

CANADA WINTER GAMES 2027 ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

COMPOSITION AND ELIGIBILITY

Please see the CANADA WINTER GAMES TECHNICAL PACKAGE for eligibility and team composition for the athletes.

Age: Born in 2009 – 2012* (2013 with early bloomer clause)

Rank: Green Belt of Higher

Weight categories:

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

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

Team Totals:

7 Males

7 Females

COMPETITOR SELECTION

Individuals will be selected based on the following selection process.

The selection process will be as follows:

- The selected athlete will have won the first two selection tournaments (outlined below).
- If a different competitor has won each of the first two selection tournaments, a third tournament will be held with the top two finishers from each of the previous selection tournaments invited (i.e. the first and second place finishers from the first selection tournament and the first and second place finishers from the second tournament). The winner of this third tournament will be selected.
- Example (three athletes in a category: A, B, C):

Selection Tournament	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
1	A	B	C
2	C	B	A
3	B	C	A

Athlete "B" would be selected for this category.

- If not all the categories have been filled using the above process, a second competitor may be added to an already filled category as per Judo Canada's regulations. This

competitor will be selected based on their performance at the 2026 Quebec Open (U18 or U21 age category) using the following point breakdown:

- 700 points for 1st place
 - 500 points for 2nd place
 - 300 points for 3rd place
 - 50 points per win (as defined in the Judo Canada Athletes Handbook)
 - U16 categories may also be considered, but at half the point totals listed above.
- Special Note: If an early bloomer (born 2013) is in an uncontested category, they will not automatically be selected. Instead, the results at the 2026 Quebec Open, as detailed above, will be used to determine if they are selected or if a second athlete in another division is selected.

***Judo NB reserves the right to select an individual for a category that is not able to be filled as per the above selection process. In this case, the Selection Committee will make a recommendation to the board for approval. ***

TOURNAMENT LOCATION

Selection Tournament 1

Location: TBD

Date: TBD (September 2026)

Selection Tournament 2

Location: TBD

Date: TBD (October 2026)

Selection Tournament 3 (if required)

Location: TBD

Date: TBD (November 2026)

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The selection tournaments will be of similar format as ratified by Judo NB Selection Committee.

ILLNESS OR INJURY

No consideration will be given to athlete injury or sickness or absence due to family obligations such as funerals. If an athlete is unable to attend one event then their eligibility will be based on the events they are able to attend.

CHOOSING OF ALTERNATES

Alternates will be chosen using the above criteria mentioned in competitor selection.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Once team is selected, there will be mandatory camps and trainings. Any athlete that does not meet the minimum training requirements may be removed from the team.

DATE OF NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION

Notification of selection based on the above criteria will be made by the Canada Games Team Coaching/Management Staff in writing first to the athlete and then to the general mailing list no later than 30 days following the last of the selection tournaments.

APPEALS

Appeals can be made if a contestant, coach or parent feels the criteria were not implemented or were biased in some way to the President of Judo NB in writing no later than 5 working days after the final selection. A non-refundable \$200 administration fee is required to accompany each appeal in the form of a certified check or money order payable to Judo New Brunswick. A decision of the President is binding and final and will be made in writing to the complainant.