



BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION
2019 2ND EUROPEAN GAMES SELECTION PROCEDURE
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INTRODUCTION

1. The 2019 Minsk European Games is a PERFORMANCE competition and a milestone event that forms part of the GB Judo WCPP Tokyo 2020 strategy. The selection of athletes to represent TEAM GB at the 2019 Minsk European Games, will be made according to this selection policy.

The 2019 European Games replaces the annual European Championships and IJF WR points will count towards qualification for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

2. The final decision in selection to the European Games lies with the British Olympic Association (BOA). Achievement of the selection criteria therefore represents an “eligibility for nomination”, not selection or even an automatic nomination.

ELIGIBILITY

3. All athletes must comply with all eligibility requirements including those set by the 2019 Minsk European Games Organising Committee (“MEGOC”), the IJF, the EJU and/or the BOA. This includes nationality requirements (i.e. having a UK passport), anti-doping requirements and compliance with the Olympic Charter at all times.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

4. Athletes participating in the 2019 Minsk European Games must be born before the 1 January 2005.

EJU QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR MINSK 2019

5. The European Judo Union Qualification System for the 2019 Minsk European Games, can be found on the following link:

http://www.olimpiyatkomitesi.org.tr/Minsk2019_Branslar/Judo.pdf

QUALIFICATION PERIOD

6. The Qualification Period for the 2019 Minsk European Games will run until the IJF TUR Grand Prix ending on 7 Apr 2019.

7. The **World Ranking List on 8 April 2019** will be used to identify qualification for the 2019 Minsk European Games.

ALLOCATED PLACES PER NOC

8. The maximum number of athletes per NOC shall be nine (9) entries in total per gender and a maximum of 2 athletes per weight category.

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
MEN	9	Maximum 2 athletes per event (weight category)
WOMEN	9	Maximum 2 athletes per event (weight category)
TOTAL	18	

The quota place is allocated to the athlete who must be validated by the relevant NOC. National Federations **cannot** replace an athlete.

The EJU will allocate the host NOC entered athletes in each weight category for men and for women. The remaining athletes will be identified following the IJF WRL of 8 April 2019.

Categories names	Men	Quota Places	Women	Quota Places
Extra-light weight	-60 kg	28	-48 kg	22
Half-light weight	-66 kg	32	-52 kg	26
Light weight	-73 kg	42	-57 kg	26
Half-middle weight	-81 kg	38	-63 kg	26
Middle weight	-90 kg	34	-70 kg	24
Half-heavy weight	-100 kg	30	-78 kg	18
Heavy weight	+100 kg	24	+78 kg	18

In case of equality of total points of two or more athletes on IJF WRL as of 8 April 2019, the higher ranking will be decided according to Additional Rules of IJF WRL.

Athletes must be aware, that should they change weight category during the qualification period, as per the IJF WRL system, WR points can only be occurred in the weight category that you compete in and are not carried over or combined in any other weight category that you may compete in during this period, or at all.

SELECTION PROCESS

9. The GB Team for the 2019 Minsk European Games will be selected as follows:

- Week 15: w/c Monday 8 April 2019
- Team GB official notification will take place on Friday 19 April 2019

CRITERIA

All athletes who have achieved the European Games Qualification as identified on the IJF WRL published on the 8 April 2019, will then **be considered** for selection against the criteria as outlined below. Achieving the European Games Qualification, does not mean automatic selection.

Note: In sections 10, 11 and 12, reference to medals achieved in 2018-2019, refers to the definitive Performance Timeline from **1 May 2018 to 8 Apr 2019**, including ALL IJF World Ranking events during this period.

10. An athlete will be selected to the GB Team delegation where he / she achieves one or more of the following levels of performance (prioritised in descending order):

- 10.1. World Ranking List Top 25 prioritised on World Ranking;
- 10.2. 1 x Grand Slam medal in 2018 – 2019;
- 10.3. 2 x Grand Prix medals in 2018 – 2019.

11. If there are still spaces available in the GB Team delegation after selection against criteria 10, then an athlete will be considered for selection where he / she achieves one or more of the following levels of performance (prioritised in descending order):

- 11.1. 2 x Top 5 Grand Slam placing's in 2018 – 2019;
- 11.2. 1 x Grand Prix medal and 1 x top 7 Grand Prix Placing in 2018 – 2019;
- 11.3. 3 x Continental Open medals in 2018 - 2019, a minimum of one in 2019 **AND two must be from European Continental Opens.**

12. An athlete who was born in 1997 (u23) or later may also be considered for selection where he / she achieves the following level of performance:

- 12.1. 2 x Continental Open medals in 2018 - 2019, a minimum of one in 2019 **AND one must be from a European Continental Open.**
- 12.2. 2018 Junior European Championships top 5 placing and a minimum of **ONE** Continental Open medal in 2019 **from a European Continental Open.**
- 12.3. 2018 Junior World Championships top 7 placing and a minimum of **ONE** Continental Open medal in 2019 **from a European Continental Open.**

13. In the instance of more than two athletes achieving the same levels of performance set out in sections 10, 11 and 12 (as applicable) in any one weight category, the Selection Panel shall

decide which athlete(s) to select taking into account the factors listed in section 14 and the provisions of section 16.

14. When considering selections, in addition to the level of performance achieved by an athlete, the Selection Panel shall take into account, and give such weight as it considers appropriate, to the following factors:
 - 14.1. An athlete's potential to win a medal;
 - 14.2. An athlete's past results (Note: when considering 'results', factors other than the final placing may be taken into account – these factors may include such things as the standard of the event, the draw, the opposition, officiating, injury and any other factors that may have influenced the final results);
 - 14.3. An athlete's stage of development and their ability to win a medal in the at future milestone events including European, World Championships and Olympic Games;
 - 14.4. An athlete's commitment to the GB WCPP Programme (and HC Programme where appropriate) – this may include attendance record at ONST, National Randori and Competitions (Note: when considering 'attendance', factors such as performance, attitude and punctuality may be taken into account);
 - 14.5. Number of wins against opponents on the IJF World Ranking List top 20;
 - 14.6. Current weight and the ability to make the fighting weight;
 - 14.7. Current level of physical fitness;
 - 14.8. Current and previous medical / injury history;
 - 14.9. An athlete's suitability as a team member and/or as an ambassador for the BJA (Note: when considering 'suitability', factors such as behaviour and previous disciplinary record will also be taken into account).
15. If, after the Selection Panel has completed its consideration and selection of athletes under sections 11 and 12, there are still spaces available in the GB Team delegation, the Selection Panel may then consider and select additional athletes to complete a full team delegation if the Selection Panel deems such selection(s) would be beneficial to British Judo and/or the longer-term development of the athlete(s) concerned. There shall be no obligation on the Selection Panel to select any athlete under this section 15. Athletes being considered for selection under this section 15 will be considered on an individual basis taking into account the factors listed in section 14.
16. Save in respect of any selection made pursuant to section 10, the Selection Panel shall have the power to decide, at its discretion, and taking into what it considers will be in the best interests of British Judo, whether to select two, one or no athletes in any particular weight category.

MIXED TEAM EVENT

17. The NOC who has qualified in total six (6) athletes for the Individual Events in the following Mixed Team (group) categories fulfils the qualification criteria for the Mixed Team Event.

Categories names	Group Weight Categories
Women's -57kg	-48kg, -52kg, -57kg
Men's -73kg	-60kg, -66kg, -73kg
Women's -70kg	-57kg, -63kg, -70kg
Men's -90kg	-73kg, -81kg, -90kg
Women's +70kg	-70kg, -78kg, +78kg
Men's +90kg	-90kg, -100kg, +100kg

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

18. Qualification will be based on the IJF WRL of **8 Apr 2019**. Ranking will be applied according to the IJF WRL edition after the IJF TUR Grand Prix ending on 7 Apr 2019.

19. NOCs will provide a list of candidate athletes and indicate whether they intend to participate in team events to the EJU and MEGOC by **12 April 2019**.

20. The EJU will finalise the list and inform qualified individual athletes (men and women) and teams to MEGOC and NOCs/NFs in writing at the latest by **18 April 2019**.

21. NOCs must inform the MEGOC and EJU in writing by **26 April 2019** whether or not their athletes and teams intend to participate at the Minsk 2019 European Games.

22. By **30 April 2019** the EJU will reallocate all available quota places.

ADIDAS JUDOGI

23. It will be compulsory that all selected GB athletes for the 2019 Minsk European Games will wear Adidas Judogi in competition. Team GB will provide 2x White and 2x Blue Adidas Judogi to each selected athlete.

SELECTION PANEL

24. The Selection Panel shall comprise: The Chairperson, a minimum of three GB WCPP Elite Performance Coaches and the Recording Officer. If the Performance Director or other personnel are unavailable for any reason, the PD will nominate appropriate replacements.

25. The Chairperson shall be the Performance Director and shall be responsible for ensuring that due process is followed and decisions are made in accordance with this selection policy.

26. Any selection decisions shall be made by way of a majority decision. Each GB WCPP Elite Performance Coach will have one vote each. The Performance Director will have the final decision should there be a deadlock.

27. The Recording Officer of the Selection Panel will document selection decisions as appropriate. The Recording Officer will not be involved in the discussions other than to provide advice on non-technical matters and will not be entitled to vote.
28. The GB WCPP Performance staff and the Recording Officer will be responsible for compiling results and other relevant details on athletes for consideration by the Selection Panel at selection meetings.
29. Any individual involved in the selection process must declare any association / conflict of interest concerning any athlete being considered for selection.

COMMUNICATION OF SELECTIONS

30. The Chairperson of the Selection Panel will provide the selection recommendations, together with any material that the Selection Panel considers appropriate to justify such selections, to the Performance Management Group ('PMG') for ratification. The PMG shall ratify the selections if the correct procedures were followed by the Selection Panel in the decision-making process.
31. Once selections have been ratified by the PMG, these will then be submitted to the British Olympic Association (BOA) for confirmation to Team GB. The BOA will invite selected athletes and hold an official Team Announcement at the British Judo Centre of Excellence that all selected athletes will be expected to attend.

DE-SELECTION AND REPLACEMENT

32. The process under which an athlete may be de-selected from the European Games squad depends on the exact timing in relation to the Delegation Registration Meeting ("DRM"). That is the date that the Team is formally entered with the Minsk Organising Committee ("MEGOC"). This is currently set for 20 June 2019.
33. At any stage of the selection process prior to the date of the DRM, the Selection Panel reserves the right not to nominate, or to de-select, any athlete on the following grounds:
 - 33.1. medical grounds – i.e. when an injury/illness may inhibit the achievement of appropriate performance - pursuant to the process set out in paragraph 33.4.1;
 - 33.2. issues of weight management, when the athlete's current bodyweight suggests that the weight category may not be achieved or performance inhibited, pursuant to the process set out in paragraph 33.4.2;
 - 33.3. suitability as a team member, where for example an athlete's behaviour or attitude leads the Selection Panel to determine in its opinion that the selection of such athlete would be inappropriate.
 - 33.4.1 In the event of injury/illness which may inhibit performance, the decision to deselect will be taken as follows:
 - a. The British Judo Chief Medical Officer (CMO) will require the athlete to undergo a medical examination to determine his/her fitness to participate. This examination will be carried out by the British Judo CMO or another doctor delegated by him/her. If the athlete fails the medical examination his/her nomination will be withdrawn and the

BJA may (if appropriate) nominate a replacement athlete in accordance with its selection policy.

- b. If the athlete passes the medical examination carried out in accordance with Section 33.4.1a above, but the BJA still has concerns over whether or not the athlete is able to compete to the best of his/her ability due to the underlying injury or illness, the BJA Performance Director (“PD”) can require (on a date specified by himself) the athlete to undergo a performance test. The test, as set out in Section 36, below, may be replaced by an actual competitive event performance, at the PD’s discretion. If the athlete fails the test (which can be undertaken on more than one occasion and within a short time frame if the PD considers appropriate), his/her nomination will be withdrawn on medical grounds and, if appropriate, a replacement can be nominated by the BJA in accordance with this selection policy.

33.4.2 In the event of weight management issues, the criteria applied and decision to deselect will be taken as follows:

- a. Identification of weight management issues will be based on previous data of each individual athlete’s bodyweight profile. Monitoring of this process will be completed by the GB Head Coach.
- b. In the event of concerns, the athlete will receive a maximum of two written warnings, with each warning providing an exact specification of the target weight to be achieved and by when. Failure to meet the target specified in the second warning will result in the athlete’s deselection and, if appropriate, a replacement can be nominated by the BJA in accordance with this selection policy.

34. For administrative purposes, the BOA must be kept informed of any possible decision to withdraw an athlete. The nomination of a replacement athlete must also conform to this selection policy and must be an individual who has been named on the BOA/ BJA long list and has met the criteria for full selection as stated in this selection policy.

35. After the DRM has been completed and the Team selected, de-selection and selection of a replacement athlete is only allowed in accordance with the EOC’s Late Athlete Replacement Policy (or any revised or amended EOC’s policy dealing with athlete replacement). This primarily provides for replacement in the case of injury and/or illness. In the event of there being a query over the ability of an athlete to be able to compete to the best of his/her ability due to an injury or illness the following procedure will be adhered to:

35.1. The Team GB Chief Medical Officer (CMO), in conjunction with the BJA, can require an athlete to undergo a medical examination to determine his/her fitness to participate. This examination will be carried out by the CMO or another doctor delegated by him/her. If the athlete fails the medical examination he/she will be withdrawn from the Team and the BJA may (if appropriate) nominate a replacement athlete in accordance with its selection policy.

35.2. If the athlete passes the medical examination carried out in accordance with Section 35.1 above but the BJA and the BOA still have concerns over whether or not the athlete is able to compete to the best of his/her ability due to the underlying injury or illness, the Team GB Chef de Mission can require (on a date specified by himself) the athlete to undergo a performance test as specified in Section 36 below. The test may not be varied or amended

without prior approval of the BOA. The test will be conducted by the Team Leader (or his/her delegate) and a BOA representative or delegate will be present (if possible/available). If the athlete fails the test (which can be undertaken on more than one occasion and within a short time frame if the Team Leader considers appropriate), he/she will be withdrawn from the Team on medical grounds and, if appropriate, a replacement can be nominated by the BJA in accordance with this selection policy.

36. The test protocol will be as follows:

- a. Successful completion of three training bouts of appropriate length (4 minutes plus up to 2 minutes Golden Score) of identified opponents selected by the PD, with a rest interval of 20 minutes between bouts.
- b. The criteria for successful performance will be determined by a three person panel, consisting of the PD together with the GB Head Coach and GB Elite Performance Coach. A majority decision will be acceptable.

REPLACEMENTS AND RESERVES

37. In cases where another athlete(s) has/have achieved the qualification criteria, the BJA may nominate prior to the DRM a reserve for consideration, using the same criteria as applied to the nominated athletes and as set out in this selection policy.

38. After the DRM, and in the case of medically certified injury, such nominated reserves would be eligible to replace a selected athlete in accordance with paragraph 35, up to the final confirmation of competitors at the Technical Meeting and draw in Minsk on 20 June 2019, 4pm (Minsk time), subject to any EJU regulations in force from time to time.

GROUNDINGS FOR APPEAL

39. The BJA Fast Appeals process is the only method of appeal should an athlete wish to appeal a selection or de selection decision prior to the DRM. The BJA Fast Appeals Process can be found on the BJA website at <http://www.britishjudo.org.uk/british-judo-selection-and-nomination-fast-appeals-procedure> .

40. In respect of any de-selection decision taken by the BOA after the DRM, any appeals must be made to the BOA and dealt with in accordance with the BOA's appeals policy and administered by Sports Resolutions UK.

PREPARATION

41. All athletes selected for the 2019 Minsk European Games will be expected to submit their preparation programmes to the GB Senior Elite Performance Coach. All WCPP athletes will follow the WCPP preparation programme in alignment to their IAP. The GB Senior Elite Performance Coach will meet with non-WCPP athletes and their coach to discuss their preparation programme for these Games and will be allocated a GB Elite Performance Coach as their point of contact.