

Welsh Judo Association
2017 Commonwealth Youth Games Selection Policy
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INTRODUCTION

The Commonwealth Youth Games 2017 is a Performance Development competition and athletes who are selected for this event form part of the 2022 Commonwealth Games strategy.

The selection of athletes to represent Wales at the Commonwealth Youth Games 2017 will be made according to this selection policy.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. The Wales Team for the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games will be selected as follows:

Friday 12 May 2017 – Selection Stage

CRITERIA

Note: Performance Timelines will be from 01 January 2016 to 08 May 2017

2.4 An athlete will be considered for selection to the Wales Team delegation at the Selection Stage where he / she has achieved the following:

2.5. Member of the Talent Cymru Development Programme.

2.6. Placed 1 - 5 at 2016 Cadet British Championships

or

2.7. 1 x European Cup medal in 2016 – 2017; Cadet

3. In the instance of more than two athletes achieving the same levels of performance set out in sections 2 in any one weight category, the Selection Panel shall decide which athlete(s) to select taking into account the factors listed in section 4 and the provisions of section 5.

4. When considering selections, in addition to the level of performance achieved by an athlete, the Selection Panel shall take into account, and give such weight as it considers appropriate, to the following factors:

4.1. An **athlete's** potential to win a medal;

4.2. An **athlete's** past results (Note: when considering '**results**', factors other than the final placing may be taken into account – these factors may include such things as the standard of the event, the draw, the opposition, officiating, injury and any other factors that may have influenced the final results);

4.3. An **athlete's** stage of development and their ability to win a medal in the future;

4.4. An **athlete's** commitment to the Wales Programme – this may include attendance record at National Judo Centre, completion of athlete monitoring system and competitions (Note: when considering '**attendance**', factors such as performance, attitude and punctuality may be taken into account);

4.5. Current weight and the ability to make the fighting weight;

4.6. Current level of physical fitness;

4.7. Current and previous medical / injury history;

4.8. An **athlete's** suitability as a team member and/or as an ambassador for Welsh Judo (Note: when considering '**suitability**', factors such as behaviour and previous disciplinary record will also be taken into account).



5. If, after the Selection Panel has completed its consideration and selection of athletes under sections 2, 3 and 4, there are still spaces available in the Team Wales delegation, the Selection Panel may then consider and select additional athletes to complete a full team delegation if the Selection Panel deems such selection(s) would be beneficial to Welsh Judo and/or the longer term development of the athlete(s) concerned. There shall be no obligation on the Selection Panel to select any athlete.

SELECTION PANEL

6. The Selection Panel shall comprise: the WJA Performance Coach and the WJA Performance Support Staff.

7. The Performance Coach shall be responsible for ensuring that due process is followed and decisions are made in accordance with this selection policy.

8. Any selection decisions shall be made by way of a majority decision. In the event of a tie, the Performance Coach shall have the deciding vote.

9. The Recording Officer of the Selection Panel will document 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.

10. Any individual involved in the selection process must declare any association / conflict of interest concerning any athlete being considered for selection.

COMMUNICATION OF SELECTIONS

12. Once selections have been made by the Selection Panel, these will be immediately communicated to the relevant athletes by email and published on the Welsh Judo website/media.

FITNESS

13. Athletes may be required to undergo fitness tests and/or 'fit to compete' tests at any time.

DE-SELECTION

14. The Selection Panel shall have the power to de-select an athlete at any time if that athlete:

14.1. does not fully participate in the event preparation and Welsh Judo programme;

14.1. fails to adhere to the Welsh Judo weight policy;

14.3. fails to comply with any applicable anti-doping regulations;

14.4. in the opinion of medical staff, becomes medically unfit to compete as a result of injury or illness;

14.5. receives a suspension which prevents him from competing;

14.6. in the opinion of the Welsh Judo Performance Coaches, fails to demonstrate the level of fitness expected;

14.7. is guilty of misconduct or bad behavior which Welsh **Judo's** Performance Coaches consider is sufficiently serious;

14.8. acts in any way which is deemed to be detrimental to Welsh Judo and/or its sponsors / partners.



15. Any athlete being considered for de-selection shall be notified by the Selection Panel before any decision is made in this regard. Such notification must be in writing and must set out brief details of the reason(s) why the athlete is being considered for de-selection (**'De-selection Notice'**). That athlete shall then have the opportunity to provide his / her response to the points / issues raised in the De-selection Notice. Such response must be in writing and must be received by the Selection Panel within 48 hours of the **athlete's** receipt of the De-selection Notice. The Selection Panel shall take into consideration any response received by an athlete.

16. Once selection change(s) have been confirmed, these will be immediately communicated to the relevant athlete(s) by email and published on the Welsh Judo website/social media.

17. The Selection Panel shall have the ability to replace any de-selected athlete(s). Athletes being considered as replacements under this section 17 will be considered on an individual basis taking into account the factors listed in section 4 and section 5.

SELECTION PANEL DECISIONS

18. Subject to section 19, and without prejudice to the Selection **Panel's** ability to de-select athletes in accordance with the provisions set out in sections 14 to 17, the decisions of the Selection Panel shall be final.

19. An athlete may only appeal a selection or de-selection decision on the grounds that the Selection Panel failed to follow the applicable criteria. Appeals through the WJA Appeals Commission are the only method of appeal should an athlete wish to appeal a selection or de-selection decision. Any appeal must be made within 24 hours of the selection or de-selection decision being communicated to the athlete. The WJA Appeals Commission will be made up from the WJA Conduct & Complaints Commission and Welsh Judo Association CEO.