuating circumstances)** If an athlete must miss any CWG qualification events for any other reason, the athlete must inform the Judo Alberta HP Coach prior to the event. The provincial coaching staff will then review and decide based on individual circumstance.

Note: If an event will not occur or is cancelled, the Judo Alberta HP Coach Committee can reassign a competition or amend the selection policy with approval from Judo Alberta and the Alberta Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation (SPAR) CWG Chef de Mission.

**2021 Winter/2022 Spring Judo Alberta CWG Identification Competition Points**

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
3	2	1

**2022 Edmonton International Competition Points**

Age	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	5th Place
U16	3	2	1	
U18	4	3	2	1
Senior	5	4	3	2

**2022 Open Nationals, Canada Cup & US Open SR/U21, U18 Points & U16 Points\*\***

Age	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	5th Place
U15 (USA)	3	2	1	
U16	4	3	2	1
U18	5	4	3	2
U21	6	5	4	3
Senior	7	6	5	4

\*Athletes selected for the 2022 Cadet World Championships will be given credit for 1<sup>st</sup> place points for any events that might conflict with National team activities.

\*\*Athletes cannot accumulate points from two different age divisions the SR, U21, U18, U16 and U15 weight divisions during qualification events. The best result of the athlete will count towards the total selection points.

The number one seed will be determined following the 2022 US Open competition for each weight division.

### **2022 Fall CWG Final Selection Tournament/Trial**

If the number one seed wins the fall Judo Alberta Canada Winter Games Final Selection trial (September / October 2022), they will be nominated to represent Team Alberta at the 2023 Canada Winter Games and the athlete that finishes second will be named as a reserve for that weight division. If the number one seed of the weight division loses in the Final Selection trial, they will be given a 1 match fight off with the winner of the trial at the end of the tournament. The winner of this match will represent Alberta at the 2023 Canada Winter Games and the loser will be named as a reserve for that weight division.

The Final CWG Selection Tournament will be round robin for divisions of 5 athletes and less. There will be 2 pools of 3 athletes with a semi-final & final for a division of 6. And there will be a modified double elimination for divisions with over 6 athletes.

Athletes that change weight division for the Final Selection Trial will have their points cut by 50% to determine their seeding.

If, following the Final Selection Trial, there are weight divisions that do not have a representative meeting the eligibility criteria, the Judo Alberta High Performance Coach Committee will review the results of reserves in each division to determine further selections for the 2023 Canada Winter Games Team.

## **II. Judo Alberta Requirements**

1. Athlete must have been a resident of Alberta for six months.
2. Athlete must present proof of age when required.
3. Athlete must be a paid-up member in good standing with Judo Alberta and Judo Canada.
4. The athlete must comply with all Judo Canada restrictions at the time of the final selection tournament, to be included in the Provincial Team list.
5. Athletes need to have a minimum rank of green belt prior to the Final Selection Tournament to participate at the 2023 CWG.

6. Following the Final CWG Selection Tournament, all selected athletes must stay within 5% of their weight division during the final training phase for the 2023 Canada Winter Games. Selected athletes will be expected to compete in the weight division they have been selected in during the final training phase following the final selection.

### **III. Appeal Procedure**

#### **Appeal process that might arise at the Final Selection Tournament**

There will be no appeals allowed for on-mat contention at the Final Selection Tournament. An appeal will be allowed only if it is a question of eligibility of a competitor and must be requested before the first match of the athlete in question. The appeal must be in writing and submitted to the sport coordinator or designate within 1 hour of the notification of a request for an appeal. The appeal committee will be composed of the President of Judo Alberta, the Technical Committee chair, and a member of the Judo Alberta Executive (or a designate of each position). A decision on the appeal must be made within 1 hour of the receipt of the written appeal. The decision will be made in writing to all parties involved and will be binding.

For all other team selection appeals, coaches/athletes should refer to the Appeal Process for the Canada Winter Games (Policy number #3-08) on the Judo Alberta website.

<https://judoalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/3-08-Appeal-Process-2023-Canada-Winter-Games.pdf>

Please contact Garry Yamashita (yama8gt@gmail.com), Judo Alberta's CWG Sport Coordinator, regarding any information regarding appeals or eligibility rules.

### **IV. Funding**

Judo Alberta may provide funding to various competitions for Alberta Canada Winter Games eligible athletes, budget permitting.

### **V. Modifications of the Selection Criteria**

Judo Alberta can modify the selection criteria as needed with the approval of the High-Performance Coach Committee, the Judo Alberta Executive and Alberta Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation - CWG Chef de Mission.