



TEAM FIJI JUDO

ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA



In accordance with the Charter of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), FASANOC holds both the authority and responsibility to select athletes and officials to represent Fiji at the 2026 Commonwealth Games to be held between **23 JULY TO 2 AUGUST 2026**

Under Article 8.2.n of the FASANOC Charter, FASANOC is empowered to establish the minimum standards required for selection to represent Team Fiji.

This Athletes Selection Criteria has been developed in partnership with the relevant National Federation in accordance with the FASANOC Athlete Minimum Selection Criteria Policy specific for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

This Athlete Selection Criteria is to ensure the selection of the best possible athletes capable of delivering medal-winning performances across the various sports and made in accordance with the established team size limits and guided by FASANOC's commitment to ensuring transparency, fairness, and performance excellence.

Call to Action:

1. National Federations (NF) are required to circulate this Athlete Selection Criteria to all athletes with the potential to be considered for the final team.
2. All athletes listed in the NF squad must review and sign the Athlete Acknowledgement Form that they have read, understood and accepted this Athlete Selection Criteria

SELECTION CRITERIA & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. ATHLETE GENERAL CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY

1.1. Eligibility

- a) Citizenship - be in possession of a Fiji Passport for travel.
- b) Passport should be valid until after 9 January 2027
(*travel requirement 6 months after closing ceremony*)

1.2. Obligations

- a) Complete all entry and contractual documentation including the FASANOC Team Members Agreement
- b) Comply with the rules and regulations of FASANOC, the Games Committee and the IF and WADA as may be modified and applied by the Games Committee to ensure that the overriding principles of the Games are observed
- c) Comply with the age regulations as stipulated by the relevant IF.
- d) Be willing and able to do the activities and duties required to meet FASANOC's sponsorship obligations.

1.3. Character and Discipline

- a) Must be of good character and must possess qualities that comply with FASANOC values of Excellence, Respect, Integrity and Commitment. Past disciplinary records with Team Fiji will be taken into account.
- b) Must be of good repute with no disciplinary issues with their NF.
- c) Not currently be disqualified or suspension by FASANOC, Games Committee, IF or World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
- d) Should have no police record, immigration issues that may cause him/her to be unable to travel abroad for the relevant Games or any pending investigations against them.
- e) Any current/open police records, as well as past records will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

1.4. Medical Assessment and Injury Monitoring

All nominated athletes must submit to medical and physical assessments and examinations as follows:

- a) All athletes must report any injury, medical condition or medication/treatment of an injury or medical condition to the Team Fiji appointed medical personnel, where it has an impact on the athletes' ongoing training plan.
- b) All athletes must provide any information required by Team Fiji in relation to a medical or physical assessment, injury or medical condition.
- c) All athletes must comply with set physical and medical assessments as required by Team Fiji.
- d) Comply with any subsequent outcomes or instructions from the Team Fiji Medical Team.

1.5. Anti-Doping

- a) Must abide and comply with the rules and procedures of the World Anti-Doping Agency, Oceania Regional Anti-Doping Organization (ORADO) and Drugs Free Sport Fiji (DFSF) or applicable legislation under the Laws of Fiji.
- b) Must refrain from using illegal substances and supplements as prohibited by the rules

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of any relevant charter or constitution, policies or guidelines of the IOC, CGF, PGC, IFs and FASANOC.

- c) Must have not breached the WADA Code within the previous 24 months from the Opening Ceremony.

2. ATHLETE MINIMUM PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENT

As per the FASANOC ATHLETE MINIMUM SELECTION CRITERIA POLICY the Athlete:

- a) Must have competed nationally in an open competition or at a credible regional or international event in the last 2 years.
- b) Be the best available athlete ranked within the Top 3 of their NF National Ranking for the competition in the event being entered.
- c) Where applicable, have met the Commonwealth Games Federation and International Federation Minimum Qualification Standard OR qualified by invitation subject to meeting the requirements (a) and (b) above.
- d) Where applicable, hold an Oceania ranking within the Top 8 of their events OR
- e) Competed and finished in the Top 4 in a recognized regional competition in the last 12 months.
- f) Team sports must have qualified by achieving the Qualification Standard set by the Commonwealth Games Federation or International Federation.

3. ATHLETE QUOTA

Selection of athletes is strictly based on the team size limit. The following athlete quota has been allocated.

Male	Female
1	1



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4. MINIMUM QUALIFICATION STANDARD

An Athlete must achieve the following minimum performance standards to be eligible for selection.

- Meeting the minimum performance standard does not guarantee selection.

Standards = minimum time/distance/weight/ height/ranking/skill level/fitness VO2 Max/etc.

JUDO	Male	Female
Extra Lightweight	Under 60kg	Under 48kg
Half Light-weight	Under 66kg	Under 52kg
Light weight	Under 73kg	Under 57 kg
Half Middle-weight	Under 81kg	Under 63 kg
Middle-weight	Under 90kg	Under 70 kg
Half Heavy-weight	Under 100kg	Under 78 kg
Heavy-weight	Over 100 kg	Over 78kg

MINIMUM STANDARD REQUIRED – above are the event categories for Glasgow

Must be the highest ranked Fiji athlete on the International Judo Federation World Ranking List.

5. SELECTION EVENT

List all the relevant and compulsory events that the athlete needs to be aware of.

The NF will hold at least two trials to select its Games Team – indicate the Compulsory events

Date	Event Name <i>(Competition, Training Camp/Fitness trial)</i>	Compulsory (✓)
TBC	FASANOC Periodic Health Examination	✓
TBC	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2026 (exempt for overseas based athletes)	✓
TBC	OCEANIA JUDO CHAMPIONSHIP 2026	✓
	ANY IJF SANCTIONED MEET WITHIN THE QUALIFYING PERIOD	

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6. ATHLETE ATTENDANCE

Athletes are required to attend the following events to be eligible for final selection.
Valid reasons should an athlete be unable to attend any of the below.

Event (<i>training camp, fitness test, etc</i>)	Minimum attendance	Valid Reason for non-achievement
Japan Training Camp December 2025	TBC	
Japan Training Camp April 2026	TBC	

7. OVERSEAS BASED ATHLETES' REQUIREMENT

Any overseas based athletes must submit the following information to the respective NF for verification

1. Competition plans
2. Competition Results
3. Must satisfy the required training and competition scheduled.
4. Coaches Report



8. ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

In addition to the above Requirement, Athletes must also meet the following Criteria:



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9. ATHLETE SELECTION PERIOD & TIMELINE

Key Timeline Elements	Date/Timeline
Athlete Selection Period Start Date	20/10/2025
Athlete Selection Period End Date	27/4/2026
NF Selection & Appeals process Start Date	28/4/2026
NF Selection & Appeals process End Date	1/5/2026
NF Final Name Submission to FASANOC	25 May 2026 (tentative)
FASANOC Selection Justification Committee (SJC) review	2 June 2026 (tentative)
FASANOC SJC Team Justification process	3-4 June 2026 (tentative)
FASANOC EB approval	5-9 June 2026 (tentative)
FASANOC BOM approval	10-11 June 2026 (tentative)
FASANOC Public Announcement	12 June 2026 (tentative)
FASANOC Appeals Period	13-14 June 2026 (tentative)
FASANOC Sport Entries deadline	16 June 2026

10. ATHLETE WITHDRAWAL

FASANOC reserves the right to remove or dismiss an athlete from Team Fiji at any time:

1. Due to injury or illness, as certified by an approved medical practitioner that is likely to keep him or her from competing or
2. who breaches this Team Fiji Athletes Selection Criteria and/or Team Fiji's Team Members Agreement following an appropriate hearing.

Should an athlete withdraw from the team following the team announcement, the NF may request to consider a replacement which can only be done:

3. if the athlete was on the initial long list.
4. if the athlete meets the minimum selection criteria
5. if before 40days from the Opening Ceremony
6. upon approval by FASANOC Executive Board

11. NATIONAL FEDERATION SELECTION COMMITTEE

The NF will appoint a Selection Committee; the make-up of the Committee is at the discretion of the NF but a minimum of 3 members are strongly recommended.

The Selection Committee Members must declare any conflict of interest, i.e. family members and must follow good governance and clear guidelines on how this conflict is managed.

List the NF selection Committee below:

1. Jowela Weleilakeba
2. Nemani Takayawa
3. Lilly Trail



12. APPEALS PROCESS

As per FASANOC's Selection Justification Policy, "athletes and team officials have an opportunity to appeal their cases if they feel they have been unfairly deprived of the opportunity to represent their sport/country as a member of a Fiji representative Team under the jurisdiction of FASANOC.

The appellant shall appeal in writing, clearly stating their reasons for the appeal. The appeal shall be lodged with the Secretary General/CEO of FASANOC at Fiji Olympic House within 48 hours of the announcement of the decision against which the appeal is made. Any athlete or official wishing to submit an appeal to the FASANOC APPEALS TRIBUNAL shall do so on the clear understanding that the decision of the Appeals Tribunal shall be binding on all parties."

FASANOC will accept written appeals lodged at Fiji Olympic House or emailed to ceo@fasanoc.org.fj (Subject: COMMONWEALTH GAMES APPEAL)

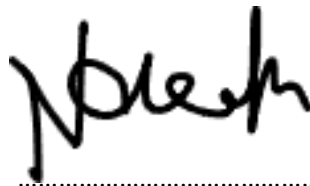


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ENDORSEMENT

FASANOC in formal partnership with the National Federation, has reviewed and officially approves the athlete selection criteria for the upcoming games. This collaborative endorsement ensures the criteria are robust, transparent, and aligned with our shared high-performance objectives

Josateki NAULU General Sec
Fiji Judo Association



20 October 2026

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National Federation

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