

As of the **1 May 2018, (start of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Qualification)** the following Self-Fund Policy applies to all athletes on the World Class Performance Programme (WCPP), GB Junior & Senior Squads, and Home Nation Programmes.

We will have ONE GB Performance System, but TWO pathways – the WCPP and the GB Squad Self-Fund Pathway in alignment to our Tokyo Strategy and Vision and Mission as follows:

Our Vision > **‘Create medal-winning athletes at every Olympic and Paralympic games.’**

Our Mission > **‘Delivering British Judo’s World Class Performance Programme aligned to ‘What It Takes To Win.’**

### World Class Performance Programme

All athletes on the WCPP and Academy programme, will be based fulltime at the British Judo Centre of Excellence and be prioritised for allocated places for IJF World Ranking Events, European Cups and Training Camps that will be planned into their Individual Athlete Plan (IAP) in alignment to their agreed identified Technical, PCDE (Psychological Characteristics for Developing Excellence) and Performance Goals.

### GB Squad Programme

All athletes on the GB Senior and Junior Squad will have the option to fully self-fund their programmes (competition and training camps) in order to achieve the selection criteria for the Senior European and World Championships and potentially qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games. The minimum expectation of all GB Senior and Junior Squad athletes will be that they must attend ONST and where applicable, when invited to preparation camps, in order to be able to self-fund to IJF World Ranking Events or to be selected for European and World Championships or Olympic Games.

### 2017 – 2020 Self-Fund Matrix

*All players who wish to Self-Fund to IJF WR Events, must follow the 2020 Self-Funding Policy process and strictly adhere to the set timelines as stated in the policy.*

Programme Level	IJF Grand Slams	IJF Grand Prix Events	IJF Continental Opens	SNR European Cups	JNR European Cups
WCPP	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Academy Programme	x	x	YES	YES	YES
GB Senior Squad	<b>WR Top 35</b>	YES	YES	YES	n/a
GB Junior Squad	x	x	YES	YES	YES
HN Programme	x	x	X	YES	YES

- GB Senior Squad athletes can self-fund to IJF Continental Opens, Grand Prix Events and Senior European Cups
- GB Senior Squad athletes ranked in the **World Top 35** of the IJF WRL can self-fund to IJF Grand Slams
- GB Junior Squad athletes can self-fund to IJF Continental Opens, Senior and Junior European Cups
- HN athletes can self-fund to Senior and Junior European Cups

### Prioritisation of Allocated Places at IJF WR Events

IJF Rules state that any nation can name unlimited athletes per weight category for an IJF Continental Open and no more than 2 athletes per weight category for a Grand Prix and Grand Slam.

Where the number of athletes selected or self-funding to a Grand Prix or Grand Slam, exceed the number of places available, athletes on the WCPP will be **PRIORITISED** first for these events, in that they will be allocated the places ahead of GB Squad athletes. **However, the Performance Directorate and GB Senior Elite Performance Coach will take into consideration an athletes WR and potential to qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in alignment to the Tokyo Strategy and may prioritise non WCPP athletes for allocated Grand Prix and Grand Slam places ahead of WCPP athletes or not and will also prioritise the 1<sup>st</sup> reserve, 2<sup>nd</sup> reserve and so on should the number of applications exceed the number of places available.**

### Coaching at IJF Continental Open and Grand Prix Events

HN, Personal or Club Coaches will be allowed to mat side coach their athlete that self-funds to any IJF Continental Open and Grand Prix whether GB is in attendance or not.

When GB attends an IJF Continental Open or Grand Prix, athletes who self-fund will have the option to be coached by the GB Coaching Team should their personal coach not be in attendance. In respect of all GB athletes, there will be no mat side coaching at IJF WR events, SNR and JNR European Cups when two GB athletes compete against each other.

### Self-Fund to Grand Slams

GB Senior Squad athletes, who are ranked in the **World Top 35** of the IJF WRL will have the option to self-fund to Grand Slams.

HN, Personal or Club Coaches will be allowed to mat side coach their athlete that self-funds to any IJF Continental Open, Grand Prix and Grand Slam whether GB is in attendance or not **other than the Paris Grand Slam and Tokyo Grand Slam, which are milestone targeted (MST) events aligned to the Tokyo strategy.**

**HN, Personal or Club coaches will not be accredited for the Paris Grand Slam and Tokyo Grand Slam.**

Where the GB Team is **NOT** in attendance at a Grand Slam, the GB Senior athlete has the option to be coached by their HN, Personal or Club coach.

To summarise, GB Coaches will be the only coaches who will coach at Junior European and Junior World Championships, u23 European Championships, Paris Grand Slam, Tokyo Grand Slam, Senior European and Senior World Championships and the Olympic Games. All athletes selected or attending these events, will be coached by the GB Coaching Team.

Any GB athlete that is selected for the Junior European and Junior World Championships, u23 European Championships, Senior European and Senior World Championships and the Olympic Games will be selected to attend with the GB Team. The GB WCPP will cover all associated costs and all GB athletes will travel with the GB Team and be coached by the GB Coaching Team. HN, Personal or Club coaches will not be accredited for any of these events.

### IJF World Masters

Any GB athlete that qualifies for the IJF World Masters will be selected to attend with the GB Team. The GB WCPP will cover all associated costs and all GB athletes will travel with the GB Team and be coached by the GB Coaching team. HN, Personal or Club coaches will not be accredited for the IJF World Masters.

### Late Withdrawal from IJF Grand Prix and Grand Slams

Where an athlete has been allocated one of the two places for an IJF Grand Prix and Grand Slam and withdraws from the event at late notice (**minimum of 7 days before the start of the event**) for whatever reason, giving British Judo very little or no opportunity to offer the place to another athlete, that athlete will only be considered for an allocated place on their next application of a Grand Prix or Grand Slam, should there be places available or a place becomes available. Other athlete applications will be considered first.

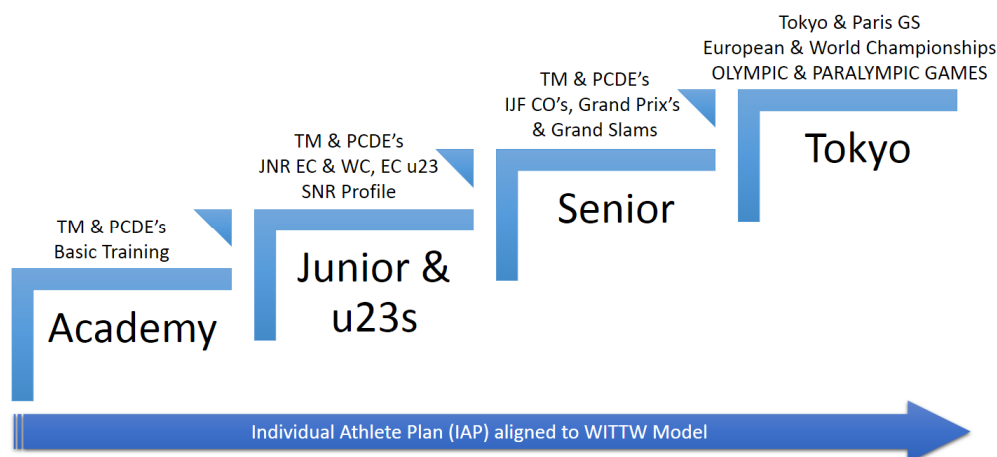
Following future applications for a Grand Prix or Grand Slam, the athlete will then be considered for one of the allocated places against all other applications.

## Tokyo Cycle > World Class Performance Programmes

Within the WCPP, there will be 4 programmes as follows:

- Tokyo Programme
- Senior Men & Women Programme
- Junior & u23 Programme
- Academy programme

The WCPP will implement a **Transitional Athlete Model** as follows:



The Tokyo programme will be the priority athletes within the WCPP and will be prioritised for selection for the European and World Championships as they will follow the Tokyo annual periodised programme as set out in the What It Takes to Win (WITTW) model and our Tokyo Strategy - a focussed training and competition programme around the Tokyo GS, Paris GS, European Championships, World Championships.

Athletes who are identified for the Tokyo programme on the WCPP will have one or more of the following level of performance within the last 2 years:

- Rio Olympic Games top 8 placing
- World Championships top 8 placing
- European Championships top 5 placing
- Grand Slam medal(s)
- WRL Top 16 (current year)
- Age Profile and Future Potential for Tokyo 2020 to also be taken into consideration

All athletes on the WCPP will be reviewed on an annual basis and potentially re-aligned to one of the 4 programmes depending on their rate of development or performing level.

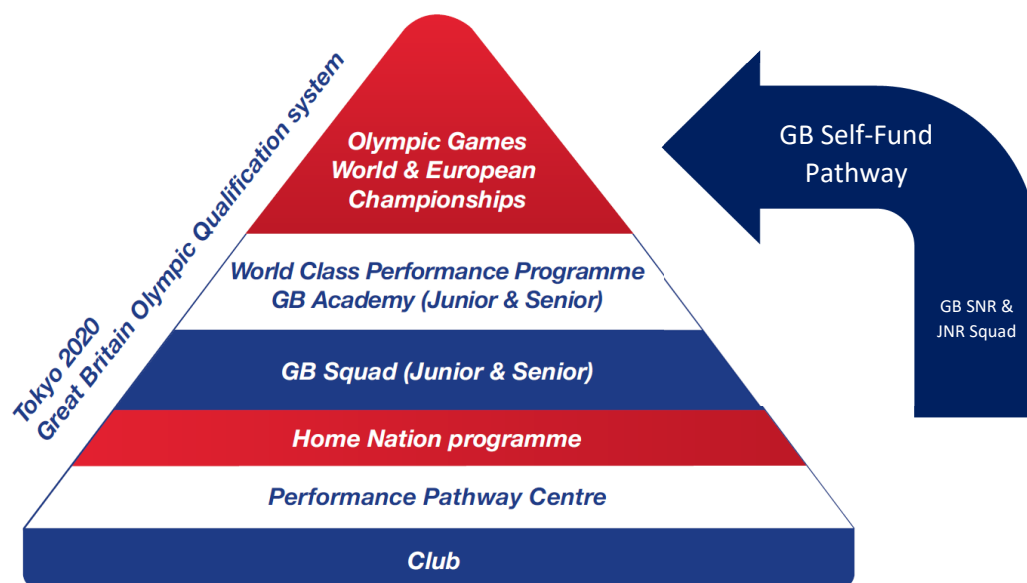
### Senior European and World Championships

Athletes on the Tokyo programme of the WCPP will be prioritised for selection for the Senior European and World Championships. All remaining athletes will be considered for selection against the published Senior European and World Championships selection criteria.

### Junior European and World Championships

All athletes on the WCPP, Academy programme, GB Junior Squad and HN programmes will be considered for selection for the Junior European and Junior World Championships against the published selection criteria.

## British Judo Performance Pathway Structure | ONE Performance System – Two Pathways

**Identification on to the World Class Performance Programme**

All athletes on the GB Junior and Senior Squads will be continually tracked against their performances in IJF Continental Opens (European based events being prioritised), Grand Prix Events and Junior European Cups to be potentially offered a place on the WCPP or Academy Programme after going through the profiling and interview process.

**World Class Performance Programme**

A player can be offered a place on the WCPP at any time during the year and an Athlete Performance Award (APA) contract runs from the 1 Dec to the 30 Nov of the following year. All players on the WCPP are reviewed twice a year and potentially offered an APA contract by November of each year to commence on the 1 Dec.

**GB Academy Annual Cycle**

Applications for the GB Academy will be accepted from 1<sup>st</sup> December to 30<sup>th</sup> April annually through the Home Nation programmes.

The Academy will run annually from August to allow a greater alignment with players Further/Higher Education demands.

A mid-year review will take place during February/March and an annual review will take place in August / September using the same review process as the WCPP.

**Note: the 2017 – 2020 WCPP IJF World Ranking Events Self-Fund Criteria will be reviewed on an annual basis**

The Performance Team.