

**Name of the Committee**

Coaching Committee



**Policy Number**

# 3-06

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

***THIS JUDO ALBERTA SELECTION POLICY AND FUNDING CRITERIA CAN BE AMENDED BY JUDO ALBERTA BASED ON THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THAT COVID-19 CAN HAVE ON THE 2022-2023 SEASON / COMPETITION SCHEDULE***

**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. Selection Standards**

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 participate in the following qualification events and meet the following criteria.

The qualification events for the Games will start in the Spring of 2022 and consist of:

A minimum of four of the following competitions / camps

- \*March 26-27, 2022, Provincial Judo Championships, Lethbridge
- \*April 16-17, 2022, Pacific International, Vancouver
- \*April 23-24, 2022, Edmonton International, Edmonton
- \*May 6-8, 2022, Spring Provincial Training Camp, Lethbridge
- \*May 20-22, 2022, National Championships, Montreal

And a minimum of one of the following summer competitions / camps

- \*2022 Canada Winter Games Summer Camp, Lethbridge
- \*2022 Junior US Open & Camp, Fort Lauderdale, USA

**\* Qualification events & number of qualification events can be changed based on future Covid-19 restrictions**

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 participate in a minimum of five qualification events listed above.*

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 the 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 decide 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.

### **2023 Weight Divisions**

Male: 50kg / 55kg / 60kg / 66kg / 73kg / 81kg / Over 81kg\*

Female: 44kg / 48kg / 52kg / 57kg / 63kg / 70kg / Over 70kg \*

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

The Final CWG Selection Tournament will be true double elimination for all divisions. To be eliminated from final selection a judoka will need to lose two matches.

2 athletes – Best 2 out of 3 matches

3 athletes or more athletes' true double elimination draw

The winner of each eligible weight division 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 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.
7. Athletes must comply with all Covid-19 regulations / vaccination standards

## **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