



Singapore Judo Federation Athlete Selection Policy



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Legend

Acronym

NDT

NS

NSF

NTS

SJF

Scheme

SEA Games

Spex

SportSG

SpexTAG

TPP

SNOC

Meaning

National Development Team

National Service

Full-time National Serviceman

National Training Squad

Singapore Judo Federation

SportSG SpexCarding Scheme

South-East Asian Games

Sports Excellence (Carding(ed))

Sports Singapore

Spex Training Assistance Grant

Training Partner Program

Singapore National Olympic Council



1. Introduction

- 1.1. This policy outlines the eligibility requirements and criteria for the selection of Judo Athletes for the following:
 - 1.1.1. SJF National Teams (NTS and NDT).
 - 1.1.2. International Competitions.
 - 1.1.3. Major Games.
- 1.2. The aims of this policy are to ensure that the best and most deserving Judo Athletes in Singapore are selected, in a consistent and transparent manner, to the national teams and to represent Singapore in international competitions and major games such as the Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) and Asian Games.
- 1.3. Unless otherwise stated, this policy adopts the definitions and nomenclature in the SJF Constitution.

2. Eligibility Requirement

- 2.1. Athletes must fulfil the following requirements to be eligible for any of the selections stated in paragraph above:
 - 2.1.1. Singapore Citizens and not holding dual citizenship if above 22 years old.
 - 2.1.2. Obtained parental consent if below 21 years old.
 - 2.1.3. Member of a SJF Affiliate.
 - 2.1.4. Member of SJF National Team (not applicable for National Team's selection).
 - 2.1.5. Formally agree and adhere to the SJF Athlete's Code of Conduct and Agreement.
 - 2.1.6. Not undergoing any disciplinary proceedings or serving any suspension by SJF, Judo Union of Asia (JUA) or International Judo Federation (IJF).

3. Selection Criteria

- 3.1. The specific selection criteria are provided in the following Annexes:
 - 3.1.1. Annex A: Selection Criteria for SJF National Teams.
 - 3.1.2. Annex B: Selection Criteria for International Competitions.
 - 3.1.3. Annex C: Selection Criteria for Major Games Selection.

4. Other Considerations

- 4.1. In addition to the selection criteria stated in the Annexes listed in paragraph 3.1 above, and in accordance with the Olympic Charter (By-laws to Rules 27 and 28, paragraph 2.1) which states that "Selection shall be based not only on the sports performance of an athlete but also on his ability to



serve as an example to the sporting youth of his country," the following "qualities" of the athletes will also be taken into consideration, where applicable, by the selectors:

- 4.1.1. Attitude and behavior towards coaches, teammates, officials, and sports administrators.
- 4.1.2. General conduct and character that upholds the reputation and values of the sport.
- 4.1.3. Past disciplinary record.
- 4.1.4. Current skill level, fitness, and level of commitment.
- 4.1.5. Potential for future development.
- 4.1.6. Ability to demonstrate team spirit and work well with teammates and officials.
- 4.1.7. Ability to serve as a role model to the sporting youth of Singapore.
- 4.1.8. Other non-performance related qualities considered relevant by the selectors.

5. Extenuating Circumstances

- 5.1. The selectors may at their discretion consider the following extenuating circumstances that may prevent an athlete from fulfilling any of the selection criteria stated in the Annexes listed in paragraph 3.1 above:
 - 5.1.1. Injury or illness (medical excuse certified by a qualified medical doctor).
 - 5.1.2. Equipment failure.
 - 5.1.3. Travel delay.
 - 5.1.4. Bereavement.
 - 5.1.5. Such other circumstances that may be relevant.

6. Selectors

- 6.1. The SJF Selection Committee will determine the selection of Judo Athletes for the National Development Team (NDT) and National Training Squad (NTS).
- 6.2. The SJF Selection Committee will determine the selection of Judo Athletes for International Competitions and for nominating Judo Athletes to SNOC for the Major Games (e.g. SEA Games).
- 6.3. All selection decisions will be announced on the SJF official website and or via email to the Judo Athletes concerned.
- 6.4. Names of the SJF Committee and Selection Committee members are available on the SJF official website ([SJF Committees | SG Judo Federation](#)).

7. Appeals

- 7.1. An appeal in respect of any non-selection may be lodged by the athlete concerned, or by an SJF affiliate if the athlete is below 21 years old and is a member of the affiliate, on the following grounds:
 - 7.1.1. The criteria for selection were not adhered to.



7.1.2. The athlete was denied a fair and equal opportunity during the selection process.

7.2. The appeal must be emailed to the SJF at singaporejudofederation@gmail.com within 48 hours of the selection decision being announced. The appeal must be supported with a refundable administrative fee of \$200 paid to the Singapore Judo Federation.

7.3. All appeals will be reviewed by the SJF Appeals Committee, which will recommend the following course of action based on its findings to the SJF Board:

7.3.1. To dismiss the appeal and uphold the original selection decision; or

7.3.2. To accept the appeal and overturn the original selection decision. In this case, the administrative fee will be refunded to the athlete or affiliate concerned.

7.3.3. The SJF Appeals Committee reserves the right to forfeit the administrative fee if it deems the appeal to be frivolous or unwarranted.

7.4. No further appeal will be entertained once an appeal is dismissed.

7.5. Names of the SJF Appeals Committee members are available on the SJF official website ([SJF Committees](#) | [SG Judo Federation](#)).

8. Conflict of Interest and Communication

8.1. To ensure impartiality, the Selection Committee and Appeals Committee must consist of different individuals. No person may serve on both committees simultaneously.

8.2. All members of the Selection Committee and Appeals Committee are required to disclose any potential conflicts of interest to the SJF Board.

8.3. The SJF Board will take appropriate measures to manage any conflicts of interest to ensure fair and impartial selection and appeals processes.

8.4. SJF will ensure that all selection criteria, processes, and decisions are clearly communicated to athletes in a timely manner.

8.5. Any changes to selection policies or procedures will be communicated to all relevant parties and published on the [SJF official website](#).

9. Clarifications

9.1. Any queries or clarifications on this selection policy or on the specific selection criteria should be referred to the relevant committee(s) via email at singaporejudofederation@gmail.com.

9.2. In all matters not provided for in this policy, or doubts on the proper interpretation of this policy and the selection criteria stated in the Annexes listed in paragraph 3.1 above, the decision of the Selection Committee shall be final unless it is reversed by the SJF Board.



Annex A: Selection Criteria for SJF National Teams (NDT and NTS)

1. Preamble

- 1.1. This set of selection criteria is for the purpose of selecting athletes for the SJF National Development Team (NDT) and National Training Squad (NTS).
- 1.2. The application of these criteria is subject to the eligibility requirements, considerations, and other provisions in the "Athlete Selection Policy" that these criteria are a part of.

2. Selection Criteria for National Development Team

- 2.1. The following criteria will be applied for the selection of athletes to the NDT:
 - 2.1.1. Athletes who have achieved podium finish in SJF recognized international youth or age group competition in the last 12 months.
 - 2.1.2. Athletes who have been nominated by SJF or selected by SNOC for any upcoming Asian Youth Games or Youth Olympic Games.
 - 2.1.3. Top 3 male and top 3 female athletes from SJF's National Age Group Championship, Pesta Sukan, and Kyu grade competition in each age and weight category.

3. Selection Criteria for National Training Squad

- 3.1. The following criteria will be applied for the selection of athletes to the NTS:
 - 3.1.1. Athletes who have achieved podium finish in SJF recognized international competition in the last 12 months.
 - 3.1.2. Athletes who have been nominated by SJF or selected by SNOC for any upcoming SEA Games, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games or Olympic Games.
 - 3.1.3. Top 3 male and top 3 female athletes from SJF's National Championship, Pesta Sukan and ITC (Inter tertiary Competition) for each weight category.

4. Other Requirements

- 4.1. Once selected, athletes must fulfil the following requirements to remain in the NDT or NTS:
 - 4.1.1. Maintain minimum national training attendance of 50% (NDT), 50%(NTS).
 - 4.1.2. Participation in all trials, training camps, competitions, sports science test regimes and related activities as required by SJF.
 - 4.1.3. Achieve training and competition performance benchmarks set by the Head Coach that will include results from Closed Selection Trials.
 - 4.1.4. Formally agree and adhere to the SJF Athlete's Code of Conduct and Agreement.



4.1.5. Not undergoing any disciplinary proceedings or serving any suspension by SJF, Judo Union of Asia (JUA) or International Judo Federation (IJF).



Annex B: Selection Criteria for International Competitions

1. Preamble

- 1.1. This set of selection criteria is for the purpose of selecting SJF National Development Team (NDT) and National Training Squad (NTS) athletes for International Competitions.
- 1.2. The application of these criteria is subject to the eligibility requirements, considerations, and other provisions in the "Athlete Selection Policy" that these criteria are a part of.

2. NDT Selection Criteria for International Competitions

- 2.1. Subject to paragraph 1.2 above and any entry quota imposed by the organisers, the following criteria in the order below will be applied for the selection of NDT athletes for international Youth and Age Group competitions that are recognized by SJF:
 - 2.1.1. NDT athletes who have been nominated by SJF or selected by SNOC for any upcoming Asian Youth Games or Youth Olympic Games.
 - 2.1.2. NDT athlete(s) who is ranked the highest based on the results of the last 2 NDT Closed Selection Trials.
 - 2.1.3. NDT athlete recommended by the NDT Coaches.
 - 2.1.4. NDT athletes who have achieved 60% attendance.
 - 2.1.5. NDT athletes who meet the requirement of the point system.
- 2.2. SJF will bear the cost of participation in the competition for athletes who are selected based on the criteria stated in subparagraphs 2.1.1 to 2.1.3 above.
- 2.3. Subject to paragraph 1.2 above and any entry quota imposed by the organisers, NDT athletes who did not manage to get selected based on the criteria stated in subparagraphs 2.1.1 to 2.1.3 above may be allowed to participate in the competition at their own cost and subject to SJF's approval.

3. NTS Selection Criteria for International Competitions

- 3.1. Subject to paragraph 1.2 above and any entry quota imposed by the organisers, the following criteria in the order below will be applied for the selection of NTS athletes for international competitions that are recognized by SJF:
 - 3.1.1. NTS athletes who have been nominated by SJF or selected by SNOC for any upcoming SEA Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games or Olympic Games.
 - 3.1.2. NTS athlete(s) who is ranked the highest based on the results of the last 2 NTS Closed Selection Trials.
 - 3.1.3. NTS athletes recommended by the NS Coaches.
 - 3.1.4. NTS athletes who have achieved 60% attendance.



3.1.5. NTS athletes who meet the requirements of the point system.

3.2. SJF will bear the cost of participation in the competition for athletes who are selected based on the criteria stated in subparagraphs 3.1.1 to 3.1.3 above.

3.3. Subject to paragraph 1.2 above and any entry quota imposed by the organisers, NTS athletes who did not manage to get selected based on the criteria stated in subparagraphs 3.1.1 to 3.1.3 above may be allowed to participate in the competition at their own cost and subject to SJF's approval.

4. Other Requirements

4.1. Once selected, athletes must fulfill the following requirements or risk being withdrawn from the competition:

4.1.1. Minimum national training attendance of 75%.

4.1.2. Participation in all trials, training camps, competitions, sports science test regimes and related activities as required by SJF.

4.1.3. Formally agree and adhere to the SJF Athletes' Code of Conduct and Agreement.

4.1.4. Not undergoing any disciplinary proceedings or serving any suspension by SJF, Judo Union of Asia (JUA) or International Judo Federation (IJF).



Annex C: Selection Criteria for SEA Games

1. Preamble

- 1.1. This set of selection criteria is for the purpose of nominating Judo Athletes for selection by SNOC for 2025 SEA Games in Thailand (SEAG25).
- 1.2. These criteria are thus guided by and are consistent with SNOC's set of selection criteria for SEAG25 that is available at <https://www.singaporeolympics.com/2025-sea-games-selection-criteria/>
- 1.3. The application of these criteria is subject to the eligibility requirements, considerations, and other provisions in the "Athlete Selection Policy" that these criteria are a part of.
- 1.4. The Selection Committee will nominate athletes to SNOC in accordance with these criteria, while adhering to SNOC's requirements and timelines for SEAG25.

2. Selection Criteria for Athlete Nomination

- 2.1. Subject to paragraph 1.3 above, the following criteria will be applied in SJF's selection process for nominating athletes to SNOC for SEAG25:
 - 2.1.1. Minimum national training attendance of 75% with effect from 6 Jan 2025 or from the date of joining the National Team, whichever is later.
 - 2.1.2. Participation in all National Team activities as required by SJF, including training camps, competitions, sports science testing regimes, and related activities.
 - 2.1.3. Competition results and or international ranking that places the athlete(s) among the top 3 athletes in Southeast Asia.
 - 2.1.4. In lieu of the criteria in subparagraph 2.1.3 above, any competition result where the athlete(s) has won or finished above a medalist(s) from the last SEA Games or has finished above an athlete(s) who is ranked among the top 3 athletes in Southeast Asia.
- 2.2. Only results from international competitions sanctioned by the International and/or Regional controlling bodies, or from overseas championships and meets of athletes studying in overseas tertiary institutions (provided these are properly accredited and sanctioned), achieved during the period from 6th Jan to 5th Sept 2025, will be considered for the criteria stated in subparagraphs 2.1.3 and 2.1.4 above.
- 2.3. Only international rankings from JUA or IJF that are current from 6th Jan to 5th Sept 2025 will be considered for the criteria stated in subparagraphs 2.1.3 and 2.1.4 above.
- 2.4. An athlete who misses the qualifying criteria stated in subparagraphs 2.1.3 or 2.1.4 marginally but shows potential to equal or surpass it in time for SEAG25, may be considered for nomination to SNOC. This consideration will be based on a holistic assessment of the athlete's current form, recent and past performances and achievements in recognised international competitions.



- 2.5. If the number of eligible athletes satisfying the criteria stated in subparagraphs 2.1.1 to 2.1.4 above exceeds the number of available quota places for an event, the athlete(s) with the best medal prospects at SEAG25 will be nominated.
- 2.6. Further to paragraph 2.5 above, the following factors will be considered if the athletes concerned are deemed to have similar medal prospects at SEAG25:
 - 2.6.1. Head-to-Head results.
 - 2.6.2. International Ranking.
 - 2.6.3. Performance at last SEA Games.
 - 2.6.4. Age, level of commitment, attendance and future major games prospects.
 - 2.6.5. Relevant Past performances and achievements in recognised international competitions, which demonstrates the athlete's potential for success at SEAG25.