

# **Judo Nova Scotia – Canada Winter Games 2027 Athlete Selection Policy**

## **1. Purpose**

This document outlines the eligibility, criteria, and process for selecting athletes to represent Nova Scotia in Judo at the 2027 Canada Winter Games in Québec City. The goal is to ensure an objective, transparent, and fair process to all JNS Judoka, clubs and coaches.

## **2. Athlete Eligibility**

### **2.1 Age Requirement**

- Athletes must be born **between 2009 and 2012** (15–18 years old as of December 31, 2027).

### **2.2 Belt Rank**

- Minimum rank: **Green Belt (3rd Kyu)** by team selection (December 2026).

### **2.3 Weight Categories**

#### **Gender weight categories**

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

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

### **2.4 Entry Deadline**

-Potential CWG athletes must be identified to coaching staff by **February 1, 2026** by their club coaches to be considered for the team and have points tracked towards this goal. After this date, no new athletes may join the process.

### **2.5 Sanctioned Events**

- Only events sanctioned by Judo Nova Scotia and Judo Canada will be considered for points.

## **3. Team Size**

-Maximum team: **7 male athletes** and **7 female athletes**.

Up to **2 alternates per gender** may be named based on points.

## **4. Selection Period**

Points tracking begins: **September 2025**

Points tracking ends: **December 2026**

Final team announcement: **mid-December 2026** via an official Judo Nova Scotia release.

## **5. Minimum Participation Requirements 2025-2026 (Selection period)**

Athletes must:

1. Compete in at least **5 points tournaments** :

- Minimum **2 Nova Scotia tournaments**

- Minimum **2 out-of-province tournaments**

- Minimum **2 national points tournaments**

2. Attend at least **2 designated out-of-province training camps** during the selection period.
3. Attend at least **75% of Canada Games team training sessions** organized by JNS. Home dojo location will be considered in this requirement (travel distance for athletes).
4. Train regularly at their **home dojo** and maintain technical and physical development. Recommend training 4 days per week.

## 6. Points System

**Provincial Tournaments:** Participation: 1 pt | Gold: 3 | Silver: 2 | Bronze: 1 |  
Uncontested: +0.5

**Regional Tournaments:** Participation: 1.5 pts | Gold: 4 | Silver: 3 | Bronze: 2 |  
Uncontested: +1

**National Tournaments:** Participation: 2 pts | Gold: 5 | Silver: 4 | Bronze: 3 |  
Uncontested: +1.5

**Training Camps** (points awarded for the whole duration of the camp/if attending half of the camp, half of the points will be awarded):

- Provincial: 2 pts
- Regional: 3 pts
- National: 4 pts

\*A list of eligible tournaments and camps will be provided and may be updated with adequate notice.

\*Points tracking will be managed by the CWG coaching staff (team manager as the lead) and communicated to the club coaches on an ongoing basis.

## 7. Attendance & Commitment

Attendance at scheduled training camps, tournaments, and sessions is **expected** unless excused for injury, illness, or other exceptional circumstances. Athletes must log attendance through **Zen Planner**.

Persistent, unexcused absences **are not acceptable. Athletes and club coaches will be notified if an athlete is not attending events as expected.**

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## 8. Injury / Illness Provisions

Injuries or illnesses must be reported **immediately** (with details) to Canada Games coaching staff, including expected recovery timelines. Medical documentation is not required.

\*Athletes attending as observers earn **50% of session/camp points**.

## 9. Code of conduct & Anti-doping

- Athletes must sign and follow the JNS and Judo Canada Code of Conduct.
- Compliance with the **Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP)** is mandatory.
- Violations can result in removal from the team.**

## 10. Team selection

Team selection follows this process:

1. Canada Games Coaching Staff (includes coaches and Team manager) **recommends** selections based on points.
2. The **HP Committee reviews and approves** the recommended team.
3. **Judo Nova Scotia finalizes and officially announces** the team.

## 11. Tie-Breakers

If two or more athletes in the same weight category are within **5 points**:

1. A **best 2-of-3 fight-off** (if both athletes healthy) will occur, officiated by a neutral referee.
2. If a fight-off cannot occur due to injury (as deemed by the CWG coaching staff), the HP Committee and CWG staff will make the final decision, selection will be based on the highest national result achieved by an athlete.

## 12. Appeals

- Appeals, concerns, and or questions concerning the selection process can directed to JNS HP Committee Chair: [hp@judonovascotia.com](mailto:hp@judonovascotia.com)
- Any appeals are to be submitted within **7 days of final athletes selection**.
- Appeals will be handled by JNS, not the Canada Games coaching staff and will be reviewed by an independent 3 person panel.
- Panel decisions are final

## 13. Travel & Financial Commitment

Athletes must commit to attending all required team travel, training, and competition events leading up to and including the Games. Athletes/parents are responsible for any associated **fees and travel costs** not covered by JNS or Canada Games.

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## 14. Team Finalization

Final roster will be announced in **mid-December 2026** via an official Judo Nova Scotia release.

## Contact

For questions about this policy or the selection process, contact the Canada Games Coaching Staff at [cwg@judonovascotia.com](mailto:cwg@judonovascotia.com)