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The Olympic Council of Ireland (“OCI”) and Irish Judo Association (“the National Federation”) agree the following nomination and selection standards and procedures for the selection of athletes for the 2012 Olympic Summer Games in London (the “Olympic Games”) for the sport of Judo.

The parties acknowledge and agree that the standards and procedures set out in this Agreement may exceed those stipulated by the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”) the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and the International Judo Federation (IJF) (“International Federation”)

Accordingly, the parties agree that an athlete or team will not be considered eligible for selection as a member of the Irish Olympic Team for the Olympic Summer Games, even though he/she may have achieved the standard stipulated by the International Federation and/or the IOC, unless he/she fulfils the relevant criteria and/or achieves the relevant standard(s) pursuant to and in accordance with this Agreement.

IT IS AGREED THAT:

1. OCI Selection

- 1.1. The parties acknowledge that under Paragraph 3 of Rule 28 of the Olympic Charter the OCI has the exclusive power for the selection and participation of the Irish Olympic Team at the Olympic Summer Games. The parties further acknowledge that under Paragraph 2.1 of the Bye-law to Rules 28 and 29 of the Olympic charter, the OCI is required to constitute, organise and lead its delegation at the Olympic Games and that the OCI has the exclusive power in accordance with that Bye-law, to “decide upon the entry of athletes proposed by their respective national federations. The National Olympic Committees (NOCs) must ensure that the entries proposed by the national federations comply in all respects with the provisions of the Olympic Charter”.

- 1.2. Under paragraph 2.3 of the bye-law to Rules 28 and 29 - They NOC have the sole and exclusive authority to prescribe and determine the clothing and uniforms to be worn, and the equipment to be used, by the members of their delegations on the occasion of the Olympic Games and in connection with all sports competitions and ceremonies related thereto.

This exclusive authority does not extend to specialised equipment used by athletes of their delegations during the actual sports competitions. For the purposes of this rule, specialised equipment shall be limited to such equipment acknowledged by the Olympic Council of Ireland as having a material effect on the performance of athletes, due to the specialised characteristics of the equipment. Any publicity in respect of any such specialised equipment must be submitted to the Olympic Council of Ireland for approval if there is any reference, express or implied, to the Olympic Games.

- 1.3. In accordance with its exclusive authority, the OCI reserves the right to require any individual nominated by the National Federation to undergo a medical examination carried out under the control of the OCI Chief Medical Officer (and/or his/her appointed representative) at any time prior to, or during the Olympic Games to determine an individual's medical fitness to perform to the best of his/her ability at the Olympic Games and/or to determine whether or not an individual has breached any of the rules contained in or referred to under the Olympic Charter or the Team Member's Agreement in force at the time.
- 1.4. If, pursuant to and in accordance with the results of any such medical examination, the Chief Medical Officer considers in his/her reasonable opinion that an individual nominated and/or selected for the Olympic Games is not physically fit to perform and/or has breached any of the rules referred to in the Team Members' Agreement, the OCI may at its absolute discretion not select or may de-select such an individual.
- 1.5. The parties agree that pursuant to and in accordance with the OCI's exclusive authority, the OCI may at its absolute discretion refuse to select an individual nominated by the National Federation for selection to the Team.
- 1.6. The OCI agrees to notify the National Federation of its selection or refusal to select any nominated athlete as soon as reasonably practicable after the OCI receives the National Federation's relevant nomination.
- 1.7. No Team Member's selection will be ratified by the OCI until all relevant documentation and required procedures are fully completed.

2. National Federation Nominations

- 2.1. The National Federation agrees to submit to the OCI its nomination of any individual(s) or team(s) eligible for consideration under clause 3 below within the relevant deadlines set out in clause 9 below.
- 2.2. The National Federation agrees to provide the OCI with all such relevant documentation, including official results and ranking listings as the OCI may require in order to verify the eligibility of any individual so nominated by the National Federation at the time of nomination.

3. Eligibility for Consideration

- 3.1. The parties agree that they shall not consider any individual or team eligible to participate as a member of the Irish Olympic Team at the Olympic Games (the "Team") unless he/she/ they have achieved or exceeded, as agreed with the OCI, the relevant qualification method or standard as set out by their International Federation and agreed with the IOC and the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and complies with the nationality requirements as set out in the Olympic Charter and to provide the relevant information to the OCI.
- 3.2. The National Federation agrees that it shall not nominate any individual whose form and/or consistency does not merit nomination. Further, the National Federation agrees to monitor, and if necessary test, an athlete on an ongoing basis in order to ensure his/her current form is of a standard to perform at the Olympic Games.
- 3.3. The National Federation shall not nominate any athlete who is the subject of an anti-doping ban.
- 3.4. The National Federation shall inform the OCI immediately of the results of any anti-doping test of any athlete who is on the long list submitted to the OCI.
- 3.5. The National Federation shall not submit nominations for athletes who have received Tripartite (IOC/ANOC/IF) invitations, re-allocated places or wildcards or who have achieved qualification by means other than that described in the IOC/ANOC/IF qualification system and in this agreement.

4. Close of Nominations to the OCI

4.1. The closing date of the nominations to the OCI of athletes for the sport of Judo is 29th February 2012.

5. Appeals

5.1. The National Federation shall have an appeals process available to Team member's and have submitted same to the OCI no later than 20th May 2011. Any internal appeals process must be concluded prior to nomination to the OCI.

5.2. Appeals to the OCI may be heard by the OCI Executive Committee or a sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee for that purpose. It is agreed by the parties that the decision of the OCI is final.

6. Team Members Agreement

6.1. Each team member is required to sign the OCI's Team Members Agreement.

6.2. Failure to sign this agreement will prevent entry to the Olympic Games.

7. The Announcement of Team Selection

7.1. The National Federation agrees not to disclose any nominated athlete's name to the press or any other media until the OCI have selected the team member for the London Olympic Games and announced it to the press and other media.

7.2. The National Federation further agrees not to make any announcement to the press or other media in any form relating to any individual or team selected or proposed to be selected by the OCI as a member of the Team unless any such announcement is made jointly by the OCI and the National Federation under the OCI's management and control.

7.3. The parties agree that no commercial organisation shall be involved in any way in any publicity or advertising at any such joint OCI and National Federation announcement other than one or more of the OCI's sponsors and/or commercial partners.

8. Communication of Information

8.1. The National Federation shall circulate the information contained in this agreement and its Schedule(s) to the athletes, team managers, coaches and other relevant individuals within its sport and shall procure their compliance with it.

- 8.2. The OCI and the National Federation shall publish this agreement and its schedule on their websites.
- 8.3. The OCI shall issue the agreement to all National Federations.
- 8.4. The NF shall publish this agreement subsequent to the OCI doing so.
- 8.5. The NF shall indemnify the OCI for any loss or damage suffered by it as a result of or in connection with the nomination procedure other than those arising from the OCI's negligence.

9. Advance Information

- 9.1 The National Federation agrees to supply to the OCI the following information to be received on or before the relevant deadline set out below:

Prior to 20th May 2011 the National Federation must submit their selection policy of Athletes for the Olympics for recommendation to the Olympic Council of Ireland and the approval of the Olympic Council of Ireland.

Prior to 20th May 2011 the National Federation are required to submit their "fit to perform policy for approval by the Olympic Council of Ireland"

10. Key Deadlines

26th January 2011

Long List to be submitted by National Federation and received by the OCI.

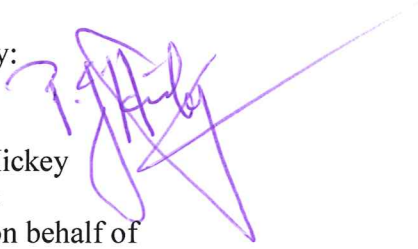
27th January 2012

Revised (Short) list to be submitted by National Federation and received by the OCI.

29th February 2012

National Federation nominations to be received by the OCI with all supporting information for selection.

Signed by:



Patrick Hickey
President
For and on behalf of
Olympic Council of Ireland

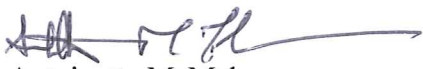
Signed by:



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For and on behalf of
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Appendix 1

INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION

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A. Events (14)

MEN'S EVENTS (7)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (7)
Up to 60kg +60kg up to 66kg +66kg up to 73kg +73kg up to 81kg +81kg up to 90kg +90kg up to 100kg + 100kg	up to 48kg +48kg up to 52kg +52 kg up to 57kg +57 kg up to 63kg +63 kg up to 70kg +70 kg up to 78kg + 78kg

B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	TRIPARTITE PLACES	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	TOTAL
Men	214	20	7	386
Women	138		7	
TOTAL	352	20	14	386

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men	7 (1 athlete per event)
Women	7 (1 athlete per event)
TOTAL	14 (1 athlete per event)

C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY
<p>All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.</p> <p>In addition, athletes must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be registered members of their IJF affiliated National Federation. - be minimum 1st. Dan and minimum of 15 years age in 2012 (according to the IJF Regulations by the year of birth, born 1997 and earlier). - have participated in at least one World or Continental Senior Championships, or in two (2) IJF Qualification events during the two year qualification period.

D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY
<p>General rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The qualification is allocated to the judoka ▪ The IJF World Ranking List as of May 1st, 2012 will be used to allocate the 352 places:

Direct Qualification (252 places)

- For each **male** category **22** athletes from the top of the World Ranking List will be directly qualified (22 x 7 = 154 places)
- For each **female** category **14** athletes from the top of the World Ranking List will be directly qualified (14 x 7 = 98 places)
- The competitors are identified by following the ranking position in each category from top to bottom until 22 different countries are found for men (respectively 14 for women). When a nation has one athlete ranked in this block, this athlete is directly qualified. When a nation has two or more athletes ranked in this block the nation will choose which one of these athletes will receive the quota place.

Continental Qualification (100 places)

- In addition to the direct qualified athletes the next best athletes will qualify on a continental quota based also on the World Ranking List.
- The allocation for each union is given according to the number of IJF affiliated member national federations by the following quota:

Continent	Countries	M	W	Total places
Africa	47	14	10	24
Europe	50	14	11	25
Asia	38	12	8	20
Oceania	17	7	3	10
Pan America	42	13	8	21
<i>total</i>				<u>100</u>

The following procedure will apply:

- For each continent a continental ranking is created using the World Ranking List - sorted out by the highest points across all categories and gender
- The athletes are identified by following the continental ranking from top to bottom until all places of the Union quota for men and women are allocated.
 - Maximum one athlete per NOC can qualify through the Union quota across all categories and gender
 - Maximum two athletes per category per Continental Union can qualify through the Union quota

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

The host nation shall directly qualify 1 quota place in each men’s and women’s event.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES

20 Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are made available for eligible nations.

On 1 November 2011, the International Olympic Committee will contact all those NOCs who are eligible to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places.

The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places is 16 January 2012. In relation to the end of the qualification period, the Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the respective NOCs between 1 May and 9 July 2012.

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the – Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Information Paper for NOCs – which is included in the Games of the XXX Olympiad, London 2012 Qualification and Participation Criteria.

E. Confirmation process for quota places**CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES**

- By 10th May 2012 the IJF will confirm to NOCs the names of qualified athletes.
- By 31st May 2012 NOCs must confirm to the IJF the use of quota places allocated to their athlete(s).
- By 10th June 2012, the IJF will confirm the reallocation of unused quota places.

F. Reallocation of unused quota places**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES**

If an NOC does not use quota place(s) achieved through direct qualification, the place(s) will be allocated to the next best ranked athlete according to the World Ranking List (May 1st, 2012) in the same weight category, regardless of continent.

If an NOC does not use quota place(s) obtained through Continental qualification, the place will be given to the next best ranked athlete in this Continent, regardless of the athlete's weight category, while respecting the following principles:

- Maximum one athlete per NOC can qualify through the Union quota across all categories and gender
- Maximum two athletes per category per Continental Union can qualify through the Union quota

Where a Continental Union fails to use its full allocation, any remaining place or places will be returned to the IJF who will distribute them according to the World Ranking List (May 1st, 2012).

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the host country does not use a quota place(s), the place(s) will be reallocated as per the process described under the reallocation of IF unused quota places for direct qualification.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES

Any unused places within the reserved quota of places will be reallocated by the Tripartite Commission. If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate the place(s), they will be reallocated as per the process described under the reallocation of IF unused quota places for direct qualification.

G. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
7 May 2010	Start of qualification
1 November 2011	IOC will contact all NOCs who are eligible to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
16 January 2012	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Invitation Commission Places
30 April 2012	End of qualification
1 May 2012	IJF world ranking established
1 May – 9 July 2012	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Invitation Places to NOCs
10 May 2012	The IJF will confirm to NOCs the names of qualified athletes.
31 May 2012	NOCs must confirm to the IJF the use of qualification places allocated to their athlete(s).
10 June 2012	The IJF will confirm the reallocation of unused quota places.
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive Entry Forms.