

Judo Manitoba Provincial Team Selection Policy



This policy describes the process used to select athletes to attend Manitoba Provincial Team Events.

1. Definitions

The following definitions apply in this Selection Policy:

“Development Team” includes those athletes who are training regularly at the PTC during their Team Qualification Period, following the probationary period described in section 2.1;

“Provincial Team” includes those athletes who have completed all of the requirements to become a member of the Provincial Team outlined in this Selection Policy;

“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, the Open and Elite 8 National Championships, Canada Winter Games, Canada Cup, US Open, and all Judo Canada circuit tournaments except the Manitoba Open;

“Provincial Coaches” means the Judo Manitoba provincial head coach and assistant coaches. The Provincial Coaches will make all selection decisions in accordance with this Selection Policy;

“PTC” means the Provincial Training Centre located at 439 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg;

“Season” means the period from September 1 in one year until August 31 in the following year; and

“Team Qualification Period” for an athlete means a period of 24 months during which the athlete is training at the PTC plus any extended period as may be required under section 2.2 of this Selection Policy. The Team Qualification Period starts from the date the athlete begins training regularly at the PTC, provided they are at least age 13.

2. 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 Selection Policies section of this document.

Becoming a Member of the Development Team

2.1 An athlete will become a member of the Development Team once they have completed four weeks of their Team Qualification Period by regularly training at the PTC. At that time, the athlete will be notified that they have been placed on the Development Team.

2.2 The Team Qualification Period will continue for a period of 24 months. If the athlete ceases regular training at the PTC during this period, or fails to fulfill any of the other requirements set out in this Selection Policy, their Team Qualification Period may be extended by the Provincial Coaches for an additional period. The athlete will be notified of any extension of the Team Qualification Period. A decision to extend may be appealed under Judo Manitoba's Appeal Policy.

2.3 Athletes on the Development Team will not be eligible for selection to attend Provincial Team Events, except in special cases approved by the Provincial Coaches.

Becoming a Member of the Provincial Team

2.4 An athlete will progress from the Development Team to the Provincial Team if they complete the following requirements:

- Attend training sessions at the PTC during the Team Qualification Period. Athletes residing within the City of Winnipeg, or within a one hour drive from the PTC, must attend two practices per week (Wednesday and Friday). Athletes residing more than a one hour drive from the PTC must attend at least one practice per week (Wednesday or Friday);
- Compete in the following tournaments each year during the Team Qualification Period, at their own expense: Manitoba Open, Saskatchewan Open and Edmonton International; and
- Compete in all local Manitoba tournaments during the Team Qualification Period.

2.5 Once a member of the Development Team successfully completes their Team Qualification Period and the requirements of section 2.4, they will be notified that they have become a member of the Provincial Team.

2.6 Athletes on the Provincial Team will be eligible for possible selection to Provincial Team Events, but are not guaranteed selection to any Event. The Provincial Coaches will make selection decisions for each Event based on the selection criteria outlined in section 2.11 below.

2.7 When an athlete is selected for a Provincial Team Event, Judo Manitoba will provide partial funding for an athlete to attend the Event. The amount of funding will be based on the athlete's placement in Judo Manitoba's athlete travel funding tiers. Athletes

will be placed in a funding tier based on their competitive results from the previous season.

2.8 A member of the Provincial Team will continue to be a member until:

- They provide notice that they will be retiring from the Provincial Team;
- They have not been regularly training at the PTC for a period of more than 2 years; or
- They are suspended or removed from the Provincial Team in accordance with the Discipline Policy.

2.9 Athletes removed from the Provincial Team may be re-instated as a member of the Team, without the necessity of completing the requirements of the Team Qualification Period, if their reinstatement is approved by the Provincial Coaches. An athlete may not be re-instated by the Provincial Coaches if the re-instatement would be contrary to an order of a Discipline Panel made under the Discipline Policy.

Criteria for Selection to Provincial Team Events

2.10 To be considered for selection to a Provincial Team Event, an athlete must:

- Be a member of the Provincial Team;
- Meet the eligibility requirements (e.g./ age, gender, rank, citizenship) established by Judo Canada and/or the organizing committee or host society for the Event;
- Be a member in good standing with Judo Manitoba; and
- Not be subject to a disciplinary suspension or sanction which prohibits participation in the Event.

2.11 When selecting athletes for Provincial Team Events, the following criteria will be considered:

- Attendance and effort at PTC practices;
- Attendance and effort at the athlete's home club;
- Attendance and effort at other provincial practices, clinics and camps;
- Participation in fitness testing (2x per Season);
- Participation and performance at out-of-province, national and international tournaments; and
- Participation and performance at the Provincials and other local Manitoba tournaments.

2.12 The Provincial Coaches may consult with an athlete's club coach regarding an athlete's performance, as well as their attendance and effort at their home club.

2.13 Athletes on the Provincial Team are expected to:

- Train regularly at the PTC (2x per week if living in the City of Winnipeg or within a 1 hour drive of the PTC, 1x per week for all others); and
- Compete in all Manitoba tournaments, including the Manitoba Open and the Provincials.

Exemptions and Excused Absences from Selection Requirements

2.14 From time to time, an athlete may be unable to attend a practice, tournament or other event required by this Selection Policy. While athletes are expected to make reasonable efforts to attend all practices and events contemplated by this Policy, where they are not able to do so, an athlete may be excused or exempted from a particular training or competition requirement in accordance with sections 2.15 to 2.18.

2.15 Athletes may be excused from a required practice, or granted an exemption from attending a required tournament or other selection event, if the athlete has a valid reason and advance notice is provided to the Provincial Coaches. Athletes who must miss a practice or required selection event should advise a Provincial Coach (in advance if possible) and provide the reason for the absence. Valid reasons may include work, school or family commitments, illness or injury, or other exceptional circumstances, which prevent attendance at the practice or event.

2.16 The Provincial Coaches will determine whether an absence from practice will be excused, or whether an exemption from a requirement of this Selection Policy will be granted.

2.17 In the case of absence caused by illness or injury, if requested by the Provincial Coaches, a medical note must be provided by the athlete confirming the athlete's condition and expected date of return to training or competition.

2.18 Absence from a significant number of practices (e.g./ more than 25% of required PTC practices) or a significant number of local tournaments (more than 2) may affect an athlete's eligibility for selection to Provincial Team Events, in the discretion of the Provincial Coaches.

3. Event Specific Selection Policies

Open National Championships

3.1 Athletes will be selected for the Open National Championships based on the General Selection Policy. To be considered for selection, an athlete must:

- Attend the Provincials during the current Season; and
- Have earned a medal in a Canadian circuit tournament event during the current Season, or the immediately preceding Season.

3.2 Meeting these minimum criteria does not guarantee selection. The Provincial Coaches will make the final selection decision. Exceptions to the minimum requirements may be made by Provincial Coaches.

Elite 8 Invitational Nationals

3.3 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 on the Provincial Team, are training regularly at the PTC and competed at the Provincials in the current Season.

3.4 Judo Canada's selection policy for Elite 8 Nationals may be found on Judo Canada's website.

Canada Winter Games ("CWG")

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

- One or two athletes will be selected per weight division, provided that the team does not exceed a maximum of 7 male and 7 female athletes; and
- Where the Provincial Coaches determine that two or more athletes in a weight division are reasonably comparable in performance and/or ability based on the selection criteria listed in section 2.11, they will be invited to participate in a fight-off to determine which athlete(s) will be selected in that division.

3.6 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 Provincial Coaches, to be selected in a different division.

3.7 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.

4. General

Questions: Questions regarding this Selection Policy may be directed to the Provincial Coaches.

Communication: This Selection Policy will be posted on the Judo Manitoba website and sent to all clubs by email. Copies will also be available on request from the Provincial Coaches.

Waivers: In exceptional circumstances, the requirements set out in this Selection Policy may be modified or waived (in whole or in part) in the discretion of the Provincial Coaches.

Unforeseen Circumstances: If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for this selection process to be implemented as outlined in this Selection Policy, Judo Manitoba reserves the right to identify an alternate process or alternate timelines. Should this occur, all candidates for selection will be notified of these changes in a timely manner.

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;
- Fails to meet the training and other requirements for members of the Provincial Team set out in the General Selection Policy, in the discretion of the Provincial Coaches;
- Exhibits conduct that is detrimental to the image of Judo Manitoba or that violates the Code of Conduct as it applies to athletes, in the discretion of the Provincial Coaches; or
- Is unable to perform due to injury, illness or other medical reasons, in the discretion of the Provincial Coaches;

Revocation of selection may be appealed in accordance with Judo Manitoba's Appeal Policy.

Declaration of Weight Division: Prior to registration in an Event, each athlete will confirm their desired weight division with the Provincial Coaches. In cases where an athlete regularly competes in Provincial Team Events, Judo Manitoba may register the athlete in their regular weight division unless they advise of a desired change in weight division before the Event registration. After Event registration, an athlete may request a change in weight division prior to the Event and Judo Manitoba will make the change if the rules of the Event permit a change. The athlete will be invoiced for the full amount of any change fee charged by the Event.

Missing Weight: In the discretion of Judo Manitoba, an athlete who misses weight at an Event may lose their funding, in whole or in part, for that Event and/or may be deemed

ineligible for selection to attend future Events for a period of time to be determined by Judo Manitoba.

Code of Conduct: All members of the Development Team and the Provincial Team will be required to review and agree to the Judo Manitoba Athlete Code of Conduct each year. Athletes must follow the Code of Conduct at all times.

Team Lists: The Provincial Coaches will maintain a current list of all members of the Development Team and Provincial Team. A copy will be posted at the PTC.

Transition: In September 2023, the Provincial Coaches will publish a list of existing athletes who are considered to be on the Provincial Team. Selections to this initial Provincial Team list will be in the sole discretion of Provincial Coaches, who will consider past training commitment and participation in past Events in making selections. Sections 2.1 to 2.4 of this Selection Policy will not apply to athletes on the initial Provincial Team list.

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 in accordance with Judo Manitoba's Appeal Policy.

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