Presidents
EJU Member Federations

Dear Presidents,
Dear Friends,

The EJU Olympic Training Centre „Going for Gold“ project which started in 2010 proved as an important tool of support for many European judoka in their preparation for London 2012 Olympics. Training of European athletes for Rio de Janeiro 2016 Olympics remains high priority of the EJU. I am glad to inform you that we managed to secure sufficient funding for continuation of the OTC project.

However, according to statistics of previous years number of athletes from both Support Lists did not participate fully in the OTCs. Of course it is their free choice but as a result the funds allocated for them were blocked and not fully used.

The EJU is introducing more flexible OTC Rules 2013 (attached) in order to increase the access of NFs to the support. On the other hand, more discipline will be required:

- Federation must respond quickly to EJU call for applications to Extra Support List and return the Forms asap. Athletes will be selected on the „first come – first served“ bases
- The EJU will require information from the Federations in case an athlete selected in one of the Support Lists will not participate in particular OTC.
- In case of no show and no info by entry deadline to the EJU an athlete will be removed from the Support List and his NF will lose his place in the next OTC.

The main features are specified in the OTC Rules 2013. I am urgently asking you to remind coaches and staff of your Federation about the new OTC procedures.

I am also glad to inform you that EJU is preparing a similar project and funding of training for European talented juniors and possibly cadets. I will keep you informed.

Wishing best success to you and your Federations!

Sincerely yours,

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