

**GLASGOW 2026 COMMONWEALTH GAMES**  
**NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR JUDO EVENTS**

**New Zealand Judo Federation Incorporated (Judo New Zealand)**

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

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- 1.1 **Status:** This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board and shall take effect from 1 Jan 2025. This Nomination Criteria supersedes any previous correspondence, discussions and representations (whether written or oral) by Judo New Zealand regarding nomination and selection for the Games.
- 1.2 **Scope:** This Nomination Criteria applies to:
- (a) all Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the Games Team to compete in the Games in a Judo Event; and
  - (b) Judo New Zealand, including its Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.
- 1.3 **Process:** Selection to the Games Team in a Judo Event is a three step process:
- (a) each Athlete must be eligible in accordance with clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria;
  - (b) Judo New Zealand nominates Athletes to the NZOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation; and
  - (c) the NZOC selects Athletes to the Games Team in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

2. Selectors

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- 2.1 **Composition:** The Selectors have been appointed by the Board, The Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:

Craig Bartlett  
David Mair  
Zane Lightfoot (Chair of Selectors)

- 2.2 **Change of Selectors:** The Board reserves the right to change a Selector at any time in its absolute discretion prior to the Nomination Date. In such case, it will publish the change of Selector on the Judo New Zealand website.

### 3. Eligibility

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- 3.1 **Athlete Eligibility:** To be eligible to be nominated to the NZOC by Judo New Zealand, an Athlete must:
- (a) have returned a completed Athlete Application to the NZOC, in the form prescribed by the NZOC by the following dates (“Application Date”):
    - i. no later than 5.00pm, 23 June 2025, where an Athlete is not a regular member of Judo New Zealand at this date; or
    - ii. no later than 5.00pm, 24 November 2025, where an athlete is a regular member of Judo New Zealand, at this date; and
    - iii. in exceptional circumstances before 5.00pm, 22 January 2026 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where Judo New Zealand provides the NZOC with evidence that demonstrates that Athlete could not have been reasonably in contemplation on 24 November 2025; and
  - (b) have returned a completed Team Agreement in the manner prescribed by the NZOC to NZOC prior to the Nomination Date; and
  - (c) be a member of Judo New Zealand or one of its affiliates; and
  - (d) be a New Zealand citizen and has a New Zealand passport; and
  - (e) have demonstrated to the satisfaction of Judo New Zealand that they are not suffering any physical or psychological condition that would compromise the Athlete’s ability to compete at the Games to the selection standard set out in the NZOC Selection Policy or may compromise the health and safety of themselves, a NZ Team member or another participant at the Games; and
  - (f) have acted in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, Judo New Zealand or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
  - (g) not be under investigation for any breach of any part of the Judo New Zealand and IJF’s anti-doping regulations, the Sports Anti-Doping Rules and/or the NZOC Integrity Regulation; and

- (h) no later than 23 July 2025 where the Athlete is not a regular member of Judo New Zealand or 22 January 2026 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) has provided their name and contact address details to NZOC for the purpose of out of competition drug testing with the Sport Integrity Commission.
- 3.2 **Qualification:** The NZOC has been allocated places for the Games by Commonwealth Sport. The maximum number of quota for Judo New Zealand in the Judo Events is eight (8) Athletes. Judo New Zealand cannot nominate more than eight (8) Athletes, other than as part of any reallocation process.
- 3.3 **Nomination if Nomination Criteria Met:** Provided the requirements set out in clauses 3.1 and 3.2 are met, the Selectors shall nominate to NZOC for consideration of selection, those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.
- 3.4 **Reserve Athletes:** The Selectors may nominate Reserve Athletes to the NZOC for any Judo Event.

#### 4. Nomination Criteria

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- 4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** In considering any Athlete for nomination to the NZOC, the Selectors shall consider:
  - (a) the Over-riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 5.1; or
  - (b) the evidential requirements in clause 5.2; and
  - (c) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 5.3; and
  - (d) any Ranking specified in clause 5.4; and
  - (e) any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with clause 6.
- 4.2 **Relevance and Weighting:** The Selectors may determine the relevance and weight that they wish to place on any Specific Nomination Factor(s) and any Extenuating Circumstances(s) as they consider appropriate. No Specific Nomination Factor shall be weighted more or less significantly based on the order in which it appears in this Nomination Criteria unless expressly specified.
- 4.4 **Own Enquiries:** In considering the Specific Nomination Factors, the Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.
- 4.5 **Conditions:** In considering any results and performances of an Athlete at any Key Events, the Selectors may, but are not obliged, to take into account the conditions in

which the results and performances were obtained such as, but not limited to, the strength of the field of competitors.

- 4.6 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to the Games Team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with clause 6 below.

## 5. Over-riding Nomination Criteria and Specific Nomination Factors

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- 5.1 **Over-riding Nomination Criteria:** In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete to a Judo Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athlete:

- (a) is capable of achieving a top 6 placing at the Games in the Judo Event; or
- (b) has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that the Selectors believe demonstrates that the Nominated Athlete will be competitive at the Games and will perform creditably in that Judo Event.

### 5.2 Evidence

In determining whether or not the Athlete satisfies the Over-riding Nomination Criteria for a Judo Event in clause 5.1, the Selectors shall apply the following criteria in order of priority:

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(a) **Primary Criteria**

Subject to clauses 3 and 5.4, an Athlete ranked in the top 6 athletes from Commonwealth countries on the IJF World Ranking List as at 4 May 2026 for the relevant Judo Event will be nominated. The top 6 places shall be determined by excluding athletes from non-Commonwealth countries. Only one athlete per country, excluding New Zealand, shall be counted in the top 6 athlete ranking.

(b) **Secondary Criteria**

Subject to clauses 3 and 5.4, where any quota places are available but not filled through the Primary Criteria above, then as a Secondary Criteria, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion nominate Athletes based on their performances and results from the following competitions during the Qualification Period:

- 2025 and 2026 IJF events where Senior IJF World Ranking List points are available (Key Events).

**Note:** Athletes must compete in a minimum of three (3) Key Events above during 2025 and 2026 to be eligible.

5.3 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-riding Nomination Criteria above, the Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an Athlete within the Qualification Period:

- (a) any other performances or results in competitions / events in addition to the Key Events;
- (b) adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
- (c) demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;
- (d) demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
- (e) demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
- (f) understanding and respect for the obligations that accompany being a member of a New Zealand team when competing at the Games, including respect for Games Team members;
- (g) willingness to promote Judo New Zealand in a positive manner;
- (h) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- (i) proven ability to be reliable; and
- (j) any other factor(s) which the Selectors reasonably considers to be relevant.

5.4 **Ranking:** The Selectors shall, no later than 5 May 2026, examine the credentials of all Athletes for Judo Events. If there are more Athletes who meet the Over-riding Criteria set out in clause 5.1 than quota places available, then nomination will be decided by the Selectors having regard to the following factors in the following priority order:

- (a) whether the Athlete has met the Primary or Secondary Criteria in clause 5.2; then
- (b) head to head competitions where an Athletes are seeking to be nominated in the same Judo Event during the Qualification Period; then
- (c) ability to medal at the Games; then
- (d) international wins weighted against athletes on the Senior IJF World Ranking List during the Qualification Period; then

- (e) highest number of points on the Senior IJF World Ranking List as at 4 May 2026 compared to other New Zealand Athletes across all weight divisions and weight categories; then
- (f) performance results at the Key Events against Commonwealth athletes at the Key Events; then
- (g) any other information the Selectors consider relevant.

## 6. Extenuating Circumstances

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- 6.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, give weight to any Extenuating Circumstances which may include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (a) injury or illness;
  - (b) travel delays;
  - (c) equipment failure;
  - (d) bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or
  - (e) any other factors reasonably considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 6.2 **Athlete to Advise:** Athletes unable to compete at Key Events or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, must advise the NTD of the Extenuating Circumstances and reasons, in writing, with as much advance notice as possible and ideally seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the Key Event or other attendance. If the NTD is not notified of any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, then the Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.
- 6.3 **Medical Certificate:** In the case of injury or illness, Athletes may be required by the NTD to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the NTD, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the Selectors being unable to consider the injury or illness as an Extenuating Circumstance.
- 6.4 **Case by Case:** In the case of any Extenuating Circumstance/s, the Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

## 7. Nomination and Selection

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- 7.1 **Nomination to NZOC:** Judo New Zealand will nominate Athletes (“Nominated Athletes”) and any Reserve Athletes to the NZOC by the Nomination Date.
- 7.2 **Nomination with Conditions:** Judo New Zealand may nominate an Athlete with any conditions, for example, conditions relating to recovery from injury or continuing to meet specified performance levels. If the conditions are not met to the satisfaction of the Selectors, they will not be eligible for selection, unless the NZOC decides to select the Nominated Athlete subject to those or other conditions.
- 7.3 **Selection by NZOC:** Selection to the Games Team by the NZOC will be made in accordance with the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.
- 7.4 **Reallocation:** In the event that further quota places are offered by the NZOC, Athletes who have met the Nomination Criteria set out in clause 5 but not nominated to the NZOC for a Judo Event at the initial Nomination Date, may be nominated on the Reallocation Date by the Selectors.

## 8. Appeal Procedure

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- 8.1 **Non-Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to Judo New Zealand against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the Judo New Zealand provided that the Athlete:
- (a) is on the Judo New Zealand long list for the Games; and
  - (b) meets the eligibility criteria under clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 8.2 **Procedures for Non-Nomination Appeals:** Any appeal under clause 8.1 of this Criteria must be made in accordance with clause 13 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.
- 8.3 **Procedures for Non-Selection Appeals:** If a Nominated Athlete is not selected by the NZOC, the Nominated Athlete may appeal the non-selection in accordance with clause 14 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation provided that the Nominated Athlete:
- (a) is on the Judo New Zealand long list for the Games; and
  - (b) meets the eligibility criteria under clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria.

## 9. Inconsistencies

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- 9.1 **NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation:** In the event there is any inconsistency between this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation, the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation shall prevail.

## 10. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

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- 10.1 **Prior to Nomination Date:** This Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented from time to time by the Board, before the Nomination Date, provided NZOC has approved the amendment/s and supplement/s.
- 10.2 **Notice:** The Board will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s or supplement/s made under clause 10.1 to this Nomination Criteria, to persons it considers may be affected by any such amendment/s or supplement/s.

## 11. Definitions

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- 11.1 **Application Date** means the dates set out in clause 3.1(a) of this Criteria, by which Athletes must submit to NZOC a completed Athlete Application in accordance with clause 8.3 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.
- 11.2 **Athlete** means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.
- 11.3 **Athlete Application** means the form set by the NZOC that must be completed by any Athlete applying to be nominated and selected to the Games Team.
- 11.4 **Board** means the Board of Judo New Zealand as constituted under the Constitution.
- 11.5 **Commonwealth Sport** means the Commonwealth Games Federation.
- 11.6 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Judo New Zealand.
- 11.7 **Extenuating Circumstances** means the inability to perform at an optimum level arising from one or more of the reasons set out in clause 6.1.
- 11.8 **Games** means the Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow, Scotland from 23 July to 2 August 2026.
- 11.9 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 11.10 **IJF** means International Judo Federation.



11.11 **Judo Event** means one of the following events in the Games in which an Athlete competes:

Men's Judo Events	Women's Judo Events
-60kg	-48kg
-66kg	-52kg
-73kg	-57kg
-81kg	-63kg
-90kg	-70kg
-100kg	-78kg
+100kg	+78kg

11.12 **Judo New Zealand** means the New Zealand Judo Federation.

11.13 **Key Events** means an international competition listed in clause 5.2.

11.14 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated by Judo New Zealand to the NZOC for consideration of selection to the Games Team.

11.15 **Nomination Criteria** means the criteria made up of the Over-riding Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors and is also referred to as “**this Criteria**”.

11.16 **Nomination Date** means on or before 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Judo New Zealand, by which Judo New Zealand must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.

11.17 **NTD** means the National Technical Director of Judo New Zealand and includes his / her nominee.

11.18 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.

11.19 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the NZOC Integrity Regulation available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.

11.20 **NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation** means the regulation of NZOC relation to the nomination and selection Process for all Olympic and Commonwealth games, including the Games, available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.

11.21 **NZOC Selection Policy** means the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games, available at [Glasgow 2026 Selection process | New Zealand Olympic Team](#).

11.22 **Over-riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.1.

- 11.23 **Qualification Period** means the period between 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026.
- 11.24 **Reallocation Date** means on or before 3 June 2026 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between the NZOC and Judo New Zealand by which Judo New Zealand must submit any further Nominated Athletes to the NZOC, should additional quota places become available to the NZOC.
- 11.25 **Reserve Athletes** means a travelling and/or non-travelling reserve, as designated by the Selectors.
- 11.26 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the factors listed in clause 5.3 which the Selectors may take into account when applying the Over-riding Nomination Criteria.
- 11.27 **Selectors** means the selectors appointed by Judo New Zealand in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 11.28 **Team Agreement** means the agreement that must be completed by any Athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to, or team support member appointed to, the Games Team in accordance with the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.