

British Judo Association

2018 ENGLAND TALENT DEVELOPMENT (ETD) SQUAD IDENTIFICATION POLICY



1. Introduction

The England Talent Development (ETD) squad will provide additional training opportunities for a select group of Cadet and Junior athletes to nurture their potential. We will deliver a complex plan of activities to develop technical, tactical and physical benchmarks working alongside the GB Trademarks and the World Class Programme performance strategy

2. Eligibility

2.1 Eligibility Criteria

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

- Hold a current BJA or affiliate membership
- Hold a valid British passport
- Member of the 2018 England Cadet or Junior Squad
- Born between 2003 and 1998
- Sign a declaration that you will represent England for the following 12 months, once offered a place on the England Cadet Squad

3. Identification

There are four routes to ETD Squad identification. Long-term injury cases will also be considered:

3.1 GB Part Time Academy

3.1.1 Any English member of the GB Part Time Academy, will automatically gain a place on the ETD Squad.

3.2 GB Selections

3.2.1 Any English player that received a GB selection to a major event in 2017 (EYOF/Euro/Futures), will automatically gain a place on the ETD Squad.

3.3 GB Rankings

3.3.1 Any English player ranked within the top two places in the GB Senior or Junior Ranking List (as of 15th December 2017), will automatically gain a place on the ETD Squad (excluding WCPP athletes).

3.4 ETD Testing

3.4.1 Players will be selected based on their technical competencies. The ETD testing will take place in January and will be open to all 2018 England Cadet and Junior Squad members.



3.5 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 sessions 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 Additional Training 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.

- 4.3.4 Specific additional training opportunities will be organised for the ETD squad, dates will be shown on the England Calendar.

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.

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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 There are no additional fees for the ETD Squad additional training opportunities.