



FAQ: Judo Qualification System

Olympic Games 2020

1. The qualification period is for 2 years. When exactly does it start and finish?

The Olympic qualification will start on of **May 25th 2018** and will finish on **May 30th 2020**.

2. There will be a new event for judo – mixed team. What is the qualification process?

Every nation having athletes able to compete in all 6 mixed team categories will take part in the OG 2020. All those athletes must be qualified for individual events. The categories are:

- 57 kg W, - 73 kg M, - 70 kg W, - 90 kg M, +70 kg W, +90 kg M

3. Does it mean that they must be qualified only in those categories?

No. The NOC / Federation who has qualified in total 6 athletes, with minimum one in each of the following (group) categories, fulfills already the qualification criteria for the mixed team event:

- 57 kg / -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg

- 73 kg / -60 kg, -66 kg, -73 kg

- 70 kg / -57 kg, -63 kg, -70 kg

- 90 kg / -73 kg, -81 kg, -90 kg

+70 kg / 70 kg, 78 kg, +78 kg

+90 kg / 90 kg, 100 kg, +100 kg

4. What happens if there is an injury during the individual event and the team only has 5 or 4 athletes able to compete for the team?

In such a case the team will be able to take part because the main condition was fulfilled:
The NOC/Federation nominated minimum 1 athlete in every team category, minimum 6 for team

5. Will there be a 2 kg tolerance as we have in the World Championships?

Yes, the same conditions and competition system as in the World Championships will be operated. That also means that there can be a maximum 12 athletes including reserves (6 women & 6 men forming the team) and a maximum 2 athletes per category.

6. When will the draw for the team event take place and what kind of competition system and which WRL will be used for seeding at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics?

The draw for the team event will take place at the same time as the draw for the individual event. The mix team list will be required just after Final Block of +78 kg and + 100 kg as latest.

For individual events - the Quarter Final repechage competition system with seeding for top 8 according to the World Ranking List as on the 30th of May 2020.

For the team event - the Quarter Final repechage competition system with seeding for top 4 teams according to the last version of the Teams World Ranking List of May 30th 2020.

7. What procedure will be used to allocate the qualifying places from the Continental quota in the situation of gender equality?

After the direct qualification is determined - the **top 18 men** from 18 different countries and **top 18 women** from 18 different countries in each weight category from the World Ranking List each Continent will focus on its athletes to find the best one (the one with the highest total of points) across the genders and weight categories on the WRL. All these athletes will be located "under" the line of the 18 best countries.

When such an athlete is found, he/she is assigned the qualifying place for the Olympics. Consequently his/her country will be removed from the list for the Continental Union quota qualification. The procedure will be repeated until the whole Union quota is filled up.

The regulation for quota places of the Union must be respected / below /.

Continent	Quota Places Men	Quota Places Women	Quota Places Total
Africa	12	12	24
Europe	13	12	25
Asia	10	10	20
Oceania	5	5	10
Pan America	10	11	21
Total	50	50	100

8. If a nation has one (or more) athletes qualified directly, will other athletes of that country be taken into account for allocation of a place from the continental quota?

Yes, conditions for the Union quota allocation are equal for all NOC's / Federations

9. My athlete has qualified for the OG directly through the World Ranking List. What happens if he/she gets injured before the Olympics and is unable to compete? Has the country (NOC) the right to replace him or her?

Yes, but only if there is another athlete from the same country placed among the first 18 countries (men or women) in the World Ranking List.

The place is assigned to the athlete by name and not to the NOC/Federation

10. If in one category more than one athlete from the same country is inside the best 18 nations which of them will start in the Olympic Games?"

In a case where a Federation has more athletes directly qualified in the same category, then it is the NOC / Federation to decide who will finally represent the country in the OG.

11. Will there be substitutes in case of a withdrawal of some qualified athletes?

Yes. The list of reserves will be established immediately after all qualifying places from Direct Qualification and Continental quota are allocated – made up from the remaining athletes of the WRL and sorted by their ranking points

12. Is there a difference between replacements for direct qualified athletes and qualified athletes through Continental quota and what will be the procedure to nominate reserves?

Yes, there is a difference in the replacements between direct and Continental quota:

Direct Qualification replacement:

In case there is in the same category another athlete from the same country qualified among the first 18 countries men or women in the World Ranking List then he/she will be the replacement. If there are more athletes among the best 18 qualified again the Federation /NOC will decide who will finally represent the country in the OG.

In all other cases a direct qualified athlete will be replaced by the athlete with the highest position on the reserve list for this category, regardless of the nation or continent.

Continental quota replacement:

An athlete qualified through the Continental quota will be replaced by the athlete with the highest position on the reserve list who is from the same continent, regardless of the weight category, but still fulfilling the Continental gender quota rules. The nomination of reserve athlete/s/ will be strictly based on “the date and hour” of the official announcement of withdrawal. In another words, an athlete who is officially withdrawn will be immediately replaced by the next reserve from the Direct or Continental quota. In the case of 2 athletes being withdrawn at the same time (for example in the same e-mail from the same Federation) then the Direct Quota athletes will always be replaced first and Continental Quota athletes will be replaced as second.

13. My athlete qualified as with a “wild card” but cannot participate. Can I send another?

No, the place will be reallocated according to the IJF World Ranking List of 30th May 2020 to the highest ranked athlete, regardless of the athlete’s weight category and gender, respecting the maximum quota of one (1) athlete per NOC per event.