



2027 Canada Winter Games Quebec City, Quebec Judo BC Athlete Selection Criteria and Program Plan

This document outlines the criteria for selection to Team BC for the 2027 Canada Winter Games (CWG) taking place in Quebec City, Quebec, **February 27 to March 14, 2027**.

Travel, accommodation, meals, and uniforms are provided free of charge to all CWG selected athletes and coaches by **TEAM BC** (which is a Province of BC funded program managed by the BC Games Society with integration with Canadian Sport Institute-Pacific and Sport Med BC) and Judo BC. For more information about **TEAM BC** please visit - <https://www.teambc.org/>

Judo Canada High Performance Mandate

Judo Canada's mandate is to produce sustainable podium performances at Olympic Games, Senior World Championships, Junior World Championships and Cadet World Championships.

Judo BC Provincial High-Performance Definition

High-Performance (HP) in BC is the pursuit and achievement of excellence at the Train to Train and Train to Compete stages of the Judo Canada Long Term Development Model.

TEAM BC Program Description

Athlete Development

Team BC athletes are the next generation of junior national and senior national team athletes. Athletes are provided with enhanced training and competitive opportunities, science and medicine services and support with the goal of personal bests and podium performance at the Canada Winter Games.

Coach Excellence

Team BC coaches create optimal training and competition environments that prepare athletes to compete in a multi-sport Games environment. Team BC coaches are provided with planning, services and professional development support and have access to science and medicine practitioners to round out the coaches and athletes' development.

<https://www.canadagames.ca/sports/judo>

Eligible athletes:

- Born in 2009-2012 inclusive
- Minimum rank: green belt (at time of Games)
- Athletes must be Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents*
- Athletes must be Judo BC and Judo Canada members in good standing

* A permanent resident is defined as someone who has been granted permanent residency prior to the start of the Opening Ceremony of the CWG. Permanent residents have a Record of Landing (IMM

1000), a Confirmation of Permanent Residency (IMM 5292), a Permanent Resident Card, or any other document deemed eligible by immigration Canada as proof of their status.

Judo Canada will apply the early bloomer clause in the case when Provincial/Territorial Associations nominate athletes younger than born in 2009.

Weight categories:

Female: -44, -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, +70

Male: -50, -55, -60, -66, -73, -81, +81

Athlete Selection:

1. Any athlete that has Judo Canada Development carding by the end of the selection will automatically be selected for the CWG Team in the weight division in which they obtained their points;
2. The top 7 female athletes and the top 7 male athletes based on points will be selected to Team BC, with a maximum of 2 athletes per weight division. See below for information on points;
3. The selection tournaments for the Games will be the
 - 2026 Pacific International or 2026 Edmonton International
 - 2026 Open Nationals, and
 - Shiai in the Fall of 2026 (location TBD)
4. The shiai in the Fall will run CWG age and weight divisions that will be open to BC athletes only;
5. The best results of the athlete at each event in either U16, U18, U21 or seniors will count towards the selection points;
6. If athletes are tied in points after the Fall shiai:
7. If both athletes are in the same CWG weight division, they will be required to have a fight-off on the same day as the Fall shiai once the required rest time has been provided.
8. If not in the same division, the selection process could continue until the Quebec or Ontario Open.

2026 National events - Pacific International <u>or</u> Edmonton International			
U16 Gold - 20 points Silver - 10 points Bronze – 5 points	U18 Gold - 30 points Silver - 20 points Bronze - 10 points	U21 Gold - 40 points Silver - 30 points Bronze - 20 points	Senior Gold - 50 points Silver - 40 points Bronze - 30 points
2026 Open Nationals - Calgary			
U16 Gold - 40 points Silver - 30 points Bronze - 20 points 5 th - 10 points	U18 Gold - 50 points Silver - 40 points Bronze - 30 points 5 th - 20 points	U21 Gold - 60 points Silver - 50 points Bronze - 40 points 5 th - 30 points	Senior Gold - 70 points Silver - 60 points Bronze - 50 points 5 th - 40 points
Fall Shiai (September 12, 2026)			
U19 (2009-2012) as per the 2027 CWG eligibility			
Gold – 30 points	Silver – 20 points	Bronze – 10 points	

Please Note:

1. Minimum of 2 wins is required to receive points at any event;
2. Minimum of 8 participants per division for full points;
3. For divisions with 4 to 7 participants, athletes will receive 75% of points;
4. For divisions with 2-3 participants, athletes will receive 50% of points;
5. Athletes can only accumulate points in one category: U16, U18, U21 or seniors weight divisions at each event. Only the best result of the athlete will count towards the selection points;
6. Athletes cannot accumulate points at 2026 Pacific International and 2026 Edmonton International. The best result of the athlete in either competition will count towards the selection points;
7. Athletes can accumulate points in their appropriate weight category (ie. U16 M+73, U18 M-90 or U21 F+78, etc.), but points will be added to the appropriate CWG weight category (ie. M-50, M+81 or F-44, F+70);
8. Athletes that change their weight division for the final selection competition will have their points cut by 50% to determine their ranking;
9. If an athlete is ranked in the Top 10 with Judo Canada and they cannot attend a Team BC points event (above) due to injury or travel with the National Team, the athlete will receive the equivalent of Gold points for the U18 event. An exemption requested must be received in writing by the Judo BC office or Sport Development Director/Head Coach prior to the mandatory event.

Injury Exemption Criteria (Prior to a Mandatory Event)

If an athlete is injured prior to a mandatory event — including any Training Camp or Tournament identified in the official Training Plan — the following criteria applies:

1. Exemption Request
 - The athlete (or their coach) must submit an exemption request immediately upon confirmation of the injury.
2. Medical Documentation
 - A medical note from a licensed healthcare professional must be provided.
 - The note must include:
 1. A general description of the injury;
 2. Expected recovery timeline;
 3. Activity restrictions and estimated return-to-play date.
3. Submission Timeline
 - The exemption request and medical documentation must be submitted prior to the event, or within 48 hours if the injury occurs immediately before the event.
4. Committee Review
 - The Athlete Development Committee will review the documentation and may:
 - Accept the exemption, maintaining the athlete's standing within the program; and/or
 - Propose an alternative preparation plan (e.g., modified training, physical therapy, or technical assignments) to support the athlete's continued development during recovery.
5. Return-to-Training Clearance Note from a medical professional
 - A medical clearance note will be required before the athlete resumes full training or competition activities.

Expectations of athletes for Team BC CWG Development Plan for 2026-2027

1. Follow the yearly training plan of the Judo BC High-Performance Elite or Provincial A Team;
2. Compete in the Judo Canada National Open Championships in May 2026;
3. Participate in the Summer CWG preparation program. Based on the results from the 2026 Open Nationals, the top 3 ranked athletes in each weight category will also receive invitations to participate in the 2026 CWG Summer Preparation Program (3 female and 3 male invitations per weight class in total). Partial funding will be provided to these athletes. Additional Provincial team members will be welcome to join the program on a self-funded basis. More details to follow;
4. Attend minimum 2 training camps in 2026: Summer, Fall, Quebec or Winter camps;
5. Attend minimum 2 Team BC competitions in 2026 (Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Canada Cup in Montreal).

Additional Information

1. This Selection Criteria will be adopted by Judo BC and posted on the Judo BC website no later than November 2025 and distributed to clubs via email and to the Judo BC membership via our social media and bi-weekly e-newsletter.
2. Should amendments to the selection criteria become necessary after the criteria has been adopted, amendments will be clearly communicated to all clubs via email and to the Judo BC membership via our social media and bi-weekly e-newsletter. Amendments will only be considered by the Sport Development Director/Head Coach upon the recommendation of the Athlete Development Committee.
3. Athletes training full time outside of BC, who wish to be selected for the 2027 Canada Winter Games, must communicate with the Judo BC Sport Development Director/Head Coach on a regular basis (bi-monthly), advising on training, testing, competitions attended and results.
4. An athlete who isn't meeting, or is unable to meet, any of the commitments outlined in the High-Performance Team yearly training plan for any reasons (i.e. injury, school, family) will be assessed by the Sport Development Director/Head Coach on a case-by-case basis and in consultation with the Development Centre and Club Coach. Athletes will be required to provide a doctor's note, letter from the school or family, if an exemption from a specific commitment (i.e. training camp, tournament) is being requested.
5. Requests for exemptions will only be considered if received in writing by the Judo BC office or Sport Development Director/Head Coach prior to a mandatory event.
6. If a selected athlete is unable to attend the CWG due to injury or illness their spot will be offered to the athlete with highest points on the ranking list, providing TEAM BC and CWG athlete registration deadlines and commitment to the program have been met, including maximum number of athletes allowed per weight category.
7. 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.
8. Judo BC reserves the right to not select a full team for any event.

Appeals

Appeals will only be considered on a case-by-case basis for those athletes that were ill or injured during the season in question.