

2020 REGIONAL ENGLAND DEVELOPMENT SQUAD (REDS) IDENTIFICATION POLICY

1. Introduction

A critical component for the success of English Judo relies on an objective approach to selection, together with a programme of continuous talent development (technical, tactical, physical, psychological and lifestyle). The England Programme aims to engage as many competitive athletes as possible and deliver meaningful training and competition opportunities.

The England Programme is continuing the development of the REDS (Regional England Development Squad) and broadening the age range the squad caters to. The regional infrastructure will continue to grow in order to deliver and support the physical and technical development of our young judoka. This is intended to provide more contact time with the players, engage a bigger group of athletes and hopefully reduce the amount of travel.

2. Eligibility

2.1 Eligibility Criteria

2.1.1 To be eligible for the REDS, players must meet the following criteria:

- Hold a current BJA or affiliate membership
- Hold a valid British passport
- Hold a minimum grade of 7th Mon (Orange Belt) for Minors and evidence they have been active in competition
- Hold a minimum grade of 10th Mon (Green Belt) for Pre-Cadets and Cadets and compete in the British Championships 2019
- Born between 2004 to 2008

3. Identification

There are two routes to REDS identification, Primary and Secondary. Long-term injury cases will also be considered:

3.1 Primary Identification

3.1.1 Attendance to Regional Profiling Days - During these assessment days the following will take place: Judo technical/randori, physical benchmarking and notes will also be made on training behaviours. Based on results players may be advised that the programme is not suitable for them at this time and will be given some guidance on where they can make improvements

3.1.2 An application process will be published at the beginning of October 2019. All interested parties will be required to register their attendance. All players are required to compete in the British Championships for their relevant age group (Minors/Pre-Cadet/Cadet)

3.2 Secondary Identification

3.2.1 Cadets born in 2004 & 2005, who are not selected for ETD, may be invited to join the REDS after the 2019 British Championships

4. REDS Training

4.1 Calendar

4.1.1 The 2020 annual calendar will be published by **1st November 2019**. This will be updated to reflect any changes in the BJA/IJF/EJU Calendar as necessary.

4.1.2 REDS training dates will be fixed as much as possible but may change due to unforeseen circumstances. In the event of date changes, we will endeavour to provide updated information as quickly as possible.

4.2 Attendance

4.2.1 Players attendance at REDS sessions will be reviewed continually. Players are expected to attend every session.

4.2.2 Players with poor attendance may be removed from the programme

4.2.3 Attendance is a factor taken into consideration when selections are made for international or domestic competitions and training camps.

4.3 Training Invites & Additional Opportunities

4.3.1 The REDS Programme reserves the right to send all invites on an individual basis (based on performance, commitment and behaviours).

4.3.2 Additional invitations to train with the REDS Squad will be issued by the England Coaching Team on an individual basis and not by request.

4.3.3 The REDS Programme may identify further training opportunities. These will be communicated in due course.

4.4 Area & Performance Pathway Training

4.4.1 There is an expectation that REDS members will attend an ETDC at least once a month where they are accessible

We encourage you to attend Area or interclub training opportunities where available.

4.5 Accepted Absences

4.5.1 The following reasons will be accepted as absences and will therefore not be counted as missed sessions:

- Injury – providing a physio/medical note can be provided
- Illness – providing a medical note can be provided
- Family bereavement
- Family wedding

5. REDS Competitions

5.1 Selection

- 5.1.1 In 2020 there will be various opportunities for members of the REDS to participate in competitions abroad. Most of these will be non-selection events and all players will be offered the same opportunity.
- 5.1.2 In some instance's priority of attendance at these events will be given to certain age ranges eg: 2006/7
- 5.1.3 In some instances and in the case of oversubscription, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis
- 5.1.4 There may be certain events where players are selected depending on their suitability for that particular event
- 5.1.5 In all cases player will only be accepted onto the event if they have paid their annual fee. Training behaviours and attendance to REDS sessions will also always be taken into consideration

6. REDS Squad Fees

6.1 Fee System

- 6.1.1 In 2020 the REDS Squad will operate an annual fee system, whereby a player commits to attend the full block of training.
- 6.1.2 Fee's will be collected annually at the sum of £60. All payments must be made via the on-line payment system by 31st Jan 2020, the link is shown below

<https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/gb-judo/home-nation-programmes/england-judo-programme/england-squad-payments/>