

Selection Criteria for selecting the Final Team/Athletes for the Commonwealth Games – 2026, Asian Judo Championships 2026, Asian Games 2026 and other International Events till Asian Games 2026:

1] In continuation to the JFI's Selection Criteria & Training-Competition Programme (2025-2026) for Commonwealth Games & Asian Games 2026, Dated 22nd Aug. 2025, the following are revised based on the recommendations of the JFI Selection Committee:

1.a] 3.1 Commonwealth Games – 2026

- Top 8 finishers from the Senior National Judo Championships 2025-26 will be named as probable.

2] Final Selection Trials among the selected Probable on 21st and 22nd February 2026 at KDJ, N. Delhi.

2.a] Open to only selected probable (Men 57 athletes & Women 58 athletes)

The Selection Trials will be conducted in the following system:

Eight (08) athletes shall be drawn into two pools, Pool A and Pool B. The gold and silver medalists from the Senior National Judo Championships 2025-26 shall be seeded and placed in separate pools.

The athletes shall compete in a round-robin format within their respective pools. The winners of Pool A and Pool B shall contest the final bout to determine the top position.

The Selection Committee, if deemed necessary, may order a best-of-three bouts format to decide the final ranking. The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final and not subject to appeal.

2.b] Based on the performance in the trials (21st and 22nd Feb. 2026) 2 each in 7 men and 2 each in 7 women weight categories will be selected. The second-place holders will be as standby of the respective weight categories, and JFI Selection Committee is authorized to replace/substitute the winner/s as and when required.

2.c] Based on performance in the trials (21st and 22nd Feb. 2026), 7+2 male and 7+2 female players will be selected for the upcoming International Competitions / Trainings and Commonwealth Games - 2026 / Asian Games – 2026 / Asian Judo Championships – 2026.

The selection of the Asian Games – 2026 will be as per the guidelines of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, dated 24/09/2025.

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The tentative calendar of the International Events till Asian Games 2026 are given below:

- I] Asian Judo Championships – 2026 (14 ~ 20 April 2026, China)
- II] Grand Slam – Dushanbe – 2026 (29/4 ~ 7/5/2026, Tajikistan)
- III] Grand Slam – Astana – 2026 (6 ~ 11, May – 2026)
- IV] International Training – Japan (10th June to 7th July 2026)
- V] Commonwealth Games – 2026 – Glasgow (21/7 ~ 3/8/2026)
- VI] International Training – 2026 Georgia (16 ~ 30, Aug. 2026)
- VII] International Training – Japan (10th Sept. till Asian Games 2026)

3] Selection will be based on:

- Current performance and fitness,
- Readiness for Senior-level Competitions,
- Medal winning potential,
- Approval by the JFI Selection Committee.

4] Performance review Criteria: The JFI Selection Committee will review the performance of the players prior to finalize the athletes for the Commonwealth Games 2026 and Asian Games 2026 based on the post-competition/camp/training evaluations will be submitted by the Coaches/Managers including the following before the deadlines of the submission of Final Entries for the Commonwealth and Asian Games 2026:

- Technical and tactical performance,
- Fitness, Discipline and Commitment,
- Medal winning potential.

5] The decision of the Selection Committee will be treated as final.

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