



FAQ - Judo Qualification System

Olympic Games Paris 2024

1. The qualification period is 2 (two) years long. When exactly does it begin and end?

The Olympic qualification will begin on 24th June 2022 and will finish on 23rd June 2024.

2. There will be new team invitation places for the judo Mixed Team Event. What is the qualification process?

Generally, each nation with athletes able to compete in all 6 (six) mixed team categories will take part in the Mixed Team Event in the 2024 Olympic Games. All those athletes must be qualified for the individual event. Additionally, the IJF has a total of 5 (five) mixed team invitations (wild cards): 1 (one) for each continent for nations that have qualified athletes in only 5 (five) team categories.

3. I have already qualified athletes for the individual categories of -48kg, -63kg and -70kg for women and -73kg, -90kg and +100kg for men. Can I request an extra team invitation place for the -57kg or +70kg weight category?

NO. Please note that invitations for team competitions will only be given to teams that do not have any qualified athletes fulfilling a specific weight category. For instance, if a nation has already qualified athletes for the individual competition in the -48kg, -63kg and -70kg weight categories and -73kg, -90kg and +100kg, they have fulfilled the criteria for the team competition.

Therefore, the nation cannot request a team invitation place in this case.

In such a scenario, an athlete in the team would compete in the -48kg individual competition and fulfil the -57kg team competition category, the -63kg individual competitor fulfils the criteria for the -70kg team place, and the -70kg individual competitor will be inscribed and compete in the +70kg weight category for the team competition, alongside the three athletes in the men's categories.

Senior Mixed Team Olympic Games	-57 kg	Women (48 kg, 52 kg, 57 kg*)
	-73 kg	Men (60 kg, 66 kg, 73 kg*)
	-70 kg	Women (57 kg, 63 kg, 70 kg*)
	-90 kg	Men (73 kg, 81 kg, 90 kg*)
	+70 kg	Women (70 kg, 78 kg, +78 kg*)
	+90 kg	Men (90 kg, 100 kg, +100 kg*)

4. Who can receive a team invitation?

Invitations will be extended to the best nations on each continent, selected from the IJF Senior Mixed Teams World Ranking List -WRL- (published before 25th June 2024), that have athletes qualified in only 5 (five) team weight categories. In the case of an unused team invitation place for a continent(s), the place will go to the next best nation, regardless of continent, selected from the IJF Senior Mixed Teams World Ranking List.

5. In case an NOC already has an athlete qualified through continental quota, is the NOC also eligible for a team invitation place?

Yes, the conditions for the team invitation allocation are equal for all NOCs/federations, whether athletes are directly qualified or participating through continental quota.

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

In this case, the team will be able to take part because the main conditions were fulfilled: the NOC/federation has a minimum of 1(one) athlete qualified for each team weight category, with a minimum 6 (six) athletes qualified for the Mixed Team Event.

7. Will there be a 5 % (five percent) weight tolerance as for world championship mixed team events?

Yes, the same conditions and competition system will be applied as for world championships. The only difference is that a maximum of 14 athletes can be part of the team and all of them will receive medals.

8. If a player is injured before the individual event and recovers in time for the Mixed Team Event - is he/she allowed to compete?

Yes, he/she can take part in the Mixed Team Event, but no 5 % (five percent) tolerance will be allowed for such cases.

9. Can the athlete qualified via a team invitation place, compete in the individual competition even if her/his team cannot participate in the Mixed Team Event?

Yes, under some specific circumstances (eg. four athletes injured/sick) the team cannot participate in the Mixed Team Event but he/she can take part in the individual event.

10. When will the draw for the Mixed Team Event take place and what kind of competition system and which WRL will be used for seeding at the Paris 2024 Olympics?

The draw for the Mixed Team Event will take place at the same time as the draw for the individual event. The full and final Mixed Team Event athlete participation list will be required, at the latest, after the final block of +78 kg and +100kg.

Individual events will use the quarter-final repechage competition system with top 8 (eight) seeding according to the IJF Senior World Ranking List of the Olympic qualification period.

The Mixed Team Event will use the quarter-final repechage competition system with seeding for the top 4 (four) teams according to the latest version of the IJF Senior Mixed Teams World Ranking List of the Olympic qualification period.

11. What procedure will be used to allocate the qualifying places from the continental quota in regard to gender equality?

After the direct qualification is determined, the remaining athletes will be merged in a global ranking list based on the highest total number of points, across genders and weight categories and continents from the IJF Senior World Ranking List. Then the athletes will be selected starting from the top, considering the category and the NOC. Once an athlete is eligible for his/her category, he/she is assigned the qualifying place for the Olympic Games and his/her country will be removed from the list for the continental quota qualification. The procedure will be repeated until all continental quota places are filled. The allocation for continental quota places is as 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

12. If a nation has 1 (one) or more athletes qualified directly, will other athletes from that country be considered for allocation of a place from the continental quota?

Yes, the conditions for continental quota allocation are equal for all NOCs/federations.

13. My athlete has qualified for the Olympic Games directly through the IJF Senior World Ranking List. What happens if he/she gets injured before the Olympic Games and is unable to compete? Does the country (NOC) have the right to replace him/her?

Yes, but only if there is another athlete from the same country placed among the top 17 countries for men or women, in the IJF Senior World Ranking List. The place is assigned to the athlete by name and not to the NOC/federation.

14. If a category has more than 1 (one) athlete from the same country in the top 17 nations, which one will compete in the Olympic Games?

When an NOC/federation has more than one athlete directly qualified in the same category, it is up to the NOC/federation to decide who will represent the country at the Olympic Games.

15. Will there be substitutes in cases of withdrawal of qualified athletes?

Yes. After all qualifying places from direct qualification and continental quota are allocated, the list of reserves will be comprised of the remaining athletes on the IJF Senior World Ranking List and sorted by their ranking points.

16. Is there a difference between replacements for directly qualified athletes and athletes qualified through continental quota and what is the procedure to nominate reserves?

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

Direct qualification replacement:

If there is another athlete in the same category from the same country qualified among the first 17 qualified, then he/she will be the replacement. If there are more athletes among the best 17 qualified, the NOC/federation will decide who will be the replacement for the country at the Olympic Games.

In all other cases, a directly qualified athlete will be replaced by the athlete with the highest position on the reserve list for that 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 weight category, but still fulfilling the continental quota gender rules. The nomination of reserve athlete(s) will be based strictly on the date and hour of the official announcement of withdrawal. Therefore, an athlete who has officially withdrawn is immediately replaced by the next reserve from the direct or continental quota. In the case of 2 (two) athletes being withdrawn at the same time (for example in the same e-mail from the same NOC/federation) then the directly qualified athletes will always be replaced first, and continental quota athletes will be replaced second.