

Judo Manitoba Provincial Team Selection Policy

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This policy describes the process used to select athletes to attend Manitoba Provincial Team Events, including the Open National Championships, the Elite 8 National Championships and the Canada Winter Games.

Selections will be made by the Judo Manitoba provincial coaches and are subject to approval by the Technical – Executive Committee of Judo Manitoba.

Definition

“Provincial Team Event” (or “Event”) includes out-of-province tournaments and training opportunities to which Judo Manitoba sends a team including, but not limited to, Open and Elite 8 National Championships, Canada Winter Games, Western Canada Summer Games, and certain Judo Canada circuit events (Quebec Open, Ontario Open, Pacific International, Edmonton International)

General Selection Policy

The general selection policy will be used for selections to all Provincial Team Events. Certain Events have additional or modified criteria and selection procedures which are listed in the Event Specific policies later in this document.

Selection Criteria

Athletes under consideration for selection to a Provincial Team Event must meet the eligibility requirements (age, gender, rank, citizenship, other) established by Judo Canada and/or the organizing committee or host society for that Event. Athletes must be members in good standing with Judo Manitoba and Judo Canada to be selected for an Event.

The following criteria will be considered in selecting athletes for Events:

- Attendance and effort at the athlete’s home club
- For eligible athletes, attendance and effort at provincial team practices held at the U of M (Wednesday and Saturday)
- Attendance and effort at open provincial practices (Senior, U21, CWG, U18, U16)
- Performance at National and International tournaments

- Performance at out-of-province tournaments (Note: Club coaches are encouraged to send their athletes, using club funding, to out-of-province tournaments to gain additional experience)
- Participation and performance at the Provincials and other Manitoba tournaments (Note: athletes wishing to be selected for Events should participate in the Provincials and at least three other local tournaments each season)

All athletes should keep a record of their tournament results, as these may be requested by the provincial coaches. The provincial coaches may consult with a club coach regarding an athlete's performance, as well as attendance and effort at their home club.

Expectations of Athletes

After an athlete's selection to their first Provincial Team Event, the athlete must meet the following requirements to remain eligible for consideration for subsequent Events:

- Attend provincial team practices:
 - Senior and U21 athletes from Winnipeg clubs - two practices per week
 - Senior and U21 athletes from clubs outside of Winnipeg - one practice per week
- All athletes (Senior, U21, U18, U16) – attend all open provincial training sessions
- Attend Fitness Testing sessions which may be scheduled from time to time

Exceptions to these requirements may be granted for valid reasons (school, work, etc.). Exceptions should be cleared with provincial coaches prior to practice.

Before an athlete first travels with Judo Manitoba, they will be required to sign the Judo Manitoba Athlete Code of Conduct. Athletes must then follow the Code of Conduct whenever they travel with Judo Manitoba.

Event Specific Selection Policies

Open National Championships

Athletes will be selected for the Open National Championships based on the General Selection Policy. Athletes seeking selection to Open Nationals during a season must:

- Attend the Manitoba Provincial Championships during that season; and
- Attend at least 3 additional Manitoba tournaments during that season

The time period considered for selection to the Open Nationals will be September 1 to mid-March in each season.

Elite 8 Invitational Nationals

Each year, Judo Canada will publish a list of athletes in each weight category in the U18 and Senior age divisions who are eligible to compete at the Elite 8 Nationals. Manitoba athletes on the Judo Canada selection list will be eligible to attend the Elite 8 Nationals with the Judo Manitoba team provided that they are meeting the Expectations of Athletes set out in the General Selection Policy.

To view Judo Canada's selection policy for Elite 8 Nationals, please see <http://www.judocanada.org/high-performance/hanbook/>

Canada Winter Games ("CWG")

Athletes will be selected for the CWG based on the General Selection Policy, with the following modifications:

- A maximum of one athlete per weight division will be selected; and
- Where the CWG coaches determine that two or more athletes in a weight division are reasonably comparable in performance and/or ability based on the selection criteria, they will be invited to participate in a "fight-off" to determine which athlete will be selected in that division.

In the case of a fight-off, eligible athletes will be notified in advance of the date of the fight-off. Fight-off rules will be as follows (additional rules may be communicated to athletes prior to the fight-off):

- Athletes must make weight on the date of the fight-off for the division in which they are competing;
- Where two athletes participate in a fight-off, the format will be best 2 out of 3 matches. Where three or more athletes participate in a fight-off, a single round robin format will be used; and
- An athlete losing in a fight-off may be given the opportunity, in the discretion of the CWG coaches, to be selected in a different division.

The time period considered for selection to the CWG will be the period from the end of the previous CWG to November of the year prior to the CWG, with particular emphasis on the last two years of this selection period.

General

Questions: Questions regarding this selection policy may be directed to the provincial coaches or to the athlete reps.

Communication: This selection policy will be posted on the Judo Manitoba website and sent to all clubs by email (with a request that copies be distributed to interested

athletes). Copies will also be available on request from the provincial coaches and the athlete reps.

Waivers: In cases of illness or injury, or in other exceptional circumstances, the mandatory requirements set out in this policy may be modified or waived (in whole or in part) in the discretion of the provincial coaches.

Unforeseen Circumstances: In the event of unforeseen circumstances arising during the selection process, the provincial coaches will rule on the appropriate course of action.

Revocation of Selection: An athlete's selection to a Provincial Team Event may be revoked if the athlete:

- Fails to remain a member in good standing with Judo Manitoba or Judo Canada;
- Fails to meet the requirements of the Expectations of Athletes section of the General Selection policy;
- Exhibits conduct that is detrimental to the image of Judo Manitoba; or
- Is unable to perform due to injury, illness or other medical reasons;

Amendment: Any amendment to this Policy must be approved by the Technical - Executive Committee. If an amendment is made during a season, notice of the amendment will be communicated as noted in the Communication section above.

Appeals: Appeals from selection decisions may be made to the Technical – Executive Committee of Judo Manitoba by sending a notice in writing by mail to Judo Manitoba, Attn: Executive Director, 145 Pacific Ave, Winnipeg R3B 2Z6, or by email to judo@sportmanitoba.ca

Information Table

<u>Version</u>	<u>Revision Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Summary of Revisions</u>
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