



1. Introduction

A critical component for the success of English Judo relies on an objective approach to selection, together with a programme of continuous talent development (technical, tactical, physical, mental and lifestyle).

2. Eligibility

2.1 Eligibility Criteria

2.1.1 To be eligible for the England Junior Squad, players must meet the following criteria:

- Hold a current BJA or affiliate membership
- Hold a valid British passport
- Hold a minimum grade of 13th Mon/2nd Kyu (blue belt)
- Born between 1998 and 2000
- Sign a declaration that you will represent England for the following 12 months, once offered a place on the England Junior Squad

3. England Junior Squad Identification

There are two routes to England Junior Squad identification, Primary and Secondary. Long-term injury cases will also be considered:

3.1 Primary Identification

3.1.1 The 2018 England Junior Squad will be identified after the British Championships in December 2017 and published by **15th December 2017**.

3.1.2 English Medallists at the 2017 British Junior Championships, in each weight category, will automatically gain a place on the England Junior Squad; where there has been a minimum of two contest wins.

3.1.3 English Medallists, within the junior age band, at the 2017 British Senior Championships, in each weight category, will automatically gain a place on the England Junior Squad; where there has been a minimum of two contest wins.

3.2.1 The England Programme staff will invite up to a further 4 players within each weight category to join the England Junior Squad. An informed decision will be made using the GB Junior Ranking List (as of 15th December 2017) as well as competition and training performances/behaviours throughout 2017.

3.2 Secondary Identification

3.2.1 Additional limited places into the England Junior Squad will be allocated to players via nomination through the defined process. Nomination forms will be made available by the end of January 2018, these must be completed by the players personal coach and can be submitted throughout the year.



3.3 Injury

- 3.3.1 Whereby a player who has previously been a member of the England Squad has suffered a long-term injury preventing them from fulfilling the identification requirements a decision will be made based on previous performances, attendance at England Squad trainings, performance behaviours and future potential.

4. England Squad Training

4.1 Calendar

- 4.1.1 The 2018 annual calendar will be published by **1st November 2017**. This will be updated to reflect any changes in the IJF/EJU Calendar as necessary.
- 4.1.2 England Squad training dates will be fixed as much as possible, but may change due to unforeseen circumstances. In the event of date changes, we will endeavour to provide updated information as quickly as possible.

4.2 Attendance

- 4.2.1 Players attendance at England Squad trainings will be reviewed over two 'blocks'. The first block operating from January to June, the second block operating from July to December.
- 4.2.2 Players attendances will be reviewed at the end of each block. Players who have an attendance of 80% or above will be retained on the squad. Players who have missed more than two sessions during that block will not be invited into the second block of training.

4.3 Training Invites & Additional Opportunities

- 4.3.1 The England Programme reserves the right to send all invites on an individual basis (based on performance, results and behaviours).
- 4.3.2 Additional invitations to train with the England Squad will be issued by the England Coaching Team on an individual basis and not by request.
- 4.3.3 The England Programme may identify further training opportunities. These will be communicated in due course.

4.4 Area & Performance Pathway Training

- 4.4.1 There is an expectation that England Squad members will attend a PPC/Excel/Area training session at least once a month.



4.5 Accepted Absences

4.5.1 The following reasons will be accepted as absences and will therefore not be counted as missed sessions:

- Injury – providing a physio/medical note can be provided
- Illness – providing a medical note can be provided
- Competition – where a player is representing England or Great Britain at an international competition (this does not include individual self-funded competitions outside of England calendar activity)
- Family bereavement
- Family wedding

5. England Squad Fees

5.1 Fee System

5.1.1 In 2018 the England Squad will operate a block fee system, whereby a player commits to attend a full block of training.

5.1.2 Fee's will be collected at the first squad session of each block. The dates are as follows:

Block 1: Fees due on 31st January 2018

Block 2: Fees due on 30th June 2018

5.1.3 The block fee will be £45 payable by on-line payment, please see below payment details:

Account Name: British Judo Association

Sort Code: 403055

Account Number: 10006211

Reference: ENG SUBS (surname of player)