

2022 Commonwealth Games Programme for NI Judo



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1.0 Introduction

The Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Judo Programme is a guideline document outlining how the NI representative team for the 2022 Commonwealth Games will be nominated, selected & prepared.

This document will include details of eligibility criteria, selection criteria, qualification process, appeals process, programme participation regulations and programme delivery.

Commonwealth Games selection is at the discretion of the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Committee (NICGC). The NICGC will allocate places for a NI Judo Team. The NI Judo Performance Lead will then nominate the corresponding number of places for selection, according to rank. This programme will illustrate how the ranking is calculated and all timelines involved.

All stages of programme planning & delivery, the qualification process, the nomination process and the appeal process, will be the equal responsibility of the NIPP and the NIJF.

2.0 Eligibility

The Northern Ireland Judo Federation (NIJF), Irish Judo Association (IJA) and British Judo Association (BJA) are bound by the NICGC eligibility criteria as outlined below.

2.1 NIJF, BJA and IJA members are eligible to represent the Northern Ireland Judo Team as an athlete at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, provided they:

2.1.1 Comply with the 2022 NI Judo Commonwealth Games Squad Regulations including strict adherence to the NICGS Athlete Code,

2.1.2 Comply with the eligibility criteria determined by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF). Said criteria is currently under revision ahead of the Birmingham 2022 Games, however, the CGF will defer to the birth right principles contained within the 1998 Belfast Agreement. This policy will be updated as additional information becomes available from the CGF. In the meantime, any specific eligibility queries should be addressed to Commonwealth Sport Northern Ireland

2.2 It is the athlete's responsibility to prove eligibility including any associated costs, before being deemed eligible to join the NICGS.

3.0 NI Judo Commonwealth Games Squad Regulations

3.1 All Judoka aspiring to be 2022 Commonwealth Games NI Judo Squad Members must understand, sign and return the NICGS Athlete code to the NI Performance Lead no later than 18.12.2021

3.2 In order to maintain NICGS status each athlete must fully adhere to the agreed Commonwealth Games preparation & competition programme 1/1/22-31/8/22.

3.2.1 An athlete (or their Coach/Parent/Guardian if -18) may submit prior notice of non-attendance in writing (email) to the NI Performance Lead for due consideration on a case-to-case basis. The athlete (or Coach/Parent/Guardian if -18) will receive an email response prior to the squad session clearly indicating if the reason for non-attendance was acceptable or not.

3.2.1 Medical reasons for non-attendance must be accompanied by evidence compiled by a relevant practitioner outlining the reasons for non-attendance. All medical correspondence will be awarded the strictest confidence.

3.3.3 Athletes are exempt from NICGS session attendance if they have been selected by the IJA or BJA for international duty (competition or training). The NI Performance Lead must be notified (in writing) of selection and subsequent non-attendance as soon as possible.

4.0 Timeline, Nomination & Qualification Process

4.1 Timeline

4.1.1 The NI Judo 2022 Commonwealth Games qualification process will run from 1/1/20 – 31/12/21 (24 months).

4.1.2 The NI Judoka (& support staff) nominations for the NICGC will be published on 1.1.22

4.2 Nomination

4.2.1 On the 1/1/22, the highest ranked eligible athlete will be nominated to the NICGC for selection for the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games, and so on until the NICGC Judo allocation is complete assuming that criteria '5' has been achieved (e.g. if the NICGC allocate 4 places for Judo, athletes ranked 1-4 will be nominated for selection assuming all 4 have at least one result worth 200 points or more).

4.3 Qualification Process

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4.3.3 2022 Commonwealth Games regulations stipulate that each Judo team can enter a maximum of 2 athletes in 1 weight category, but only a maximum of 7 men & 7 women are permitted per nation.

4.3.4 Only the best 5 results in 2020 (at 50%) and best 5 results in 2021 (at 100%) from ranking events listed above during the qualification period (1/1/20-31/12/21) are eligible for ranking points.

4.3.5 An athlete's best 10 results (5 in 2020 & 5 in 2021) must include at least one result of 200 points or more before they can be nominated to the NICGC for selection.

4.3.6 Once the qualification process is complete, the highest ranked eligible athlete will be nominated, and so on until the NICGC Judo allocation is complete assuming that criteria '4.3.5' has been achieved (e.g. if the NICGC allocate 4 places for Judo, athletes ranked 1-4 will be nominated for selection assuming all 4 have at least one result worth 200 points or more).

4.3.7 Points accrued are only valid in the weight category in which they have been achieved and are not transferable in the case of changing weight category during the course of the qualification period.

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- 4.3.9 Where there are not enough entrants for a given weight category and the categories are subsequently amalgamated, points accrued in the new category are valid for the lighter weight division providing the competitor has weighed in at the lighter weight and has won at least 2 contests. The heavier weight division competitor must win 2 contests against the same weight category player to accrue points.
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- 4.3.11 Placings in Event Categories 9 & 11 will be added to the corresponding event qualification points to provide the final total ranking points in these events.
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1 st	100	200	400	600	700	800	900	1000	1800	2000	3000
2 nd	70	140	280	420	490	560	630	700	1260	1400	2100
3 rd	50	100	200	300	350	400	450	500	900	1000	1500
5 th	36	72	144	216	252	288	324	360	648	720	1080
7 th	26	52	104	156	182	208	234	260	468	520	780
Top 16	16	32	64	96	112	128	144	160	288	320	480
Top 32	12	24	48	72	84	96	108	120	216	240	360
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5.0 Appeals Policy

5.1 Athlete Appeals Process

There are only two grounds for appeal, bias shown by the NI Performance Lead, and/or not following/applying our own nomination criteria.

5.1.1 Appeals must be made in writing to the 'Appeals Panel' within 5 days of the team nomination/selection.

5.1.2 The Appeals Panel will consist of 3 people, Chair of the NIJF, IJA representative and an independent who will also Chair the Appeals Panel.

5.1.3 The decision of the Appeals Panel will be final.

5.1.4 Travel and subsistence will not normally be paid to those making an appeal.

5.1.5 Those making an appeal will have the right to present their case in person to the panel and can have representation with them but will have strict time limits for their presentation.

5.1.6 Those making the appeal will not have the right to question the NI Performance Lead but the Appeal Panel will be able to question the NI Performance Lead (should they choose) before making their decision.

5.1.7 All appeals will be heard at the House of Sport in Belfast.

5.1.8 A fee of £100 will be charged for each appeal. The fee will be returned if the appeal is upheld.

5.2 Sport Resolution Mediation/Arbitration

In the event that a dispute, complaint, or appeal cannot be dealt with by the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Judo Programme appeals procedures (above), then any such dispute, complaint or appeal may be referred to 'Sport Resolution' for final and binding mediation and/or arbitration.