



Fwd: Comprehensive Recommendations for Judo Development and Strategic Planning

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Respected Sir,

We are honored to present this proposal on behalf of the Sports Authority of India as the High-Performance Manager/Director for Judo. Our collaborative efforts with the Judo Federation of India signify a monumental commitment to advancing the sport's landscape in our nation. The proposed agenda for the upcoming meeting outlines strategic initiatives that are pivotal for the holistic development of judo athletes, coaches, and referees.

1. International Training Programme for Cadet/Junior before March 31, 2024:

- Objective: Elevate the caliber of our judo athletes through exposure to international training methodologies.
- Proposed Actions: Collaboration with renowned international judo training centers.
- Timeline: Implementation before March 31, 2024, to align with upcoming competitions.
- Expected Outcomes: Enhanced skill sets and global competitiveness.
- Training cum competition at Europe (Slovakia) for Cadets & Tashkent for Juniors.
- **Option-1:** Selecting the top 10 athletes based on World Ranking List (WRL).
- **Option-2:** Conducting trials at Delhi or Bhopal from 29 February to 2nd March.
- Recommendations: Committee members' recommendations attached for your reference.

2. ACTC 2024-25: Drafting the Annual Calendar of Competition and Training (ACTC):

- 1. Aligning with Olympic Cycles:
 - Ensure the ACTC aligns with the Olympic cycles of 2024 and 2028, strategically planning major events and training periods to peak during these critical years.
- 2. Budgetary Allocation:
 - Implement strict policy decisions to allocate a significant portion of the budget to cadet and Junior athletes, with a focus on future talent.

- Introduce an Under-23 age bracket for financial support, gradually reducing the World Rank (WRL) requirement from 100 to 50 by 2025-26.

- Seniors above 23 years can only receive financial support if selected for official events like Asian Championships/Games and Commonwealth Judo Championship, with the obligation to self-finance for other official events until achieving the 75 WRL.

- 3. Exposure Plans for Enhanced Performance:

- Recognize the need for increased exposure to elite-level competition. Design training-cum-competition plans at international locations, encouraging athletes to stay before or after events for maximum exposure.

- Address the issue of early-round losses by focusing on exposure with competitors at the elite level. Prioritize international stays in the ACTC for 2024-25 and 2026 to enhance athletes' performance on the mat.

- 4. Introduction of National Ranking System:

- Incorporate a robust National Ranking System to identify and nurture talent within the judo community. By integrating additional events into the ranking system, aim to pinpoint emerging players, fostering a strong second and third lineup.

- Cultivate a culture where multiple athletes within a single weight category aspire to break into the World Ranking List (WRL), ensuring a formidable presence with four or five athletes vying for top positions on the global stage.

- 5. Long-Term Target for 2028 Olympics:

- Establish a clear goal for the 2028 Olympics, aiming to have a substantial number of participants (at least 3-4) qualified for the Los Angeles Olympics.

- Plan the ACTC with a strategic vision, progressively building towards achieving maximum representation and success at the 2028 Olympic Games.

3. Road Map for 2028 and 2032 Olympic Games (Based on SPLISS):

- Embarking on the strategic roadmap for judo development in India towards the 2028 and 2032 Olympic Games, guided by the SPLISS (Sports Policy factors Leading to International Sporting Success) framework.

- Utilize SPLISS research to tailor talent identification programs, structured training, international exposure, sports science integration, mental conditioning, grassroots engagement, and strategic partnerships.

4. Talent Identification for Cadet/Junior Development:

- 1. Structured Evaluation Criteria:

- Establish clear and standardized evaluation criteria, blending sports performance metrics and physical parameters. Collaboratively devise this framework with the Talent Identification and Development Committee (TIDC), ensuring a comprehensive assessment of athletes' skills and potential.

- 2. Regular Assessment and Feedback:

- Implement a periodic assessment schedule, consistently evaluating athletes against predefined criteria. Regular monitoring of sports performance and physical parameters by the TIDC, providing constructive feedback to athletes.

- 3. Weeding Out Non-Performing Athletes:

- Integrate a transparent weeding-out process based on performance evaluations by the TIDC. Identify athletes falling below benchmarks and initiate necessary interventions such as personalized training programs or mentorship. Ensure continuous evaluation and communication for a dynamic approach to talent development.

5. Coaches/Referees Development Programmes:

- 1. Recognition of Importance:

- Acknowledge the pivotal role of well-trained coaches and referees in nurturing judo talent and upholding the integrity of the sport.

- 2. Specialized Training Initiatives:

- Implement targeted development programs designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of coaches and referees, ensuring they stay abreast of the latest techniques and rule modifications in judo.

- 3. Continuous Improvement Strategies:

- Foster an environment of continuous learning and development for coaches and referees, emphasizing the significance of staying updated with evolving trends in judo.

- 4. Evaluation Metrics:

- Establish comprehensive metrics to measure the impact and effectiveness of the development programs, ensuring a tangible enhancement in the capabilities of coaches and referees.

- 5. Collaboration with Sports Authority of India:

- Conduct regular seminars and workshops in collaboration with the Sports Authority of India to enhance the knowledge base of coaches and referees. This includes sending them abroad to attend workshops and seminars organized by the International Judo Federation, fostering exposure to international standards and practices.

- 6. International Representation:

- Incorporate a provision to send at least one referee, fully funded by the government, with all national teams to international events. This ensures our active representation in the global judo arena, contributing to the development of referees on the international stage.

- 7. Alignment with International Judo Federation Academy:

- Develop coaches further by aligning with the International Judo Federation Academy. Facilitate participation in their certification programs, conduct practical exams, and organize camps in India. This approach allows for widespread participation.

6. Induction of Male Categories in the Khelo India League Tournaments:

- Rationale for Inclusion:** Justify the inclusion of male categories to enhance the league's diversity.

- Structure and Format: Outline the format and structure for seamless integration.

- Promotion and Marketing: Develop strategies to promote and market the expanded league.

- Expected Impact: Anticipate positive outcomes from this inclusive approach.

- Draft with Financial Implications: Attached for your consideration.

7. Introduction of Cadet Weight Categories for Khelo India Youth Games and Khelo India University Games:

- Observing that the current weight categories, particularly the mix teams, in the Khelo India Youth Games and Khelo India University Games do not align with the regulations set forth by the International Judo Federation, it is imperative that we address this discrepancy.

- Propose raising this concern to the Games Technical Conduct Committee (GTCC) and advocating for the inclusion of the remaining weight categories in these prestigious games.

- Ensuring adherence to the established rules of the International Judo Federation will not only uphold the integrity of the sport but also provide a platform that accurately reflects international standards for our talented cadet judokas.

- Attached Report: Highlights the modification of categories.

Conclusion:

- This comprehensive proposal reflects our collective vision for the future of judo in India. By strategically implementing these initiatives, we aim to not only raise the standards of our athletes but also solidify India's presence on the global judo stage.

- Active participation and support from all stakeholders are crucial as we embark on this transformative journey together.

Sincerely,

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6 attachments

 **Request for Alignment of Judo Categories at Khelo India Youth Games with Interna.pdf**
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 **Suggestion - Add on Wt Categories in KIUG 24-25.docx**
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 **Strategic Plan for 2036 2.pdf**
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 **Proposal for Junior and Cadet Judo Events/Training Camps up to March 2024.pdf**
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 **Proposed Callander 2024.xlsx**
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 **Strategic Plan for 2036 2.pdf**
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