

Mary Peters Trust Criteria & Application Process for Northern Ireland Judo

Mary Peters Trust (MPT) Principles for consideration of application for awards;

1.0 Purpose

To financially assist talented individuals from Ulster in respect of their preparation, training and competition in sporting activities recognised by the Trust or by organizations who have appointed the Trust as their representative.

2.0 Criteria

Those competitors of proven ability at junior and senior levels whose standing judged against World, British and Irish standards indicates the potential to compete with credit at national level, international, with distinction in British and Irish Championships.

3.0 Budget

3.1 The Directors, on the advice of the Trusts Finance Director, will allocate a maximum budget for each awards meeting.

3.2 Not all individuals who meet the criteria will receive awards due to the limited budget available to the Directors.

4.0 Eligibility

4.1 **Competitors** in sports recognised by the Trust are eligible for consideration for awards. These competitors must be affiliated to Governing Bodies recognised by Sport NI

4.2 Applicants must be aged 12 and over other than in exceptional circumstances which will be considered at the discretion of the Directors.

4.3 Applications will not be considered if they are received after the closing date other than in exceptional circumstances which will be considered at the discretion of the directors.

4.4 In team sports, applications must be submitted for individuals based on the potential and need of each team member.

4.5 Applications from individuals competing in Seniors or Veterans events will not be eligible for consideration.

4.6 Recipients of awards must report the result of their targeted event to the Trust and/or Social Media and acknowledge the financial contribution of the Trust.

5.0 Procedure

5.1 Applications should be submitted on the approved application form

5.2 Applications must be signed by the individual, or if under 18 the parent/guardian and be submitted through the governing body of the sport.

5.3 The governing body report must be signed by the nominated officer of the governing body who will liaise with the Trust and ensure that funds are administered in accordance with the submitted programme or returned to the Trust.

5.4 The award must be used in accordance with the targeted event detailed by the applicant and governing body in the application form.

5.5 The closing date for receipt of applications with governing body reports, recommendations and ranking lists to be considered at Award Team Meetings will be advised to Governing Bodies on an annual basis.

5.6 All decisions are made at the sole discretion of the Directors of the Trust.

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6.0 Role of Governing Body Nominated Officers

6.1 Applications from each sport will be considered by the Trust at one of the two meetings agreed with the governing body. Only in exceptional circumstances will the Trust look at an application outside their agreed meeting.

6.2 Applications must be submitted on the approved application form.

6.3 The governing body of each sport, through the nominated officer, must submit written comment in support of applications coming forward for consideration. These comments should be designed to inform the Award Team of the applicant's ability, potential, need and commitment in relation to the criteria.

6.4 A high performance / elite coach or development officer may write the Governing Body report. The nominated officer must sign the form.

6.5 Nominated officers should be aware that the applicant's potential and need are very important considerations.

6.6 All governing bodies including team sports must submit priority and ranking lists for their various squads to ensure that the limited funds available are allocated to the best advantage within each sport.

6.7 Governing bodies are asked to support the Trust by ensuring maximum Publicity for the award and the work of the Trust.

7.0 Northern Ireland Judo Process & Criteria for MPT Award Nomination

7.1 Timeline

- 7.1.1 NI Judo will submit MPT applications during the Autumn application window only (once per year).
- 7.1.2 Complete MPT Award applications must be submitted online to the MPT **1 month before** the MPT application deadline.
- 7.1.3 MPT will then forward all Judo applications to the NIJF Office **1 month before** the MPT application deadline.
- 7.1.4 The Judo applications will then be forwarded to the NI Judo Performance Lead who will rank and attach a report to each application, for MPT consideration.
- 7.1.5 The NI Performance Lead will forward all applications, including reports, to the designated Nomination Officer for sign off and submission with the MPT, in advance of the MPT application deadline.

7.2 NI Judo Criteria for MPT applications

Applicants must be members of the NIJF, BJA or IJA in good standing and eligible to compete for Northern Ireland.

7.3 NI Judo Ranking Criteria for MPT consideration

- 7.3.1 NIPP members on the NI Judo Olympic Programme*
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- 7.3.3 Current, fully compliant members of the Northern Ireland Judo Performance Programme (NIPP). Applicants ranking to be prioritised based on previous competition success and current programme needs
- 7.3.4 NI Judoka earlier than NIPP in the Performance Pathway, who regularly engage with NIPP activities when possible, and fully engage in NI Regional Development Squad programme activities. Applicants ranking to be prioritised based on previous competition success and current programme needs
- 7.3.5 Applications from Judoka who have not engaged in the NI Judo Performance Pathway will not be considered.

*NI Judoka currently in receipt of BJA/UKSport WCPP Athlete Performance Award funding in excess of £10,000 per annum or Sport Ireland Carding funding at 'World Class' or 'Podium' level, will be deemed ineligible for MPT support.