

NIPS and NITDP Entry Level Policy

As part of the Northern Ireland Judo Federation's ongoing development of our squads through our now established programmes, namely: Academy Squad to the Pathway Squad to our Northern Ireland talent Development Programme. These are now the recognised route for all our players to gain possible future access to the Northern Ireland High Performance Programme.

With the above in mind, below are set out a number of points which will be taken into account for a player to become enrolled and transition along the pathways before being possibly recommended to compete for and represent Northern Ireland on the International stage.

The NIJF Pathway and High-Performance documents can be viewed in full under the Performance tab on the NIJF Website - <https://www.nijudo.com>

1. The Northern Ireland Pathway Squad (NIPS) is the compulsory route for NIJF members to apply for entry to the Northern Ireland Talent Development Program (NITDP).

Rationale is that the NIPS coaches will have already assessed these players over a prolonged period and will have prepared the technical and physical competencies through attendance at NIPS.

2. The criteria for attendance at the NIPS is,

- NIJF member
- 9th mon/4th Kyu and above
- Coach recommendation
- Regular club training

3. It will be necessary for all applicants to NITDP to complete the current NITDP entry level application. (Currently under Review as stated on page 2)

4. Successful applicants will be invited to attend the NITDP sessions and begin transition to the squad.

5. Support services for NIJF squad members will be available as recommended by NITDP coaches, and dependant on program compliance, funding, and support availability.

6. Entry to the NITDP for players that are not members of the NIJF is also through completion of the current NITDP entry level application.

7. Successful applicants will be invited to attend the NITDP sessions and begin transition to the squad.

8. In this case, the transition period to NITDP will be 12 months in exceptional circumstances, this timescale may be reduced to 6 months.

9. Support services are not normally offered before the transition period of 12 months has ended, namely, the player is self-funding with the exception of free access to the performance coaches.

10. Proposals for entry to the NITDP will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.

NITDP Basic Event Selection Guidelines

1. Compliance to the NITDP is mandatory in any selection process. Compliance will form the basis for selection to all competitions, training camps, and other program support services.

Compliance information is continuously collected and recorded. There are examples below, but the list is not exhaustive.

Quantitative data to include,

- % Attendance at NITDP sessions.
- % Attendance at NITDP S&C sessions.
- Reporting of non-attendance at NITDP sessions.
- Competition Results to include number of fights, wins, losses, time on the mat, and level of event.

Qualitative information to include,

- Application at NITDP sessions.
- Application at S&C sessions.
- Performances at competition.
- NITDP coach observations.
- S&C coach observations.
- Potential for development

2. NIPS and NITDP coaches will meet and make agreed selections on all events.

If selected for a NIPS or NITDP event, the player may be considered for funding towards the cost of the event.

There will be a 25% player contribution to the event cost.

NI Judo will agree this beforehand.

Players can also choose to self-fund events they wish to attend.

A list of the selected players, attending coaches, and event costing will be sent to the NI Judo Board of Directors for approval.

Players will be notified in writing of selection.

All our policies, are and will be reviewed on a regular basis to suits the needs and requirements of the Northern Ireland Judo Federation.