



1. Introduction

- a. We believe this is an important initiative to ensure that all players have the ability to compete and thrive at the highest levels, for the duration of their judo careers.
- b. The British Judo Association is initiating a formal Masters Squad to be operated on a self-funded basis commencing in 2003.
- c. The Association will provide agreed administrative, technical and in-kind financial support as outlined below.

2. Eligibility

- a. The squad is open to any member of the British Judo Association who meets the age and weight criteria as specified for domestic and international competitions.

3. Team Selection

- a. The Masters Squad will be selected based on the results of the *National Veterans/Masters Championships*, European and World Masters Championships. The Medallists (4 per category) will be named as Masters Squad members and they will be allowed to wear the representative badge on their Judogi for a period of 12 months.

Please note that places on the Masters Squad will only be awarded to medallists in categories (merged categories or otherwise) where at least three players competed.

Squad places allocated as follows:-

3 Players in category squad place to Gold & Silver medallists only.

4 Players in category squad place to Gold, Silver & 1st Bronze medallists.

5+ Players in category squad place to Gold, Silver & 2 Bronze medallists.

- b. Each member of the squad will receive a written notification after the conclusion of the event, along with a GB Masters Squad judogi badge. The player will also be entered onto the BJA Squad database as a Masters Squad Member.

4. Representation

- a. The named players will have the right to wear the GB Badge for a period of 12 months, representing the country in international competitions.
- b. It is imperative that the players maintain a high standard of representation to ensure that the GB flag is presented in a professional manner at all times.



5. Administration

- a. The Head Office will nominate a volunteer to administer this programme. Limited admin support will be provided by the office to assist this volunteer in the day-to-day running of the programme.
- b. The Administrator (volunteer) in charge of the programme will assist in the planning and operation of any proposed training sessions or events.
- c. The squad will have the ability to avail of free mat facilities at designated Centres of Excellence on an agreed basis.

6. Technical

- a. Although there can be no formal programme of technical support due to funding restrictions every effort will be made to provide some technical support at training sessions or other by our Performance Staff members on a voluntary basis.

7. Finance

- a. The player understands that their membership in the BJA Masters Squad and participation at domestic/International events will not be funded by the BJA.
- b. The BJA will provide limited admin support services and probably mat time for proposed training sessions – based at the BJA Centres of Excellence and pending availability.

8. Communications/PR

- a. The Masters Squad Administrator shall produce for inclusion in the Annual Report a report on the National Veterans/Masters Championships, European Masters Championship and the World Masters Championships.
- b. Further information on the Masters Squad will be posted on the BJA website at www.britishjudo.org.uk in the near future.

9. Discipline

- a. While representing Great Britain as a Masters Squad member players must always behave and represent the BJA, GB and the sport of judo in the best possible manner. A player may be removed from the British Masters Squad and/or face disciplinary action for any behaviour that would potentially bring the BJA or the sport of judo into disrepute.

10. Start Date

BRITISH
JUDO

- a. The first official Masters Squad will be selected based on the results of the National Veterans/Masters Championships of September 2002.



