

Canada Winter Games Selection Criteria

EVENT INFO

The 2027 Canada Winter Games will be held in Quebec City, Quebec.

The judo competition will be held during the second week of the Winter Games from March 1st, 2027 to March 4th, 2027.

Travel, accommodation, meals, and Team Ontario official ceremonial uniforms are provided free of charge to all CWG selected athletes and coaches by Team Ontario. It is still TBD if competition uniforms will be supplied to all athletes – more details to follow.

[2027 Canada Winter Games Judo Technical Package](#)

ELIGIBILITY

Special U19 Division

Athlete Eligibility:

- Born in 2009-2012*
- Minimum rank: Green Belt
- Athletes must be a current member in good standing of both Judo Ontario and Judo Canada
- Athletes must meet at least one of the following requirements:
 - Canadian citizen;
 - Permanent resident;
 - Indigenous person;
 - Have status in Canada and are applying for permanent residency (details included in the Canada Games Policy)
 - Convention refugee or other protected person (as defined by Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada);
 - Newcomers processed using temporary measures to facilitate them fleeing for safety due to a crisis.

Full details on athlete eligibility are included in the [Canada Games – Athlete Eligibility Policy](#)

*Judo Canada will apply the early bloomer clause in the case when Provincial/Territorial associations nominate athletes younger than born in 2012, see the [2027 CWG Judo Technical Package](#) for more details.

For athletes excluded from games based on Senior Team status and/or participation in major world events, see the [2027 CWG Judo Technical Package](#).

Note: Athletes with injury requests must submit proper documentation prior to the Canada Winter Games Qualifier to info@judoontario.ca to be considered by the HPC for a fight off. The HPC may schedule a fight off within 1 month of the CWG qualifier. The fight off will be a best 2 out of 3 matches with the winner of the CWG qualifier credited with one win. Athletes will be given a 1 kg weight allowance.

SELECTION EVENT INFO

Asahi Open, September 26th, 2026

Rank: Green belt and higher

Weight Categories:

- Male: -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, +81kg
- Female: -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg

Note: Selected athletes must compete at the Canada Winter Games in the same weight division that they qualified in.

Registration: <https://registration.judocanada.org/event/asahi-open-2026/1004792/>

SELECTION DETAILS

Selection Date: October 30th, 2026 (pending additional fight off requests due to injury)

Athlete Quota:

- 7 Males (Maximum of two competitors per weight division, providing that the maximum size of a team does not exceed allocated quota)
- 7 Females (Maximum of two competitors per weight division, providing that the maximum size of a team does not exceed allocated quota)

Weight categories:

- Female: -44, -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, +70
- Male: -50, -55, -60, -66, -73, -81, +81

Athlete Selection:

1. First Priority:
 - a. Any athlete that has Judo Canada development carding at the time of the Canada Winter Games qualifying event will be automatically selected for the Canada Winter Games team in the weight division in which they are carded and will be exempt from competing at the Canada Winter Games qualifying event.
2. Second Priority:
 - a. Any athlete who places first at the Canada Winter Games qualifying event will be automatically selected for the 2027 Canada Winter Games Team unless their weight division has already been allocated to a Judo Canada development card athlete.
3. Third Priority:
 - a. In the event a weight division has no registration at the Canada Winter Games qualifying event, the division quota will be reallocated to another weight division in accordance with the sequence below:
 - i. An athlete who places first at the Canada Winter Games qualifying event but was not automatically selected because their weight division quota was allocated to a Judo Canada development card athlete.
 - ii. An athlete who is a 2026 Canadian U18 Open National champion in the same weight division they competed in at the Canada Winter Games qualifying event.

- iii. If more than one athlete is tied after Priority 3 (b), then the athlete with the best result at the Ontario Open will be selected for their weight division, respecting the athlete quota.
- iv. If more than one athlete is tied after Priority 3 (c), then the athlete with the best result at the Quebec Open will be selected for their weight division, respecting the athlete quota.
- v. If more than one athlete is tied after Priority 3 (d), then the Judo Ontario High Performance Committee will make final selection based on medal potential at the Canada Winter Games, respecting the athlete quota.

TEAM ONTARIO CWG TEAM TRAINING PLAN

Mandatory Events	Date
Judo Ontario Winter Training Camp, Ajax Budokan Judo Club	27th to 29th December 2026
Judo Ontario Provincial Team Training, Tora Judo Club	January 2027
Judo Ontario Provincial Team Training, Tora Judo Club	February 2027