



BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION ("BJA")
2024 XVII PARALYMPIC GAMES
SELECTION PROCEDURE



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INTRODUCTION

1. The aim of this policy is to select a GB Judo Paralympic Team capable of winning medals at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games as well as selecting athletes to provide a developmental opportunity in preparation for the 2028 Los Angeles and 2032 Brisbane Paralympic Games.
2. The Paralympic Games are the primary PERFORMANCE competition in the World Class Performance Programme (WCPP) quadrennial. Selection of athletes representing Great Britain at the 2024 Paralympic Games (PG) in Paris (the "**Games**") will be made according to the process set out in this document.
3. The final decision in selection to the Games lies with the British Paralympic Association ("**BPA**"). Achievement of the selection criteria therefore represents an "eligibility for nomination", not selection or even an automatic nomination.

ELIGIBILITY

4. In all cases, athletes must meet all of the eligibility requirements to participate in the Games as may be set by the BPA in their Games Qualification & Eligibility Handbook, the International Paralympic Committee ("**IPC**"), the International Blind Sports Association ("**IBSA**") and/or the BJA, including (for example) in respect of matters such as of nationality (e.g. by having a UK passport) and of anti-doping.

In addition to the criteria, to be eligible for competition, athletes must:

- 4.1. have been born before 1st January 2011.
- 4.2. have competed in at least one (1) international, sanctioned IBSA competition which provides World Ranking Points between 1 September 2022 and 24 June 2024; and
- 4.3. be internationally classified in an eligible Sport Class with a Sport Class Status of (i) Confirmed; or (ii) Review with a Fixed Review Date of 2025 or later.

IBSA QUALIFICATION SYTEM PARIS 2024:

5. The IBSA Qualification System in respect of the Games can be found on the following link (*Judo from page 75*):

<https://www.paralympic.org/paris-2024/qualification-regulations>

QUALIFICATION PERIOD

6. The qualification period for the Games will run from **1 September 2022 to 24 June 2024**. The nominated events during the qualification period are outlined within the "Road to Paris" document and the IBSA Judo website.

<https://ibsajudo.sport/about-judo/rules-and-downloads/>

7. The **final IBSA Judo Paralympic Ranking List of the 24th June 2024** ("**PRL**") will be used to establish the number of quota places available for the Games. On **1st July 2024**, IBSA Judo will confirm in writing to the NPCs, the allocation of qualification slots. IBSA will confirm in writing a reallocation of slots on the **15th July 2024** for any unused slots.

8. Paralympic Ranking List (PRL): As stated in the “Road to Paris” document, The Paralympic Ranking List collects the points from the WRL. It contains the points of the competitions of the qualification period with the following addition:

8.1 All competitions are awarded double points between June 24, 2023 and June 24, 2024.

8.2 IBSA Judo GP Egypt gives double points to African competitors. (Partially offsetting the disadvantage of African Judo due to the lack of continental competition.)

8.3 Among the IBSA GPs, only the best 5 results count for each athlete. Except for the African competitors, in whose case 6 GPs count towards the PRL also to balance the disadvantage of the African competitors.

8.4 Only the highest ranked competitor of every country on the PRL ranking counts in the Paralympic slot.

CATEGORIES/MEDAL EVENTS

9. There will 16 categories split as per the table below.

	Number	Event Specific Quota
MEN	8	- 60kg J1, - 73kg J1, - 90kg J1, +90kg J1, - 60kg J2, - 73kg J2, - 90kg J2, +90kg J2
WOMEN	8	48kg J1, - 57kg J1, - 70kg J1, +70kg J, - 48kg J2, - 57kg J2, - 70kg J2, +70kg J2
TOTAL	16	

ATHLETE QUOTA TOTAL

10. Total athlete quota set by the IPC as per below.

MEN	Women	Gender Free	TOTAL
62	56	30	148

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

11. The top ranked male and female athletes in each medal event regardless of sport class on the IBSA Judo World Ranking List closing 24 June 2024 obtain a qualification slot for their respective NPC according to the following matrix:

MEN	Slots	WOMEN	Slots
-60kg J1	7	-48kg J1	6
-73kg J1	7	-57kg J1	6
-90kg J1	6	-70kg J1	6
+90kg J1	6	+70kg J1	6
-60kg J2	7	-48kg J2	6
-73kg J2	7	-57kg J2	6
-90kg J2	7	-70kg J2	6
+90kg J2	7	+70kg J2	6

(Total 54 Male, 48 Female).

12. The host country directly qualifies one (1) athlete in each medal event for which the host country has entered at least one (1) athlete in the 2022 IBSA Judo World Championships. Host country slots will be allocated to the highest-ranked athlete from the host country (not otherwise qualified) on the IBSA Judo World Ranking List closing 24 June 2024. Any unused host country slots will be allocated via the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method. (Total 8 Male, 8 Female).
13. Thirty (30) athletes will be selected by IBSA and the IPC for Bipartite Commission Invitation slots. To be considered for a Bipartite slot, NPCs must submit an official application in writing to IBSA by 8 July 2024. (Total 30 Gender Free)
14. The qualification slot is **allocated to the individual athlete, not to the NPC**. In the case of a Bipartite Commission Invitation the qualification slot is also allocated to the individual athlete not to the NPC.
15. An NPC can be allocated a maximum of **eight (8) male** qualification slots and a maximum of **eight (8) female** qualification slots for a total of **sixteen (16)** qualification slots with a **maximum of one (1) slot allowed per medal event**. Exceptions may be granted through the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method.

TIMELINE

16. Total timeline outlined by the IPC is stated below.

Date	Description
1 st September 2022	Start of the period for performances, at dedicated IBSA events, to be recorded on the IBSA Judo World Ranking List
TBD	Deadline for Paris 2024 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List")
24 June 2024	End of the period for performances to be recorded on the IBSA Judo World Ranking List
24 June 2024	Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process
1 July 2024	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification and host country slots.
8 July 2024	NPCs confirm in writing to IBSA the use of allocated qualification and host country slots.
8 July 2024	Deadline to submit Bipartite Commission Invitation applications to IBSA
15 July 2024	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of unused qualification slots.
15 July 2024	IBSA confirms in writing the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots.
5 August 2024	Deadline for Paris 2024 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

17. Any qualification slots allocated and not used by the respective NPC will be reallocated to the highest ranked athlete in the same medal event (whose NPC is not otherwise qualified) on the IBSA Judo World Ranking List closing 24 June 2024.

WHERE TWO OR MORE ATHLETES MEET THE QUALIFICATION QUOTA

18. As stated in the IBSA Judo Road to Paris Document, where two or more athletes in the same weight category meet the qualification quota, the highest ranked athlete will be nominated to ParalympicsGB

RESERVES – British Judo will not be in a position to nominate any reserves. Should an athlete become injured, a replacement athlete will first need to have met the qualification criteria. Should this be the case, British Judo will then follow the late athlete replacement process.

BIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

19. The BPA will consider Bipartite or reallocated unused quota places (i.e. hand back places, wildcard places or any other quota places which have not been generated by virtue of a direct qualification). Bipartite places will be nominated to the BPA for any athlete(s) who may be eligible to receive such a place on the same day that nominations take place. The final decision on whether to proceed with a Bipartite application is at the discretion of the BPA with the intention of allowing the participation of top athletes who may not have had the opportunity to qualify through other methods due to extraordinary circumstances”.

SELECTION PANEL AND THE NOMINATION PROCESS

20. All decisions in relation to nomination of athletes for selection by the BPA in respect of the Games shall be made by the selection panel (the “**Selection Panel**”), which shall comprise of: a Chairperson, a representative from the British Paralympic Association, a Legal Adviser, the Performance Staff (comprised of both the British Judo Lead Paralympic Coach and Team Leader) and a Recording Officer. The responsibilities and voting rights of the Selection Panel shall be as follows:
21. Chairperson: The Chair of the Selection Panel (normally the Performance Director) will be entitled to one vote in the selection. The Chairperson will be responsible (along with the legal observer) for ensuring that due process is followed, and selections are made in adherence with this selection policy.
22. BPA Representative and Legal Observer: There will be a BPA representative and a panel member with legal expertise with no voting rights, but to ensure due process is followed. They may only advise voting panel members on the legal obligations of the policy.
23. The Performance Staff will be entitled to one vote each in the selection of all athletes. The Performance Staff and the Recording Officer will be responsible for compiling results and other relevant details on all athletes being considered for selection – to be presented to the Selection Panel in advance of the meeting. In the event of a tied selection vote, the Chairperson will have the deciding vote.
24. Recording Officer: The Recording Officer of the Selection Panel will document the 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.

25. All nominations are subject to the Performance Advisory Group (“**PAG**”) ratification. The role of the PAG is to ensure that due process has been adhered to before the nominations are submitted to the BPA.
26. The Chair of the Selection Panel will provide the selection nominations together with appropriate evidence to the Chair of the PAG for PAG ratification. The PAG will also ratify any subsequent changes.

NOMINATION/SELECTION TIMELINE

27. BJA Nomination timeline as set out below.

Date	Description
1 July 2024	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification and host country slots.
2 nd July 2024	BJA Selection Panel Meet to confirm qualified places and nominated athletes. This includes bipartite places
3 rd July 2024	Nominations confirmed with PAG and made to BPA
3 rd July 2024	Nominated athletes informed. Together with any athlete that has met criteria and not selected
4 th July 2024	Fast Appeals Process Closes
6 July 2024	Appeals considered and any changes made to BPA
8 July 2024	BPA confirm in writing to IBSA the use of allocated qualification and host country slots.
8 July 2024	Deadline to submit Bipartite Commission Invitation applications to IBSA

DE-SELECTION AND REPLACEMENT

28. The process under which an athlete may be de-selected from the ParalympicsGB Team 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 Paris2024 Organising Committee (“**Paris2024**”). This is likely to be on or around 5th August 2024.
29. 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:
 - 29.1. medical grounds – i.e. when an injury/illness may inhibit the achievement of appropriate performance - pursuant to the process set out in paragraph 30;
 - 29.2. 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 31;
 - 29.3. 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.
30. In the event of injury/illness which may inhibit performance, the decision to deselect, in discussion with the British Judo Chief Medical Officer, ParalympicsGB Chief Medical Officer and/or the ParalympicsGB Chef de Mission, will be taken as follows:
 - 30.1. 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.

- 30.2. If the athlete passes the medical examination carried out in accordance with Section 29.1 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 themselves) the athlete to undergo a performance test. The test, as set out in Section 35, 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.
31. In the event of weight management issues, the criteria applied and decision to deselect will be taken as follows:
 - 31.1. 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 Paralympic Lead Coach as appropriate.
 - 31.2. 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.
32. For administrative purposes, the BPA must be kept informed of any possible decision to withdraw an athlete.
33. After the Sport Entry Deadline (5th August 2024) and before the DRM is completed, the Team selected, de-selection and selection of a replacement athlete is only allowed in accordance with the IPC’s Late Athlete Replacement Policy (or any revised or amended IPC 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:
 - 33.1. The ParalympicsGB 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.
 - 33.2. If the athlete passes the medical examination carried out in accordance with Section 30.1a above but the BJA and the BPA 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 ParalympicsGB Chef de Mission can require (on a date specific data) the athlete to undergo a performance test as specified in Section 35 below. The test may not be varied or amended without prior approval of the BPA. The test will be conducted by the Team Leader (or his/her delegate) and

a BPA 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.

34. After the DRM there are no replacement allowed, however an athlete can still be deselected at this point.

35. The test protocol will be as follows:

35.1. Successful completion of three training bouts of appropriate length (4 minutes for men, 4 minutes for women) of identified opponents selected by the PD, with a rest interval of 20 minutes between bouts.

35.2. The criteria for successful performance will be determined by a three-person panel, consisting of the PD together with the Paralympic Coaches. A majority decision will be acceptable.

GROUNDS FOR APPEAL

36. 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:

https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/BritishJudoFastAppealsProcess2022v6_FINAL.pdf

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

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