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Re: UPDATE – 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES SELECTION - INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

The worldwide Covid-19 pandemic has forced the postponement of the 2020 Olympic Games and changes to the IJF competition calendar and deadline for Olympic qualification.

In light of this, Judo Canada had to modify its Internal Nomination Procedures for the 2020 Olympic Games. The July 25, 2020 is the latest updated procedure that supersedes all other published versions.

The main changes between the former Internal Procedures and this revised version are as follows:

- Olympic Games (judo) dates are changed from July 25 - August 1, 2020, to July 24 - 31, 2021
- IJF deadline to submit its Olympic List of athletes qualified for the Olympic Games is changed from May 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021.
- Date of fight-offs changed from June 6, 2020 to July 3, 2021, with one possible exception described in the new Case 3.1 of the revised Nomination Procedures, in which case the fight off could be held earlier than July 3, 2021.

In revising its Internal Nomination Procedures, Judo Canada has been guided by the goal of preserving the health and safety of its athletes and providing them with the best preparation for the Olympic Games.





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Annex A

15.5 SELECTION FOR THE 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES, TOKYO, JAPAN, JULY 24 – 31, 2021 INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES - This version of the Judo Canada INP was approved on July 25, 2020 and replaces the version of the INP approved on September 25, 2019 and any other previous version of this INP as it relates to the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Judo Canada is carefully following the evolution of the Coronavirus-19 pandemic at the global and domestic levels and how it may impact international and internal selection procedures for the Tokyo Olympic Games. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the the coronavirus situation, Judo Canada will apply these published Internal Nomination Procedures, as written.

However, should situations related to the oCronavirus pandemic require that these Internal Nomination Procedures be modified, Judo Canada would make such modifications and inform all concerned parties as quickly as possible.

Furthermore, situations could arise that would not allow for these Internal Nomination Procedures to be modified or applied as written, due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, would be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in these Internal Nomination Procedures, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s), as applicable, and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach, as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Judo Canada would communicate with all concerned parties, as soon as possible.

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 2020 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 the quota positions earned by the athletes/NSF as per the qualification process established by the IJF.





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II - ELIGIBILITY

1. Canadian Citizenship, as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter, is a requirement to participate in the Olympic Team selection process.
2. Must be in compliance with all International Judo Federation (IJF) requirements for eligibility, as outlined in Appendix A.
3. The list of athletes eligible to participate in the 2020 Olympic Games will be determined by the IJF and communicated to National Olympic Committees by June 30, 2021. This list is referred to in this document as the "IJF Olympic List".
4. Must possess a valid Canadian passport which does not expire on or before December 31, 2021.
5. Must sign and submit the Tokyo 2020 Conditions of Participation Form no later than June 30, 2021.
6. Must sign and submit the Canadian Olympic Committee Team Member Agreement no later than June 30, 2021.
7. Must be a member in good standing of Judo Canada.

* Note: Only one athlete per country is considered in the IJF Olympic list. For reference see:
https://www.ijf.org/wrl_olympic?category=all

III-Decision Making Authority

Olympic nominations will be recommended by Judo Canada's High Performance Director and submitted for approval to Judo Canada's Board of Directors. 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 4, 2021.

Note : In all cases described below, top 18 or top 8 rankings are established by including only one athlete per country.

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



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Case 1: In a weight class in which only one Canadian athlete is allocated a quota place in the IJF Olympic List of June 30, 2021, 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 several Canadian athletes are ranked in the top 18 of the IJF Olympic List of June 30, 2021, but only one of them is ranked 8th or higher, this athlete ranked 8th or higher will be nominated to the COC for inclusion on the Olympic Team.

The alternate will be the next highest ranked Canadian athlete in the IJF Olympic List of June 30, 2021. 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 3.1: In a weight class in which several Canadian athletes are ranked in the top 18 of the **provisional IJF Ranking for the Olympic Games of May 17, 2021**, as posted on the IJF website, and two or more of these athletes are ranked 8th or higher, a fight-off will be held between these athletes ranked 8th or higher, as soon as possible, **provided that:**

- 1) It is mathematically guaranteed that no other Canadian athletes can achieve a top 8 ranking in the IJF Olympic List of June 30, 2021.
- 2) It is mathematically guaranteed that those Canadian athletes in the top 8 of the provisional IJF Ranking for the Olympic Games of May 17, 2021, will stay in the top 8 of the IJF Olympic List of June 30, 2021.

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 3.2: In a weight class in which several Canadian athletes are included in the IJF Olympic List of June 30, 2021, and two or more of these athletes are ranked 8th or higher, a fight-off will be held between these athletes ranked 8th or higher on July 3, 2021.

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



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Case 4: In a weight class in which several Canadian athletes are included in the IJF Olympic List of June 30, 2021,, but none of these athletes are ranked 8th or higher,, a fight-off will be held between these athletes ranked in the top 18 on July 3, 2021.

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 July 3, 2021, or earlier if possible under case 3.1, as per the following procedures:

1. Two persons fight off: a best two out of three procedure will be used. The winner of two fights will be nominated to the COC for inclusion on the Olympic Team.
2. For situation of three or more participants, a round-robin format will be used. At the end of the round-robin, the athlete 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 fight-off will be launched immediately only including the athletes tied in first position. 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 2018-2019 Handbook for other Fight off procedures.

V - APPEALS TO SELECTION

Appeals to selection are limited to incorrect application of these policies or procedures. In case of an appeal, the Appeals Policy will be applied as per Judo Canada's policy in use at the time of the selection.

This policy and procedure can be found at:

http://www.judocanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Appeals_Policy_EN_Jan_12_2018.pdf

If both parties agree, the Appeals Policy can be bypassed, and the matter can be brought immediately before the Sport Dispute Resolution Center of Canada who will then manage the appeals process.

The external timelines, set by the IJF, IOC and COC are very tight and therefore, for appeals on decision made after June 1, 2021, appeals must be filed directly to the Sport Dispute Resolution Center of Canada within 24 hours of the publication of the decision.





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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 directors 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.

After nomination to the COC, any such withdrawal is subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. After July 5, 2021, any athlete replacement is subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

VIII - SELECTION OF THE COACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF

1. Judo Canada's designated High Performance Director or Manager will serve as the Team leader for the Olympic Games 2020.
2. Accreditation to Coaches and Support will be distributed with the following priority:
 - a. National coaches
 - b. Head therapist
 - c. Training partners
 - d. Other IST members

To be recognized as a coach he or she must be in good standing with the Professional Coaching program of the Coaching Association of Canada, either as a Chartered Professional Coach or as a Registered Coach.

To be accredited as a Therapist, he or she will need to be certified as CATA or SPC and have a professional liability insurance coverage.

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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 Directors of Judo Canada.

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