NATIONAL TEAM HANDBOOK

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Purpose:

The purpose of the National Team Handbook is to keep athletes and coaches informed about Judo Canada's High Performance policies. It is the responsibility of athletes and coaches to read and understand the material in this handbook. If you are not clear on a certain policy please contact the National Coaching Staff, the High Performance Chair or the Athlete's Representative for further explanation (see Contact Persons on page 3).

Limitations:

Certain policies may be changed from time to time. A policy change is considered effective upon its date of publication by Judo Canada, unless otherwise noted in the change notice. A change is deemed to be "published" on the date that the notice of change is mailed to the provinces from the national office. Policy changes will also be posted on Judo Canada's website and we encourage you to visit it regularly.

Feedback:

If you have specific recommendations with respect to policies contained in this manual please direct them in writing to the office of Judo Canada. Written feedback is the only way to ensure full circulation of your ideas to the technical staff and High Performance Committee.

Athletes covered by the Handbook:

Policies specified in this Handbook apply to all judoka identified as members of the National Team, Development team, other judokas selected by Judo Canada, as well as to all Canadian athletes who participate in events identified in this publication.

The High Performance committee of Judo Canada essentially deals with and is responsible for carded athletes, junior (U21) world team members, cadet (U18) world team members, senior world team members and Olympic team members.

International Competition Access:

Judo Canada does not have the resources to send athletes to all the international events that Canada may be invited to. A list of events that are "open" to the provinces will be published on Judo Canada's website, along with the selection criteria or standards and application deadlines. It is the responsibility of provincial associations to apply for selection to such events on behalf of its provincial athletes by the indicated deadlines.

Athletes' Coordinates:

To ensure that they receive National Team correspondence, athletes are responsible to provide Judo Canada with their postal address, e-mail address and phone numbers. Keep Judo Canada's National Office updated on any changes to your coordinates.

The High Performance Committee (HPC) has for mission to:

- Provide advice and recommendations to the High Performance Director / Head Coach (HPD/HC) in matters pertaining to Judo Canada's High Performance system and programs.
- Ensure that High Performance programs are implemented according to policies.

The High Performance Committee is the authoritative body to interpret policies in this handbook and may assign duties and responsibility as needed to ensure the day to day work of the committee is implemented.

National team issues may arise from time to time that are not covered by Technical Policies. In such case the High Performance Committee will be the authoritative body that shall bring recommendations forward to the President of Judo Canada before a final decision is made (see Contact Persons, Page 3).

Policy 2 Definition of a "Win"

The National Team Handbook definition of a win, in particular for team selection, international rankings and carding, is defined as follows:

"A win is an advancement in the draw sheet, only as a result of the match being initiated (both competitors must make contact under fighting conditions)."

This means that "fusen-gachi" or a "bye" will not be considered as a win.

To ensure a beneficial and valuable competitive experience for the development of the athlete, all athletes must demonstrate their readiness to compete at each international level by meeting minimum performance standards, as set out in the table below. An athlete's eligibility is determined by their National Team Classification, which is in turn determined by performance in the past two seasons. Athletes must also have competed in the most recent Canadian Senior National Championships, unless granted exemption by the High Performance Committee (Note: to request an exemption to the High Performance Committee see Policy 12 "Exemption request procedure").

Tournaments Ranking Grid

Level	Tournaments	Gold	Silver / Bronze	5th	7th	3/4 wins Not Ranked	2 wins Not Ranked
Α	World Championships, Olympic	300	240	180	120	90	60
	Games	Α	A 100	A 120	A	В	С
В	IJF Masters; Grand Slams: Tokyo,	240	180	120	90	60	40
	Paris, Baku, Russia Abu Dhabi & others;	Α	Α	Α	В	С	D
	Grand Prix: Dusseldorf						
С	Grand Prix: Dusseldon Grand Prix: Zagreb, Almaty,	180	120	90	60	40	30
	Tashkent, Qingdao, Jeju, Samsun,	Α	A	В	C	D	E
	Havana, Budapest, Ulaanbaatar,	, ,		_			_
	Tblissi; Continental Open: Sofia,						
	Oberwart, Warsaw, Prague						
D	Continental Open : Madrid, Lisbon,	120	90	60	40	30	20
	Tallinn, Minsk, Rome, Glasgow, FISU	Α	В	C	D	E	F
	Games						
	U21 World Championships						
E	Pan-Am Champs/Games;	90	60	40	30	20	15
	Continental Open: Taipei, Australia,	В	С	D	E	F	G
	Mauritius, Montevideo, Buenos						
	Aires, San Salvador, Chili, Miami;						
	U18 World Championships /YOG,						
	EJU SR Cup: Slovenia & Germany Arlon (Senior) / Visé						
F	Other EJU Sr Cups:	60	40	30	20	15	10
'	Francophone Games,	C	D	E	F	G	10
	Commonwealth Games,			-			
	US Open, Panam Festival						
G	EJU JR Cups, Bremen/Thüringen Jr.,	40	30	20	15	10	
	Arlon (JR.) Commonwealth	D	E	F	G		
	Championships Sr; Swiss Open						

- 1. The classification of international tournaments is determined by the High Performance Committee on a yearly basis.
- 2. The High Performance Committee may add or reclassify a tournament during the year by giving six (6) weeks' notice prior to the event.

- 3. Only the international tournaments listed in Policy 3 are considered for standards and points.
- 4. For F & G tournaments the participation of provincial coaches is mandatory for any province sending five (5) or more athletes.

Policy 4

Determination of Standards

- 1. National Team standards will be awarded according to performance, as indicated in the tournament ranking grid (grid).
- 2. A ranking (top 8 or more) with two wins warrants one standard below that indicated in the grid.
- 3. A ranking in weight class with 5 to 7 contestants' warrants one standard below.
- 4. No standard will be given for less than 5 competitors and/or less than 3 countries in a weight class.
- 5. Standard achieved in one weight class, can be used as a minimum performance standard in one weight class above or below for events of C level and below. (Except for the IJF U21 World Championships).
- 6. Standards determine the eligibility to tournaments but are not used for selections unless specified otherwise in event specific selection criteria.
- 7. In rare situations, when 2 Canadian athletes place in the same weight class in the same tournament, and the higher placing athlete won less bouts in the tournament than the other Canadian(s) who placed lower, the athlete who placed higher, will be awarded a standard that is equal to the standard earned by the one who placed lower. (Example: 3 Canadians place in the top 3 at the US Open the silver medalist has 2 wins and the two bronze medalists have 3 wins each; in this case, the standard for the silver medal winner will be equal to the standard of the bronze medal winners who had 3 wins).
- 8. A standard is valid for a period of 24 months from the date it was accomplished directly (i.e. not by accumulation see point 9 below).
- 9. The A and B standards can be accomplished by an accumulation of B or C standards, respectively, as follows:
 - I. 3 X B results accomplished directly within a 12 months period, gives A standard.
 - II. 3 X C results accomplished directly within a 12 months period, gives B standard

The validity of an A or B standard accomplished by accumulation is 24 months minus the months of results accumulation. For example, if it took 4 months to accumulate three B results, the resulting A standard is valid for the next 20 months (i.e. 24 months – 4 months).

- 10.Results achieved in -44kg (Female), -55kg (Male), open weight and team tournaments do not count towards achieving standards.
- 11.To participate in an event your standard must be valid at the date of the event and not at the date of the selection for that event.

Policy 5

- 1. Points are restricted to IJF senior weight classes only (F-44 kg, M-55kg, open weight and team events are not eligible to earn points.)
- 2. Results of events that are held on an annual basis, every second year, or greater than two years apart, earn 100% points for a period of one year after the event and 50% for the 2nd year period as of the anniversary date of the event.
- 3. An athlete must have at least 2 wins to receive points.
- 4. Points awarded will reflect the competitiveness of each weight class through application of the following formula:
 - a. For 5 or more wins 120% points indicated in policy # 3; for 3 and 4 wins 100% points indicated in policy # 3; for 2 wins 80% points indicated in policy # 3 (for ranking of top 8 or better only).
 - b. For achievements in weight categories of 5 to 7 competitors: 75% of the points determined by the above formula.
 - c. No points will be given for achievements in weight categories of 4 or less competitors, or less than 3 countries in the weight class.
- 5. Results achieved in a weight class one above or below the athlete's normal weight class are divided in half after the above rules have been applied
- 6. Results achieved in a weight class two divisions above or below the athlete's normal division are divided by four after the above rules have been applied.
- 7. Special situation: Two or more Canadian athletes place in a same weight class in a same tournament. The highest placing Canadian won fewer bouts than the lower placed Canadian(s), and his fewer wins would award him less point than the lower placed Canadians. In this situation, the highest placing Canadian will be awarded the same points as the Canadian athlete(s) who placed below him. (Example: 3 Canadians place in the top 3 at the US Open. The Canadian silver medalist has 2 wins, and because of that would get less point than the two Canadian bronze medalists who have 3 wins each. In such a case, the silver medalist will receive equal points than the bronze medal winners).
- 8. A 30 points bonus will be added for a win against a current world championships or Olympics medalists of that weight class.

NOTE! Tournament draw-sheets are required for point calculation purposes. It is mandatory that all coaches traveling with the teams send all required documents to the Judo Canada office within 2 weeks after the completion or the competitive tour.

Domestic Tournaments Ranking Grid

Cat.	2013-2014 Tournaments	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Top 6
1	Senior Elite 8 Nationals	50	35	25	
		D	E	F (1	
				win)	
2	Senior Open Nationals	35	25	15	10
		E	F	G	
3	Quebec Open Sr,	25	15	10	7
	Ontario Open Sr	E	F	G	-
4	U21 National Open Champs,	15	10	7	
	Edmonton International Sr,	F	G	-	
	Pacific International Sr				
5	Saskatchewan Open Sr,	10	7		
	Eastern Canadian Champs Sr	G	-		
6	U18 Elite 8 Nationals	7			
		-			

Rules applied for all domestic events:

- 1. An athlete must have at least 2 wins to receive points
- 2. 3 to 7 competitors will give 80% of points indicated in the tables above;
- 3. For weight class with less than 3 competitors no points or standards will be given.
- 4. Points and standards earned cat. 2, 3, 4 and 5 tournaments are valid only for one year.
- 5. SENIOR ELITE 8 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Cat. 1)
 - Points and standard in this event count for 2 years (50% of points are awarded for results that are 1 year old or more)
 - Two gold medals in 2 consecutive Senior Elite 8 Nationals give a "C" standard

Policy 7

National Team Classification

The National Teams are named according to minimum performance standards achieved over the past two years.

National A team:
National B team:
Athletes eligible to attend category "A" competitions.
Athletes eligible to attend category "B" competitions.
Athletes eligible to attend category "C" competitions.
Athletes eligible to attend category "D" competitions.
Athletes eligible to attend category "E" competitions.
Athletes eligible to attend category "F" competitions.
Athletes eligible to attend category "F" competitions.
Athletes eligible to attend category "G" competitions.

Exceptional situation: An athlete could be given the permission to compete above his/her standard (up to B) for exceptional reasons:

- Tournament scheduling problems
- Athlete deemed by the Judo Canada coaching staff to have exceptional potential

- Athlete deemed by the Judo Canada coaching staff to have a full commitment to training and national team programs.
- Athlete must make request in writing prior to the registration deadline for tournament.

Policy 8 National Team Ranking

The National team ranking will be established using the points that are earned according to policies 3, 5 and 6.

The sum of 6 best performances (highest points scored) over the immediate past 24 months will be considered (50% of points for events older than 12 months) for selection purposes, athletes will be ranked in their respective weight class.

In a tied situation, the 7th best result will be used to break the tie and, if needed, the 8th, and so on.

Policy 9 Participation and Funding in International Events

Authority: Only members in good standing with Judo Canada and their respective provincial associations are eligible to represent Canada at international judo events. Judo Canada members must be approved by Judo Canada and respect minimum standard requirement for participation in international events.

For certain events, Judo Canada may invite provinces to apply to represent Canada. For such events, once sanction is approved, selection of athletes, coaches and officials is the responsibility of the province. A minimum of one coach must be funded by the Province. Judo Canada's sanction is not required for international club tournaments and exchanges.

All participants sanctioned to represent Canadian judo fall under the jurisdiction and discipline code of Judo Canada regardless of the source of support.

Insurance: All participating athletes must have medical insurance which covers injuries sustained in sporting events. If proof of coverage is not provided by the athlete, JC will automatically take out coverage for any selected athlete for the duration of that project to fulfill IJF requirements.

Standards: For IJF tournaments listed in categories 'A' through 'G' of Policy 3, minimum performance standards (see Policy 7) apply AND the athlete must have competed in the most recent Canadian Senior National Championships (unless an exemption was granted).

Minimum performance standards for athletes to participate in U18 & U21 international tournament (Note: this applies to non-USA events):

To participate in U18 or U21 international events an athlete must be identified as:

- NT Standard G or higher
- a Judo Canada Development card

- or achieve one of the following performances in his/her current age group:
 - o Gold Medal at 2015 U18 Elite 8 National Championships
 - o Gold Medal at 2014 U18 National Championships

Special permission might be granted by the High Performance Committee. A written request needs to be sent 15 days before the tournament application deadline. Factors to be considered by the High Performance Committee include Judo Canada Points Ranking and Standards, participation and performance at national training camps & testing, daily training commitment and performance at previous international events, if any.

Selection: Policy 15 provides selection criteria for a number of specific major events. For tournaments with limited entries without specific selection policies, the criteria that will be taken into consideration to select participants include:

- Judo Canada Points Ranking and Standards
- IJF World Ranking
- Carding status
- Participation and performance at training camps & testing
- Daily training commitment at National Training center
- Number of international events already attended

Funding

Unless specified otherwise in specific selection policy, these funding principles and priorities will be used for international competition funding allocation:

Cadet: Priority 1: E standard and better

Junior: Priority 1: C team and better

Priority 2: D & E standard, carded and ranked first in their respective weight class (in the

national team ranking)

Senior: Priority 1: Olympic and World medalist

Priority 2: "A" team, carded and ranked first in their respective weight class (in national

team ranking and Olympic selection process)

Priority 3: A and B team athletes ranked first in their respective weight class (in national

team ranking and Olympic selection process)

Priority 4: Athletes with strong possibilities to make Olympic Quotas

Other: If extra funding is provided to Judo Canada for certain events (e.g.: Pan Am Games, , Jeux de la Francophonie, Commonwealth Games), this extra funding will then be distributed according to the priorities as set in this Policy 9.

Application: Judo Canada will post on the JC website or distribute via email to their provincial staff a list of competitive opportunities and a "Notice of Application" and invite national team members to apply. All interested athletes who meet the minimum criteria must apply on-line using the JC International Event Registration Form at https://register.beanstream.com/scripts/registration.asp?form=2075 . An application is considered at the date of receipt of deposit (see Procedures below).

Procedures: For those athletes and delegation members not sponsored by Judo Canada, but traveling through Judo Canada, the following procedures will apply:

- 1. Athletes who are not funded for the event must include a \$1000 deposit with their registration, of which \$200 is non-refundable. The application will only be considered if a deposit has been made at the time of registration. Athletes who are not selected for the event will be refunded in full.
- 2. Athletes agree to pay the balance of the cost upon receipt of invoice from Judo Canada.
- 3. Invoices are based on actual cost and are due upon receipt. No administrative fees are applied.
- 4. Invoices that are 30 days overdue: individuals will receive a written reminder with a copy sent to the provincial association.
- 5. Invoices that are 60 days overdue: individuals will be contacted by the Judo Canada office to discuss payment. If no arrangements can be made the following steps will be taken:
 - A 10% service fee will be added to the invoice;
 - The individual automatically becomes a member not in good standing and all benefits and privileges are suspended this includes access to competitions, grading, carding, etc.; and
 - If reinstated, for all future travel arrangements the individual may be required to pay the amount of the trip in advance in full by credit card, certified check or money order.
- 6. For accounts overdue over 90 days, Judo Canada will inform the individual and charge the debt to the credit card number that was initially provided with the application.

If Judo Canada is sending a team to the same event, self-funded individuals must coordinate their travel and accommodation arrangements with Judo Canada. Self-funded individuals will be encouraged to travel on the same flights as the national team and to be eligible for ground transportation if provided by the international hosting committee. Out of respect for the host organizing committee, under no circumstances are individuals to contact the organizing committee directly.

Policy 10 Selection Notice

After the deadline of each Notice of Application, the National Office will post a list of selected athletes on the JC website outlining the following:

- Event
- List of Selected athletes by weight class
- Dates of travel
- Training camp dates (if applicable)

Selected athletes will also be notified by e-mail to the address they provided when they registered.

Athletes funded by Judo Canada to attend international events who do not make weight for the weight class for which they were selected, will be responsible for a full reimbursement of costs incurred.

For carded athletes failure to make weight is considered a breach of their carding contract.

Policy 12

Exemption request procedure

As a condition of selection, athletes are required to attend all training camps, testing and events required for preparation for the competition(s), as well as training camps planned for after the competition.

Exemptions from part of a program can be requested for exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances may include a death in the immediate family, an injury, or academic conflicts, such as exams.

- 1. Request must be made as soon as the problem is known. In the case of injury the request must be received within **7 days** of the occurrence of the injury.
- 2. The request must be made in writing, signed by the personal coach, stating the circumstances with supporting evidence by e-mail to hp@judocanada.org. Injury requests must include a medical certificate that indicates the type of injury, severity and estimated recovery time. Judo Canada has the right to seek a second medical opinion.
- 3. An injured athlete that is unable to undergo full training including regular scrimmage during the two week period prior to departure may be withdrawn by decision of the High Performance Committee.

The High Performance Committee will evaluate all requests and deliver its decision in writing. Such decision will be final and without appeal.

Policy 13 Fight-Off Procedure

Unless indicated otherwise in an event-specific selection policy, selection situations requiring a fight-off will follow the following fight-off procedures and will be held at the National Training Center:

- 1. The High Performance Committee Chair will appoint a "technical jury" that will include the Chief Referee to oversee the fight-off.
- 2. The referee team will all be at least National "A" certified. The Chairperson of the National Referee Committee will select the referee team. If the two contestants are from different provinces then the referee must be from a neutral province and the two judges must either come from the same provinces as the two contestants, or they must both come from neutral provinces. If the two contestants are from the same province then any combination can be used. I.J.F. rules will apply except where noted below or as indicated in the fight-off notice.

- 3. I.J.F. weight classes and weigh-in procedures will apply unless indicated otherwise in the fight-off notice.
- 4. Athletes will have a minimum of 30 minutes rest between matches. By mutual consent of the two contestants, an earlier start time may be agreed after the previous match has finished.
- 5. In the event of an injury, causing the withdrawal of a contestant from the current or subsequent match, the "technical jury" shall decide what further action to be taken.
- 6. The following cost shall be borne by Judo Canada: expenses of officials and minor officials (timekeepers, score board keepers).
- 7. To ensure there is no home-mat advantage, access to the shiai-jo will be limited to the following people: athletes in the fight-off; 2 coaches or designates per athlete in the fight-off; 1 representative per province involved in the fight-off; referees as needed; technical officials/staff; High Performance Committee members; Judo Canada President; Accredited members of the media; individuals appointed by the High Performance Committee Chair; all other persons are prohibited from attending the fight-off.
- 8. The format of fight-off (unless specified in Specific Team selection policies):
 - a. 2 athletes: best of 3 matches
 - b. For more than 2 athletes: single round robin.

Policy 14

Elite 8 Nationals Selection Policy

Elite 8 National Championships 2015 - Selection Policy
U18 & Senior (for top 8 ranked athletes per division in Canada)
January 10-11, 2015

Cadet (January 10th, 2015):

- 1. The top 7 athletes will be selected in each weight categories in the following order of priority:
 - 1) Carded athletes
 - 2) Athletes with an F standard or better
 - 3) Total points from National circuit: U16 and U18 Nationals 2014; U18 Quebec Open

2014 and U18 Ontario Open 2014, using this points distribution:

Gold: 10 Silver: 7 Bronze: 5

2. One athlete will be added as a wild card by the High Performance committee.

Senior (January 11th, 2015):

IJF senior weight categories:

On December 1st 2014, all athletes will be ranked according to the national team points as defined in the policies # 3 and # 4 of the 2014 National Team Handbook.

- The top 7 athletes in each category will be selected.
- One athlete will be added as a wild card by the High Performance committee.

Notes:

- 1) In exceptional circumstances the High Performance committee might add a 9th athlete in a weight
- 2) For Cadet categories; to obtain points for selection, a minimum of one win is required.
- 3) For Cadet, a minimum of 5 points is required to be selected.
- 4) For cadet ranking, 50% of the points are transferred in one weight class above.
- 5) Cadet: Gold medalists in every weight class will obtain minimum standard to compete in Bremen/Thuringia 2015.

15.1 2015 PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 24/26, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

I - INTRODUCTION

This selection procedure applies to the following weight classes:

Men (8)	Women (8)
Under 55kg	Under 44kg
Over 55kg and under 60kg	Over 44kg and under 48kg
Over 60 and under 66kg	Over 48 and under 52kg
Over 66 and under 73kg	Over 52 and under 57kg
Over 73 and under 81kg	Over 57 and under 63kg
Over 81kg and under 90kg	Over 63kg and under 70kg
Over 90kg and under 100kg	Over 70 and under 78kg
Over 100 kg	Over 78kg

The Pan-American Judo Confederation (PJC) allows each country a maximum quota of 10 male and 10 female athletes, with a maximum of two athletes per weight category.

II - ELIGIBILITY

 Athlete must have Canadian citizenship and be a member in good standing with Judo Canada to be eligible for selection

III-SELECTION PROCEDURE

Accumulation of points and standards for selection purposes concludes on March 2, 2015.

- 1. For IJF Olympic weight classes; only athletes with minimum E standard will be eligible.
- 2. All athletes who have met the eligibility criteria above will be ranked according to the national team points on March 2nd, 2015, as defined in the policies # 3 and # 4 of the 2014 National Team Handbook.
- 3. The athletes selected will be the highest ranked athletes in the National Point Ranking, as permitted by the PJC quotas for the men and women events.
- 4. If any quota spots are still available, there will be a selection for non-IJF weight class (e.g., 44kg & 55kg). For these non-IJF categories, the winner of the **2014 Québec Open** will be selected.

Note: should the PJC modify quota allocation, this selection procedure will be reviewed by the HP Committee.

IV - FUNDING

- 1. All selected athletes with A or B standard will be funded by Judo Canada.
- 2. All other selected athletes will have the opportunity to participate in this event on a self-funded basis. (Partial funding might be available if budget permits it)

V-TRAINING COMMITMENT

Judo Canada's Coaching Staff will design and lead the preparation program (competitions, camps, testing and training requirements) for the 2015 Pan- American Championships. Meeting the requirements of the preparation program is a condition of selection; a failure to live up to the preparation program, as determined by the coaching staff, may result in withdrawal of selection. Such a recommendation must be supported by the High Performance Committee.

VI - APPEALS TO SELECTION

Appeals to selection are limited to incorrect application of policy or procedures. In case of an appeal, a "Grievance Procedure" will apply as per current Judo Canada Policy.

VII - INJURY OF A TEAM MEMBER DURING PREPARATION PHASE

Athletes are required to report all performance limiting injuries or medical operations that occur after their selection. An injured athlete that is unable to undergo full training, including regular scrimmage during the two weeks period prior to departure, may be withdrawn from the team.

VIII - ALTERNATES

If substitution is needed, the substitute will be determined according to principles stated above. Final decision in this regard will be made by the High Performance Committee of Judo Canada.

IX - UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In case of any unforeseen circumstances arise during the selection process, the High Performance Committee of Judo Canada will rule on the course of action.

15.2 2015 PAN-AMERICAIN GAMES

July 11-16, 2015, Toronto, Ontario

I - INTRODUCTION

This selection procedure applies to the following weight classes:

Men (7)	Women (7)
Over 55kg and under 60kg	Over 44kg and under 48kg
Over 60 and under 66kg	Over 48 and under 52kg
Over 66 and under 73kg	Over 52 and under 57kg
Over 73 and under 81kg	Over 57 and under 63kg
Over 81kg and under 90kg	Over 63kg and under 70kg
Over 90kg and under 100kg	Over 70 and under 78kg
Over 100 kg	Over 78kg

II- ELIGIBILITY

- 1. Canadian citizenship is a requirement to be considered for selection.
- 2. For the Pan Am Games 2015, Canadian representatives in weight classes qualified according to the Pan American Judo Confederation (PJC) quota system will be eligible for selection. The nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee must be made June 3rd 2015.

FUNDING

Participation of selected athletes above is fully covered by the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) and/or by Judo Canada

III- SELECTION PROCEDURE

All athletes will be ranked according to the national team points on May 1st, 2015, as defined in the policies # 3 and # 4 of the 2014-2015 National Team Handbook.

The athletes selected will be the highest ranked athletes in the National Point Ranking in every weight class.

Note: The Pan-American Games might be in conflict with important world ranking event serving as Olympic Selection. In this case, the 2nd ranked athletes might be selected, conditional to approval by the athletes.

IV-TRAINING COMMITMENT

Judo Canada's Coaching Staff will determine the preparation program (competitions, camps, testing and training requirements). Failure to live up to the preparation program will be examined by the High Performance Committee and may result in a sanction that could include the withdrawal of the selection.

V- APPEALS TO SELECTION

Appeals to the selection are limited to incorrect application of policy or procedures. In case of an appeal, a "Grievance Procedure" will apply as indicated by current Judo Canada Policy.

VI - INJURY OF A TEAM MEMBER DURING PREPARATION PHASE

Athletes are required to report all performance limiting injuries or medical condition that could occur after their selection. An injured athlete that is unable to undergo full training, including regular scrimmage during the two weeks period prior to departure, may be withdrawn from the team.

VII- ALTERNATES

Judo Canada is under no obligation to select an alternate; however, if substitution is required, the substitute will be determined according to principles stated above. Final recommendations into this regard will be made by the High Performance Committee of Judo Canada.

VIII- SELECTION OF THE COACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF

Judo Canada's designated High Performance Staff will serve as team leader and coaches for this event.

IX- UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In the case where unforeseen circumstances arise during the selection process, the High Performance Committee of Judo Canada will recommend the course of action. In situations where major amendments (change to the merit of the selection procedure) are proposed to these published selection criteria, upon approval of these changes by the COC, a memorandum with the amended version of the criteria will be mailed from Judo Canada to the COC, all Provincial/Territorial Judo Associations; Coaching staff and all athletes involved in the selection process. This amended document will also be placed immediately on Judo Canada's website in replacement of the older version.

In situations where small adjustments are made, these, upon approval by the COC, will be communicated to all National Team Members and coaches of these athletes, no later than 4 weeks in advance of the affected event. This amended document will also be placed immediately on Judo Canada's website in replacement of the older version.

15.3 2015 U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS,

August 6-9, Sarajevo BIH

I - INTRODUCTION

This selection procedure applies to the following weight classes:

Men (8)	Women (8)
Under 50kg	Under 40kg
Over 50kg and under 55kg	Over 40kg and under 44kg
Over 55kg and under 60kg	Over 44kg and under 48kg
Over 60 and under 66kg	Over 48 and under 52kg
Over 66 and under 73kg	Over 52 and under 57kg
Over 73 and under 81kg	Over 57 and under 63kg
Over 81kg and under 90kg	Over 63kg and under 70kg
Over 90kg	Over 70

The IJF allows each country a maximum quota of 10 male and 10 female athletes, with a maximum of two athletes per weight category.

II - ELIGIBILITY

- 1. Athlete must have Canadian citizenship and be a member in good standing with Judo Canada to be eligible for selection.
- 2. The eligibility standards must be achieved in the same weight class in which the athlete is selected to compete in the U18 World Championships.
- 3. Eligibility standard:
 - a. G Standard
 - b. Top 8 in Bremen/Thuringia Cadet
 - c. Top 8 in EJU Cadet Open
 - d. Current u18 carded athlete

III-SELECTION PROCEDURE

Opportunity to achieve minimum standard concludes on May 20, 2015.

All athletes who have met the eligibility criteria above will be ranked according to the national team points, as defined in the policies # 3 and # 4 of the 2014 National Team Handbook. The top 10 male and 10 female athletes (maximum 2 per weight class) will be selected.

IV - FUNDING

Judo Canada will provide funding for the U18 World Championships for Olympic weight class only as follows:

- 1. "D": full JC funding of participation and preparation events
- 2. "E" or below: self-funded

V – MANDATORY TRAINING CAMPS AND EVENTS

All athletes must have participated in the following events to confirm their selection:

- Elite 8 National Championships u18 or Senior (January 10 and 11, 2015)
- Bremen/Thuringia Cadet 2015
- Open National Championships and camp (May 2015)
- Summer National Team Training Camp (date to be confirmed)

A failure to live up to the preparation program, as determined by the coaching staff, may result in withdrawal of selection. Such a recommendation must be supported by the High Performance Committee.

Should an athlete not be able to participate in one or more of the above events due to injury he/she may still be considered for selection but must send notice of injury, diagnostic and anticipated return to training to the HP Director at hp@judocanada.org within 7 days of the injury.

VI - APPEALS TO SELECTION

Appeals to selection are limited to incorrect application of policy or procedures. In case of an appeal, a "Grievance Procedure" will apply as per current Judo Canada Policy.

VII - INJURY OF A TEAM MEMBER DURING PREPARATION PHASE

Athletes are required to report all performance limiting injuries or medical operations that occur after their selection. An injured athlete that is unable to undergo full training, including regular scrimmage during the two weeks period prior to departure, may be withdrawn from the team.

VIII - ALTERNATES

Judo Canada is under no obligation to select an alternate. Only athletes who meet the minimum standard may be named as an alternate.

IX - UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In case of any unforeseen circumstances arise during the selection process, the High Performance Committee of Judo Canada will rule on the course of action.

15.4 2015 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 25-30 - Astana (Kazakhstan)

I - INTRODUCTION

This selection procedure applies to the following weight classes:

Men (7)	Women (7)
Under 60kg	Under 48kg
Over 60 and under 66kg	Over 48 and under 52kg
Over 66 and under 73kg	Over 52 and under 57kg
Over 73 and under 81kg	Over 57 and under 63kg
Over 81kg and under 90kg	Over 63kg and under 70kg
Over 90kg and under 100kg	Over 70 and under 78kg
Over 100 kg	Over 78kg

The IJF allows each country a maximum quota of 9 male and 9 female athletes, with a maximum of two athletes per weight category.

II - ELIGIBILITY

- 1. Athlete must have Canadian citizenship and be a member in good standing with Judo Canada to be eligible for selection.
- 2. The eligibility standards (as defined in the policies # 3 and # 4 of the National Team Handbook 2014-2015 edition) must be achieved in the same weight class in which the athlete is selected to compete in the World Championships.

III-SELECTION PROCEDURE

INITIAL SELECTION-May 1, 2015

Accumulation of points and standards for pre-selection concludes on May 1, 2015. Athletes who have met one of the standards below (and whose standard is valid as of the date of the 2015 World Championships), will be eligible for selection:

- 1. A* standard;
- 2. A standard;
- 3. B standard;

All athletes who have met the eligibility criteria above will be ranked according to the national team points, as defined in the policies # 3 and # 4 of the 2014 National Team Handbook. The top 9 male and 9 female athletes (maximum 2 per weight class) will be selected.

SECONDARY SELECTION - between May 2, 2015 and July 20th, 2015.

Should JC not fill the full IJF quota on May 1st, 2015, additional athletes may be added to the team. Athletes who meet one of the following standards by July 20, 2015 may be added to the team:

- A standard;
- B standard;
- C standard and an IJF ranking of top 22 (men) or top 14 (women) by taking into account one per country on the IJF ranking list (Olympic qualifying standard)

Any addition can't result in the removal of already selected athletes. Circumstances will be examined, as needed, by the High Performance Committee, and final selection and funding decisions taken accordingly.

IV - FUNDING

Judo Canada provides funding only to those athletes who have achieved their National "A" Team standard in the Olympic (not IJF) events, in the following order of priority:

- 1. "A" and no 1 in Canada Ranking and Olympic Ranking: full participation and preparation
- 2. "A" and no 1 in Olympic Ranking: full participation and partial preparation

Other "A" athletes and athletes with a "B" or "C" team standard at the time of the selection are eligible to participate in the Senior World Championships on self-funded basis or partially-funded (JC budget permitting, which may only be determined after the Worlds).

V-TRAINING COMMITMENT

Judo Canada's Coaching Staff will design and lead the preparation program (competitions, camps, testing and training requirements) for the 2015 World Championships. Meeting the requirements of the preparation program is a condition of selection and funding; a failure to live up to the preparation program, as determined by the national coaching staff, may result in withdrawal of selection. Such a recommendation must be supported by the High Performance Committee.

VI - APPEALS TO SELECTION

Appeals to selection are limited to incorrect application of policy or procedures. In case of an appeal, a "Grievance Procedure" will apply as per current Judo Canada Policy.

VII - INJURY OF A TEAM MEMBER DURING PREPARATION PHASE

Athletes are required to report all performance limiting injuries or medical operations that occur after their selection. An injured athlete that is unable to undergo full training, including regular scrimmage during the two weeks period prior to departure, may be withdrawn from the team.

VIII - ALTERNATES

Judo Canada is under no obligation to select an alternate. Only athletes who meet the National "A", or "B" standards, or who meet the C standard and an IJF ranking of top 22 (men) or top 14 (women), valid at the time of the World Championships, may be named as an alternate. Selection of alternates will be conducted according to Judo Canada Ranking as of July 22nd, 2015.

IX - UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In case of any unforeseen circumstances arise during the selection process, the High Performance Committee of Judo Canada will rule on the course of action.

15.5 2015 U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, 21-25 October (tbc)

I - INTRODUCTION

This selection procedure applies to the following weight classes:

Men (8)	Women (8)
Under 55kg	Under 44kg
Over 55kg and under 60kg	Over 44kg and under 48kg
Over 60 and under 66kg	Over 48 and under 52kg
Over 66 and under 73kg	Over 52 and under 57kg
Over 73 and under 81kg	Over 57 and under 63kg
Over 81kg and under 90kg	Over 63kg and under 70kg
Over 90kg and under 100kg	Over 70 and under 78kg
Over 100 kg	Over 78kg

The IJF allows each country a maximum quota of 10 male and 10 female athletes, with a maximum of two athletes per weight category.

II - ELIGIBILITY

- 4. Athlete must have Canadian citizenship and be a member in good standing with Judo Canada to be eligible for selection.
- The eligibility standards (as defined in the policies # 3 and # 4 of the National Team Handbook 2014-2015 edition) must be achieved in the same weight class in which the athlete is selected to compete in the U21 World Championships.

III-SELECTION PROCEDURE

PRE-SELECTION- May 20, 2015

Accumulation of points and standards for pre-selection concludes on May 20, 2015. Athletes who have met the D standard or higher (and whose standard is valid as of the date of the 2015 U21 World Championships), will be eligible for pre-selection.

All athletes who have met the eligibility criteria above will be ranked according to the national team points, as defined in the policies # 3 and # 4 of the 2014-2015 National Team Handbook. The top 10 male and 10 female athletes (maximum 2 per weight class) will be selected.

SECONDARY SELECTION - between May 21st and August 30th, 2015.

Should JC not fill the full quota on May 20, 2015, additional athletes may be added to the team after the U21 Summer European Tour. Athletes, who meet the E standard (or medalist in EJU U21 Cup for M-55kg or F-44kg) and all of the following requirements, may be added to the team on August 30th 2015:

- Participated in 2015 Bremen/Thüringen U21 Project
- Participated in U21 2015 Open Nationals and Post Nationals training camp
- Participated in U21 European Summer Tour
- Participated in entire Summer Training Camp

Should an athlete not be able to participate in one of the above events due to injury he/she may still be considered for selection but must send notice of injury, diagnostic and anticipated return to training to the HP Director at https://example.com/hp@judocanada.org within 7 days of the injury.

Male and Female Athletes will be ranked by National Team Points which will be used to fill any remaining spots. Circumstances will be examined, as needed, by the High Performance Committee, and final selection and funding decisions taken accordingly.

IV - FUNDING

Judo Canada will provide funding for the U21 World Championships for Olympic events only as follows:

- 3. "C": full JC funding of participation and preparation events
- 4. "D": partial JC funding of participation and in selected preparation events
- 5. "E": self-funded

V-TRAINING COMMITMENT

Judo Canada's Coaching Staff will design and lead the preparation program (competitions, camps, testing and training requirements) for the 2015 U21 World Championships. Meeting the requirements of the preparation program is a condition of selection and funding; a failure to live up to the preparation program, as determined by the coaching staff, may result in withdrawal of selection. Such a recommendation must be supported by the High Performance Committee. Participation in the entire 2015 Summer National Team Training Camp (date to be confirmed) is mandatory for all athletes to confirm the selection.

VI - APPEALS TO SELECTION

Appeals to selection are limited to incorrect application of policy or procedures. In case of an appeal, a "Grievance Procedure" will apply as per current Judo Canada Policy.

VII - INJURY OF A TEAM MEMBER DURING PREPARATION PHASE

Athletes are required to report all performance limiting injuries or medical operations that occur after their selection. An injured athlete that is unable to undergo full training, including regular scrimmage during the two weeks period prior to departure, may be withdrawn from the team.

VIII - ALTERNATES

Judo Canada is under no obligation to select an alternate. Only athletes who meet the National "D" team standard (or better), or an athlete who has met the E standard plus all the conditions listed above in the "Secondary Selection" section, may be named as an alternate. Selection of alternates will be conducted according to Judo Canada Ranking as of Aug 30th, 2015.

IX - UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In case of any unforeseen circumstances arise during the selection process, the High Performance Committee of Judo Canada will rule on the course of action.

15.6 Draft - 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES SELECTION INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES (not approved by COC)

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - August 6-12, 2016

I - INTRODUCTION

This selection policy constitutes the entire policies and procedures through which Judo Canada will identify and select its nominations to the Canadian Olympic Committee for selection to the 2016 Canadian Olympic Team. Judo Canada's maximum number of nominations is dictated by the procedures adopted by the International Judo Federation, such procedures being provided herein in Appendix A. It is Judo Canada's intention to utilize all of the quota positions earned by the athletes/NSF as per the qualification process established by the IJF.

II - ELIGIBILITY

- **1.** Canadian Citizenship is a requirement to participate in the Olympic Team selection process.
- 2. Will be considered for nomination only athletes who are eligible to participate in the 2016 Olympic Games, as determined by the International Judo Federation (IJF) "2016 Rio Qualification System" as provided under Appendix A.
- 3. The list of athletes eligible to participate in the 2016 Olympic Games will be determined by the IJF and communicated to National Olympic Committees by 10 June 2016. This list is referred to in this document as the "IJF Olympic List".

III-Decision Making Authority

Olympic nominations will be recommended by Judo Canada's High Performance Committee and submitted for approval to Judo Canada's Board of Governors. Recommendations for Olympic nominations will be determined as follows:

SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR OLYMPIC NOMINATIONS

Olympic nominations, including alternates, will be presented by Judo Canada to the Canadian Olympic Committee's (COC) Team Selection Committee as far in advance of the Olympic Games as the circumstances allow, but no later than July 12th 2016.

Cases (1) and (2) without fight-off

Case 1: In a weight class in which only one athlete has met the Olympic eligibility standard as per the IJF Olympic List, this athlete will be nominated to the COC for inclusion on the Olympic Team.

No alternate will be nominated.

Case 2: In a weight class in which two or more athletes have met the eligibility standard as per the IJF Olympic List, but only one of them is ranked 8th or higher in the IJF Olympic List, this athlete ranked 8th or higher will be nominated to the COC for inclusion on the Olympic Team.

^{*} Note: Only one athlete per country is considered in the IJF Olympic list. For reference see: http://www.intjudo.eu/upload/2011_08/16/131351271145814126/ijf___events_overview.pdf?PHPSES SID=ob4cjos0p0c9fbqis9pjlds537

The alternate will be the highest ranked athlete among the athletes ranked 9th and below as stated by the «IJF Olympic list». In case of a ranking tie between two or more athletes, a fight-off will be organized to determine the alternate.

Cases (3) and (4) with fight-off

Case 3: In a weight class in which several athletes have met the eligibility standard as per the IJF Olympic List, and two or more athletes are ranked 8th or higher in the IJF Olympic List, a fight-off will be held between these athletes ranked 8th or higher in the IJF Olympic List, at a date and place to be determined by Judo Canada. The winner of the fight-off will be nominated to the COC for selection to the Olympic Team.

The alternate will be the athlete placing second in the fight-off

Case 4: In a weight class in which two or more athletes have met the Olympic eligibility standard, as per the IJF Olympic List, but none of these athletes are ranked 8th or higher in the IJF Olympic List, a fight-off will be held between these athletes who have met Olympic eligibility standard as per the IJF Olympic List, at a date and place to be determined by Judo Canada. The winner of the fight-off will be nominated to the COC for inclusion on the Olympic Team.

The alternate will be the athlete placing second in the fight-off

IV - FIGHT-OFF PROCEDURES

Judo Canada will be responsible for organizing all fight-offs at the National Training Center in Montreal on June 11th 2016; as per the following procedures:

- 1. Two persons fight off: a best two out of three procedure will be used. The winner of 2 fights will be nominated to the COC for inclusion on the Olympic Team.
- 2. For situation of 3 or more participants, a round-robin format will be used. At the end of the round-robin, the athletes with the most wins will be nominated to the COC for inclusion on the Olympic Team. In case two or more athletes are tied in the number of wins, another round-robin fight-off will be launched immediately. This procedure will be followed until a fight-off winner is declared. The winner will be nominated to the COC for inclusion on the Olympic Team.
- 3. See policy 13 of 2015-2016 Handbook for other Fight off procedures.

Fight-off injury provisions

In the case of fight-off procedure (IV) above, the High Performance Committee reserves the right to postpone the additional round-robin fight-off to a different date in order to accommodate an injured athlete.

V - APPEALS TO SELECTION

Appeals to selection are limited to incorrect application of these policies or procedures. In case of an appeal, a "Grievance Procedure" will be applied as per Judo Canada's grievance policy in use at the time of the selection. This policy and procedure can be found at:

http://www.judocanada.org/high-performance/grievance-procedures/

VI - TRAINING COMMITMENT

Judo Canada's Olympic Coaching Staff (as indicated below in section VIII) will plan and implement the Olympic preparation program (training, competitions, camps, testing and all other preparation requirements). Failure by an Olympic athlete or alternate to live up to the preparation program will be examined by the High Performance Committee and may result in a recommendation of selection withdrawal, subject to approval by the Board of Governors of Judo Canada.

VII - INJURY OF A TEAM MEMBER DURING PREPARATION PHASE

At the end of the nomination process, all athletes will be required to report performance limiting injuries or medical procedures they might need to undergo.

An injured athlete will be withdrawn from the Olympic team when the two following conditions are met:

- 1. The athlete is unable to follow full training such as regular scrimmage during the two weeks prior to the Olympic Team's departure for the Olympics Games;
- 2. The National Team physician does not recommend his or her participation to the Olympic Games.

VIII - SELECTION OF THE COACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF

- 1. Judo Canada's designated High Performance Director will serve as the Team leader for the Olympic Games 2016.
- 2. Judo Canada's Head Coach will serve as the Head Coach at the game and will be responsible of the technical aspect.
- 3. In case further spots for Coach/Support staff are made available to Judo Canada based on the size of the team, the following priority will be used:
 - a. National Assistant coaches
 - b. Head therapist
 - c. Training partners
 - d. Other IST members

IX - UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

Should unforeseen circumstances arise during the selection process; the High Performance Committee will recommend a course of action, pending approval by the Board of Governors of Judo Canada.

Should Judo Canada need to make amendments to the published selection criteria, it would submit the proposed amendments to the COC for approval. If approved, a memorandum with the amended version of the selection criteria would be mailed and emailed by Judo Canada to the COC, all athletes involved in the selection process, the coaching staff and all Provincial/Territorial Judo Associations. This

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amended document would also be placed immediately on Judo Canada's website in replacement of the

ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP) 2015-2016

Objective: To identify and support Canadian athletes performing at, or having the greatest potential to achieve top 8 results at the Olympic/Paralympics Games and World Championships. Judo Canada's carding cycle runs from October 1st, 2015, to September 30th, 2016.

The current number of senior cards allocated by Sport Canada is **fifteen (15)** or its equivalent value of \$270,000. Athletes are generally recommend for 12 months of carding support but if upon the application of the carding criteria less than 12 months of carding is available, an eligible athlete may be recommended provided that there are 4 or more months of support remaining.

To be eligible for the AAP, an athlete must meet the requirements described in Section 2.3 of the "AAP Policies, Procedures and Guidelines": http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1267374509734#cn-cont

SCHEDULE A: CARDING OF ABLE-BODIED JUDOKA

Judo Canada's High Performance Committee, upon recommendation from the HP Director, will determine a priority ranking of all AAP eligible athletes based on the carding criteria presented in this document. Sport Canada approves nominations in accordance with the AAP policies and procedures.

1. CONDITIONS FOR ALL CARDS

- 1.1 All carded athletes (except for athletes with a D card under the age of 18 on December 31st, 2015) will be based at the designated National Training Centre (NTC). Being based at the designated training centre (NTC); means that the carded athlete commits to train full-time at the NTC in Montreal. The carded athlete accepts to follow the yearly training plan designed by the National Coaching Staff. This plan includes all NTC-based daily judo training sessions, other types of training (e.g. strength training, mental training etc.), performance tests, medical exams, tournaments, training camps or training periods that may take place in Canada or abroad, as approved by the National Coaching Staff.
- 1.2 The years an athlete is carded while of Junior IJF age, do not count towards the total years of carding as a Senior-age athlete.
- 1.3 A C-1 Card is designated by Sport Canada as a "probationary" card and is awarded to athletes carded for the first time at the Senior Card level. If an athlete's first Senior Card is awarded for a top 8 result at the World Championships or Olympic Games, then the probation period does not apply and the C-1 is upgraded to a Senior International Performance Card (SR1).
- 1.4 Carding selection and the continuation of carding is dependent upon the athlete's adherence to the obligations outlined in the carding contract. The athlete must agree to follow the training, competitive and administrative policies of Judo Canada (NT Policy 16). Judo Canada will notify Sport Canada to start carding payment only when the signed athlete's contract and annual training plan have been received at Judo Canada's office.
- 1.5 Carded athletes must take part in all competitions, testing, medical examinations and National training camps to which they are selected. Should extenuating circumstances arise that prevent participation in some of these events, athletes must apply to the High Performance Committee of Judo Canada for an exemption (see NT Policy 12- Exemption request procedure).

- 1.6 Should an athlete fail to participate in a scheduled event as required, the High Performance Committee will apply a sanction or fine according to the Judo Canada discipline procedures, as per Appendix B of the Carding Contract.
- 1.7 Cards are subject to termination during the carding season. The National Coaching Staff will evaluate the performance of the carded athlete, and if it is determined that the athlete does not respect the conditions of the carding contract, the card will be removed and possibly transferred to the next applicant (see section 7).

2. PRIORITIZATION

Cards will be allocated to eligible athletes in the following order of priority:

- 1) Athletes eligible for Sport Canada's "Senior International Performance" cards (SR1/SR2);
- 2) Athletes eligible for "Development" cards (D) U18 & U21- 6 D cards;
- 3) Athletes eligible for "Senior Performance" cards (SR/C1);
- 4) Athletes eligible for "Development" cards (D) U23.

3. SENIOR CARDING CRITERIA

3.1 Senior International Performance Carding Criteria (SR1/SR2)

Sport Canada's Senior International Performance Card (SR1/SR2) is awarded to an athlete placing in the top 8 and top 1/2 at the 2014 Senior World Championships. This card is valid for a two-year period (year one designated as SR1; year two designated as SR2). However, the second year of carding is not automatic. An athlete must be nominated to Sport Canada by Judo Canada, thus he/she must:

- a) Meet the minimum standard to qualify for the next Senior World Championships (or Olympics);
- b) Respect the conditions of Judo Canada's Carding Contract.

3.2 Senior Performance Carding Criteria (SR/C1)

Senior Performance Carding Criteria (SR/C1) are awarded for a one-year period to athletes according to their rank in the Judo Canada's National Team Standard/Ranking point system (NT Policies 3 to 8). To be eligible for a "Senior Performance" card nomination, athletes must meet the following criteria:

ENTERING year carded as a senior age athlete.	Performance Standards required for carding	National Championships Standard*
1st through 4th	National 'A' or 'B' Team Member	Participate** in the 2015
		Elite 8 Senior Nationals
5th through 7th	National 'A' Team Member; or National	Participate** in the 2015
	"B" Team and ranked in the top 22 men	Elite 8 Senior Nationals
	or top 14 women on the IJF World	
	Ranking list on September 30 th , 2015.	
	(Note: only one athlete per country is	
	used to calculate top 22 and top 14 as	
	per Olympic qualifying standard).	
8th and beyond	National 'A' Team Member and has	Participate** in the 2015
	placed in the top 8 at the World	Elite 8 Senior Nationals
	Championship or Olympic Games within	
	the past 4 years.	

^{*} Unless granted an exemption by the High Performance Committee for exceptional circumstances. This may include: a death in the immediate family, an injury, or conflict with another competition or training

camp deemed more appropriate by the National Coach for the athletes preparation for performance at the World Championships/Olympic Games.

** Participation in a tournament is defined as actually taking part in the first bout of the tournament.

3.2.1 Carding Nomination Procedures for Senior Performance

- 1. At the end of the carding qualification period (September 30th, 2015), athletes will be prioritized for nomination based on National Team Points (and Standards if tied in points) as per NT policies 3 to 8.
- 2. Athletes will be removed from the prioritized list if:
 - Do not meet the minimum Performance Standards
 - Did not fulfill the National Championships Standard,
 - Are not involved in a High Performance training program
 - Those who prior or after nomination refuse in writing to respect re-location criteria

4. DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA (D) U18 & U21

4.1 General information

<u>Objective</u>: To identify and support young Canadian judokas with a superior international potential, at an earlier time of their athletic development than is possible with the senior carding system. The program must allow for an enriched training and competitive schedule that will prepare selected athletes to gain skills critical for success at the senior level.

The Development Card U18 or U21 is valid for a one-year period. Only athletes under 21 years old (U21) as of December 31st, 2015, and athletes under 18 years old (U18) as of December 31st, 2015, are eligible for these cards. Judo Canada's financial support provided for athletes carded at the D level is designated for training, equipment and competition costs. The athlete may be required to cost-share in some competitive opportunities, based on the support received. Any cost-sharing requirements will be so noted in the athlete's contract.

Six (6) Development Cards (U18 and U21) will be awarded.

4.2 Development Card Selection Procedure

Eligible athletes will be ranked according to Judo Canada ranking points as per National Team Policy 5.

- 1. **Female:** The three (3) highest ranked eligible U21 athletes, with at least one being U18, will be nominated for carding.
- 2. **Male:** The three (3) highest ranked eligible U21 athletes, with at least one being U18, will be nominated for carding.

Note: Athletes who qualify for a Development Card and who also qualify for a Senior Performance Card have the choice of accepting any of these. Athletes who elect to accept a Senior Performance Card will be eligible for a Development Card in future seasons, provided that they meet the eligibility criteria for such card.

5. DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA (D) U23

5.1 General information

<u>Objective</u>: To identify and support young Canadian judokas with a superior international potential, transitioning into the senior carding system. The program must allow for an enriched training and competitive schedule that will prepare selected athletes to gain skills critical to success at the senior level.

The Development Card U23 is valid for a one-year period. Only athletes under 23 years old (U23) as of December 31st, 2015, are eligible for these cards. Judo Canada's financial support provided for athletes carded at the D level is designated for training, equipment and competition costs. The athlete may be required to cost-share in some competitive opportunities, based on the support received. Any cost-sharing requirements will be so noted in the athlete's contract.

The number of Development Cards U23 available will depend on the following:

- i. Total quota of cards allocated by Sport Canada to Judo Canada.
- ii. Total number of Senior International cards & Senior Performance cards allocated to eligible judokas.
- iii. Total number Development Cards U18 & U21

The remaining available cards will be designated as Development Cards U23.

5.2 Eligibility conditions for Development Cards U23

- 1. Participate in the Elite 8 Senior Nationals 2015*.
- 2. Athlete must be involved in a High Performance training program.
- * Unless granted an exemption by the High Performance Committee for exceptional circumstances. This may include: a death in the immediate family, an injury, or conflict with another competition or training camp deemed more appropriate by the National Coach for the athletes preparation for performance at the World Championships/Olympic Games.

5.3 Selection and nomination procedures for Development Carding Criteria (D) U23

Ranking of Applicants: Eligible athletes will be ranked according to Judo Canada's ranking points as per National Team Policy 5.

1. The highest ranked eligible U23 athletes (Male and Female combined) as per available cards will be nominated for carding

6. MEDICAL CONDITION PROVISION

The following procedure will be used for a carded athlete who has a medical condition (i.e. injury, illness) during the carding cycle and/or has not been able to compete in the Elite 8 National Senior Championships in that carding cycle.

1. The athlete must request an exemption from the Elite 8 National Championships according to the exemption request (NT Policy 12).

2. The High Performance Committee reserves itself the right to apply to Sport Canada to obtain an exemption to the standard rules, and request carding for a carded athlete who was unable to participate in international tournaments due to a medical condition. Only exceptional circumstances, as determined by the High Performance Committee, will be considered. In that case, the carded athlete must have at least one past performance of top 8 at world championships or Olympic Games.

In the case that a medical conditions prevents the athlete from training, the Athlete Assistance Program Policy on "Curtailment of Training and Competition for Health-Related Reasons" will apply.

7. WITHDRAWAL OF CARDING SUPPORT.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Judo Canada's Disciplinary Procedures will not apply in case of withdrawal of carding.

The High Performance Committee, upon recommendation from the High Performance Director/Head Coach, may at any time recommend the withdrawal of an athlete's carded status to Sport Canada, provided that the following steps have been followed:

- 1. The athlete was provided with a verbal warning, including the steps and timelines to remedy to the situation and the consequences of a failure to heed the warning;
- 2. Where applicable, a letter of warning will be sent to the athlete.
- 3. If the above-mentioned steps are not successful in resolving the matter and Judo Canada still wishes to recommend withdrawal of carded status, Judo Canada must send a letter to their Sport Canada Program Officer and the AAP Manager, with a copy to the athlete, recommending withdrawal of the athlete's carded status. This letter must:
 - indicate the grounds on which the recommendation is being made;
 - indicate the steps already taken to address the issue (verbal warning followed by formal letter of warning);
 - provide notice to the athlete of his/her right to contest Judo Canada's recommendation to withdraw his/her carded status, through Judo Canada's internal appeal procedure, within the prescribed time.

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

General information on the Sport Canada - Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) can be found in the Athlete Assistance Program Athletes Handbook published by Sport Canada (2012). This guide explains the details of the AAP, the benefits to the athlete (monthly support, tuition payment, deferred tuition), and the athlete's rights.

For further information visit:

Sport Canada at: http://www.pch.gc.ca/DAMAssetPub/DAM-sptCan-canSpt/STAGING/texte-text/athleteAssistanceProgram 1370366572256 eng.pdf?WT.contentAuthority=13.0

9. APPEALS TO CARDING NOMINATIONS

Appeals to carding nominations are limited to incorrect application of policy or procedures. In case of an appeal, a "Grievance Procedure" will apply as per current Judo Canada Policy.

Policy 17 Carding Contract

CARDING CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT made as of the 1st day of October 2015.

BETWEEN: CANADIAN KODOKAN BLACK BELT ASSOCIATION
(Hereinafter referred to as Judo Canada) OF THE FIRST PART
AND
(hereinafter referred to as the "Athlete") OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS Judo Canada is recognized by the International Judo Federation (IJF) and Sport Canada as the sole National Sport Governing Body for judo in Canada;

AND WHEREAS Judo Canada desires to establish its rights and obligations vis-a-vis carded athletes;

AND WHEREAS the Carded Athlete as a funded member of Judo Canada desires to define her/his rights and obligations;

AND WHEREAS Sport Canada requires these rights and obligations be reduced to a written agreement;

AND WHEREAS Judo Canada retains the right to select athletes to participate in international tournaments and/or training camps;

AND WHEREAS the International Judo Federation requires that Judo Canada certify the eligibility of the Athlete as a member in good standing.

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Judo Canada shall:
- a) plan, organize, and implement the National Team Program.
- b) publish selection criteria for all national teams at least three (3) months before the selection for any particular team and at least eight (8) months before the selection of major games teams (e.g., Olympic, Commonwealth, Pan American, Fédération internationale du sport universitaire (FISU) and World Championship Teams;
- c) publish criteria for the selection of athletes to the Athletes Assistance Program (AAP) ten (10) months prior to the commencement of the selection;
- d) conduct the nomination process and nominate for carding all eligible athletes and thereafter shall ensure each carded athlete receives all benefits to which that athlete is entitled;
- e) assist the athlete in obtaining quality medical care including services offered by the Canadian Sport Centre;

- f) ensure that National Team athletes are provided with the National Team uniform which is to be worn at all international events;
- g) provide program information on the National Team Program to the athlete in the form of correspondence through the national office of Judo Canada;
- h) provide a hearing and an appeal procedure which is in conformity with the generally accepted principles of natural justice and due process and which will include access to an independent arbitration process with respect to any dispute the athlete may have with Judo Canada; publish the details of this procedure in a prominent manner; and provide details to any person requesting this information by or on behalf of the athlete;
- i) provide accident insurance for carded team members when involved in international competitions or training sessions;
- j) provide for a representative, elected by the athletes, to sit as a voting member of the High Performance Committee and the Board of Governors of Judo Canada;
- k) communicate with athletes both orally and in writing in any of the official languages of their choice.
- 2. The Athlete shall:
- a) if the athlete is 18yrs or older, relocate to the National Training center in Montreal;
- b) follow the annual training and competitive plan, as designed by the National Coaching staff, including, in case of injury, full rehabilitation plan at the National Training Center.
- c) follow the program established in the Appendix B and participate in all mandatory training camps, testing and competitions;
- d) notify Judo Canada immediately should illness, injury or other circumstances occur which prevent the athlete from participating in any training or event set forth in Appendix "B" herein as scheduled, the athlete agrees that written reports from his or her doctor, and personal and/or provincial coach, will be forwarded to the national office of Judo Canada within two weeks of the injury, it has been understood that Judo Canada reserves the right to a second medical opinion from a doctor of its choice;
- e) dress in the National Team uniform and other official clothing, if applicable, while travelling or participating as part of the National Team;
- f) abide by the code of conduct set out in the National Team Handbook while attending required events;
- g) not use banned drugs as detailed in the rules of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Judo Federation (IJF), Judo Canada and the Canadian Center for Ethics in Sport (CCES), and shall submit to announced and/or unannounced doping control test upon request by Judo

- Canada or any authority designated to do so by Judo Canada, within the guidelines as outlined in the CCES Doping Control Standard Operating Procedures;
- h) not possess banned or restricted drugs as listed by the IOC, and shall neither supply such drugs directly or indirectly to others, nor encourage their use;
- complete the CCES on line anti-doping education module within six (6) months of the beginning of their initial year of carding and at times thereafter as required by Sport Canada. Failure to do so will result in AAP payments being suspended until requirements are completed.
- j) for doping related appeals, utilize the hearing and appeal procedure that is outlined in the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport Doping Policy;
- k) for team selection disputes, utilize the Grievance and Appeal Procedure outlined in the National Team Handbook;
- I) acknowledge that he or she has the right to appeal decisions on matters related to the Athlete Assistance Program (AAP), first to Judo Canada and subsequently to Sport Canada;
- m) secure a travel permit or Canadian Passport in accordance with the Judo Canada requirements when competing internationally;
- n) provide Judo Canada with his or her address and that of his or her personal coach, and shall notify Judo Canada of any changes of address for either the Athlete or the coach, if applicable;
- o) not participate in any competitions where the Federal Government Sport Policy or the policies of Judo Canada have determined that such participation is not permitted;
- p) compete and/or participate in Appendix "B" events as set forth there in and other events as selected by Judo Canada;
- q) read the National Team Handbook, seek clarification as needed from Judo Canada, and agree to abide by the policies and procedures as established in the said handbook;
- r) not live in any environment not conducive to high-performance achievement and not take any deliberate action that puts his or her ability to perform at risk or limits his or her performance;
- s) participate in sport-related, non-commercial promotional activities on behalf of the Government of Canada, keeping in mind that Judo Canada usually makes such requests for participation and arranges the activities. It is understood that unless supplementary compensation is arranged, these activities set out herein do not normally involve more than two working days per athlete per year;
- t) actively participate in all AAP evaluation activities, cooperate fully in any evaluation of the AAP that may be conducted by the Minister of Sport or anyone authorized to act on the Minister's behalf and provide such data as the person conducting the evaluation considers necessary for the proper conduct of the evaluation.

3. The athlete hereby grants to Judo Canada the right to use the name, likeness, photograph, image, sketch, voice, recorded image and/or voice, televised image and/or voice, radio broadcast voice, signature, endorsement and performance record of the Team Member for promotional purposes and for the purpose of raising revenues to support Judo Canada's objectives. The athlete also grants to Judo Canada the right to assign such rights to such persons, firms, corporations or parties as Judo Canada in its sole discretion shall determine.

The athlete agrees to cooperate with Judo Canada in fulfilling all the obligations he or she may incur with respect to any agreements entered into by the athlete respecting the rights granted in paragraph 2(t) of this agreement and this paragraph 3 hereof, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the athlete agrees:

- a) to make promotional appearances at all reasonable times as required by Judo Canada at Judo Canada's expense;
- b) to attend, at all reasonable times, such photographic sessions as well as television and radio commercial production sessions as required by Judo Canada;
- c) to abide by the athlete's responsibilities as set out in the Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program Guide;
- d) that if the athlete wishes to seek sponsorship, including goods, services or funding, he or she must first advise Judo Canada and provide copies of documentation to be used, and the athlete shall not imply that any solicitation or request is being made on behalf of Judo Canada or the National Team; and
- e) that for any events totally or partially funded by Judo Canada, he or she shall not obtain sponsorship on clothing, personal belongings or other items unless such sponsorship has received the written approval of Judo Canada.
- 4. Where one of the parties to this agreement is of the opinion that the other party has failed to conform to its obligations under this agreement, it shall forthwith:
 - a) notify that party in writing of the alleged default;
 - b) where applicable, indicate in the notice to that party the steps to be taken to remedy the situation; and,
 - c) where applicable, indicate in the notice a reasonable period of time within which such steps shall be taken. On AAP-related matters, the athlete may direct such notice to the Manager of Sport Canada and to AAP, who may act on behalf of the athlete and indicate to Judo Canada steps to be taken to remedy the situation.

- 5. In the event of Judo Canada's failing to comply with this Agreement, then in such event, the Athlete shall be released from all obligations under this Agreement except for any provision pertaining to eligibility under the International Judo Federation regulations;
- 6. In the event of the Athlete failing to comply with this Agreement, Judo Canada may apply the sanctions as published in the Discipline Procedures in the National Team Handbook. In the event of a decision by Judo Canada that an Athlete is to be removed from carding, the Athlete shall be notified by registered mail, with copies sent to the Athlete Assistance Program Manager and Sport Consultant, thirty (30) days prior to the date when the Athlete is to be removed from carding.
- 7. It is understood and agreed that Judo Canada shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury suffered or incurred by the athlete, howsoever caused, whether such loss, damage or injury is occasioned by the athlete while traveling or while engaged in training or competition, nor shall Judo Canada be responsible for any loss, damage or injury incurred by the athlete at any time and the athlete agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Judo Canada and its successor, and assigns from any claims or demands in respect of any such loss, damage or injury.

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL TE	RMINATE on the 30th	day of September 2016.	
IN WITNESS WHEREOF the p 2015.	parties hereto have ex	ecuted this agreement this	day of October
CANADIAN KODOKAN BLACI	K BELT ASSOCIATION (Judo Canada)	
Witness Signed, Sealed & Delivered i		IPD-Head Coach – Judo Canada	I
Witness Athlete Declaration:		thlete	
Assistance Program, I under Athlete Assistance Program agree to refund any assistan	take to fulfill all comn Policies, Procedures a nce provided to me, pa	sistance provided by the Sport nitments and responsibilities of and Guidelines and my Athlete/ ayable to the Receiver General ithdrawn, effective the withdra	utlined in the booklet 'NSO Agreement. I of Canada, should my
Witness	Athlete		

Judo Canada is requested to recommend athletes for different grant programs. Judo Canada will base its recommendations on the grant's eligibility policies and the following selection priority guidelines:

- 1) Top 8 performances at Olympics or Worlds;
- 2) Potential to achieve in the near future top 8 performances at Olympics or Worlds;
- 3) Athlete's respect of minimum training criteria fix by Judo Canada training staff;
- 4) World Ranking points and National Ranking points;

Policy 19

Election of the Athletes' Representative

Election of the Athletes' Representative

To ensure a process that is fair and open to everyone and to ensure that National Team Athletes are given the opportunity to express clearly whom they wish to be their representative, a nomination procedure is hereby created. Elections will be held in the same year as presidential elections on the Judo Canada Board.

Candidates must be National Team Members (D or higher), nominated by an active member of the National Team (D or higher). Nominees must accept their nomination by signing the nomination form. The definition of "active" is: athlete is recognized by the HPC as a National Team Member.

Nominations must be submitted to the Judo Canada Office at least 15 days prior to the date of the election. Once the nominations have been received, ballots will be produced and sent to all members of the National Team.

The Athletes' Representative will be the candidate who receives a majority of the votes cast. In the case of a tie vote, a second round of voting will take place between the tied candidates.

The elected candidate will act as the Athletes' Representative in meetings of Judo Canada's High Performance Committee (HPC) and BoD.

If the Athletes' Representative is unable to attend a HPC meeting, he/she may elect to be represented by another National Team member of his/her choice. Appropriate debriefing on key issues and concerns shall occur between the two athletes.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- · Participate in the work and meetings.of the HPC and BoD
- · Represent the views of National Team athletes to the HPC.
- Facilitate the communicating of HPC decisions to the National Team athletes.

NOMINATION FORM

FOR THE ATHLETES REPRESENTATIVE

l,, l	National Team Member, nominate	
on the National Team,	for the Athletes' Representative posit	tion.
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Signature	Print Name	Date
I.	accept the nomination	o for the position of Athletes'
Representative.		·
Signature	Print Name	/
NOTE:	The nomination must be received by	v

Election of the Coaches' Representative

To develop a process that is fair and transparent in ensuring that national level coaches are given the opportunity to select whom they wish to be their representative, a nomination procedure is hereby created. Elections will be held in the same year as presidential elections on the Judo Canada Board.

Candidates must be training a National Team Athlete (Team A, B, C and D) and be nominated by coach training a National Team Athlete (Team A, B, C and D). Nominees must accept their nomination by signing the nomination form.

Nominations must be submitted to the Judo Canada Office at least 15 days prior to the date of the election. Once the nominations have been received, ballots will be produced and sent to coaches training National Team Athletes (Team A, B, C and D).

The Coaches' Representative will be the candidate who receives a majority of the votes. In the case of a tie vote, the voting will take place again between the tied candidates.

The elected candidate will act as the Coaches' Representative in meetings of the Judo Canada High Performance Committee (HPC).

If the Coaches' Representative is unable to attend a HPC, he/she may elect to be represented by another coach of his/her choice. Appropriate debriefing on key issues and concerns shall occur between these two coaches.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Participate in the work of the HPC.
- · Represent the views of national level coaches to the HPC.
- Facilitate the communicating of HPC decisions to national level coaches.

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NOMINATION FORM

FOR THE COACHES REPRESENTATIVE

l,	, nominate	for the Coaches' Representative
position.		
Signature	Print Name	Date
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Signature	Print Name	Date
NOTE: The nom	ination must be received by	

Expenses will only be reimbursed for approved National Team events and projects. Normally arrangements for travel and accommodations will have been made directly by Judo Canada. When in doubt, submit a written request for approval of an expense item to Judo Canada before the expense is incurred.

Expense claim forms can be obtained from the Judo Canada office. No expense form will be processed without proper receipts and documentation.

Transportation to and from Airports: Ground transportation to and from the athletes home to the airport is not covered by Judo Canada.

Ground Transportation: When a personal car is used for approved travel, the rate of reimbursement is .45\$ per km.

Air Transportation: All air travel is arranged through the Judo Canada office.

Under extenuating circumstances and with the approval of the National Coach, an athlete can request alternative travel dates. The change in the ticket must be done through Judo Canada. Any alterations to an athlete's ticket at the request of the athlete, which results in an additional cost, shall be at the athlete's expense and payable prior to the change in the ticket.

Athletes that miss a flight or do not attend an event, without just cause, will be responsible for all cost incurred.

Meals: Asia \$50

America \$40 Africa \$40 Europe \$45

Other costs: Other related travel cost, such as vaccinations, registrations fees, and airports tax will

be reimbursed.

Policy 22 Uniform

Introduction: A National Team uniform serves to identify individuals as members of Judo Canada and may, from time to time, provide an important means to recognize corporate sponsors and suppliers.

Definition: For the purpose of this policy the national team uniform may include judogi, track suit, training shoes, gym bags or other apparel as supplied by Judo Canada.

Carded Athletes: As per the Carded Athlete Agreement, carded athletes are required to wear the national team uniform while attending national and international events. Carded athletes will be provided a national team uniform free of charge.

Other Athletes: Non-carded athletes selected to major international competitions, such as the Junior World Championships, will be required to purchase a national team uniform at cost (unless sponsorship can be arranged).

Compliance: Carded athletes and other members selected to major international competitions will be expected to maintain the uniform in a clean and presentable fashion at all times and to wear the appropriate uniform at the appropriate time. Judo Canada has a contractual obligation to corporate sponsors and suppliers to ensure that a uniform is worn for the purposes for which it was supplied.

Authority: Judo Canada has the right to discipline members that fail to comply with this policy. (See web link to Policy on Discipline Procedures page 45)

Policy 23 Athlete Sponsorship

Any athlete seeking sponsorship, including goods, services or funding, must first advise Judo Canada and provide copies of documentation to be used. The athlete must not imply that any solicitation or sponsorship request is being made on behalf of Judo Canada or the National Team.

For any events totally or partially funded by Judo Canada, no athlete shall obtain sponsorship on clothing, personal belongings or other items unless such sponsorship has received written approval of Judo Canada.

Other Policies

Canadian Anti Doping Policy:

http://www.cces.ca/files/pdfs/CCES-POLICY-CADP-E.pdf

Coaching Code of Ethics:

http://www.judocanada.org/system/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/NCCP PNCF-2011 FR.pdf

Policy on Grievance and Appeal Procedure:

http://www.judocanada.org/system/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Grievance-Appeal-Procedure-2012 EN.pdf

Policy on Discipline Procedures:

http://www.judocanada.org/system/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/Discipline-Procedures1.pdf

Judo Canada Harassment Policy:

http://www.judocanada.org/system/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/Harassment-policies.pdf