

USA JUDO /USAJ
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2007 PAN AMERICAN GAMES - RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL
Men and Women
May 5, 2006

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1. Citizenship: Athlete must be a U.S. Citizen and have a valid US passport at the start of the Pan American Games Trials.
2. Minimum International Judo Federation standards for participation (if any): The IJF has no minimum age requirement at this time. The Pan American Games qualification system will be provided by PASO and will be posted on www.ijf.org as soon as it becomes available.
3. Other requirements (if any): Must be a member in good standing with USA Judo.

B. Provide a brief summary outlining how an athlete is selected as a nominee to the Team.

Senior Classification/Point System points will be accumulated during the time period starting April 23, 2006 until end of 2007 Senior National Championships.

The Top five ranked athletes from the Senior Classification/Point System in each weight category per gender at the close of the 2007 Senior National Championships will be invited to the Pan American Games Trials to be held in May with a TBD date and location.

The maximum team size is 14 athletes, one representing each weight category. The 14 weight categories are: Men (60kg, 66kg, 73kg, 81kg, 90kg, 100kg, and 100+kg) Women (48kg, 52kg, 57kg, 63kg, 70kg, 78kg, and 78+kg).

If the #1 seed wins the Trials they shall be the athlete selected in each weight category of competition. If the #1 seed loses the Trials the #1 seed and the winner of the Trials shall then engage in a best of three

fight-off. The winner of that fight-off shall be the athlete selected for that weight category of competition and the loser of the fight-off will be the replacement team member.

C. Tryout Events:

1. Provide the event names, dates and location of all trials, events and/or camps to be used as part of the selection process.

2007 Pan American Games Trials will be held in May of 2007 with date and location TBD.

2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any "preliminary or qualifying" events or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the events listed above in Section I(C)(1) (if any).

For a description of the Senior Classification/Point System and a list of events at which national classification can be earned can be found at: http://www.usjudo.org/seniors_classification.asp

3. Provide the event name, dates and locations of additional trials that will be used to determine "start positions" (if any).

N/A

- D. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become team nominees.

Selection of Athletes and Replacements: Athletes eligible for participation in the 2007 Pan American Games Trials include the top five ranked athletes on the Senior Classification/Point System at the close of the 2007 USA National Championships (May TBD, 2007, TBD location). Should any of the top five ranked athletes decline to participate in the event invitations will be extended to the next eligible athlete on the Senior Classification/Point System. Athletes are ranked according to Senior Classification/Point System with respect to both classification and point level, i.e., a B Level athlete with 19 points ranks above a C Level athlete with 24 points. Athletes shall receive classification and points on the Senior national roster based on their finishes in various national and international events.

For a description of the Senior Classification/Point System and a list of events at which classification and points can be earned can be

found at: http://www.usjudo.org/seniors_classification.asp.

The Top 5 athletes on the System Point/Classification System will be seeded as follows:

In the first round the #4 seeded athlete fights the #5 seeded athlete. The #1, #2 and #3 seeded athletes will receive a bye in the first round. In the semifinals the winner of #4 and #5 fights the #1 seeded athlete. The #2 seeded athlete fights the #3 seeded athlete. In the finals the winner of #4/#5 and #1 fights the winner of #2 and #3.

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In weight categories where fight offs are needed, these matches will take place immediately following the completion of all of the gold medal matches during the same day's competition.

If the athlete selected and the replacement athlete according to the above criteria declines for any reason the person who is then ranked highest on the Senior Classification/Point System at the close of the 2007 Senior National Championships will be the athlete selected. Subsequent declines will result in a progressive movement down the Senior Classification/Point System according to the same criteria.

E. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the name(s) and title(s) of their members.

Committee	Name	Title
Coaching Committee	Brett Barron	Head Coaching Committee
Coaching Committee	Reno Reser	Athlete
Coaching Committee	John Matsuoka	Athlete
Coaching Committee	Mike Swain	Member
Coaching Committee	Bob Berland	Member
Coaching Committee	Ed Liddie	Member
Coaching Committee	Tommy Dyer	Member
Coaching Committee	Yoshida Yonezuka	Member
Coaching Committee	Steve Cohen	Member
Coaching Committee	Pat Burris	Member

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

A. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

N/A

B. List the discretionary criteria and explain how it will be used:

N/A

C. Discretionary Selection Committee

N/A

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

A. Prior to acceptance of nomination by the USOC, USA Judo has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Judo may be removed from the Nominations for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Judo.

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Judo CEO/Executive Director.
- Injury or illness is certified by an USA Judo physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by an USA Judo physician (or medical staff), their injury will be assumed to be disabling and they may be removed.
- Violation of the USA Judo Code of Conduct, (Attachment "A").

An athlete may be removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USA Judo Constitution and Bylaws Article 14 or by USOC Bylaws, Article 9.

B. After acceptance of nomination by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team and may be removed for any of the following reasons.

After acceptance of nomination by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team under the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures. This occurs no earlier than 45 days and no later than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremonies of the Games (unless expressly waived by the USOC).

A USOC approved team member is subject to the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.

C. Anti-Doping Removal.

An athlete may be removed from Nomination or from the Team at any time for violation of PASO, WADA, IJF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:

The replacement pool will be:

1. Second place finisher at the 2007 Pan American Games Trials.
2. Senior Classification/Point System at the close of the 2007 Senior National Championships.

B. Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected to replace a previously nominated athlete, should a vacancy occur.

1. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

Same as IV(A).

2. After acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

Same as IV(A).

C. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:

1. Group or committee who determines the replacement pool:

N/A

2. Group or committee who determines a replacement to the team:

N/A

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Judo will retain all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremonies of the 2007 Pan American Games.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of participation in the Olympic or Pan American Games and are included as attachments:

USA Judo Code of Conduct (Attachment "A")

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Judo in the following locations:

A. NGB Website: www.usjudo.org

The website information will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than 5 business days following notice of approval by the USOC and will include the USOC approval date.

B. USA Judo Official Publication(s) (if any):

N/A

C. Other

N/A

VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be submitted to the USOC on:

June 1, 2007

IX. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

No mandatory training is planned at this time. If mandatory training is added athletes will be notified at least 30 days prior to each training.

X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athlete must adhere to all PASO, WADA, IJF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures. This includes participation in out of competition testing as required by the PASO, WADA, IJF, USADA and USOC Rules.

XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

See Section (I)(E).

XII. USA JUDO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Judo Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<http://www.usjudo.org/organization.asp> (Article 14)

XIII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

The procedures are based on PASO and/or the IJF rules and regulations are presently known and understood. Any changes in the selection procedures caused by a change in PASO and/or the IJF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Judo. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

XIV. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Judo may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman: John W.

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- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE
- E-Mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- www.888athlete.org

XV. USA JUDO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our International Judo Federation standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Judo.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
Executive Dir.	Jose H. Rodriguez	_____	_____
National Program Director	Eddie Liddie	_____	_____
NGBs USOC AAC	Rhadi Ferguson	_____	_____

*If USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

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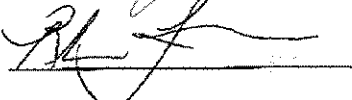
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Date Revision Submitted _____ Date of USOC Approval _____

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Executive Dir.	Jose H. Rodriguez		5/15/06
National Program Director	Eddie Liddie		5/15/06
NGBs USOC AAC	Rhadi Ferguson		5/12/06

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Attachment A

USA Judo Code of Conduct

ATHLETE PLEDGE

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the USA Judo Code of Conduct (the “Code”), which offers a guide to my conduct as a member of the 2007 Pan American Team (the “Team”). I acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing if my opportunity to compete is denied or if I am charged with a violation of this Code.

I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of my selection to the 2007 Pan American Team.

As a Member of the Team, I hereby promise and agree that I:

- will abide by all rules related to the Team selection procedures as approved by USA Judo;
- have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
- will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities;
- will not commit a doping violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) or the International Judo Federation (IJF) rules;
- am not currently serving a doping violation and/or do not have a pending or unresolved doping charge;
- will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to me, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;
- am eligible to compete under the rules of IJF;
- will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance;
- will respect the property of others whether personal or public;

- will respect members of my Team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;
- will follow my Team's rules, including by way of example, rules regarding curfew and required attendance at team meetings;
- am aware that USA Judo sponsors, suppliers and licensees provide critical support for the Team and, in recognition of this fact, I will wear designated USA Judo apparel at all official Team functions and events;
- will not conceal or cover-up any USA Judo sponsor, supplier or licensee brand or other identification appearing on my USA Judo apparel;
- agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Judo under conditions authorized by USA Judo and give event organizers and USA Judo the right to use my name, picture, likeness, and biographical information before, during and after the period of my participation in these activities to promote the activity in which I participate or to promote the success of the team on which I compete; in no event may USA Judo or the event organizers use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission;
- will not use or authorize the use of photographs, films or videos of myself in my USA Judo apparel or equipment or the use of the USA Judo logo for the purpose of trade, without the prior written consent of the USA Judo (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld);
- will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates, USA Judo and the United States; and
- will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and the Olympic Movement.

ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

I may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman,
 toll free at 888.ATHLETE (888.284.5383) or John.Ruger@usoc.org
 for further information regarding my rights under this Code
 that are not answered by USA Judo.

PARTICIPANTS' AFFIRMATION

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct. I agree to the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction and procedures stated in these documents as a condition of being selected to participate as a member of the Team.

Signature

Date

NGB Name

Sport

<p>PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION (For Participants Under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)</p>

Signature

Date

Relationship (Parent or Guardian)