ALL INDIA SPORTS COUNCIL FOR THE DEAF (AISCD)

CONSOLIDATED SELECTION & ELIGIBILITY POLICY — INDIAN DEAF JUDO TEAMS

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Competition Cycle: DIJF / Continental / Deaflympics **Approved By:** Executive Committee, AISCD

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1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy sets a transparent, merit-based process for identifying probables and selecting the final Indian Deaf Judo team for recognised DIJF, Continental, Deaflympics and other international Deaf Judo competitions. Probable status is not a guarantee of final selection, Government funding, travel or participation.

2 CORE PRINCIPLES

Criteria must be published before trials and applied consistently. Decisions must be evidence-based, documented and free from favouritism or discrimination. Selection-panel members must declare conflicts of interest. Notices, trials and feedback must be accessible to Deaf athletes. Criteria must not be changed after trials begin except for a legitimate rule change or exceptional safety/legal reason, with written reasons and equal application.

3 MANDATORY ELIGIBILITY GATES BEFORE ASSESSMENT

Verify: Indian nationality and identity; registration with AISCD and the recognised State Deaf Association; DIJF registration/accreditation where required; event age, weight-category and eligibility rules; required Deaf-sport eligibility and audiogram documentation; medical clearance; compliance with anti-doping rules and no active suspension that bars participation; availability for camps/trials/event; and required documents. Handle correctable paperwork consistently under a published process. Medical fitness, event eligibility and binding anti-doping restrictions are pass/fail requirements, not discretionary points.

4 COMPETITION RECORD AND VERIFICATION

Consider verified results from Deaflympics, World Deaf Judo Championships, Asia Pacific Deaf Games or the recognised regional Deaf Games, other DIJF-recognised international events, National Deaf Judo Championships and AISCD-authorised trials/ranking events. Able-bodied judo results may be supplementary only. Normally review 3-4 years, giving more weight to recent results and the target event level. Record event/date, weight category, draw size, opponent standard, bouts, wins/losses, penalties, technical scores and placing. Verify official records and do not count the same result twice.

5 SELECTION COMMITTEE AND RECORDS

AISCD should appoint a committee with appropriate judo expertise and Deaf-sport representation. Establish quorum, terms of reference and scoring procedures in advance. Members must disclose conflicts and recuse where appropriate. Keep signed individual score sheets, verified results, bout sheets, fitness records, attendance, minutes and written reasons securely. Where practicable, assessors should score independently before reconciling differences against the published rubric.

6 RANKING AND TIE-BREAKS

Rank eligible athletes by evaluated record and trial outcomes. Publish tie-breaks in advance: (1) relevant head-to-head trial result, if meaningful; (2) stronger recent recognised results; (3) consistency across events; (4) technical/tactical assessment against comparable opponents; (5) current sport-specific readiness; (6) documented Team/Mixed Team need. Further assessment may be used only if permitted and practicable. Any departure from ranking requires a legitimate event-specific reason, must be allowed by the published policy, and must be recorded.

7 PROBABLES, RESERVES AND FINAL SELECTION

Publish provisional probable and reserve lists, any outstanding requirements, and evaluation summaries where permitted. Probable status does not guarantee final selection. Final selection depends on published criteria, verified eligibility, performance, fitness, availability, required weight categories, current event rules and competent-authority approval. Substitutions should follow reserve order where possible; any departure needs recorded reasons.

8 WEIGHT CATEGORIES AND SAFE WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

Use the target event's current official categories, tolerances and weigh-in rules. Announce categories and permitted changes before trials; use calibrated scales and protect records. Do not encourage rapid dehydration, unsafe weight cutting or unqualified supplement use. Category changes must be eligible, safe and documented.

9 MEDICAL FITNESS AND INJURY

Require a fitness certificate from a qualified medical practitioner and event-specific forms. Assess injuries individually. A past injury alone should not exclude an athlete who has recovered and is medically cleared. Coaches must not diagnose conditions. Restrict medical information to authorised personnel who need it for safety/eligibility decisions.

10 AUDIOGRAM AND DEAF-SPORT ELIGIBILITY

Apply the current eligibility rules of the relevant event organiser/governing body. Audiograms must be from an accepted provider and in the required format by the deadline. Treat these as sensitive records. Provide accessible notices, instructions, consent forms and feedback, including reasonable communication support.

11 FEMALE-ATHLETE PRIVACY

Require only lawful, necessary and event-specific medical documents. Do not impose blanket non-pregnancy testing or a so-called "femininity test" automatically. Any pregnancy-related assessment must be based on a legitimate clinical safety need or applicable lawful rule and conducted by qualified professionals with informed consent and confidentiality. Refer sex-eligibility questions confidentially to the competent governing body, not informal committee judgement.

12 ANTI-DOPING

Athletes must comply with applicable WADA Code, NADA India rules, DIJF rules where applicable and event procedures. Complete required education; check medicines/supplements through official resources; retain prescriptions and obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption where required. A pending allegation is not proof of a violation. Active suspensions or binding restrictions must be respected, and cases handled through the competent authority and due process.

13 REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

As applicable: valid passport with adequate validity; proof of nationality, identity and date of birth; AISCD and State Deaf Association registration; DIJF registration where required; verified results; audiogram/eligibility forms; medical certificate; anti-doping acknowledgement if required; compliant judogi and required back-number identification; emergency contacts; camp/competition availability; signed athlete undertaking; and event forms. For athletes under 18, obtain parent/legal guardian consent and required safeguarding/travel documents. Verify current event specifications.

14 MINORS AND SAFEGUARDING

For athletes under 18, obtain parent/legal guardian consent and follow applicable child-protection requirements. Provide appropriate supervision, safe travel/accommodation, safeguarding contacts and a reporting process. Explain rules accessibly and consider the young athlete's welfare and age-appropriate views.

15 PARTICIPATION OF INDIAN DEAF JUDO TEAMS AT GOVERNMENT COST

Only athletes registered with AISCD and the recognised State Deaf Association, and meeting the applicable DIJF/event registration, nationality, age, weight, Deaf-sport, medical and anti-doping requirements, may be considered. Athletes must demonstrate merit, training commitment and discipline and be recommended by the AISCD Selection Committee. Team selection shall be based on merit and documented Committee recommendations, subject to approval by the competent authority. Government-cost participation is subject to Government rules, sanction, budget and event eligibility; selection does not itself guarantee funding. Requests to participate as an officially selected/recognised Indian team member at an international event at the athlete's own cost, outside the official AISCD selection and recommendation process, shall not be considered under this policy. This governs AISCD's official team process and does not override independent event-organiser rules.

16 COACHES ACCOMPANYING THE TEAM

Only coaches nominated/authorised by AISCD and meeting applicable DIJF/event registration requirements may be considered. Assess qualifications, experience, contribution to camps/athlete development, conduct and safeguarding compliance. Nominations require competent-authority approval and remain subject to event rules and funding.

17 CAMPS AND AVAILABILITY

Issue camp dates, attendance expectations and leave procedures in writing. Athletes should report injury, illness, exams, employment or unavoidable conflicts promptly. Apply consistent rules for authorised absence and make-up assessment. Repeated unexplained absence may be considered only with records and an opportunity for the athlete to explain.

18 PROVISIONAL RESULTS AND REVIEW

Allow a written review request about procedural error, arithmetic mistake, incorrect eligibility record or failure to apply published criteria within a stated period (recommended: three working days after provisional publication). Where practicable, an independent person should review it and provide a reasoned written outcome. Review is not automatically a re-trial unless the rules allow it.

19 TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLICATION

Before trials, publish eligibility gates, evaluation guidelines, period of results considered, trial format/dates, fitness expectations, weight categories, tie-breaks, documents, committee process, review deadline and funding conditions. After trials, publish probable/reserve/final lists and sufficient evaluation information to explain decisions, while protecting medical, audiogram and minors' private information. Maintain an audit file.

20 INDIAN IMPLEMENTATION AND POLICY HIERARCHY

Publish accessible English and, where useful, Hindi/regional-language notices. Give reasonable notice for travel from different States. Use standard application, results, fitness, attendance, consent, evaluation and review forms. Read this policy with current DIJF/Deaf-sport rules, event regulations, IJF rules where relevant, WADA/NADA requirements, Government funding instructions and Indian law. Mandatory rules prevail. AISCD should verify current rules and approve event-specific criteria before each cycle.

IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST BEFORE ISSUE

- Approve the policy and detailed evaluation framework through the competent AISCD authority.
- Confirm current DIJF/event registration rules, eligibility, weight categories and required documents.
- Publish trial dates, format, fitness tests, tie-break order, review deadline and funding conditions.
- Constitute the committee, declare conflicts, and prepare standard score and record forms.
- Publish provisional/final lists with reasons while protecting medical and personal information.

Issued by

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