

USA JUDO
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2024 Olympic Games – Paris, France
Men and Women
31 October 2022

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of nomination.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American or Parapan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41), the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1), the Panam Sports Constitution (Article 34.4-7), or the Americas Paralympic Committee bylaws (Chapter 2.4.12 of the IPC Handbook).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

All athletes participating in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games must be born on or before 31 December 2009.

The Olympic Games qualification system may be found at

https://78884ca60822a34fb0e6-082b8fd5551e97bc65e327988b444396.ssl.cf3.rackcdn.com/up/2022/04/Paris_Olympic_Games_2024_Judo_-1649757842.pdf

1.1.4. Other requirements:

- Athlete must be in good standing with USA Judo at the time of nomination to the Olympic Games
- Athlete must successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current [USOPC Background Check Policy](#).
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s education and training requirements in accordance with the [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#).
- The athlete must hold a current USA Judo black belt ranking.

1.2. Tryout Events:

- 1.2.1. Event names, dates and locations of all trials, competitions, and camps to be used as part of the selection process:

The events listed below earn IJF Olympic Ranking Points. The IJF Olympic Ranking List as of June 25, 2024 will be used to determine direct qualification to the 2024 Olympic Team.

- Continental Cups June 24, 2022 – June 23, 2024
- Grand Prixs June 24, 2022 – June 23, 2024
- Grand Slams June 24, 2022 – June 23, 2024
- World Masters June 24, 2022 – June 23, 2024
- World Championships June 24, 2022 – June 23, 2024
- Pan American Championships June 24, 2022 – June 23, 2024
- Junior World Championships June 24, 2022 – June 23, 2024

The locations and dates of these events will be posted at <https://www.ijf.org/calendar> and www.usjudo.org as soon as they become available.

In addition, there are a few different scenarios in which an Olympic Trials may be necessary as outlined in Section 1.3. It is anticipated the trials will be held in late June or early July 2024, if necessary; final date and location information for any potential 2024 Olympic Trials – Judo will be announced at www.usjudo.org once the 2024 IJF event calendar is confirmed but at least 45 days prior to the start of trials.

- 1.2.2. Describe how athletes qualify for the events listed in 1.2.1.:

Qualification for Continental Cups

There is no limit on the number of competitors per country per weight category.

USA Judo's 2022 International Tournament Criteria/Policies are available at the link below and will be updated with the 2023 and 2024 event information as it becomes available from the IJF.

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors/2022-Event-Selection-Procedure>

Qualification for Grand Slams and Grand Prix

There is a maximum of two competitors per country per weight category. For the organizing country there will be a maximum of four competitors per weight category.

USA Judo's 2022 International Tournament Criteria/Policies are available at the link below and will be updated with the 2023 and 2024 event information as it becomes available from the IJF.

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors/2022-Event-Selection-Procedure>

Qualification for World Masters

The top 36 competitors per weight category from the IJF World Ranking List (after the last IJF point event for the year is included) will be invited to compete. Athletes can only be entered in the weight category for which they have been invited. The organizing country has the right to have a minimum of one (1) athlete in each category. If, they do not qualify an athlete in the top 36, a domestic athlete will participate as the 37th athlete. The IJF selection procedures for each of the World Masters tournaments (2022-2024) will be posted on www.ijf.org.

Qualification for World Championships

Each Federation may register up to nine (9) athletes in women's divisions and nine (9) athletes in men's divisions, with a maximum of 2 athletes per weight category. Procedures are available at the link below and will be updated with the 2023 and 2024 event information as it becomes available from the IJF.

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors/2022-Senior-World-Team-Selection-Criteria>

Qualification for Pan American Championships

Each Federation may register up to nine (9) athletes in women's divisions and nine (9) athletes in men's divisions, with a maximum of 2 athletes per

weight category. USA Judo’s 2022 Pan American Championships Selection Procedures are available at the link below and will be updated with the 2023 and 2024 event information as it becomes available from the IJF/PJC.

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors/2022-Senior-Pan-Am-Team-Selection-Criteria>

Qualification for Junior World Championships

Each Federation may register up to nine (9) athletes in women’s divisions and nine (9) athletes in men’s divisions, with a maximum of 2 athletes per weight category. Procedures are available at the link below and will be updated with the 2023 and 2024 event information as it becomes available from the IJF.

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Juniors/2022-Cadet-and-IJF-Junior-International-Team-Criteria>

- 1.3. Step-by-step description of the selection process for these Games (include maximum Team size):

The qualification slot will go directly to the athlete in each weight category, not a nation, if he/she is within the top 17 on the IJF Olympic Ranking List as of June 25, 2024. There will be a maximum of one athlete per weight category per country. If there is more than one athlete in the top 17 in a weight category, then the process described below under “Qualification to Olympic Games” will be followed.

The maximum team size is 14 athletes, one representing each weight category. The 14 weight categories are: Men’s 60kg, 66kg, 73kg, 81kg, 90kg, 100kg, and 100+kg; Women’s 48kg, 52kg, 57kg, 63kg, 70kg, 78kg, and 78+kg.

Mixed Team Event:

USA Judo will enter a mixed team as long as athletes qualify in each of the required mixed team event weight categories. The mixed teams will/can only be formed from athletes qualified for individual events. The divisions for the mixed team event are as follows:

- Women: -57 kg, -70 kg, +70 kg
- Men: -73 kg, -90 kg, +90 kg

USA Judo must qualify an athlete in each of the above divisions by June 25, 2024 in order to compete in the mixed team event.

Qualification to Olympic Games

The athletes are identified by following the IJF Olympic Ranking List as of June 25, 2024 from top to bottom until 17 athletes from different countries in each weight category are represented for men and 17 for women.

Continental Qualification to Olympic Games

In addition to the direct qualification method described above, athletes may qualify on a continental quota based on the IJF Olympic Ranking List. The IJF will create a Continental Ranking June 25, 2024 across all weight categories and genders. Athletes not already qualified with the highest number of points will qualify based on available quotas allocated per continent. Only one athlete per NOC can qualify through the continental quota across all weight categories and genders. If a continent fails to use its full allocation, the next highest ranked athlete on the IJF Olympic Ranking List not yet qualified will be awarded the selection regardless of continent, yet still following the one athlete per NOC rule.

Continent	Quota Places Men	Quota Places Women	Quota Places Total
Africa	12	12	24
Europe	13	12	25
Asia	10	10	20
Oceania	5	5	10
Pan America	10	11	21
Total	50	50	100

The United States will be counted towards the Pan American quota.

The following scenarios outline whether or not a 2024 Olympic Trials – Judo will be necessary. It is anticipated that trials will be held on or before July 2, 2024, if necessary. Final date and location information for any potential 2024 Olympic Trials – Judo will be announced at least 45 days prior to the competition date at www.usjudo.org once the 2024 IJF event calendar is confirmed but at least 45 days prior to the start of trials.

Scenario #1 – No trials necessary:

- If the USA has one athlete ranked in the top-17 for men or top-17 for women for a weight category, this athlete is directly qualified for the 2024 Olympic Games Team.

Scenario #2 – Trials needed:

- If the USA has two athletes ranked in the top 17, as of June 25, 2024, in the same weight category, a 2024 Olympic Trials – Judo (date and location, TBA) will be held. If the higher IJF ranked athlete wins the first match, he/she shall be the athlete selected in that weight category of competition. If the higher IJF ranked athlete loses, then the athletes shall engage in a best-of-three fight-off. The winner of that fight-off shall be the athlete selected for that

weight category of competition. In this scenario, the athlete not named to the team as a result of the trials, will be the replacement.

Scenario #3 – Trials needed:

- If the USA has three or more athletes ranked in the top 17 in the same weight division as of June 25, 2024, then a single elimination 2024 Olympic Trials – Judo will be held (date and location, TBA). The athletes will be seeded according to their current IJF Olympic Ranking and placed accordingly in a single elimination bracket.
 - If the highest seeded athlete (i.e., highest-ranked U.S. athlete within the top 17 of the IJF Olympic Ranking) wins the 2024 Olympic Trials – Judo he/she shall be the athlete selected in that weight category of competition to the 2024 Olympic Games Team. The athlete who takes second place at the 2024 Olympic Trials- Judo shall be the replacement athlete for that weight category.
 - If the highest seeded athlete does not win the single elimination bracket, he/she will face the athlete who advanced furthest within that weight category in a best-of-three fight-off that same day. The winner of that fight-off shall be the athlete selected for that weight category to the 2024 Olympic Games Team; the athlete who lost the fight-off shall be the replacement athlete for that weight category (see 4.1). After determining the Olympic team member and his/her replacement athlete, if there is more than one athlete left in the weight category, then those remaining athletes will have one more fight to determine the 3rd place athlete (2nd replacement athlete) and 4th place athlete (3rd replacement athlete).

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

N/A

2.2. Define the discretionary criteria to be used (if any):

N/A

2.3. Name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles:

N/A

2.3.1. Process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee:

All members of the selection committee must comply with the NGB/PSO's conflict of interest policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form for review by the NGB/PSO's Ethics Committee prior to convening the committee.

Any member of the selection committee who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to the NGB/PSO's Ethics Committee prior to the start of the selection process and/or recuse him/herself from the review process and/or voting. A conflict of interest exists when a personal, family, financial, professional, club, team or business interest of the committee member poses a direct or indirect relationship, connection, or affiliation, past or present, with an athlete in contention for the applicable team selection that could compromise the committee member's ability to participate in the selection process in an unbiased manner. If a conflict exists, the NGB/PSO's Ethics Committee shall review the conflict and determine the committee member's level of involvement (e.g., whether that committee member must recuse him/herself from participating in discussions and/or voting). For example, if it is determined that a committee member must recuse him/herself from voting, the Ethics Committee may still determine that a committee member who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and so long as the committee member with the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision. The committee member must not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the selection process.

Additionally, any person (including any potentially impacted athlete or coach of a potentially impacted athlete) with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to NGB/PSO's Ethics Committee. Reports may be made anonymously. No committee member shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest.

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the NGB/PSO selection committee appointment process.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to submitting athlete entries by name to the USOPC, USA Judo has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is nominated to the Team by USA Judo may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Judo:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Judo CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Judo. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Judo, his/her injury will be assumed to be debilitating and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of the USA Judo's Code of Conduct (<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/About-Us/Governance/USA-Judo-Policies>).
- 3.1.5. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1. of these selection procedures.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Judo Bylaws Article 14 and the USOPC Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB/PSO Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Delegation Conduct Requirements apply, contained in the USOPC Games Delegation Terms. The USOPC Games Delegation Terms are specific to each Games and made available during the Games registration process; the USOPC's Grievance Procedures and Hearing Process are found within the Delegation Terms. See "Delegation Events" at <https://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Dispute-Resolution> for more information.
- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and USA Judo SafeSport policies, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

- 4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:
- For Scenario #1 in Section 1.3 above as well as any Continental qualifier, the IJF will reallocate the slot to the next highest ranked athlete from the IJF World Ranking List of June 25, 2024 from an NOC who has not already qualified in that weight category.
 - For Scenario #2 in Section 1.3 above, the replacement athlete will be the 2nd place finisher at the 2024 Olympic Trials – Judo in that weight category.
 - For Scenario #3 in Section 1.3 above, the replacement athlete will be the 2nd place finisher at the 2024 Olympic Trials – Judo in that weight category. If both athletes withdraw or are removed from nomination, the 3rd place finisher at the 2024 Olympic Trials – Judo will be the replacement in that weight category. If all three athletes withdraw or are removed from the nomination, the 4th place finisher at the 2024 Olympic Trials – Judo will be the replacement in that weight category.
- 4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

If the Local Organizing Committee allows replacements after the Entries by Name are submitted, athletes will be selected based on the criteria outlined in Section 4.1.1 or as determined in accordance with the IJF Olympic Qualification system.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Judo will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USOPC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Olympic Games:

USA Judo Code of Conduct (<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-judo/about-us/governance/usa-judo-policies>)

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the USA Judo in the following public location(s):

- 7.1. NGB/PSO Web site: <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors/2024-Olympic-Games>

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOPC.

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before:

June 25, 2024 – Note: If a fight-off is required (more than one athlete ranked in the top 17 on the IJF World Ranking as of June 25, 2024), nomination for athletes in the impacted Olympic events will be on or before July 2, 2024.

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

No mandatory training is planned at this time. If mandatory training is added, athletes will be notified via email/phone at least 30 days prior to any mandatory training.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

- Eddie Liddie - High Performance Director
- Alex Bates – High Performance Coordinator
- Marti Malloy – USOPC AAC Rep and USA Judo Athlete Director
- Christal Ransom – USA Judo Athlete Director

12. NGB/PSO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Judo Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/About-Us/Governance/USA-Judo-Bylaws> (Article 14)

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, as applicable, and/or IJF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, as applicable, and/or IJF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Judo. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures may require revisions, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

14. ATHLETE OMBUDS OFFICE

The Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB/PSO.

To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000



EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: www.usathlete.org

15. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Judo.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USA Judo President or CEO/Executive Director	Keith Bryant		11/4/2022

Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Ed Liddie		11/4/2022
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Marti Malloy		11/4/22

* If the USOPC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/PSO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her USOPC Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOPC AAC Representative, the NGB/PSO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.