

Cadet Identification Policy - 2024 European Cadet Championships

Introduction

This policy details the identification process and criteria for the European Cadet Championship (ECC).

The purpose of the Home Nation Programmes is to prepare fighters for future success at the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Home Nation Programmes are committed to:

- Develop technical proficiency in the Trademarks: *Throw for Ippon & Win in Newaza*.
- Develop professional performance behaviours for Junior & Senior success.

1. Team Ages & Composition

The fighters must be born between 2007 (maximum 17 years old) and 2009 (minimum 15 years old during the 2024 calendar year).

The ECC delegation will be a maximum of 10 entries in total for male and 10 entries in total for females. In each weight category of male or female a maximum of 2 fighters can be entered. The maximum number of fighters per delegation is 20.

The ECC delegation size and Home Nation places are subject to Home Nation funding. Home Nations reserve the right to allocate places at their discretion, dependent on the funding available.

2. Identification Competitions

Positional results and the number of contests had by fighters will be logged from the following domestic competitions and displayed in the **GB Cadet Identification Ranking**:

Domestic Competitions:

1	Welsh Open (Cadet)	28 th 29 th October 2023
2	British Cadet Championships	2 nd 3 rd December 2023
3	Scottish Open (Cadet)	20 th 21 st January 2024
4	English Open (Cadet)	24 th 25 th February 2024
5	Northern Ireland Open (Cadet)	20 th 21 st April 2024

International Competitions:

International event support will depend on which Home Nation fighters compete for. Fighters are required to gain identification to international events through their Home Nation Programme and should seek to discuss any Identification with Home Nation Lead Cadet Coaches.

Positional result, contest wins and total number of contests had by fighters will be logged from the following international competitions below and will be listed in the **GB Cadet Identification Ranking**:

1	Cadet European Cup Italy	10 th 11 th February 2024
2	Cadet European Cup Spain	17 th 18 th February 2024
3	Cadet European Cup Croatia	16 th 17 th March 2024
4	Bremen (Male) /Thuringia (Female) Internationals	23 rd 24 th March 2024
5	Cadet European Cup Czech Republic	6 th 7 th April 2024
6	Cadet European Cup Germany	13 th 14 th April 2024

- A fighter's best **3** domestic Competition Performances and best **3** international Competition Performances from the above lists will be considered within the Cadet Identification Ranking.
- If a fighter moves up a weight category during the identification period they will transfer half the points earned at the identification competitions stated.
- Fighters who move down a weight category during the identification period **will not** transfer any the technical and result points earned at the identification competitions.

Should any competition be cancelled or postponed, they may be removed from the criteria/league. In these circumstances a replacement competition may be identified or not.

Result rating index:

Placing	Points (Domestic) Home Nation Opens	Points (Domestic) British Champs	Points (International)	Wins at identified International events
1 st	25	30	35	5 additional points per international win
2 nd	20	25	30	
3 rd	15	20	25	
5 th	10	15	20	

***Please note:**

- **No points** will be awarded should a fighter place, but not win a contest.
- If a fighter (who has competed in their own weight category) also competes in a heavier category to enable fighters to have more contests (due to lack of entries), they **will not receive ranking points in the heavier category**. Whether they receive a medal will be at the tournament organisers discretion.
- Any fighter who has contests because of other fighters moving up a weight to provide them opportunity to fight (due to poor entry in their category), **must win at least one contest to receive ranking points**, decided by their finishing position in the whole group.

3. Identification Criteria

In order to be identified, fighters, will be considered against the below criteria:

1. Technical Performance in Competition & Competition Results
2. Performance Behaviours

3.1 Technical Performance in Competition & Competition Results

To be considered for identification for the European Cadet Championships fighters should meet the criteria below **by the selection meeting held week commencing Monday 29th April 2024 (wk 18)**.

A fighter will be **identified** for the GB Team delegation where they meet all of the following:

- Member of Home Nation Programme;
- Top 5 in weight category on the **GB Cadet Identification Ranking**;
- 1 international top 5 placing (*and which includes a minimum of 3 wins in 1 day*) at an Ippon League international competition.

Where places are available, a fighter will be **considered** for identification for the GB Team delegation if they achieve:

- Member of Home Nation Cadet Programme;
- Top 5 in Weight Category on the **GB Cadet Identification Ranking**;

And then consideration in priority given to:

- 1 international top 7 placing (*and which includes a minimum of 2 wins in 1 day*) at an Ippon League international competition.

- A minimum of 3 contest wins in 1 day at an **GB Cadet Identification Ranking** international competition.

In the case where multiple fighters in the same weight category meet the above requirements, the Identification Panel will consider each fighter against the whole of the criteria laid out in section 3.1 and 3.2. The Identification Panel will be entitled to decide in such cases on the criteria in both 3.1 and 3.2 in its absolute discretion.

3.2 Performance Behaviours and Additional Factors

A person's physical development during the Pre-Cadet and Cadet years is extremely important and therefore would discourage fighters from cutting weight before competition. Fighters are encouraged to maintain a healthy diet and physical preparation programme in order to maintain and progress physical capabilities working towards the Technical Trademarks stated within the Hajime-Matte Model.

Performance behaviours is a subjective element of the identification policy, but it is nonetheless an essential part of a fighter's development and in performance sport and an important factor for the Identification Panel to consider.

To perform at the highest level, talented fighters need to be able to display performance behaviours alongside an excellent technical foundation. A fighter's performance behaviours will be monitored by the Home Nation Cadet leads throughout the identification period on the following basis:

- Home Nation programme engagement and attitude during camps;
- Competition/Camp suitability based on an athlete's current experience;
- Current weight and the ability to make the fighting weight safely;
- Current level of physical fitness and current medical/injury status;
- Future potential as a Junior or Senior fighter;
- Commitment to developing Throw for Ippon and Win in Newaza trademarks in training and competition;
- Resilience in challenging environments including randori, conditioning, international competition and training camps;
- A fighter'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 considered*).

Home Nation Cadet Leads will endeavour to highlight and discuss with fighters at the nearest possible opportunity when Performance Behaviours are not to an acceptable standard as part of the monitoring process.

In the case where a fighter is not selected based on Performance Behaviours, the reasoning will be clearly defined and communicated by the Identification Panel to the fighter. The relevant Home Nation Cadet Lead will create an action plan for the fighter to work on the identified behaviours for future development.

4. ECC Identification Panel & Process

The identification process will use two phases to nominate and confirm athletes:

4.1 Nomination Phase

The Nomination Phase will involve each of the Home Nation's designated Cadet Leads and the process will be managed by the British Judo Head of Performance Pathways.

The Panel will review fighters against the criteria detailed in sections 1,2 & 3 to agree the fighters they are prepared to nominate and endorse.

4.2 Identification Phase

The Identification Phase will involve reviewing the nominated fighters from the Home Nations endorsements.

*(A list of fighters that **have not** been nominated by Home Nations will also be provided to the Identification Panel so that these can be ratified or considered further by the Identification Panel)*

Chairperson: The Chair of the Identification Panel (normally the Head of Performance Pathways) will be responsible for ensuring that due process is followed, and identifications are made in adherence with the policy.

BJA Performance and Home Nation Staff: This will be comprised of a GB Performance Staff Member, GB Performance Leadership Team (PLT) member and a minimum of 2 different Home Nation Coaches. HN Coaches will be entitled to one vote each, in the event of a tie an identified BJA Performance Staff member will have the deciding vote. This will normally be the GB PLT member.

The Chair and the Recording Officer will be responsible for compiling results and other relevant details on all nominated athletes being considered for identification. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair of the panel will have the deciding vote.

Recording Officer: The Recording Officer of the identification panel will document the 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.

Independent observers will also be selected to ensure policy process is followed.

4.3 Communication of Nominations

The Chairperson of the Selection Panel will provide the identification recommendations, together with any material that the Identification Panel considers appropriate to justify such nominations, to the Performance Leadership Team (PLT) for ratification. The PLT shall ratify the nominations if the correct procedures were followed by the Identification Panel in the decision-making process.

Once nominations have been ratified by the PLT, these will be immediately communicated to the relevant athletes by email and published on the BJA website.

The Great Britain team for the ECC will be identified the week commencing **Monday 29th April 2024**. Note, the ECC is funded by the Home Nation programmes and will cover all costs of fighters identified for this event.

4.5 Home Nations

Home Nations will endeavour to ensure that fighters are:

- Aware of this selection process;
- Entered in appropriate weight categories.

4.6 Important Information

Please note the Identification Panel reserves the right:

- To select 2 or more fighters in a weight category if appropriate;
- Not to select any fighter in a category where there is no fighter of the correct level;

- Not to select a fighter who they feel is unsuitable as a team member and ambassador for the BJA;
- To identify reserve fighters in event of a withdrawal;

Following selection, the Selection Panel retains the right to deselect a fighter at any time:

- If they are medically unfit to compete because of injury or illness;
- If there is behaviour or other issues;
- If they act in any way which is deemed to be detrimental to the BJA;

4.7 Appeals

Individuals may appeal the process of identification via the British Judo Association Fast Appeals Process, available on the British Judo Website.