



Team Selection & Funding Policy - 2024 National Championships

1. Purpose & Event Information

This Policy is designed to develop a provincial team list for the 2024 Open National Championships. These criteria are in place to ensure that athletes representing Judo Nova Scotia (JNS) have received the best possible preparation for the event in order to perform to their highest potential.

The JNS Team Selection & Funding Policy may be amended based on unforeseen or unknown factors that JNS was not aware of during the creation of this criteria. The HP Committee reserves the right to make amendments to this policy where necessary.

The 2024 Open National Championships are taking place in Montreal, Quebec. The approximate cost per athlete is \$1500, which includes air travel, ground transportation, hotel, entry fees, banquet, training camp, and team clothing.

2. Selection Requirements

2.1. To be considered eligible for team selection and funding, athletes must attend the mandatory events outlined in the table below:

U16/U18/U21
2024 Provincial Championships*
1 National Tour Event (Sask/Manitoba/Eastern/Quebec/Ontario/Pacific Int)*
3 provincial/national training camps**
Attendance at all organized sport science training sessions
Senior/Master/Newaza***
2024 Provincial Championships*
3 provincial/national training camps**



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* The HP Committee may grant exceptions on a case-by-case basis if an athlete cannot attend a particular tournament.

** Training camp is defined as at least a full weekend of activities, including physical training and meetings.

*** Given the limited HP funding available for the 2023-24 season, there will be no “direct” funding available for *senior/masters/newaza* athletes to compete at the 2024 National Championships

2.3. Judo NS Clubs should consider each athlete’s competition readiness and ability to compete at the national championships. Coaches should consider each athletes training attendance, competitions results/performances, W-L record before making a recommendation to the HP Committee for acceptance to the JNS Provincial Team.

2.4. Funding will be allocated according to a points system. Points may be earned at tournaments or at training camps and sport science sessions.

2.5. Points may be earned at tournaments between September 1, 2023 and March 1, 2024. Athletes will earn points for tournaments as per the table below:

U16/U18/U21 Tournament Points			
Regional Tournaments			
JNS Provincials	NB Fall Classic	Atlantics	
1st Place - 5 points	2nd Place - 3 points	3rd place - 2 points	
National Tour B-Level Events (min 2 wins to earn points)**			
Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Edmonton Int.	Eastern Canadians
Pacific Int.			
1st Place - 15 points	2nd Place - 9 points	3rd place - 6 points	3 wins or more - 1 pts/win
National Tour A-Level Events (min 2 wins to earn points)**			
Quebec Open	Ontario Open	Canada Cup	Elite 8
1st Place - 20 points	2nd Place - 15 points	3rd place - 10 points	3 wins or more - 1 pts/win

2.6. For points collected at tournaments:

- U18/U21 athletes achieving results at the senior level in any of the National A & B events will receive double the points listed above (provided the two-win minimum is met).



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- If an athlete is the only competitor in a weight division, they will receive 1 point.
- If an athlete is entered in a combined division due to lack of competitors, but don't achieve a placing, they will receive 1 point.
- One division per event is eligible for points for all regional events.

2.7. Points may be earned at training camps and sport science sessions as per the table below:

Regional Camps (1 day min 2 sessions)	1 point
Two Day Regional Camp (min 4 sessions)	3 points
National Camps	1.5 points/day
Sport Science Sessions **athletes must attend all organized sessions	1 point/session

2.8. To receive points for training camps, athletes must participate in all sessions including physical training.

2.9. If injured at a training camp, an athlete may receive points while sitting on the sidelines or doing extra training on side with a provincial coach. The decision to allocate points will be under the discretion of the HP Committee on a case-by-case basis.

3. Selection Procedure & Funding Allocation

3.1. All athletes must meet the minimum training camp requirements by March 1, 2024, to be selected for the provincial team.

3.2. Judo Nova Scotia Clubs will nominate their athletes to the provincial team by March 1, 2024. The Provincial Team will then be selected based on the minimum requirements. Funding will be based on the points earned during the selection process, reviewed by the HP Committee, and presented to the Executive for ratification. The approved teams will then be announced to the clubs.

3.3. Athletes selected to the provincial team must volunteer with JNS for at least two days. This may include transporting mats, setting up and tearing down mats, or assisting with the delivery of a JNS event (e.g. try-it event, conference, tournament).

3.4. To receive funding, athletes must have met the minimum standards outlined in section 2.1 and be nominated by their Judo club. Funding will be allocated to the athletes that have met the minimum selection standards as follows:

- The top 3 ranked athletes will receive 50% of the budgeted money for the event.



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- The middle 3 ranked athletes will receive 30% of the budgeted money for the event.
 - The bottom 4 ranked athletes will receive 25% of the budgeted money for the event.
- 3.5. If a funded athlete fails to make weight at the Open Nationals, the athlete will be invoiced by Judo Nova Scotia for the funded amount, in addition to any Judo Canada fines.
- 3.6. If an athlete breaches the *Judo Nova Scotia Code of Conduct*, the HP Committee reserves the right to withdraw any allocated funding the athlete has received.
- 3.7. Funding will be finalized following the 2024 Open Nationals and will be applied to the athlete's final invoice. JNS funding will not exceed total costs of the tournament.

4. Special Circumstances

- 4.1. In the case where an athlete must miss one of the designated events due to out of province/country training or competition, the Judo Nova Scotia HP Committee reserves the right to grant the athlete an exemption for that particular event. Exemptions will be granted on a case-by-case basis by the HP Committee. A letter requesting an exemption must be received by the HP Committee from the athlete's club coach at least two weeks before the event when possible, or no later than 1 week after the event when circumstances prohibit earlier communication.
- 4.2. Any athlete training at the National Training Center in Montreal under the national coaches will automatically be awarded 10 points for funding, since they will be unable to participate in local tournaments and training camps. Athletes training below 75% attendance of NTC evening training will not receive Judo NS funding. The HP Committee will contact NTC coaches to confirm athletes training plans prior to funding.
- 4.3. Athletes who are not training in Nova Scotia due to school, work, etc., must apply to the HP Committee directly for provincial team selection with their training plan, tournament results, and training camps attended. Funding will be determined on an individual basis, depending on where and how involved the athlete has been in judo while out of the province.
- 4.4. If an athlete cannot participate in a required event due to sickness or injury, the HP Committee must receive a doctor's note within 7 days of the competition explaining the reason for the athlete's absence. Athletes who do not comply will not meet minimum requirements and will not be selected for the provincial team.
- 4.5. If an athlete is absent at a required event for any other reason, the athlete must write a letter to the HP Committee 1 week prior to event explaining the reason for the athlete's absence. The HP Committee will make team exceptions on a case-by-case basis.
- 4.6. Athletes that have been chosen by Judo Canada to participate in an international event on the same week or weekend of a provincial team required event will be exempt from the provincial event. Athletes will not earn points for a required tournament that they were granted an exception.



5. Appeal Procedure

Conflicts with the Provincial Team list or selection to tournaments will be dealt with by the following Appeal Procedure. This procedure supercedes the JNS *Complaint & Dispute Policy* and *Appeals Policy*. Once an appeal is submitted, an appeal committee will be formed by the President of Judo Nova Scotia. The Appeal Committee will then schedule the Appeal meeting.

1. An appeal must be a written submission to the Judo Nova Scotia President (president@judonovascotia.com), from the chief instructor of the athlete's club.
2. The appeal submission must be received within 7 days of the decision that is being appealed, with a non-refundable deposit for the appeal of \$125.00.
3. The Appeal Committee will consist of three neutral representatives of Judo Nova Scotia who have not been part of the selection process. They will be chosen by the president of Judo Nova Scotia.
4. The athlete, the personal coach, a representative of the JNS Executive and HP Committee, may attend the Appeal meeting.
5. The decision of the appeal committee is final and binding.
6. The Appeal Committee must give the Coaching Committee reasons in writing for their decision.