



2019 Canada Winter Games Announcement

Introduction

Judo Nova Scotia is pleased to announce that Red Deer, Alberta will be hosting the Canada Winter Games in February 2019. Red Deer will no doubt do a sensational job of creating the experience of a lifetime for hundreds of athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers. Nova Scotia judoka made the entire province proud in 2011 with two gold medals and one silver medal. In fact, our judo medals represented one quarter of Team Nova Scotia's total medal haul for those Games. 2015 wasn't quite as fruitful, but we hope to bounce back in 2019!

This presents an exciting opportunity for many Nova Scotian judoka. We wish to formally announce the games as well as present some initial information on eligibility and the selection process to our membership.

The Canada Games Experience

Attending the Canada Winter Games is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Many judoka will attend multiple national and even international judo competitions in their judo careers. What makes the Canada Games different is the opportunity for an athlete to be part of one of the largest multi-sport events in the world. It is a great opportunity to travel across our country as part of Team Nova Scotia, and make friends from many sports and provinces. It is an experience that no one forgets.

The Benefits

We have to be realistic that not all athletes trying out for the team will make the Canada Winter Games team in 2019. The 2019 Games will allow for a maximum of 7 male and 7 female athletes, with the possibility of sending 2 athletes in one weight class (as long as the overall quota of 7 per gender is adhered to). The experience and judo knowledge athletes will gain by trying out for the team will benefit them for their entire lives. Make no mistake, everyone wanting a spot on the team will work very hard from now until the final team selection, but not everyone will make the team. However, we can guarantee that everyone will learn a great deal and will experience trips, training camps, tournaments, and camaraderie that will be second-to-none. These athletes will have a chance to train and compete with some of the best judoka, past and present, in our country, as well as have access to experts in nutrition, sports science, and sports psychology. Making the final team is an added bonus; however, the journey will be of immeasurable value for all who choose to take part.

Eligibility

- Registered member of Judo Nova Scotia and Judo Canada
- Born in the years **2004, 2003, 2002, 2001** (**Early bloomer clause as per Judo Canada)
- Minimum green belt or higher
- Payment of program administration fee (NOTE: accumulation of selection points will not start until receipt of payment)

Further information on the Games themselves and athlete eligibility can be found at [www.-canadagames.ca](http://www.canadagames.ca).

Important Dates

August 2017 - Program Rollout

September 2017 - Start of CWG related tournaments and training camps

December 2018 - Athlete Category Declaration

December 2018 - Fight-Offs

December 2018 - Final Team Selection

February 2019 - Canada Winter Games Tournament

Coaching Staff

Female Coach - Charlene Tanner

Charlene will lead Team Nova Scotia into her 3rd Canada Games as a coach. With her experience, she will play a huge leadership role for both the team and its staff.

Male Coach - Jason Scott

Jason brings many years of experience to the table, both as an athlete and as a coach. His enthusiasm and personality will help make the entire Games process a great experience.

Manager - Angele Bilodeau

Angele brings a high level of organization and management skill to the position. As a lawyer by trade, she has a track record for effective management and communication. She will surely be the glue to keep the team on track and allow the coaches and athletes to focus on the task ahead.

The Cost

Administration Fee - \$500/athlete

Elite amateur sport involves costs, both in time commitments as well as financially. This is a fact that we understand and appreciate not just in the sport of Judo but in many other sports as well. However, there will be costs associated with travel and training from now until the Games that go beyond the program administration costs. Judo Nova Scotia will help provide resources for fund raising to interested athletes.

Judo Nova Scotia's cost for entry into the 2019 CWG Program will be \$500/athlete. This fee will help cover the costs associated with staff travel and expenses. This administration fee will cover the entire process from the rollout of the program up until the Games themselves. The program will roll out in mid-August 2017, and final team selection will take place in December 2018. Costs for the Games themselves are fully covered by the province of Nova Scotia.

Selection Criteria

The team will consist of up to 7 female and 7 male competitors in the following weight categories:

Athletes born in 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004	
Male	-50kgs, -55kgs, -60kgs, -66kgs, -73kgs, -81kgs, +81kgs
Female	-44kgs, -48kgs, -52kgs, -57kgs, -63kgs, -70kgs, +70kgs

Team selection will be based on points accumulated through tournaments and training camps. Team selection will be weighted by athletes' point totals, though other factors will be considered by the CWG coaching staff. These factors include, but are not limited to: attitude, competitive spirit, injuries, age categories, and number of points.

In the case where there are two or more athletes contesting a weight class the coaching staff has the right to either:

1. Directly select both athletes (with the exclusion of another weight class). Coaches will have the authority to leave a weight class empty in order to send two athletes in any one weight class.
2. Have the athletes fight off at the official selection tournament hosted by Judo NS. A fight-off will only be granted between two athletes that differ no more than 25% in overall selection points. All fight-offs will be announced no later than December 1, 2018.

The 2019 CWG coaching staff reserve the right to make any necessary additions to the eligible tournaments and camps available for points. A calendar of events will be released at the rollout of the program in mid-August 2017. The official selection process will start following this calendar release.

We are currently compiling a list of all eligible Nova Scotian judoka from current registrations and will be contacting club coaches to determine what athletes in their respective clubs may be interested in participating. In the meantime, anyone with further questions or wishing to express their interest in being part of the 2019 Canada Winter Games team can contact the Technical Director of JNS, Scott Tanner at sm_tanne@hotmail.com.



2019 Canada Games Training Program Registration Form

Registration deadline is October 01, 2017

Name of Participant: _____

Date of Birth of Participant: _____(yyyy)/_____(mm)/_____(dd)

Belt: _____

Judo Club: _____

Sensei: _____

Judo Canada #: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Parent(s) Tel Number: _____

Parent(s) Email: _____

Parent(s) Mailing Address: _____

Does the Participant suffer from any medical or condition which we should be aware of:

Yes No If Yes, please describe:

We will pay the \$500 program administration fee by: Money Order Cheque

**Please note that points will only begin accumulating upon receipt of payment in full. Judo Nova Scotia will assist with fundraising opportunities to assist the participants with their registration fee.*

Parent Signature

Date

Completed forms can be sent to sm_tanne@hotmail.com