



SELECTION CRITERIA
2023 KATA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi
28-29 October, 2023



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Selection of Athletes to represent Australia at the 2023 Kata World Championships (**Competition**) will be made according to the criteria outlined in this document. Athletes will be selected in pairs.

1.2. A maximum of two pairs per kata will be selected per division.

1.3. The selection criteria for the Competition are underpinned by the following principle:

1.3.1. Australia will maximise its medal opportunities by selecting the current best performing Athletes.

1.3.2. Australia may select athletes with prior medal winning performances from high level international events to maximise its medal opportunities.

1.4. Selection of athletes under this policy will be conducted by the National Kata Selection Committee (NKSC), comprising of the following members:

- National Kata Commission – Chair
- National Kata Commission – Committee Member (1)
- National Kata Commission – Committee Member (2)
- National Grading Committee – Chair
- National Grading Committee – Committee Member (1)
- Independent Legal representative

1.4 The competition date is October 28th and 29th, 2023.

2. IJF POTENTIAL ALLOCATIONS – Final allocations will be subject to IJF Program release.

2.1. Nage-no-Kata

2.1.1. Senior

2.1.2. Junior (Under 23)

2.1.3.

2.2. Kateme-no Kata

2.2.1. Senior

2.2.2. Junior (Under 23)

2.3. Ju-No-Kata

2.3.1. Senior

2.3.2. Junior (Under 23)

2.4. Kime-No-Kata

2.4.1. Senior

2.4.2. Junior (Under 23)

2.5. Goshin-Jutsu

2.5.1. Senior

2.5.2. Junior (Under 23)

2.6. Australia may decide not to use the maximum quota of Athletes and may not send athletes in all Kata categories.

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

3.1. To be eligible for consideration for selection for the Competition, an Athlete must satisfy the following requirements:

- a) be an Australian citizen;



- b) be a financial member of and be in good standing with JA and the Combat Institute of Australia (CombatAUS);
- c) have no outstanding debt with JA or CombatAUS;
- d) have signed the current JA Team Member Agreement;
- e) not by their actions or omissions brought themselves, JA, CombatAUS, or the Team into disrepute or censure;
- f) be under/directly involved in any investigation by Sport Integrity Australia or State or Federal Police.
- g) be at least 1st Dan, black belt; with the exception of Under 23's.
- h) hold a valid IJF ID Card.

4. SELECTION PROCEDURE

All Athletes considered for selection must meet the Eligibility Requirements as stated above at the date of selection, which will be at the conclusion of the National Championships in June 2023. Special consideration will be given to athletes who complete their Sho Dan between the National Titles and one week prior to the Competition date.

Eligible athletes will be considered for selection for the Competition in either one of the following pathways;

- 4.1.1. **Pathway A** - Participation in the current National Championships, in the nominated Kata and achieving a gold or silver medal performance. The minimum performance score is set at 85%.
- 4.1.2. **Pathway B**: Participation in two or more JFA Inc. sanctioned Kata competitions and achieving the mean average of 80% performance score, in the nominated Kata.

- 5. Athletes must also meet the relevant criteria set down within the JA Eligibility Criteria (3.1) before they will be endorsed for national representation at international events. This includes WADA & specific selection criteria for the range of international IJF events and activities.

- 5.1.1. Eligible athletes who have finished top 3 at the National Championships in the 12-month period prior to the date of selection will be considered for selection first.
- 5.1.2. Eligible athletes who win a minimum of three medals at an JA National Event Series event in the 12-month period prior to the date of selection will be considered for selection second.
- 5.1.3. Eligible athletes who do not satisfy the requirements in clause 4.1.1 to 4.1.5 above may be considered for selection to fill the remaining quota positions for the Competition at the absolute discretion of the NKSC. In exercising this discretion, the NKSC will consider several factors, including (without limitation and in no particular order):
 - a) IJF World Ranking;
 - b) National Ranking Points;
 - c) Quality of international results;
 - d) A pairs stage of development and future potential to perform at benchmark events;
 - e) A pairs technical and tactical competence;
 - f) A pairs current fitness level; and

In applying the decision making process the NKSC will rate each potential athlete according to a traffic light system and the athlete assessed the highest overall will be the athlete selected for the remaining position(s).

- 5.2. The NKSC may (at its absolute discretion) select reserve pairs for the Competition.

- 5.3. The NKSC will make decisions relating to any unforeseen circumstances relating to selections in their absolute discretion.



5.4. The JA CEO will have final approval of all selections at their discretion.

6. DISCLOSURE OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Judo Australia Code of Conduct (the Code) requires volunteers, selectors, and employees to take reasonable steps to avoid any conflict of interest, real or apparent, in connection with their role.

A real conflict of interest occurs where there is a conflict between their duty and personal interests of an athlete that improperly influences the outcome of their task.

An apparent conflict of interest occurs where it appears that an employee's personal interests could improperly influence the performance of his or her duties but this is not in fact the case.

The appearance of a conflict can be just as damaging to athlete and member confidence in public administration as a conflict which gives rise to a concern based on objective facts.

Conflicts of interest, real or apparent, cannot always be avoided. Where this is the case, the Code requires all members of Judo Australia to disclose details of any material personal interest of the member in connection with their role.

Athletes should have every confidence in the integrity of the Judo Australia Selection Committee, and to know that the Judo Australia Selection Committee or employee's personal interests do not conflict with his or her duties. The management of any conflict is managed by Judo Australia CEO.

7. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

In considering athletes' performances under these criteria, the NSC may consider and approve "extenuating circumstances".

For the purposes of this clause, extenuating circumstances means an inability to compete, attend training camps or perform at an optimum level arising from:

- a) Injury or illness;
- b) Bereavement or personal misfortune;
- c) Any other factors reasonably considered by the NSC to constitute extenuating circumstances.

A decision as to whether Extenuating Circumstances may apply to an athlete will be made by the NKC on an individual case by case basis and will be specifically noted in the selection announcement. There is no appeal against any decision made in respect of extenuating circumstances.

8. INJURY/ILLNESS OF TEAM MEMBER

8.1. Athletes are required to report all performance limiting injuries, illnesses, conditions or medical operations that occur prior to or after their selection for the Competition. Reporting includes providing medical evidence to the Kata Commission Chair relating to the assessment, treatment and rehabilitation plan.

8.2. An injured selected pair who is unable to undergo full training two weeks period prior to departure for the Competition, may be withdrawn from the Team and replaced with the highest ranked reserve pair as determined by the Kata Commission

9. APPEALS

Athletes may appeal their non-selection to the Competition by the National Kata Committee. Appeals will be conducted in accordance with, and will be governed by, the procedure provided in the JA Selection Appeal Policy.



10. KEY DATES

Dates	Activity
Friday 7 th July, 2023	Application for Australian Kata Team Open
Sunday 23 rd July, 2023	Applications for representation close COB
Monday 5 th August, 2023	Australian Team Announcement
28-29 October, 2023	World Kata Championships – Abu Dhabi