

National Championships 2009 – Criteria for selection to represent Judo Western Australia

Selection to compete at the National Championships in Canberra 6-8 June 2009 will be based on the following criteria:-

- Athletes must compete in the State Titles (28th March 2009) plus a minimum of 2 of the 3 following competitions:
 - State Open (30th Nov 2008)
 - Fremantle Open (8th March 2009)
 - Kano Open (16th May 2009)
 - Please note that if players compete interstate (eg ACT or QLD opens) this will count as a qualifying comp.
- Athletes must be a current financial member of a JudoWA affiliated club.
- Athletes must meet the eligibility requirements of the competition (ie National Championships) in relation to grade, age, nationality/ residence etc.
- Attendance at the State Camp (Jan 9-11, 2009) is highly recommended.

Note: winning the state titles does not automatically qualify an athlete to compete in the national Championships. Their overall performance in the competitions listed above, their commitment to training and their potential to be competitive at National level will be considered. As was the case last year, final selections will be made by the coaching commission in conjunction with the relevant club coaches at the conclusion of the State Titles on March 28th 2009. Note that one of the qualifying competitions is after this date (Kano Open 16th May), and athletes may be provisionally selected for Nationals pending this competition in order to allow them to complete the competition requirements.

Please note that exemptions to the above criteria will only be made in exceptional circumstances. In this case, selections will be based on previous performance and the athlete's potential to compete well at the National Championships. Requests for exemptions to the above criteria should be made in writing (to f.iredale@ecu.edu.au) and be supported with documentary evidence (eg med cert for illness/injury etc).

In addition to the above, once selected, athletes must:

- Attend a minimum of 5 state training sessions (note that 2 of the sessions will be before the state titles so all athletes who wish to compete at Nationals should start attending state training from the beginning to ensure that they can meet the criteria - all athletes of appropriate age/level welcome).
- Maintain an adequate level of fitness (includes being free of injury which would prevent performance)
- Sign/accept the Athlete's Agreement form and complete all other related documentation as requested by the coach/manager.

| Date | Comments | Event |
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| Nov 30th | Qualifying Comp 1 - minimum 2 of 3 | State Open |
| Jan 9th - 11th | Recommended | Judo Training Camp - residential - Ern Halliday |
| Feb 7th 8th | Optional | ACT open - Canberra |
| Feb 14th or 15th | Minimum 5 of 7 sessions | *State training 1 |
| Mar Sun 8th | Qualifying Comp 2 - minimum 2 of 3 | Fremantle PCYC Competition |
| Mar Sat 21st | Minimum 5 of 7 sessions | *State training 2 |
| Mar Sat 28th | Compulsory | State titles |
| Apr Sat 4th | Optional | QLD Open |
| Apr Sat 18th | Minimum 5 of 7 sessions | *State training 3 |
| May Sat 2nd | Minimum 5 of 7 sessions | *State training 4 |
| May Sat 9th | Minimum 5 of 7 sessions | *State training 5 |
| May Sat 16th | Qualifying Comp 3 - minimum 2 of 3 | Kano Open |
| May Sat 23rd | Minimum 5 of 7 sessions | *State training 6 |
| May Sat 30th | Minimum 5 of 7 sessions | *State training 7 |
| June 6th - 8th | | NATIONALS (Canberra) |

*times and venues to be confirmed.