

USA Judo
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2011 PARAPAN AMERICAN GAMES
Men and Women
March 2, 2011

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 citizen of the United States at the time of nomination and hold a valid passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Parapan American Games.

An athlete shall meet the PASO Citizenship eligibility requirements that can be found at the IBSA website at <http://www.ibsa.es/>.

2. Minimum International Federation (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) standards for participation (if any):

A NPC can be allocated a maximum of seven (7) qualification slots for men's events and six (6) qualification slots for women's events for a total of thirteen (13) qualification slots. There will be a maximum of two athletes per weight category per country.

Need to be at least 16 on November 12, 2011.

3. Other requirements (if any):

Athlete must be a member in good standing with USA Judo.

At the time of nomination an athlete must have an IPC/IBSA International Classification with an international sport class status of R-Review or C-Confirmed, or if there has been no opportunity for the athlete to be internationally classified, the athlete must be evaluated by USOC medical and/or Paralympic staff and determined likely to classify in the sport class in which he/she would be qualified for the Team; provided that athletes with an international sport class status of N-New are allowable for entry on the official team nomination into the 2011 Parapan American Games. A description of sport-specific classification requirements



and current international athlete sport class status can be found at the IBSA website at <http://www.ibsa.es/>.

B. Tryout Events:

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

N/A

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 trials, events or camps listed above in B. 1 (if any).

N/A

C. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (including maximum Team size).

The maximum team size is up to 13 athletes. The 13 weight categories are: Men (60kg, 66kg, 73kg, 81kg, 90kg, 100kg, and 100+kg); Women (48kg, 52kg, 57kg, 63kg, 70kg, and 70+kg). USA Judo’s first priority would be to send one athlete in each weight category.

All athletes have a maximum of 48 hours from the naming of the Parapan American Team to accept or decline their position.

The highest ranked athlete per weight category, using the Senior Classification/Point Roster located at: http://www.usjudo.org/seniors_nationalrosters.asp at the close of the U.S. Open on July 2-3, 2011 will be USA Judo’s nominee to the Parapan American Games. If the highest ranked athlete declines an invitation will be extended to the next eligible athlete on the Senior Classification/Point Roster. Subsequent declinations will result in progressive movement down the Senior Classification/Point Roster.

If there are no eligible athletes to compete in a weight category at the Parapan American Games then the Paralympic High Performance Committee shall be responsible for selecting an athlete within the same gender to compete in another weight category at the Parapan American Games. See Section II. – Discretionary Selection.



- D. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the names and titles of the current members.

Ed Liddie High Performance Director

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

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

There is a maximum of two athletes per weight category per country. If USA Judo does not have an eligible athlete in a weight category the Paralympic High Performance Committee may select another athlete within the same gender in another weight category to compete at the Parapan American Games.

- B. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

If there are no eligible athletes to compete in a weight category at the Parapan American Games then the Paralympic High Performance Committee will determine the athlete within the same gender to compete at the Parapan American Games based on the athlete with the best International Competition record in all of the remaining weight categories and medal potential.

- C. Discretionary Selection Committee

Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members currently serving on the committee and their titles:

The Paralympic High Performance Committee	
Ed Liddie	High Performance Director
Scott Moore	Paralympic Coach
Heidi Moore	National Paralympic Staff
Mark Vink	National Paralympic Staff
Ryan Reser	Athlete Representative

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. Prior to acceptance of nominations 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 as a nominee 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 as certified by an approved USA Judo physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved USA Judo physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- Violation of USA Judo's Code of Conduct (Attachment A).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USA Judo Constitution and Bylaws Article 14 or the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- B. After acceptance of nominations 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 Team member who is accepted by the USOC is subject to the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.

- C. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. 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:

See Section I.C.

- B. Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:

- i. prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

See Section I.C.



- ii. after acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

See Section I.C.

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

- i. Group or committee who determines the replacement pool:

N/A

- ii. Group or committee who determines a replacement to the Team:

- a. prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

N/A

- b. after acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

N/A

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Judo will retain the approved Selection Procedures and 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 Games.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Parapan 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 the USA Judo in the following locations and will include the USOC approval date:

- A. NGB/PSO Web site: www.usjudo.org
These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more



than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

B. NGB/PSO Official Publication (if any):

N/A

C. Other:

N/A

VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before August 22, 2011.

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

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

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

Jose Rodriguez	USA Judo Executive Director
Ed Liddie	USA Judo High Performance Director
Reno Reser	Athlete Advisory Council

XII. NGB/PSO 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

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or IJF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or 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.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

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. Ruger, by:

- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- www.888athlete.org

XV. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF and/or CF (PAG only), if applicable, 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
NGB/PSO President or CEO/Executive Director	Jose Rodriguez		
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Ed Liddie		
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Reno Reser		



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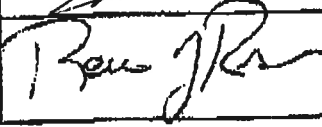
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NGB/PSO President or CBO/Executive Director	Jose Rodriguez		3/11/11
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Ed Liddie		3/10/11
USOC Athletes/ Advisory Council Representative*	Reno Reser		3-10-11



*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.

*Signature by the AAC Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures and certifies that the Selection Procedures submitted represent the method approved by the NGB/PSO. If the AAC Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/PSO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team or U.S. Paralympics representative.



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 2012 Olympic 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 2012 Olympic 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.

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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)