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**SARAJEVO WORLD JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS
VETERANS 2026
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
20 - 24 SEPTEMBER 2026**

#JudoVeterans
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@MariusVizer

Dear friends, dear judoka,

We welcome you to Sarajevo, an accessible capital city that keeps its doors open for all members of the global judo family. This is a destination which will deliver excellent organisation and warm hospitality, providing our lifelong judo practitioners with a tried and tested venue in front of an engaged tribune of knowledgeable spectators.

We are looking forward to sharing this very special world stage with you in a Central European destination steeped in history, a place of culture and heritage openly shared with all who visit. Now this incredible city extends arms of friendship to our veterans.

Our judo family enjoyed an outstanding stay in Paris in 2025 for the pinnacle veteran event of the year, one which broke all records of participation; and so the bar has been set higher than ever. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the local organisers and the IJF Veterans Commission, the 2026 edition of the IJF World Veteran Championships promises to continue this celebration of judo and be an event to last long in the memory.

I wish all our delegations, friends and the wider judo family a healthy and successful event, filled with excellence. Sarajevo welcomes you!

Yours in judo,

Marius L. VIZER
President
International Judo Federation



Dear Judo Friends,

On behalf of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Judo Federation, I would like to welcome you to the World Judo Championships Veterans and Kata 2026 and Special Olympics 2026, one of the biggest official sports manifestation, which is being held in the Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I am honoured to invite all distinguished members of the International Judo Federation and Special Olympics to our beautiful country and the Mayor City of Sarajevo where we organized this Evenets on September 20. – 27. 2026.

Our Federation and all persons involved in the technical organization, as always, will do their best to make the event go well.

Therefore, the Judo Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina is a relatively young member of the IJF and EJU, but we are proud of the fact that we have so far successfully organized a large number of World Championships, European Championships, European Cups for seniors and juniors, Europe Opens and for the third time we have the honor and pleasure to host an International Judo Federation event and organized World Judo Championships Veterans and Kata 2026 and Special Olympics 2026.

I would like to thank Mr. Marius Vizer, President of the International Judo Federation for the confidence shown in the assignment of the event and the local Authorities for the support provided to the Organizers.

Ognjen PAVLOVIC
President
Judo Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina



Dear judo family,

We celebrated a fantastic IJF World Championships for our veterans in 2025 in Paris, France, which was the most successful veterans' event in judo history with record breaking numbers of participants.

This year, in 2026, the veteran judo family goes to Sarajevo in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The national federation there is a valued and long term partner of the International Judo Federation and is a well known organiser of prestigious judo events and always a great host.

I want to thank IJF President Mr Marius L. Vizer and JFBIH President Ognjen Pavlovic, as well as their executive committees and everybody else involved for their fantastic support of the event – “puno hvala!”

On behalf of the IJF Veterans' Commission I want to welcome the veterans to Sarajevo. We arrive here to celebrate great sport, to live the judo values, have a lot of fun with old friends and make new ones.

Judo is a lifelong experience; the keyword is longevity. We can be happy and thankful to be stepping on to the tatami in such fantastic surroundings.

We have planned five days of competition and with this I am curious: how will the Special Olympics work, being in this framework for the first time in judo history? Hosting the Special Olympics with the veteran and kata championships, all in one event? This will be a great challenge but also a fantastic opportunity for building an even brighter judo future.

I am looking forward to this judo highlight and to returning to Sarajevo and I am happy to enjoy the great hospitality, which the region is known for around the world. Let's make it great! Be part of it! “Hajime” and “Sretno”!

Kind regards,

Denis WEISSER
Chair
IJF Veterans Commission

EVENTS DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND HERE: <https://www.ijf.org/competition/3227>

PLEASE RESPECT ALL DEADLINES AND RULES DETAILED IN THESE OUTLINES.

1. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

All event participants participating in the event described in these outlines must respect and accept the authority of the International Judo Federation (IJF) officials, the IJF Statutes, the IJF Sport and Organisation Rules ([SOR](#)) and the IJF Anti-Doping Rules (<https://www.ijf.org/cleanjudo/133>). Individuals deemed to have acted against the IJF, its principles or purposes should be subject to suspension or expulsion from the event and/or cancellation of their accreditation cards.

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2. DEADLINES FOR DELEGATIONS

Days before Competition day 1	Deadline	Action
100	12 June 2026	Hotel first reservation
70	12 July 2026	Visa application (with passport photocopies)*
30	21 August 2026	Hotel final reservation and full payment
30	21 August 2026 (23:59 CET)	Full refund in case of hotel cancellation
15	05 September 2026 (23:59 CET)	Event inscription (Judobase)

*Entry letters and visa applications will only be accepted for people who are inscribed in [Judobase](#).

3. EVENT INSCRIPTION AND ENTRY FEES

Entries will be accepted from a national federation or with the permission of a nation federation from a national club or individual athlete. Individual athletes and national clubs must contact the national federation to be inscribed. Inscriptions on the spot can only be done with the written permission of the national federation. There is no limit to the number of athletes from the same country that can be inscribed in a category.

All entry fees are non-refundable.

Entries		Price
Entries to:	until 31 May 2026 (23:59 CET)	160 euro per athlete
Entries from:	from 01 June 2026 to 19 July 2026 (23:59 CET)	180 euro per athlete
Entries from:	from 20 July 2026 to 31 August 2026 (23:59 CET)	200 euro per athlete
On-site entries:	from 01 September 2026 to the end of accreditation	250 euro per athlete

All participating delegates must have a valid IJF card. There are two types of IJF cards:

- IJF international cards (renewable every two years) can be used for all functions (athlete, coach, team official, doctor etc.) at IJF World Judo Tour events including world championships kata and veterans.
- IJF veterans/kata card (valid for life) can be used for all functions (athlete, coach, team official, doctor etc.) at the world championships kata and veterans. It cannot be used at other IJF World Judo Tour events.

Inscriptions must be done in [Judobase](#) by the national federation by **05 September 2026, 23:59 CET**. For assistance, please contact registration@ijf.org before the end of the deadline.

Coaches at the World Championships Veterans do not need to have the IJF Academy Level 1 Instructor, the Undergraduate certificate Judo Instructor (UCJI), or the Master Coach certification.

IJF nationality rules (IJF [SOR](#), section 1.7) must be respected, and athletes must be of the same nationality as the national federation for which they have been entered for the competition. The evidence of nationality shall be the production of a valid passport issued by the represented country. Athletes who have permission to take part in IJF events under rule 1.7.2.4 (IJF [SOR](#)) who do not have a valid passport issued by the represented country must present a photographic identity and the IJF authorisation letter. Athletes shall present all documents to the official who will verify their identity.

In case of unforeseen delay of arrival or if someone has to be cancelled from the event you must inform both the IJF (registration@ijf.org) and the local organising committee (LOC) (sarajevo.wcvkso2026@gmail.com).

4. PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATION POLICY

PAY ATTENTION TO FRAUDULENT EMAILS! USE ONLY THE BANK DETAILS FROM THE OFFICIAL OUTLINES.

According to the IJF rule enacted on the 2 December 2012 in Tokyo, «the organising country should not request penalties fee for participating countries who cannot make bank transfers but can pay in cash upon arrival. Those countries who cannot make bank transfers should inform the LOC well in advance that they will pay cash on arrival».

All event fees, bank fees and bank transfer costs must be paid by the participating national federation to the following bank:

Beneficiary's name	Udruzenje ZDZK Sarajevo, street Mis Irbina 8, 71000 Sarajevo
Bank name	Raiffeisen Bank DD Bosna i Hercegovina
Bank address	Zmaja od Bosne BB, 71000 Sarajevo
IBAN	BA391610000105380035
SWIFT/BIC Code	RZBABA2S
Payment reference	WCV 2026 - Number of the invoice

If payment is being made by bank transfer the bank information must be inserted correctly and completely on the transfer document and any procedures related to amendment of the bank transfer must be done before arrival. Participants must ensure that all bank charges are paid at their end so that the LOC receive the correct amount of funds without any deductions. Participants must have proof of the bank transfer, upon arrival.

Whenever possible, cancellations should be made before accreditation. The LOC has the right to charge cancellation fees below.

If participation is cancelled the local organising committee has the right to charge as follows:	
Accommodation - 100% refund from	Up to and including 21 August 2026
Accommodation - no refund, 100% of the hotel costs must be paid from	22 August 2026
Entry fee	No refund

5. PARTICIPATION RULES

Please refer to the IJF [SOR](#) Section 4 Entries and Accreditation and Appendix A Regulations for Veterans.

6. MEDICAL CERTIFICATES (OBLIGATORY FOR EACH ATHLETE)

To compete, athletes MUST have a medical certificate issued by an authorised body of the country they represent. It must be valid for the day(s) of participation in the competition, not older than one (1) year and can be easily read if hand-written.

Certificates must be issued in or translated to one of IJF's official languages (English, French, Spanish).

The medical certificate must be uploaded to my.ijf.org by the athlete's national judo federation. Athletes may be asked to present the hard copy of their certificate upon request.

NO UPLOADED CORRECT MEDICAL CERTIFICATE = NO START IN THE COMPETITION!

For information about the medical certificate contact medical@ijf.org

7. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Name	Judo Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Address/telephone number	Alipasina 14L, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina / +38761929188
Website	https://www.judosavezbih.ba
Email	sarajevo.wcvkso2026@gmail.com

8. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE EVENT CONTACTS

Accommodation	Ms Arijana JAHA	sarajevo.wcvkso2026@gmail.com	+38761929188
General Enquiries	Ms Arijana JAHA	sarajevo.wcvkso2026@gmail.com	+38761929188
Training	Ms Aleksandra SAMARDZIC	sarajevo.wcvkso2026@gmail.com	+38765860967
Visa	Ms Lejla SABETA	kovacevic.lejla@gmail.com	+38761379395
Emergency (24 hours, English-speaking)	Ms Arijana JAHA	sarajevo.wcvkso2026@gmail.com	+38761929188

9. PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Saturday 19 September 2026	10:00 - 12:30	Accreditation and weigh-in M1	Hotel Hills
	13:00 - 15:30	M2	
	15:30 - 16:30	Late arrivals M1, M2	
	18:00	Draw M1, M2	
	19:00	Referee meeting	
Sunday 20 September 2026		Competition day 1: M1, M2	Arena Hotel Hills
	TBC*	Preliminaries	
	10:00 - 14:00	Accreditation and weigh-in M3	Hotel Hills
	14:00 - 16:30	M4	
	16:30 - 17:30	Late arrivals M3,M4	
Monday 21 September 2026	18:00	Draw M3,M4	Arena Hotel Hills
		Competition day 2: M3,M4	
	TBC*	Preliminaries	Hotel Hills
	10:00 - 13:00	Accreditation and weigh-in M5	
	14:00 - 16:30	M6	
Tuesday 22 September 2026	16:30 - 17:30	Late arrivals M5, M6	Hotel Hills
	18:00	Draw M5, M6	
		Competition day 3: M5, M6	
	TBC*	Preliminaries	Hotel Hills
	10:00 - 13:00	Accreditation and weigh-in M7	
Wednesday 23 September 2026	14:00 - 16:30	M8,M9	
	16:30 - 17:30	Late arrivals M7, M8,M9	
	18:00	Draw M7, M8,M9	Hotel Hills
		Competition day 4: M7, M8,M9	
	TBC*	Preliminaries	
Thursday 24 September 2026	10:00 - 13:00	Accreditation and weigh-in F1-9	Hotel Hills
	16:30 - 17:30	Late arrivals F1-9	
	18:00	Draw F1-9	
		Competition day 5: F1-9	Arena Hotel Hills
	TBC*	Preliminaries	

* The start time will be confirmed once the final number of athletes is known.

10. COMPETITION VENUE

Name	Arena Hotel Hills
Address	Butmirska cesta 18, 71000 Sarajevo
Website	https://hotelhills.ba
Seats for spectators	300
Tickets	Free

11. ENTRY TO THE HOST COUNTRY

Each individual is responsible to ensure they follow the entry rules (passport validity, visas, entry permission letter etc.) for the host country. Entry rules may be subject to change, the current information can be found here: <https://mvp.gov.ba/bs/vize>

The LOC will assist with visas where possible but having the correct visa is the responsibility of each participant. Visa applications will only be accepted for people who are inscribed in **Judobase** for the event.

It is the responsibility of the national federation to ensure that their delegation respects the conditions of stay defined by the Government of the country hosting the event. If any participant does not respect these conditions, any costs arising will be borne by the national federation concerned.

Please note that visa approvals or rejections are done by the Government authorities and the LOC has no control over this and cannot be held responsible for any rejections.

Contact the LOC if you need help for a visa			
Complete the form	Sarajevo WCVKSO 2026 Form Visa		
Deadline	12 July 2026		
Visa contact	Ms Lejla SABETA	kovacevic.lejla@gmail.com	+38761379395

12. TRANSPORT

Transport is NOT provided by the LOC.

13. PRE-EVENT TRAINING

Training during the event is the responsibility of the LOC. Planning and scheduling of training sessions will be organised taking into consideration requests made by delegations daily on a first request made first served basis. To book training contact the LOC.

Training venue 1	Hotel Hills		
Address	Butmirska cesta 18, 71000 Sarajevo		
Training dates and times	Saturday 19 September - Wednesday 24 September 2026: 09:00 - 21:00		
Booking contact	Ms Aleksandra SAMARDZIC	sarajevo.wcvkso2026@gmail.com	+38765860967

14. ACCOMMODATION

Delegations can optionally book their accommodation through the LOC.

Complete the form	Sarajevo WCVKSO 2026 Form Accommodation		
Deadline final reservation and full payment	25 August 2026		
Accommodation contact	Ms Arijana JAHA	sarajevo.wcvkso2026@gmail.com	+38761929188

DELEGATION HOTELS

Bed and breakfast includes breakfast at the hotel.

CATEGORY A - Hotel Hills	
Address	Butmirska cesta 18, 71000 Sarajevo
Phone	+38733947947
Website	https://hotelhills.ba
Check-in time	14:00
Check-out time	11:00
Early check-in / Late check-out	Early check-in from 08:00 (no charge if the room is available). Late check-out until 18:00 (30 euros).
Air-conditioning	Yes (free)
Gym and pools	Yes (free)
Wi-Fi	Yes (free)
Room service	Yes
A La Carte restaurant	Yes
Food delivery allowed	No

All prices are per person per night in: **euro**

CATEGORY A - Hotel Hills	Bed & breakfast	Full board
Single	150	170
Twin	120	140
Triple	120	140
Deposit required by hotel at check-in	No	

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport Sarajevo (SJJ)	3.7	00:11
Training venue	Same hotel	
Accreditation	Same hotel	
Sport hall	Same hotel	

CATEGORY B - Hotel Hollywood	
Address	Dr. Mustafe Pintola 23, 71000 Sarajevo
Phone	+38733773100
Website	https://www.hotel-hollywood.ba/bs/
Check-in time	14:00
Check-out time	11:00
Early check-in / Late check-out	Early check-in from 08:00 (no charge if the room is available). Late check-out until 18:00 (30 euros).
Air-conditioning	Yes (free)
Gym and pools	Yes (free)
Wi-Fi	Yes (free)
Room service	Yes
A La Carte restaurant	Yes
Food delivery allowed	No

All prices are per person per night in: **euro**

CATEGORY B - Hotel Hollywood	Bed & breakfast	Full board
Single	130	150
Twin	110	130
Triple	110	130
Deposit required by hotel at check-in	No	

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport Sarajevo (SJJ)	3.7	00:11
Training venue	0.4	00:05
Accreditation	0.4	00:05
Sport hall	0.4	00:05

CATEGORY B - Hotel Spa Terme/Austria/Bosna/Hercegovina/Crystal	
Address	Hrasnicka Cesta 14, 71000 Sarajevo
Phone	+38733772000
Website	https://hoteliilidza.ba/spa-hotel-terme/
Check-in time	14:00
Check-out time	11:00
Early check-in / Late check-out	Early check-in from 08:00 (no charge if the room is available). Late check-out until 18:00 (30 euros).
Air-conditioning	Yes (free)
Gym and pools	Yes (free)
Wi-Fi	Yes (free)
Room service	Yes
A La Carte restaurant	Yes
Food delivery allowed	No

All prices are per person per night in: **euro**

CATEGORY B - Hotel Spa Terme/Austria/Bosna/Hercegovina/Crystal	Bed & breakfast	Full board
Single	130	150
Twin	110	130
Triple	110	130
Deposit required by hotel at check-in	No	

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport Sarajevo (SJJ)	4.0	00:15
Training venue	0.85	00:08
Accreditation	0.85	00:08
Sport hall	0.85	00:08

15. GENERAL INFORMATION

INSURANCE

Please refer to IJF **SOR** 1.3 Insurance and Civil Liability.

Each national federation is directly responsible for all its delegates registered on Judobase for any event. It must assume all responsibility for accident, health and civil liability insurance for everyone under their charge during events.

National federations are responsible to provide insurance guarantees to their delegates during any IJF event. If the national federation does not provide insurance to the members of their delegation, those members shall be liable for any damages caused by or incurred to them. The LOC of the event and the IJF will not be responsible in the absence of insurance.

The LOC of the event and the IJF accept no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising from the travelling to and the participation in this event nor any claims relating to the cancellation of the event or medical costs related to illness that may affect a participant during the event.

CONSENT FOR USE OF DATA/PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOS/FILMING

Please refer to IJF **SOR** 2.8.5 Consent for use of data/photography/videos/filming.

The national federation must ensure that they have the permission of each delegate or in the case of a minor the permission of the parent/guardian.

If a delegate does not give consent for use of data, photography, videos and filming then the national federation must inform the IJF by writing to registration@ijf.org

COMPETITION RULES FOR VETERANS

The IJF competition rules will apply with except for modifications made to age divisions (IJF **SOR** section A1.4), category combining (IJF **SOR** section A1.7), contest and golden score duration (IJF **SOR** section A1.6) and round robin golden score (Section A1.14).

WEIGHT CATEGORIES FOR VETERANS

Women: -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg, -63 kg, -70 kg, -78 kg, +78 kg

Men: -60 kg, -66 kg, -73 kg, -81 kg, -90 kg, -100 kg, +100 kg

TIME DURATION OF CONTESTS FOR VETERANS

Duration (minutes) for individual events will be as follows:

Age range	Age Division	Contest Duration	Golden Score
30-59	M1/F1 to/including M6/F6	3 minutes	No limit
60+	M7/F7 to/including M9/F9	2.5 minutes	1 minute*

*If a tie exists at the end of the 1 minute golden score time, the referee, in consultation with the table jury will determine the winner without calling hantei.

AGE DIVISIONS FOR VETERANS

Athletes will be allocated an age division based on:

- Meeting the entrance criteria of a minimum of 30 years of age within the year of the event and,
- Their date of birth in line with a five-year age range:

Age division	Actual age (in the year of the event)
F1/M1	30-34
F2/M2	35-39
F3/M3	40-44
F4/M4	45-49
F5/M5	50-54
F6/M6	55-59
F7/M7	60 - 64 (no shime-waza)
F8/M8	65 - 69 (no shime-waza)
F9/M9	70+ (no shime-waza)

CATEGORY COMBINING FOR VETERANS

To facilitate the best possible application of the category combining policy it will be used when a category has a small number of entries, and all the female categories will be held on the same day.

A technical official from the IJF will delegate responsibility to a suitable individual, representing the host organisation, who will be responsible for operating the category combining policy. This policy applies to all weight categories within all age divisions.

Category combining may only be applied to categories where there are less than three entrants. If category combining cannot be achieved safely and according to the guidelines, then a pool of two (2) elimination system may be considered. The best of three contests between the two (2) athletes, if the result is 2-0 then the third contest will not be fought.

- Combining within the same age division – athletes should remain within their age division if possible.
- Combining using weight categories – athletes should only be combined with other athletes who are no more than one weight category lighter or one weight category heavier.

Special consideration should be given to the actual weight differences when dealing with the lightest and the heaviest female and male categories (as a guideline a maximum of 10 kg actual difference when combining the lightest weight category and a maximum of 20 kg actual difference when combining the heaviest weight category should be considered as a limit unless there are other compensatory factors such as experience etc.). Weight should be the primary consideration when moving athletes about within their own age division or combining them with other age divisions in accordance with the guidelines below.

AGE DIVISIONS:

- Athletes in age divisions M7 or F7 and above (M8/F8 and M9/F9) may only be combined with other athletes who are no more than one age division higher or more than one age division lower i.e., athletes in M7/F7 may only be combined with athletes from M6/F6 or M8/F8.
- Athletes in divisions M6 or F6 may be combined with athletes no more than one age division higher or two age divisions lower. i.e., M7/F7, M5/F5 and M4/F4.
- Athletes in divisions M5 or F5 may be combined with athletes no more than one age division above or two age divisions below i.e., M6/F6, M4/F4 and M3/F3.
- Athletes in divisions M4 or F4 may be combined with athletes no more than two age divisions above or two age divisions below i.e., M5/F5, M6/F6, M3/F3 and M2/F2.
- Athletes in divisions M3 or F3 may be combined with athletes no more than two age divisions above or two age divisions below i.e., M4/F4, M5/F5, M1/F1 and M2/F2.
- Athletes in age divisions M2 or F2 may only be combined with athletes two age divisions above and one age division below i.e., M3/F3, M4/F4 and M1/F1.
- Athletes in age divisions M1 or F1 may only be combined with athletes in two age divisions above i.e., M2/F2 and M3/F3.

Age Division	Higher Age Division	Lower Age Division	Age Span
F1/M1	F2/M2, F3/M3	Not applicable	30-44
F2/M2	F3/M3, F4/M4	F1/M1	30-49
F3/M3	F4/M4, F5/M5	F1/M1, F2/M2	30-54
F4/M4	F5/M5, F6/M6	F2/M2, F3/M3	35-59
F5/M5	F6/M6	F3/M3, F4/M4	40-59
F6/M6	F7/M7	F4/M4, F5/M5	45-64
F7/M7	F8/M8	F6/M6	55-69
F8/M8	F9/M9	F7/M7	60-70+
F9/M9	Not applicable	F8/M8	65-70+

ACCREDITATION

Please refer to the IJF [SOR](#) Section 4 Entries and Accreditation.

The purpose of accreditation is to identify people and their roles at events and allow them necessary access to perform their roles. It is the personal identity document of the participant for all security and access controls. This card contains: last (family) name, first (given) name, country, IJF ID number, a picture and for athletes their weight category and age group.

Accreditation cards may be picked up from the accreditation room.

An accredited person should never wear another person's accreditation card. The accreditation card remains the property of the IJF and can be withdrawn, with immediate effect, at the IJF's sole discretion.

Replacement of lost or forgotten accreditation will be charged at 50 USD to be paid to the IJF.

DRAW FOR VETERANS

Please refer to the IJF **SOR** Appendix A1.8 Draw for Veterans.

The draw for the individual weight categories will take place at the time indicated in the event outlines on the day before the competition. Information on the exact location of the individual weight category draws will be displayed on the event official notice board. There is no seeding for this event.

A complete list of athletes who have successfully fulfilled the weight requirements will be displayed outside the room where the official draw will take place a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the draw starting.

Team officials from each country (or individual athletes) must check this list to ensure that all their athletes are on the list in the correct age division and weight category. The IJF Veterans Commission take no responsibility for someone who is not included in the draw because they were missing from the list, and no one from the delegation checked.

WEIGH-IN

Please refer to the IJF **SOR** Appendix A1.10 Weigh-in for Veterans.

The weigh-in will take place the day before the competition as indicated in the programme. There is no random weigh-in for veterans.

JUDOGI CONTROL AND OFFICIAL IJF BACKNUMBER

Please refer to the IJF **SOR** Appendix B1.11 IJF Judogi Control.

The list of official judogi and backnumber suppliers can be found here: www.ijf.org/supplier-list.

The judogi control will be done before each contest.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the judoka to comply with the IJF rules.

SEWING SERVICE

The LOC will provide delegations with a sewing service. They have the right to charge for this service. The place, time and rate (if applicable) will be communicated to delegations on the event's official notice boards. In case of non-respect of the place and persons providing this service to the delegations, the LOC, in agreement with the IJF, may refuse this service to those who were disrespectful.

COMPETITION SYSTEM FOR VETERANS

The type of competitions system to be applied in the competition will depend on the number of entries as follows:

Competition systems according to number of participants:

- 6 and more entries: double repechage
- 3, 4, 5 entries: round robin
- 2 entries: best of 2 contests, if 1-1 the third contest will decide.

In case the number of participants in a category is not sufficient, (age and/or weight) categories will be combined according to IJF **SOR**. All the contests in any one age division will be held on the same day.

The IJF do not have team events for veterans.

ROUND ROBIN GOLDEN SCORE

If a round robin contest goes into golden score, an athlete can hold osaekomi-waza until for ippon.

AWARDING CEREMONY FOR VETERANS

Medals will only be awarded to athletes who fought in the category. The number of athletes competing determines the eventual medal allocation.

The medal distribution rule is as follows:

- One athlete – no medal will be awarded (the athlete will receive a participation medal from IJF. There will be no flag, national anthem during this awarding ceremony).
- Two athletes – two medals awarded.
- Three athletes – three medals awarded.
- Four athletes – four medals awarded.
- Five athletes – four medals awarded.
- Six or more athletes – four medals awarded.

If a category has been combined the only medals awarded will be the one set of medals for the athletes in that combined category.

Awards for the recognition of exemplary behaviour that promotes the spirit of judo and/or fair play may be awarded at the discretion of the IJF Veterans Commission.

Athletes must attend the medal ceremony barefoot, without any hat, cap or any similar head covering and wearing their IJF approved white judogi that conforms to the IJF judogi rules with special attention being paid to the publicity rule. If it is not clean, then they must wear a reserve judogi.

It is strictly prohibited for athletes on the podium to have national flags or similar items other than those on their judogi. Any demonstration with religious, political, personal or commercial connotation is prohibited. Each athlete who has won a medal must be present at the ceremony to receive their medal personally. Any athlete who is absent from the awards ceremony without a good reason may forfeit the medal.

REFEREES

Referees will be nominated by the IJF Referee Commission and IJF Veterans Referee Director.

Referee meeting: A meeting will take place on **Saturday 19 September 2026 at 19:00** and attendance at this meeting is compulsory for all referees.



REFEREE TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS

The national federations, or individual nominated referees, will be responsible for their own travel expenses.

The LOC will provide a twin occupancy (2 separate beds) room and full board for nominated referees.

Accommodation is provided from 18 September to 25 September 2026, additional nights out with these dates must be paid for.

INFORMATION FOR MEDIA

EVENTS DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND HERE: <https://www.ijf.org/competition/3227>

PLEASE RESPECT ALL DEADLINES AND RULES DETAILED IN THESE OUTLINES.

1. DEADLINES FOR MEDIA

Days before Competition day 1	Deadline	Action
70	12 July 2026	Visa application (with passport photocopies)*
8	12 September 2026 (23:59 CET)	https://my.ijf.org/media/info

All media representatives must have the necessary documents to enter the host country, including a visa if necessary.

All requests are subject to approval by the IJF and the LOC, so the inscription is not a guaranty to be accredited. All accreditation requests coming after the deadline will be refused.

2. PARTICIPATION RULES

- Inscribe in the IJF media platform - <https://my.ijf.org/media/info>
- If you have any problems, you can contact administrators on the form - <https://my.ijf.org/media/contact>
- Accommodation and local transport is the responsibility of each media participant.

3. GENERAL INFORMATION

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

All local and international media representatives participating in the event described in these outlines must respect and accept the authority of the IJF Officials, the IJF Statutes, the IJF Sport and Organisation Rules (SOR, www.ijf.org/ijf/documents/26) and the IJF Anti-Doping Rules (<https://www.ijf.org/cleanjudo/133>), as well as the media protocol in place on spot. Individuals deemed to have acted against the IJF, its principles or purposes should be subject to suspension or expulsion from the event and/or cancellation of their accreditation cards.

INSURANCE

Everyone is responsible for their own insurance and must assume all responsibility for accident and health insurance as well as civil liabilities during any IJF WJT event.

It is the responsibility of the media participant to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any disease related costs, including repatriation.

The LOC of the event and the IJF accept no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising from the travelling to and the participation in this event nor any claims relating to the cancellation of the event or medical costs related to illness that may affect a participant during the event.

COMPETITION RULES

All media matters are the responsibility of the IJF Media Director. It is expressly forbidden for all media including photographers to live stream at any time during the draw, competition or any other official IJF activity.

They are not allowed to film, or photograph injured or bleeding athletes anywhere in the venue. Mobile devices must not be used for any function while mat side.

Proper attire is required, especially for media working matside. Shorts and head coverings are not permitted on the field of play. Religious, political, personal or commercial connotation is prohibited for everyone on the field of play.

Please refer to the IJF [SOR](#) Section 8.9 Media.

Media are not allowed to access the warm-up area unless special access has been granted from the IJF.

Any member of the media who does not follow the above risks losing their accreditation and access to the competition.

ACCREDITATION

The purpose of accreditation is to identify people and their roles at events and allow them necessary access to perform their roles. It is the personal identity document of the participant for all security and access controls. This card contains: last (family) name, first (given) name, country, IJF ID number, media status (writer, photographer...) and a picture.

Accreditation cards may be picked up from the accreditation centre, from the welcome desk at the hotel after the draw, from the media entrance welcome desk in the sport hall, or from any other place dedicated to media which will be indicated prior to the event.

An accredited person should never wear another person's accreditation card. The accreditation card remains the property of the IJF and can be withdrawn, with immediate effect, at the IJF's sole discretion.

Replacement of lost or forgotten accreditation will be charged at 50 USD to be paid to the IJF.

RESPECT TOWARDS ATHLETES

Throughout the event, from arrival to departure, media representatives must observe strict respect for the athletes and their delegation. The delegations need calm to prepare and concentrate, the international media will only have access to the athletes under the conditions of the competition, at the stadium, in a mixed zone.

Any other request must be the subject of a written request to the IJF: press@ijf.org



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