

MEMORANDUM

To: All Athletes & Coaches

From: GB Pathway

Date: 7 December 2018

Subject: GB Junior Elite Development Squad Programme – December 2018

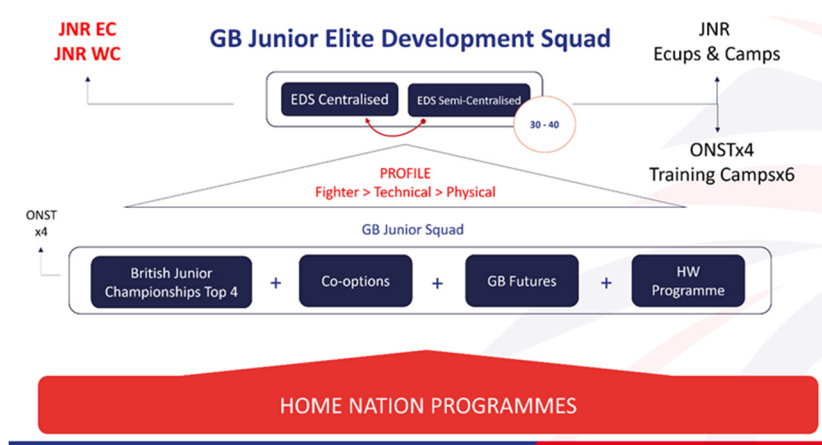
Following a review of the World Class Performance Programme and Pathway, in 2019, British Judo will introduce the GB Junior Elite Development Squad programme (EDS) with the focus of identifying and developing GB Athletes for Paris 2024 and beyond.

The GB Junior Elite Development Squad programme will replace the Academy and Part-Time Academy programme as this will consist of centralised (Academy) and semi-centralised (Part-Time Academy) athletes.

This programme will still operate on a centralised and semi centralised basis from the British Judo Centre of Excellence in Walsall. There will be some small adaptations to the current programme and processes for athlete identification, but the key difference being that the EDS will support an increased squad in the region of 30 athletes.

GB Junior Elite Development Squad Identification

The GB Junior EDS will be identified from the 2019 GB Junior Squad. The identification process will consist of all GB Junior Squad Athletes attending a Profiling Day (Technical and Physical assessment) where athletes will then be selected for the EDS programme against the benchmarks.



The 2019 Academy (full-time EDS programme) Identification Procedure will still be followed with the additions below:

Centralised Programme

1. Application through HN or GB (Open on 1st December 2018)
2. Interview with GB WCPP
3. Profiling Day
4. Athletes Identified and Invited onto programme

Semi Centralised Programme

1. Athletes Identified for consideration
2. Profiling Day
3. Athletes Identified and Invited onto programme

GB Judo Pathway

The Elite Development Squad will be a key component of the British Judo Pathway, working with clubs and Home Nations supporting the transition to be a full-time athlete on the World Class Performance Programme.

The graphic below shows the GB Judo pathway from club to Olympic/Paralympic Podium, recognising that many people will take different journeys through their life in judo.



(British Judo recognises that many athletes will be supported by their club and Home Nation throughout their judo career and support this).

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