

JFI Selection Policy for the Participation in International Events

Judo Federation of India (JFI) policy for allowing Indian judokas to participate in IJF/Continental Unions-recognised international events, which is performance-based and transparent.

A] Participation of Indian Judo Teams in the IJF/Continental Events at Govt. Cost

1. ELIGIBILITY

Only athletes who:

- Are registered with JFI through a recognised State/UT association/ Department.
- Hold a JFI registration.
- Fulfil IJF/Continental unions age, nationality, medical and anti-doping requirements.
- Are medically fit and cleared for international competition.
- Have no disciplinary suspension, or Doping Case
- Recommended by JFI Selection Committee.

***Eligibility of Coaches Accompanying the Team**

Only coaches who are duly registered with JFI, engaged in the National Camp, or under contract with the Judo Federation of India (JFI) and/or Sports Authority of India (SAI) shall be eligible to accompany the Indian team in IJF/Continental unions-recognised international events.

In the case of foreign coaches, only those formally appointed, registered, or contracted by JFI/SAI shall be permitted to accompany the team in an official coaching capacity.

No athlete, State Association, club, academy, or any other individual/entity shall be permitted to nominate or include a personal coach or foreign coach as part of the official team without prior written approval of JFI.

The final decision regarding the appointment and accreditation of coaches accompanying the Indian team shall rest with JFI, in accordance with applicable SAI, IJF regulations.

2. PRIORITY FOR SELECTION

Judo Players / Athletes should be considered in the following order:

*** PERFORMANCE**

- Eligibility shall be the Gold and Silver medallists of the recent National Judo Championships, or the first two place-holders in the latest National Selection Trials.
- Consistent international results (Medallists in recognised events), medal winners of recognised International Events of IJF/JUA or proven ranking.
- Performance analysis by the national selection committee (based on the proven results) as well as chances of winning medal in specific weight categories.
- Criteria fixed by Govt. of India for selection of players.

3. Maximum Entries

For an IJF/JUA event where the applicable IJF rules permit limited entries:

Maximum two athletes per weight category, subject to maximum limits fixed in IJF Rules.

B] JFI Approval / Procedure for the participation of Judo Players/Coaches at Own Cost in the Grand Slam/ Grand Prix/ Continental Open Events, where JFI is not sending its official team.

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- Are medically fit and cleared for international competition.
- Have no disciplinary suspension, or Doping Case
- World Ranking upto 100 in Senior & 50 in Junior
- First / Second Position holder of recent National / Selection Trials
- The Athlete will be allowed according to their position in Senior and Junior. The position will be considered according to their Age Group i.e. Senior or Junior. Position obtained in Junior categories and no position in Senior categories will not be considered for Senior categories.
- Recommended by JFI Selection Committee.

An Athlete through their State Association/Department/Training Institute should submit the request at least two months before the entry deadline, containing:

1. Event name and dates
2. Weight category
3. Current WRL/National Ranking
4. Recent results
5. Coach/team manager details
6. Medical fitness certificate
7. Funding source
8. Travel/insurance details
9. Anti-doping compliance declaration

4. Selection Committee:

Approval should be made by

- JFI President or nominee
- JFI Selection committee

5. Entry/Processing Fee

A] Any athlete wishing to participate in an IJF/Continental-recognised Open event wherein JFI is not sending official team, shall deposit ₹15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) in the designated JFI account towards the entry/processing fee which is nonrefundable.

B] The fee must be deposited within the time stipulated by JFI. Failure to deposit the prescribed fee within the stipulated period may result in the entry not being processed.

C] The Athlete/s and the Officials must be registered with the IJF Judobase which is to be done through JFI, and the process needs to be done well in advance (before the hotel reservation deadlines).

D] The hotel reservation chart must be submitted to JFI before the deadline of the final hotel reservation date according to the outlines of the event.

E] Since JFI is the authority to send the entries, hotel reservation, travel schedule etc., the Judoka/s and the Coach/es must make the payment to the organizers account mentioned in the Outlines Or the Individual/s must submit an affidavit stating that they will make the payment to the Organizers as per the invoice/demand on arrival, if allowed in the Outlines. In case of any violation of the affidavit or the liability the JFI will take appropriate action without any notice.

F] The Travel Schedule of the Athlete/s and Coach/Manager must be informed to JFI before one week of the deadline of the Outlines.

G] A report on the participation must be submitted to JFI within one week after the event.

H] The Athlete/s and Coach/Manager shall have to follow all the rules and regulations according to the International Judo Federation/Organizers regarding their participation.

J] The judoka/coach/referee/officials also must submit an affidavit stating that he/she will be the responsible for any kind of his/her misconduct and accept the disciplinary action which may extend to suspension from the further Judo events, as per the JFI Format attached.

K] The participants who are working in public sector/deptt., needs to submit the NOC from the concerned Organization /Department of the player/coach/official, and also from the parents in case the judoka is minor.

L] JFI will not be responsible for their Visa issues, however correspondence/help regarding visa support letter will be done by the JFI on completion of the required documents, Flight Details and Hotel requirement etc. in time.

6. SAI Clearance / Approval on No Cost to Govt. (if required)

JFI shall submit entries only for those events which have been:

- Cleared/approved by the Sports Authority of India (SAI)
- To obtain approval either at no cost to the Government/JFI, or on own-cost/sponsorship basis.

No athlete shall be permitted to represent India or enter himself/herself through JFI for an event without the requisite approval/clearance, wherever such clearance is required.

7. Submission of Final Entry by JFI

All official entries representing India in IJF/Continental-recognised events shall be submitted only through JFI in accordance with the applicable IJF/continental unions regulations and the procedures prescribed by JFI.

Individual athletes, coaches, clubs, academies, State Associations or any other person/entity shall not independently submit or make an official entry on behalf of India without prior written approval of JFI.

8. No Automatic Right to Participation

Payment of the prescribed ₹15,000/- fee (non-refundable) and/or obtaining SAI clearance shall not confer an automatic or vested right on any athlete to participate in an event.

9. Final Decision of JFI

JFI shall have the sole and final authority to decide whether an athlete's entry shall be submitted, accepted, withdrawn or otherwise dealt with, keeping in view:

- Athlete's performance and current form
- International ranking and qualification requirements
- Fitness and medical status
- Previous participation and performance
- Disciplinary record and compliance with JFI rules
- Importance and relevance of the event
- National team requirements and competition planning.
- Having no pending case of Doping/Criminal case
- Whereabout information has to be submitted to JFI, and NADA, and undertaking thereon.
- Any other matter considered relevant by JFI

The decision of JFI in this regard shall be final and binding.

10. Compliance

All athletes/ concerned State Associations/units shall strictly comply with this policy. Any attempt to bypass the prescribed JFI entry procedure, or to participate in an IJF/Continental-recognised event without the required approval may be treated as a violation of JFI regulations and may invite appropriate action.

11. Effective Date

This policy shall come into force with effect from the date of its issuance and shall remain applicable until amended, superseded or withdrawn by JFI.

12. Request for Participation

Requests for participation in any event must be submitted to JFI **at least two months prior to the entry deadline** of the respective event. Last minute requests will not be considered.

The above policy is effect from the date of issue and will be valid till issue of the revised policy.

Judo Federation of India

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