



## **F.A.Q. – Judo Qualification System for London 2012 OG**

- 1) Each country can be eligible for one place out of the total Continental Union quota. Does this mean one place out of the male AND one place out of the female quota?

No. The Continental Union quota allows for no more than one athlete per country (if eligible). This will guarantee that Judo will have more than 100 countries participating in the next Olympic Games 2012!

- 2) The Continental Quota is 100 athletes in total for all the continents. What formula was used in allocating places to the different continents?

The formula is as follows: the total number of National Federations affiliated to each Continental Union is divided by 2 and that divided number will be the guaranteed minimum number of places per continent.

- 3) What procedure will be used to allocate the qualifying places from the Continental quota to athletes?

After the direct qualification is determined ( of the top 22 men and 14 women in each weight category from the World Ranking List ), each Continent will focus on its athletes to find the best one ( the one with the highest total of points ) across the genders and weight categories on the WRL.

All these athletes will be located “under“ the line of 22 M / 14 W.

When such an athlete is found, he/she is assigned the qualifying place for the Olympics. Consequently his/her country will be removed from the list for Continental Union quota qualification.

The procedure will be repeated until the whole Union quota is filled up.

The regulation that the maximum two athletes per weight category per Union can qualify through the Union quota must be respected.

- 4) If a country will get one ( or more ) athletes qualified directly through the WRL, will other athletes of that country be taken into account for allocation of a place from the continental quota?

Yes, conditions for the Union quota allocation are equal for all the member countries ( NF's ) with no exception.

- 5) The qualification period is now for 2 years. What is the exact period?

The qualification will start on of May 7<sup>th</sup> 2010 and will finish on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2012. In general the World Ranking list indicates the athletes not only for Olympic Games, but at any moment counting 100% of the best 5 results in the last 52 weeks and 50% of the best 5 results of the previous 52 weeks (13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> months).

- 6) My athlete has qualified for the OG through the world ranking list. What happens if he/she gets injured before the Olympics and is unable to compete. Has the country (NOC) the right to replace him or her?

Only if there is another athlete from the same country placed among the first 22 Men or 14 Women in the world ranking list. Only the best ranked world athletes are eligible to compete in the Olympics and not just anybody can replace an athlete who achieved his qualifying merit through his results in world class competitions. Performance in judo is impossible to measure exactly, but imagine that X has beaten the Olympic high jump limit – let us say 228cm - and after his injury Y is sent to the Olympics even though his personal best is 198cm only. Y's only merit would be sharing the nationality of athlete X who has qualified.

- 7) Will there be substitutes in case of withdrawal of some qualified athletes due to injury, or other reason?

Yes. The list of reserves will be established immediately after all qualifying places from direct qualification and Continental quota are allocated – made up from the remaining athletes of the WRL and sorted by their ranking points.

- 8) Is there a difference between replacements for direct qualified athletes and qualified athletes through Continental quota?

Yes. A direct qualified athlete will be replaced by the athlete with the highest position on the reserve list who is in the same weight category, regardless of the Continent.

An athlete qualified through the Continental quota will be replaced by the athlete with the highest position on the reserve list who is from the same Continent, regardless of the weight category, but still fulfilling the Continental quota rules: only one per country and two per weight category

- 9) For the final account the athlete can have maximum 10 results including Continental Championships (in case that the number of the points is among the best 5 results in certain period). How many Continental Championships are taken into the consideration?

Maximum two. One in the period of last 12 months with value of 100% and another one in the period of 13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> months with value of 50%. For this reason the IJF recommends that the Continental Championships are held between the end of March to end of April.

- 10) In the case of Grand Prix and Grand Slams the organizer has a big advantage to nominate 4 athletes in each category. Will all 4 of them obtain the points?

No. The rule for those events says that - only the 2 best domestic competitors can obtain points for the World Ranking List. In case of equality the points will be automatically given to the highest ranked athlete. If still equal, the domestic federation will decide.

- 11) Is the IJF Calendar fixed for the whole Olympic period or can it be modified due to an increase in the number of IJF events in the continents?

The World Ranking List is fluid and any changes to the IJF Calendar such as an additional World Cup or a change in the date of a certain event will cause no problem.

- 12) What happen if any organizer will change the date of an IJF Qualification event during the next years? Will the points be valid always for 24 or 12 months?

Normally points are reduced to half or 0 always at the beginning (Monday) of the week which follows the week (number) in which the tournament was held previous year - regardless of changing the date of the event from one year to another.

But in no circumstances a tournament can count twice 50% or twice 100% during Olympic Qualification period. The latest event always counts 100% and the previous one 50%.

- 13) The Olympic Qualification starts on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2010 Grand Prix in Tunis. Does it mean that the WRL starts from 0 points for everybody?

No, The WRL continues with the same regime as from the beginning and will be used as always for seeding in all IJF events.

The meaning "*Olympic Qualification starts on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2010*" is that just from this time one will not lose the points valid for 2 years qualification period until the end on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2012.

All points obtained before May 7<sup>th</sup> 2010 will be canceled when 2 years elapse at the end of OG Qualification by 30 April 2012 in accordance with WRL rules.

- 14) What kind of competition system will be used at the London 2012 Olympics?

The Quarter Final repechage competition system with seeding / placing for the top 8 according to the World Ranking list as on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2012.

- 15) What will be the program of Olympic Games Judo competition?

Judo will start right on the first day of the Olympic competition program on July 28<sup>th</sup> 2012 and will last for 7 days as usual.

The proposal is to begin at 10:00 and the final block at 15:00 London time.