

## **2008 European Tour Selection Procedures**

The following are the procedures for athlete selections for the 2008 European Tour:  
The number one (1) ranked athlete, in each of the IJF Olympic weight categories, according to the Senior National Roster which is in effect as of December 10, 2007 shall have the opportunity to select two (2) events from the 2008 European Tour schedule. The number one ranked athlete must identify and submit his / her selections to the USA Judo National Office, by e-mail ([Travel@usajudo.us](mailto:Travel@usajudo.us)) no later than 2 p.m. EST on December 10, 2007.

The number two (2) ranked athlete, according to the same Senior National Roster, will be given the opportunity to select one (1) competition from the remaining events available on the 2008 European Tour. The number two (2) ranked athlete must submit his / her tournament selection to the USA Judo National Office, by e-mail, no later than 2 p.m. EST on December 14, 2007.

The number three (3) ranked athlete, according to the same Senior National Roster, will be given the opportunity to select one (1) competition from the remaining events available on the 2008 European Tour. The number three (3) athlete must submit to the USA Judo National Office, by e-mail, his / her tournament selection, no later than 2 p.m. EST on December 17, 2007.

The number four (4) ranked athlete, according to the same Senior National Roster, will be given the opportunity to select one (1) competition from the remaining events available on the 2008 European Tour. This athlete must submit to the USA Judo National Office, by E-mail, his / her tournament selection no later than 2 p.m. EST on December 20, 2007.

The number five (5) ranked athlete, according to the same Senior National Roster, will be given the opportunity to select one (1) competition from the remaining events available on the 2008 European Tour. This athlete must submit to the USA Judo National Office, by E-mail, his / her tournament selection no later than 2 p.m. EST on December 23, 2007.

Note: Athlete's rankings for these selections shall be as identified on the Senior National Roster in effect on December 10, 2007 and will not be altered by the participation or lack of participation of any athlete ranked above or below any other athlete.

An athlete only may choose to compete in a weight division in which he or she is ranked. For example, a #1-ranked athlete in the 81kg division may sign up for European Tour competitions in the 81kg division. If this athlete has another ranking in another weight division and would prefer to compete in that division, he / she must wait until the appropriate corresponding deadline for his / her ranking in the division in which he / she would like to compete.

If, after this selection process, there are still European events available, process detailed above is repeated with each athlete having the opportunity to request one (1) additional tournament selection in order of their ranking according to the following timetable:

**Second Round Selection Deadlines - Roster as of December 10, 2007  
(Note: All Entries MUST Be Made by 2 p.m. EST)**

#1 Ranked Athlete	1 event	Dec. 27 , 2008
#2 Ranked Athlete	1 event	Dec. 30, 2008
#3 Ranked Athlete	1 event	Jan. 4, 2008
#4 Ranked Athlete	1 event	Jan. 7, 2008
#5 Ranked Athlete	1 event	Jan. 11, 2008

As was the process during the first round, all selections must be made via e-mail to the following address: [Travel@usajudo.us](mailto:Travel@usajudo.us).

Beginning January 12, athletes ranked sixth or lower on the USA Judo Senior Elite National Roster dated December 10, 2007 are eligible to request participation in any remaining events on the 2008 European Tour. Athletes ranked with a D-Level or lower must receive approval to participate from the Athlete Performance Committee.

Athletes ranked sixth or lower will be able to request one tournament selection to Noel Van Duyne at [Travel@usajudo.us](mailto:Travel@usajudo.us) by no later than 2 p.m. EST on January 14. If more than one athlete requests to participate in an event, preference will be given to the highest ranked player, pending approval by the committee if that player is ranked with a D-Level or lower.

Beginning January 16, all athletes on the USA Judo Senior Elite National Roster dated December 10, 2007 are eligible to request participation in a maximum of two additional events on the 2008 European Tour. Athletes ranked with a D-Level or lower must receive approval to participate from the Athlete Performance Committee.

Athletes will be able to request two tournament selections to Noel Van Duyne at [Travel@usajudo.us](mailto:Travel@usajudo.us) by no later than 2 p.m. EST on January 18. If more than one athlete requests to participate in an event, preference will be given to the highest ranked player, pending approval by the committee if that player is ranked with a D-Level or lower.

**In order to confirm their allocated slot or slots, athletes must deliver to the USA Judo National Office by e-mail to [Travel@usajudo.us](mailto:Travel@usajudo.us) the attached form for each event along with the credit card information for the non-refundable deposit or nonrefundable full amount where applicable.**

**USA JUDO WILL WIRE FUNDS TO ALL FEDERATIONS ON BEHALF OF THOSE REGISTERED ATHLETES WHO HAVE SUBMITTED A VALID CREDIT CARD. THESE FUNDS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

**Allocation of the spot will depend on transacting the event fees on the date of the submission of the request with a valid credit card. The spot will not be secure without a valid credit card which will carry all applicable charges for the event.**

Note: As of this writing full event packages have not been received by USA Judo on all European “A” tour activities, so dates are projections, based on the IJF and EJU 2008 calendar. A \$100 non-refundable deposit will be charged to your credit card in order to hold your position. Any variations from the announced dates will be immediately provided by E-mail and Web postings on [www.USJudo.org](http://www.USJudo.org). Thirty days prior to the event the balance of the lodging, entry fees, etc. will be charged to your credit card. This is done so that USA Judo may wire the funds requested by the international federation.

Requests for tournament information have been made to all international federations involved by either fax or e-mail; however we have not at this writing received all tournament packages.

The day following each ranked athletes response date, an updated matrix, showing the events taken by each criteria athlete will be posted on the USA Judo Web site at [www.usjudo.org](http://www.usjudo.org), under Senior Competition Opportunities.

All elite athletes are asked to provide USA Judo’s National Office with an E-mail contact address. All athletes are reminded that participation according to your selection priority must be received by the above published deadline, and in writing, via e-mail to [travel@usajudo.us](mailto:travel@usajudo.us). The USA Judo National Office will likewise acknowledge confirmations, in writing, via e-mail.

All athletes must have paid all outstanding debts to USA Judo and be compliant with USADA regulations at the time of submission.