



National Team Selection Policy

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1. Purpose

To establish transparent and fair criteria for the selection of athletes to represent Trinidad and Tobago in national and international Judo competitions, in alignment with International Judo Federation (IJF) standards and JudoTT's governance framework.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all athletes, coaches, and technical officials involved in JudoTT-sanctioned national team activities, trials, and events.

3. Objectives

- Ensure merit-based selection grounded in performance, conduct, and commitment.
- Promote athlete development within an ethical, inclusive, and transparent framework.
- Align national team processes with JudoTT's long-term strategic plan and IJF guidelines.

4. Eligibility Criteria

Athletes must:

- Be a registered and active member of a JudoTT-affiliated club.
- Hold a valid JudoTT and IJF membership license.
- Meet minimum rank requirement (the athlete must be the rank of green belt at the time of the selection call).
- Meet the minimum age requirement (the athlete must turn at least **12 years old** in the calendar year of the selection call).
- Demonstrate consistent attendance at club training and national sessions.
- Pass the required **fitness ([FRM-TRN-202510-017])** and **medical evaluations ([FRM-ATH-202510-016])**.
- Be in good disciplinary standing.

5. Selection Process

1. **Announcement** – JudoTT publishes a call for selection, including eligibility, dates, and criteria.
2. **Application** – Athletes submit the official **National Team Application Form ([FRM-SEL-202510-009])** with all required documents.
3. **Trials & Evaluations** – Conducted under the oversight of the National Coach.
 - **Automatic Qualification:**

Athletes who place within the **top four (4)** of their respective divisions at the **JudoTT National Championships** shall automatically qualify for inclusion on the National Team, provided that:

 - i) They meet all eligibility and conduct requirements as set out by JudoTT;
 - ii) They maintain active club membership and attendance; and
 - iii) They submit a completed **National Team Application Form ([FRM-SEL-202510-009])** within the designated timeframe.

Such athletes are deemed to have met the performance standard component of selection but remain subject to verification of medical fitness, disciplinary standing, and compliance with JudoTT policies prior to final approval.
4. **Approval** – Recommendations and results are submitted to the JudoTT Executive Committee for final endorsement.
5. **Notification** – Successful athletes receive official selection letters confirming their appointment to **Team Trinidad and Tobago (Team TTO)**.

6. Performance Reviews

- Selected athletes must maintain:
- Regular participation in training (tracked via **Club Attendance Form** [FRM-TRN-202510-013]).
- Fitness test compliance and evaluation updates.
- Consistent adherence to the **Athlete Code of Conduct** [POL-ATH-202510-002].
- Failure to comply may result in suspension or deselection from the team.

7. Appeals Process

Athletes may appeal a selection decision in writing via the **Notice of Appeal or Grievance Form** [FRM-ETH-202510-015] within **seven (7) days** of notification to the JudoTT Executive, following the **JudoTT Appeals and Grievance Policy** [POL-ETH-202510-014].

8. Related Documents

- [POL-ATH-202510-002] Athlete Code of Conduct: Establishes the expected standards of behavior, ethics, and professionalism for athletes representing JudoTT.
- [FRM-SEL-202510-009] Athlete Application and Selection Form: The official form for athletes to apply for national team selection, including submission of required documents within the designated timeframe.
- [POL-TRN-202510-005] National Training and Competition Framework: Outlines the structure for national squad training, club integration, training components, and the domestic/international competition framework.
- [FRM-ETH-202510-015] Notice of Appeal or Grievance Form: The official form for submitting a formal appeal against a decision or raising a grievance, detailing the grounds and remedy sought.
- [POL-ETH-202510-014] Appeals and Grievance Policy: Provides a fair mechanism for resolving disputes regarding selection, discipline, or governance, ensuring due process and transparency.
- [FRM-ATH-202510-016] Medical History and Clearance Form: Consents and medical history for athletes, including physician clearance for participation.
- [FRM-TRN-202510-017] Physical Fitness Assessment Form: Records athlete fitness test results against national standards.

9. Review and Amendment

This policy will be reviewed annually by the National Coach, with updates approved by the Executive Committee.

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