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Team Alberta Selection Policy and Funding Criteria for National Championships 2026

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 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 competitions.

THE JUDO ALBERTA SELECTION POLICY AND FUNDING CRITERIA CAN BE AMENDED BASED ON UNFORSEEN OR UNKNOWN FACTORS THAT WE ARE NOT AWARE OF DURING THE CREATION OF THIS CRITERIA

LOCATION: CALGARY, ALBERTA

APPROXIMATE COST: \$600.00-\$800.00 – hotel, coach support, therapist support, team clothing, etc.

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

U14 (Early Bloomer U16)	Participation in Edmonton International*, in Provincial Championships**, 2 out of province tournament and 3 provincial camp/Inter-provincial/national camp***. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Won a gold at a U14 Western Judo Canada Tour Event and won a medal at a U16 Western Judo Canada Tour Event - 2025 MB Open, 2026 SK Open, 2026 ED Int, 2026 Pac. Int
U16/U18/U21 Division	Participation in Edmonton International*, in Provincial Championships**, 2 out of province tournament and 3 provincial camp/Inter-provincial/national camp***.
Senior	Participation in Edmonton International*, in Provincial Championships**, 1 out of province tournament and 2 provincial camp/Inter-provincial/national camp

* The HP Coach Committee can consider similar level events if an athlete can not attend the Edmonton International

**Unless given an exemption or training out of province

***Clubs 400km north of Edmonton 2 Provincial/inter-provincial/national camps



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Selection eligibility period: JULY 01, 2025, TO MARCH 16, 2026

JUDO ALBERTA WILL REQUIRE NAMES OF ATHLETES PARTICIPATING AT THE 2026 OPEN NATIONALS BY FEBRUARY 28, 2026. THE TEAM SPREAD SHEET WILL BE SENT AT THE BEGIING OF FEBRUARY 2026.

SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

U16/U18/U21/SENIOR Divisions	<p>Judo Clubs should consider each athletes competition readiness and ability to compete at the national championships. Club coaches should consider each athletes training attendance, competitions results/performances, W-L record.</p> <p><i>It is recommended that all clubs share the Judo Alberta selection criteria with parents and athletes in September 2025 in efforts to develop a plan for qualification.</i></p>
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Points System for Funding:

Pointable tournaments: (July 01, 2025, to May 18, 2026)

Provincial level*: Provincial Competitions (TBC), 2026 Rocky Mountain, 2026 Provincial Championship

Western Province level: MB Open, SK Open, Peak Judo Championship

National level/Canadian Tour: Quebec Open, Ontario Open, Pacific Int., Edmonton Int., and Canada Cup,

2025 Open Nationals:

International level: International event in the Judo Canada National Handbook, Matsumae Cup, US Open and similar international events

- The Eligible Provincial Level competition dates will be published by September 2025

Points Tables:

	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place
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Provincial level tournaments*	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 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.

* Included in this table Eastern Canadian Championships /USA Judo Competitions/Sportif International

	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 there are more than one person in the division.
- 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.

Canadian Tour	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 if there are more than one person in the division.

Open Nationals	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	5 th	7 th
	6pts	5pts	4pts	3pts	2pt

- If you are the only athlete in your weight division, you receive 1 point.
- Must win 1 fight to receive points if there are more than one person in the division.
- **2025 Open National Medallist/Top 7 will have their points calculated into the final points totals.**

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

- Must win 1 fight to receive points.



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Training Camp Points:

Team training sessions after tournaments, Regional Trainings, 1 day participation at a training camp (1 point per each regional training)	1pt
Two Day Provincial training camps (3 points per camp)	3pts
Three Day Provincial/Inter-provincial training camps (4 points per camp)	4pts
National training Camps & International Camps (5 points per camp)	5pts

- To receive points for Training camps athletes must participate in all sessions including physical training.
- Athletes who are injured during the time of a training camp they will be required make to the Provincial coaches aware of the situation. The injured athlete will receive eligibility credit for the missed training camp but will not receive points for the missed camp.

Selection procedure (I):

All athletes must meet the minimum training camp requirements by March 16, 2026, to be selected for the provincial team.

International Exemptions / Special Circumstances:

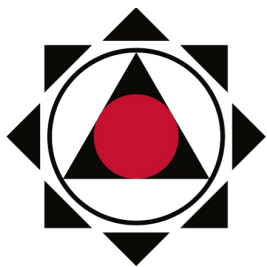
The Judo Alberta Coach Committee holds the right to consider special circumstances that might be unforeseen during the year to allow an athlete to represent Alberta at the Open National Championships. These Judo Alberta athletes must be training outside of the province with a recognized training program that has been approved by the Coaching Committee. The program must include a conditioning component, tournament circuit that includes some domestic events and possibly international events and a regular judo training regimen.

Exemptions: (Athletes training at National training center in Montreal)

Any athlete training at the NTC under the national coaches will automatically be awarded **10 points** for funding, since they will be unable to participate in local tournaments and training camps. **Athletes training below 75% attendance of NTC evening training will not receive Judo Alberta funding.** The provincial coaching staff will check in with the NTC coaches to confirm athletes training plans prior to funding.

Exemptions (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,



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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.

Exemptions: (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 provincial coaching staff during their time out of province.

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.

Exemptions: (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.

Exemptions (Extenuating circumstances)

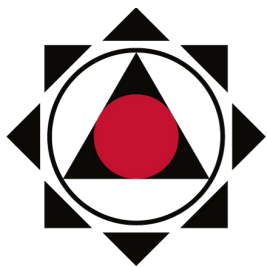
- If an athlete has to miss provincial championships for any other reason, this athlete must write a letter to the prov. Coaching staff 1 week prior to tournament explaining why. The provincial coaching staff will then review and make a decision based on the individual circumstance.

Exemptions: (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 the higher tournament level.

*No points will be given to any athletes that are exempt from Provincial Championships.

Funding:



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ATHLETES WILL NEED TO SCORE A MINIMUM OF 40 POINTS WITHIN THE JUDO ALBERTA TEAM SELECTION AND FUNDING CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING FOR THE 2026 OPEN NATIONALS IN CALGARY, ALBERTA

IMPORTANT: If an athlete wins a medal at the 2025 Open Nationals Championships (U16/U18/U21/SR) but have not accumulated 40 points to qualify for funding they will be included in the final funding lists lowest tier. (15% of the budget for the bottom 30% of ranked athletes)

U16/U18/U21/Senior:

To receive funding these athletes must have met the minimum standards outlined in the selection criteria and be nominated by their Judo club. The funding will be allocated for the athletes who have met the minimum selection standards 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.
 - There will be additional funding to help athletes from NTC Montreal attend nationals
 - Funded money will not exceed actual costs.
- **FUNDING WILL BE FINALIZED FOLLOWING THE 2026 OPEN NATIONALS AND WILL BE APPLIED TO THE ATHLETE'S FINAL INVOICE**

Selection Procedure (II):

1. Judo Alberta Clubs will nominate their athletes to the provincial team on **February 28, 2026**. The Provincial Team will then be selected based on the minimum requirements and funding will be based on the points earned during the year by the Coaches Committee and presented to the Executive for ratification.

2. The approved teams will then be announced to the clubs.

Appeal Procedure



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Conflicts with the Provincial Team list or selection to tournaments can be dealt with by the Appeal Procedure. Once an appeal is submitted, an appeal committee will be formed by the President of Judo Alberta. The Appeal Committee will then schedule the Appeal meeting.

1. An appeal must be a written submission to the Judo Alberta office from the chief instructor of the athlete's club.
2. The appeal submission must be received within 7 days of the decision that is being appealed with a non-refundable deposit for the appeal of \$125.00.
3. The Appeal Committee will consist of three neutral representatives of Judo Alberta who have not been part of the Selection process. They will be chosen by the president of Judo Alberta.
4. The athlete, the personal coach, and a representative of the Executive and Coaches committee may attend the Appeal meeting.
5. The decision of the appeal committee is final and binding.
6. The Appeal Committee must give the Coaching Committee reasons in writing for their decision.

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