

Purpose

This policy is used to select Team BC for the Canadian Open Judo Championships scheduled for May 14-17, 2026 in Calgary, Alberta. The Judo BC Athlete Development Committee is responsible for development and implementation of this policy. The policy has been designed to ensure athletes are capable of competing at this level of competition based on the [Judo Canada Long Term Development Model](#) (LTDM). Athletes, coaches and parents are asked to review this Selection Criteria including the Rules and Regulations for Selection to Provincial Teams. If you have further questions, please contact the Judo BC office at executivedirector@judobc.ca.

General Eligibility

- 1) Athletes must be in good standing with Judo BC in order to be selected to the team;
- 2) Athletes must be Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident;
- 3) Athletes must sign a Judo BC Code of Conduct form. A parent’s signature is required for minor athletes ;
- 4) Parents must sign a Judo BC Parents Code of Conduct form and complete the [Respect in Sport for Parents](#) online module (~\$15). This applies to U16, U18 & U21 athletes.

This selection criteria is separate from the **Judo BC Provincial Team Program Selection Criteria** which is posted on <http://www.judobc.ca/team-bc/team-selection/>. Athletes selected for the Provincial Team Program will meet all the criteria listed in this document as well as additional events and trainings. Athletes with the goal of representing Canada in international competition including World Championships and the Olympics are strongly recommended to apply for the Provincial Team Program.

Selection Events

The following is a list of Selection Events to help athletes prepare for the National Championships and other high-level competitions (please refer to the Judo BC newsletter/website for accurate dates, locations and registration information for all events):

<p>Selection Tournaments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peak Judo Tournament - SFU Burnaby – Oct. 24-26, 2025 • Steveston Junior – Richmond – Nov. 29, 2025 • BC Provincial Championships, Abbotsford - Feb 6-8, 2026 • Pacific International – Richmond – Mar 13-15, 2026 • Judo Canada Domestic Points Shiais: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ontario Open – Oct 17-19, 2025 ○ Manitoba Open - Oct 30-Nov 1, 2025 ○ Quebec Open - Nov 7-9, 2025 ○ Canada Cup – Nov 13-16, 2025 (U18+) ○ Sask Open - Jan 23-25, 2026 ○ Edmonton - March 6-8, 2026 	<p>Selection Camps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nationals camp, Calgary - May 2025 • HP Summer camp, UBC - Aug 15-17, 2025 • Nex Gen Camp, Montreal – Aug 18-22, 2025 • Fall Inter-Provincial camp, Vernon - Sept 26-28, 2025 • Montreal camp - Nov 10-12, 2025 • BC Winter decentralized camp, Multiple locations - Dec 27-30, 2025 • Edmonton Int Camp – Edmonton - Mar 9-11, 2026 • Spring Inter Prov Camp April 17-19, 2026 – Fort Sask
<p>Provincial Team Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please refer to the Judo BC Calendar of Events for the schedule for provincial team practices • Extra camp trainings may count towards Provincial practices (requires approval from SDD) 	<p>Regional Team Practices or Regional Shiai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional practices and shiais (Friday-Sunday only) must be inclusive of all clubs in the region and have a minimum of 3 clubs present and be for a duration of 2 hours per practice.

To be eligible to compete with Team BC at the National Championships, athletes must:

- Follow the General Eligibility guidelines (above);
- All athletes must reach the minimum standard 6/7 of the Judo BC Fitness tests for their respective age group; Athletes need to submit fitness test results 2 weeks before the Nationals registration deadline; <https://www.judobc.ca/team-bc/#team-bc-physical-testing-benchmarks>
- Select events from the Selection Tournaments and Selection Camps (above);
- Follow the criteria in their appropriate age category (below);
- Attend at least one out of province event *WITH* Team BC (or regional Training group, ie: VRTC) before the next Nationals (event could be out of province shiai or out of province camp);
- All exemption requests must be submitted to the Judo BC Athlete Development Committee at least 2 weeks **before** the Team BC Nationals Registration deadline;
- **Parents must complete [Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders](#) (~\$15)**

U16-U18-U21**Athletes must attend minimum of:**

- Pacific International Open
- BC Provincial Championships
- One (1) open, regional shiai
- One (1) pre-approved out-of-province event
- Minimum of three (3) selection camps
- Combination of regional team practices, provincial practices and regional shiais - minimum 12 per year

Seniors (21 years old and older)**Athletes must attend minimum of:**

- Pacific International Open
- BC Provincial Championships
- Minimum 10 per year – choice of: regional team practices and provincial practices
- U16, U18, U21 athletes wishing to compete at the Senior National Championships must meet the U21 criteria and also obtain approval from the Judo BC Sport Development Director.

Veterans and Ne Waza

Athletes interested in competing in the Judo Canada Veteran and Ne Waza National Championships must attend:

- One (1) provincial training camp or provincial level shiai
- Must register with Judo BC by the Team BC Nationals registration deadline in March
- Names will be forwarded to Judo BC Sport Development Director and Athlete Development Committee for review.
- Participation for these categories at Nationals is on a self-funded basis.

Kata**Katas: Nage No Kata, Ju No Kata, Katame No Kata, Goshin Jitsu, Kime No Kata**

Kata pairs must:

- Compete as a team at one (1) Judo BC Kata competition and one (1) Judo Canada Kata competition
- Attend at least one (1) kata clinic between August-April
- All Kata competitors must register with Judo BC by the Team BC Nationals registration deadline in March

- Final team selections will be approved by the Judo BC Athlete Development Committee, based on recommendations from the Provincial Competitive Kata Committee
- Participation for this category at Nationals is on a self-funded basis.

Rules and Regulations For Selection To Judo Canada Open National Championships

1. **Selection Criteria must be met by March 15 of the current season.** If events are scheduled after this date, proof of registration must be provided.
2. All exemption requests must be submitted to the Judo BC Athlete Development Committee at least 2 weeks **before** the Team BC Nationals Registration deadline in March.
3. All Judo BC athletes are encouraged to attend regional training sessions and/or regular team workouts in their area.
4. Athletes must sign-in for all sessions at training camps to receive participation points.
5. If an athlete is unable to attend all sessions of training camps, they must notify the Sport Development Director in writing prior to the camp. If an athlete misses more than 25% of the camp sessions, they will not receive credit for the camp, but will still receive points similar to a Provincial practice.
6. Athletes who wish to compete in out-of-province events, must receive prior approval from the Athlete Development Committee and Head Coach if they wish to receive credit for these events. Please submit your request in writing to Judo BC at least one week in advance of the out-of-province event.
7. It is the athlete's responsibility to contact Judo BC if there are any errors or omissions in the Team eligibility tracking spreadsheet ASAP.
8. Application for all special circumstances exemptions must be communicated to the Judo BC office prior to the day of the event. Where that communication is verbal, the athlete will follow-up within seven days with written documentation as required (e.g. medical certificate).
9. Medical exemptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Head Coach in consultation with the Athlete Development Committee. To qualify for a medical exemption, the athlete, parents or personal coach must notify Judo BC as per the Special Circumstances clause above. A medical note signed by a physician must be provided stating the nature of the injury, the date the injury occurred and the anticipated date of return to training and competition.
10. If an athlete receives a medical exemption, they will receive participation credit for that event. Follow-up documentation must be submitted to the Judo BC office from the athlete's doctor before the athlete can compete in the next event (doctor's clearance note).
11. Athletes will only be granted 2 medical exemptions. Events missed after 2 medical exemptions will not be counted as medical exemptions.
12. If an athlete is injured or becomes ill during competition, their coach or parent must ensure the withdrawal is documented on the tournament draw sheets for recording purposes, and that the Head Coach and Judo BC office is notified within 24 hours of the competition.
13. An athlete selected by Judo Canada for an international or junior developmental event that is in conflict with a provincial selection event date will receive credit for the event in conflict. Conflict of dates will include 14 days prior to and after the international event.
14. Athletes training full time outside of the province or competing in approved out-of-province tournaments may be exempt from competing in selection events provided they make a special application in writing to the Judo BC office. Decisions will be made on the strength of the weight class within the province as well as the applicant's placing at the previous year's Provincial selection events and the National Championships.
15. Athletes training full time outside of BC, who wish to be selected for Team BC, must communicate with the Judo BC Head Coach and Athlete Development Committee on a regular basis (bi-monthly), advising of competitions attended and results.
16. An athlete with a current proven competitive record from another province who relocates to BC during the competitive season may be considered for selection. Application must be made to the Judo BC office prior to the final selection event.
17. All athletes are under the rules and disciplinary procedures of the Judo BC Policy and Procedures. All athletes are required to abide by these rules and regulations and shall agree to do so by signing the Athlete Code of Conduct before accepting a position on the team. A parent's signature is required for minor athletes.



Judo BC Team Selection Criteria for Open National Championships – 2025-26



18. Parent(s) of minor athletes are expected to abide by all rules and regulations contained in the Judo BC Selection Criteria (deadlines, athlete's curfews, etc.). A parent's action which causes an athlete to breach the Code of Conduct will not be considered as grounds to dismiss any disciplinary action on the part of Judo BC.
19. Any violation of the Code of Conduct may be dealt with on site at the discretion of the Coaching Staff. Breach of rules and regulations shall also be dealt with in accordance to the Judo BC Policy and Procedures. Copies of Judo BC's Policy and Procedures can be found on the Judo BC Website - <https://www.judobc.ca/governance/bylaws-and-policies/>
20. Any person who is of the view that a representative of Judo BC may be in a position of conflict of interest may report this matter to the Judo BC Board of Directors. Decisions that involve a real or perceived conflict of interest will be subject to the Judo BC Conflict of Interest Policy, Section 8, Part 5 of the Judo BC Policies and Procedures.
21. Athletes who fail to meet required deadlines, submit a signed Code of Conduct or remit payment for costs associated with their selection may forfeit their right to selection.
22. Judo BC reserves the right not to select a full team for any event.
23. All team selections are subject to the approval of the Judo BC Athlete Development Committee.