



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND SELECTION CRITERIA

RHINE-RUHR 2025 FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

Essen, Germany

20 - 27 July, 2025



1. INTRODUCTION

Judo Australia (JA) is seeking expressions of interest (EOI) from athletes to compete at the 2025 Rhine-Ruhr Summer World University Games to be held in Germany, from 16 – 27 July 2025. The Judo competition will take place between 23 - 26 July in the city of Essen. Athletes must arrive to Germany on the 20 or 21 July.

To be eligible for consideration, athletes must fulfil the International University Sports Federation (FISU) eligibility criteria **and** the JA nomination criteria. All National Sporting Organisations were asked to **only nominate** athletes who are categorised or are on National Development Squads. Athletes selected for the individual competition will be eligible to be entered for the mixed teams competition.

Weight Divisions will be as per the categories of the International Judo Federation (IJF), namely:

Male		Female	
	Under 60kg		Under 48kg
	Under 66kg		Under 52kg
	Under 73kg		Under 57kg
	Under 81kg		Under 63kg
	Under 90kg		Under 70kg
	Under 100kg		Under 78kg
	Over 100 kg		Over 78 kg

The FISU organising committee allows each country a maximum quota of 7 male and 7 female Athletes, with a maximum of one (1) Athletes per weight category.

Australia may decide not to use the maximum quota of Athletes and may choose not to send athletes in all weight categories.))

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

2.1. FISU eligibility criteria, athletes must be:

- an Australian Citizen;
- aged between 18 and 25 on 31 December of the year of the event (that is, born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2007); and
- currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at the university or similar institute, the status of which is recognised by <http://www.teqsa.gov.au/national-register>, or
- a former students of the institutions mentioned above who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the year preceding the event (i.e. graduated after August 2023).

Please note: deferred students are not eligible for selection.

Athletes wishing to be considered for selection need to complete and submit the FISU Certificate of Academic Eligibility to uniroos@unisport.com.au. The certificate must be completed by the athlete and then given to their respective universities to be signed and stamped with the University Seal.

For assistance, athletes should contact their university Elite Athlete Coordinator or sports office.



2.2. Sport Specific Conditions for Nomination:

Athletes must also fulfil the following Judo Australia conditions to be considered for selection:

- be a financial member of and be in good standing with JA and the Combat Institute of Australia (CombatAUS);
- have no outstanding debt with JA or CombatAUS;
- not by their actions or omissions brought themselves, JA, CombatAUS, or the Team into disrepute or censure;
- be at least 1st Dan, black belt;
- actively participates in national programs (NES events and National camps);
- be a JA categorized athlete or be on one of the JA Development Squads; and
- hold a valid IJF ID Card;

3. SELECTION PROCEDURE

All Athletes considered for selection must complete and submit the EOI form by 31 March 2025. They must ensure they meet the eligibility requirements as stated above at the date of selection, which will be after the Melbourne International Open on Monday, 7 April 2025.

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

- CombatAUS Performance Pathway Manager (Chair);
- JA General Manager of Performance and Pathways;
- JA Junior National Coach;
- JA Cadet National Coach; and
- A legal representative to ensure due process is followed.

3.2. Eligible athletes will be considered for selection for the Competition in the following priority order:

3.2.1. Eligible Athletes who ranked highest on the Senior National Points Table (SNPT) in their respective weight will be the first Athletes considered for selection.

In the event that two or more Athletes in a single weight division have equal highest points, the Athlete who achieved the best result at the 2024 National Championships will be the first Athlete considered for selection under clause 3.2.1.

3.2.2. Eligible athletes who ranked highest on the Junior National Points Table (JNPT) in their respective weight categories considered for selection second.

In the event that two or more Athletes in a single weight division have equal highest points, the Athlete who achieved the best result at the 2024 National Championships will be the first Athlete considered for selection under clause 3.2.2.

If the number of eligible athletes considered for selection under 3.2.1 – 3.2.2 is above the quota limit of 7 athletes per gender, the Athletes who achieved better international results as determined by the NSC (and if they are still even, at the absolute discretion of the NSC) will be the Athlete considered for selection under 3.2.1. to 3.2.2.

3.3. The NSC may (at its absolute discretion) select reserve Athletes for the Competition providing they meet the eligibility criteria set out in 2.1 and 2.2.



3.4. The NSC has absolute discretion to make decisions it deems necessary to due to any unforeseen circumstances that may arise before, during or after selection.

3.5. All selections are subject to final approval by the Judo Australia CEO.

4. 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.

5. 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 NSC 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.

6. INJURY/ILLNESS OF TEAM MEMBER

- 6.1.** 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 High-Performance team (JA GM of Performance and Pathways, National Coaches, AW&E Manager) relating to the diagnosis or assessment, treatment and rehabilitation plan for the Athlete.
- 6.2.** An injured selected Athlete who is unable to undergo full training, including regular randori during the two weeks period prior to departure for the Competition, may be withdrawn from the Team and replaced with the highest ranked reserve athlete as determined by the HP team.

7. APPEALS

Athletes may appeal their non-selection to the Competition. Appeals will be conducted in accordance with, and will be governed by, the procedure provided in the [JA Selection Appeal Policy](#).

8. KEY DATES

Dates	Activity
31 March 2025	EOI Close
6 April 2025	End of selection period for the FISU University Games
7 – 10 April 2025	NSC performs selection process for the Competition
11 April 2025	Notification is communicated to selected Athletes and their Coaches via email
16 – 27 July 2025	FISU University Games (Judo competition is 23-26 July)

Athlete Expression of Interest Form for 2025 World University Games

Personal Details	
Name:	
Residential Address:	
Email:	
Mobile/Home Phone:	
Date of Birth:	
University/Tertiary Institution: (currently enrolled in or recently graduated from)	
Passport Details	
Are you an Australian citizen?	Yes / No
Passport Number:	
Country of Issue:	
Expiry Date:	
Judo Details	
Are you a current financial member of the JA?	Yes / No
Judo Club:	
Current Grade:	
Current National Points:	
Division/Weight Category:	

Please return this completed form, along with your signed/stamped FISU Certificate of Academic Eligibility to maria.pekli@ausjudo.com.au by no later than 5pm on Monday 31 March 2025.

