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1. OVERVIEW/BACKGROUND

All the regulations listed below are in addition to, or are modifications of, the Sport Organization Rules **and the Kata Competition documents** of the IJF. Since the IJF is responsible only for the sanctioning of World-level events, a number of areas are outside of their jurisdiction and thus require modifications/clarifications addressing various age groups.

1.1. Definition of a Tournament

Any Judo event in Canada that has an objective to determine a winner and/or to award prizes is considered a tournament and should be organized in accordance with the standards outlined in this document. Tournaments include both Shiai and Kata events. For practical reasons, events are classified into the following categories.

1.2. Classification of tournaments

1. **International** events organized in Canada under the jurisdiction of the International Judo Federation will be organized according to the IJF Sport Organization Rules (available at the <http://www.ijf.org/>).
2. **International-National** events organized in Canada under the jurisdiction of Judo Canada will be organized according to the current *Judo Canada Sanctioning Policy & Tournament standards*.
3. **Provincial and Regional** events organized in Canada under the jurisdiction of any provincial/territorial judo association will be organized according to the current *Judo Canada Sanctioning Policy & Tournament standards*.

1.3. Sport season

Judo sporting season in Canada is from September 1 of the current year to August 31 of the next calendar year. Note that it is different from the International Season which is consistent with the calendar year of January 1 to December 31.

1.4. Mission

- To standardize the operation of judo tournaments in Canada;
- To ensure that tournaments are delivered in a safe and developmentally appropriate fashion consistent with the Long-Term Development Model approved by Sport Canada and Judo Canada;
- To challenge tournament organizers to host top quality events that will showcase judo to the public, the media and the membership of Judo Canada.

1.5. Principles considered

1.5.1. Sport Development

Participation in competition is an integral part of sport and it should offer a positive experience



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to the participants, **volunteers**, **officials**, coaches, parents and spectators. Safe environment, adherence to verified standards, developmental appropriateness of tournament formats and positive reinforcement for participating judoka are some of the necessary elements needed to encourage involvement in **competitive** judo.

1.5.2. Entertainment

One of the goals of hosting a judo tournament is to win the support of the general public and media. Attention must be placed on non-technical aspects. Analyze the competition from the spectator's point of view. Pay attention to presentation of the venue; the schedule and its communication to the public; the quality of announcements, etc.

1.5.3. Volunteers

Regardless of the size of the event, one of the keys to hosting a successful judo tournament is a well-structured Organizing Committee. Everyone must have a clear understanding of roles and areas of responsibility before committing to the project. At the time that volunteers are being recruited, it is essential that they are presented with a detailed job description, understand the reporting structure, know how their position fits into the overall organization, and most importantly, can commit to the number of hours of service required. Detailed job descriptions are available in **Appendix 06** to this policy.

1.5.4. Tournament Organizing Committee

Depending on the size and scope of the event, the leadership may be as small as one person (e.g. a Technical Director of the dojo for a small club tournament) to as large as an Executive Committee of an independent corporation run by a professional staff for a large-scale International Event. The leadership of the organizing committee must keep the project on task and within budget. A detailed task list, with established deadlines and priorities, will ensure that the tasks are completed on time and remain coordinated between the various subcommittees. It is essential that volunteers can deliver on schedule. When a task is not completed as required the volunteer must be made aware of his/her responsibility to the other members of the committee and the problem must be rectified as quickly and efficiently as possible.

- Number of volunteers and defined roles: Hosting a successful competition takes many volunteers. Use the proposed Judo Canada job descriptions and stick to them.
- One volunteer = one job. Do not overload volunteers with a variety of tasks; you will lose them, and their job will not be done well. See the appendix of this Policy for the proposed structure of the Organizing Committee and job descriptions for volunteer personnel.
- One of the goals of hosting an event is to popularize judo. The presentation of the event must appeal to today's sporting industry consumer. Enlist the support of non-judo volunteers, parents, service clubs who may bring a different perspective and expertise.
- An opening ceremony should take no more than ten minutes. The shorter it is, the better.
- Whenever logistically possible, the medal ceremony should be integrated into the final order of matches and not left to the end of the competition when often there are no spectators left.
- The competition site cannot be disassembled until the last medal ceremonies are concluded.



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2. SANCTIONING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

2.1. Sanction levels

Judo tournaments held in Canada are required to meet or exceed standards that are presented in this document. Judo Canada and Provincial or Territorial Sport Organization (PTSO) will issue three different levels of sanctions:

2.1.1. Sanction level “A”

National tournaments that are assigned by Judo Canada as National Ranking point events.

Judo Canada will designate or approve the Tournament Director, Chief Official, Head Referee and/or Head Kata Judge for such events. A formal signed contract will need to be submitted to Judo Canada by August 31st of every year by the PTSO.

2.1.2. Sanction level “B”

Tournaments that are organized (or supported) by a provincial judo organization and open to other provincial organizations or other national organizations.

The respective provincial judo organizations oversee ensuring that the event complies with the standards of the current Judo Canada Sanctioning Policy & Tournament Standards. Judo Canada will not be involved in the organization or operation of “B” sanctioned competitions. A formal request shall be submitted to Judo Canada by August 31st of every year by the PTSO. No “B” Sanctioned events can be scheduled on dates reserved by Judo Canada for “A” sanctioned National Ranking point events.

2.1.3. Sanction level “C”

Tournaments that are organized (or supported) by a PTSO **that are restricted to a specific province.**

The PTSO will oversee delivering the “C” sanctions in their jurisdiction. The respective provincial judo organizations oversee ensuring that the event complies with the standards of the current Judo Canada Sanctioning Policy & Tournament Standards. However, the related standards outlined in the Policy may be modified and made more but not less restrictive by specific regulations approved by a PTSO or imposed by local governments. A list of all “C” sanctioned events organized in the Province/Territory must be submitted to Judo Canada at the end of each season.

2.2. Sanctioning Procedures

Both Shiai and Kata events require sanctioning. Combined events including both Kata and Shiai will require two sanctions, as they are considered separate events and the level of sanction may be different for both events.

- The PTSO planning to run an “A” level event files a bid if required (new event) or submits a sanctioning agreement (existing event) to Judo Canada.
- The organizer planning to run a “B” level event must apply for sanctions to their respective PTSO. The PTSO will be required to sign and submit a sanctioning agreement to Judo



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- The organizer planning to run a “C” level event, must apply for sanctions to their respective PTSO.

2.2.1. Required documentation for sanctioning

When requesting a sanction, the following documentation must be submitted to Judo Canada for “A” and “B” level events:

- Completed sanctioning application form (available in appendix 02);
- Draft technical package ;
- Draft venue plan (for “A” sanctioned events only).

For “C” level events the required documentation is determined by the relevant PTSO.

2.3. The date of the tournament

According to the level of sanction required, the date of the tournament must be approved by the Judo Canada Tournament Committee, or PTSO to fit into the yearly competition calendar. **The goal of the scheduling is to benefit the development of the athlete in accordance with the Long-Term Athlete Development Model and minimize schedule conflicts with other events.**

2.4. The name of the event

The **name of the event** must not be misleading must not compromise another organization’s rights nor express an authority that is beyond that of the organizing committee (e.g. the IJF has the expressed rights to “World” level events, the PJC has the expressed rights to “Continental” level events, Judo Canada has the expressed rights to “National” level events, etc.).

2.5. Specific requirements for sanctioned tournament

2.5.1. Specific requirements for “A” sanctioned tournaments

- Organize the event in a manner compliant with the *Judo Canada’s Sanctioning Policy and Tournament Standards*.
- Take complete responsibility for the organization of the event, and for all costs, debts, expenses, losses, damages or injuries to property or persons that should arise as a result of the organization or execution of the event or by participating in it in any capacity. In doing so, the organizer shall work to minimize the possibility of such losses. Judo Canada will not provide liability insurance for the organizer.
- Display on the front page of the technical package the text «A Sanctioned» by Judo Canada” as well as the Judo Canada official logo
- Address any complaint concerning Judo Canada, its staff, volunteers or services, directly to Judo Canada and not in the forum of public opinion. If any such complaint is not resolved to the organizer’s satisfaction, then the organizer has the right to lodge an appeal using Judo Canada appeals policy.



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- Always communicate about the sport of judo in a responsible and positive manner.
- Keep the Judo Canada office informed of any issues that could affect its ability to organize its event.
- Accept the Chief official appointed by Judo Canada and facilitate their capacity to perform their duties as defined in *Judo Canada's Sanctioning Policy and Tournament Standards*.
- Agree to use an online registration system supplied by Judo Canada and display entries on-line one week in advance of the event.
- Agree to pay Judo Canada the levy of 8\$ (2024/25) charge per entry per competitor in the U16, U18; U21, Sr, Veterans and Kata divisions.
- The organizer must provide a proof of liability insurance to Judo Canada.
- The organizer must provide a 10 x 20 promo booth space on site to Judo Canada and/or its sponsors.
- Run the Judo Canada approved electronic tournament management system and publish live results on judocanada.live exclusively.
- The live stream service will be produced in collaboration with Judo Canada exclusively on judocanada.tv. All revenues will be on a 50-50 shared principle.
- Submit results and a complete tournament report as defined in *Judo Canada's Sanctioning Policy and Tournament Standards*.

2.5.2. Specific requirements for “B” sanctioned tournaments

- Organize the event in a manner compliant with the Judo Canada's Sanctioning policy and Tournament Standards.
- Take complete responsibility for the organization of the event, and for all costs, debts, expenses, losses, damages or injuries to property or persons that should arise as a result of the organization or execution of the event or by participating in it in any capacity. In doing so, the organizer shall work to minimize the possibility of such losses. Judo Canada will not provide liability insurance for the organizer.
- Display on the front page of the technical package the text «B Sanctioned» by Judo Canada” as well as the Judo Canada official logo
- Agree to use an online registration system supplied by Judo Canada and display entries on-line one week in advance of the event.
- The organizer must provide a proof of liability insurance to Judo Canada.
- Run the Judo Canada approved electronic tournament management system
- Submit results and a simplified tournament report as defined in *Judo Canada Sanctioning Policy & Tournament standards*..

2.5.3. Specific requirements for “C” sanctioned tournaments

- Organize the event in a manner compliant with the **current** Judo Canada Sanctioning



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Policy & Tournament Standards and the relevant PTSO standards.

2.6. Venue requirements

Venue size is according to the amount of competition areas required for the event. There should be enough room for the competition areas, plus additional room around the areas for all other equipment.

There should be a clear separation (barriers) between the specific areas for spectators, athletes and tournament management areas.

2.6.1. Combat Surface Size

The **recommended size** of the Shiai competition area is 8mx8m with a 3m outside safety zone and **4m** between adjacent combat areas.

The **minimum size** of the Shiai competition area is 7mx7m with a 3m outside safety zone and **4m** safety zone between adjacent combat areas.

For “C” sanctioned events for U16, the minimum combat area may be reduced to 6m x 6m and for U14 and younger to 5m x 5m. The safety zone around is **3m** and **3m** between adjacent combat areas.

For club events of U14 and younger, the **safety zone** may be reduced to 2 metres, providing that the rules are adapted to make the event safe. (eg: padded walls)

Demonstration events (judo Festivals) for individuals who do not require adherence to a specific tournament standard and may be conducted in dojos.

For Kata tournaments the recommended size of the competition area is 8m x 8m. The safety zone between areas and around the area must be no less than two (2) meters with a preference for three (3) meters.

2.6.2. Warm-up Area

Warm-up area should be within the main **venue** or in close proximity. Warm-up area minimum **recommended** size is 100 m² but larger is better.

2.6.3. Rooms

Dedicated rooms/spaces are required for accreditation, weigh in, officials, volunteers, meetings, doping control, change rooms, showers, etc

2.6.4. Spectator seating

Minimum recommended spectator seating requirement is 500 seats for “A” sanctioned.

2.6.5. Equipment required

- Main venue sound system
- Wifi access
- **Dedicated wired internet access (100 Mb upload) for live streaming “A”-sanctioned)**
- Medical tents providing adequate privacy for treatment
- Barriers to separate the competition areas and officials areas from spectators



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- Podium with 2 bronze medal positions
- Joseki
- TV to show match orders
- Tables, chairs as required
- Computer network for running the tournament with the Shai software (see typical layout in Appendix 04)
- Live stream equipment (“A”-sanctioned)
- TV displays on both sides of each mat area (scoreboards)
- Care system with 2 cameras per mat is recommended. 1 is minimum (“A”-sanctioned)

2.6.6. “Blood Free” Environment

Each venue must ensure a “blood free” environment. To remove any blood contamination from the combat zone, chlorine solvent must be available for cleaning.

2.7. Medical Requirements

The medical/therapy supervision and care at competitions is a fundamental aspect of hosting any competition. The organizing committee must ensure that medical staff will be on site to provide appropriate medical care as needed **for both Shiai and Kata competitions.**

2.7.1. At National Championships

Judo Canada will appoint a Chief Medical Officer (CMO) who will oversee the medical aspect of the event. The CMO will be on-site during the tournament and will work with the local medical staff.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) must appoint a local medical liaison officer that will be in close contact with Judo Canada’s Chief Medical Officer to organize the medical aspect of the event. Judo Canada strongly recommends that the local medical liaison officer works in the medical domain.

The Chief Medical Officer will be in charge of the medical staff designated by the local medical liaison officer.

The medical staff hired for the event must meet the professional standards listed below. Other qualified professionals may be considered as staff for the event but must be approved by Judo Canada’s Chief Medical Officer. Judo Canada strongly recommends that a medical doctor be present at all times during the event.

2.7.2. Medical Officer Professional Standards for all tournaments

For any judo competition in Canada, a medical officer must be appointed and must meet one of the following professional standards:

- Medical Doctor (preferably experienced in providing services to judo events)
- Certified athletic therapist*
- Physiotherapist with a valid first responder certificate*
- Registered Nurse working in an Emergency Department
- Certified Paramedic



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*A list of certified therapists can be found on the Canadian Athletic Therapy Association (CATA) or Sport Physiotherapy Canada (SPC) web sites: www.athletictherapy.org and www.sportphysio.ca.

2.7.3. Emergency Action Plan

Each venue hosting judo competitions must have an Emergency Action Plan (EAP). This EAP must be posted beside the medical area.

The Emergency Action Plan must include the following:

- A person in charge in case of an emergency (generally the Medical Officer of the event).
- A medical equipment person.
- A call person (in charge of ambulance call).
- Access route for an ambulance and the evacuation plan.
- Address of the venue and cross street.
- Name and address of the nearest emergency room, imaging clinic, emergency dentist.
- Name and phone number of a person in charge of non-urgent transportations to the hospital. A car/van and the designated driver should be on standby during the event.
- Contact information of one member of the organizing committee.
- Contact information of all the medical staff.

NOTE: The same person cannot assume more than one role as part of the emergency action plan.

2.7.4. First Aid Kit/Medical Equipment

Each venue hosting judo competitions must be equipped with a first aid kit. Refer to the Appendix 05: Medical equipment for a list of required and recommended equipment.

Each host is responsible for replacement of the supplies used by the attending medical personnel.

2.7.5. AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) and Oxygen

In addition to the above, each organizing committee hosting judo competitions must offer access to an AED (automatic external defibrillator) on site. We recommend that the AED be located directly in the medical area.

Also, Judo Canada strongly recommends to each organizing committee hosting judo competitions for Veteran Athletes to offer access to an oxygen tank and non-re-breather oxygen masks.

2.8. Officials requirements

2.8.1. For Shai events

For “A” sanctioned events, Judo Canada will designate or approve the selection of the Head



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referee. All other referees in the event must meet the minimum qualifications as indicated in the following table.

Quebec Open	National A
Ontario Open	National A
Manitoba Open	National C
Saskatchewan Open	National C
Pacific International	National C
Edmonton International	National C
Eastern Canadian Open (Edmunston)	National C
Open Nationals	National A (and on the roster)

The requirement applies only for divisions that **are included in** Open Nationals. For younger divisions or novice divisions, the requirements for “C” sanctioned events will apply.

For “B” and “C” sanctioned events, all referees in the event must meet the required level according to the organizing committee.

2.8.2. For Kata events

For “A” sanctioned events, Judo Canada will designate or approve the selection of the Head Judge. All judges in the event must be certified at a minimum to National level in the Kata that they are judging.

For “B” sanctioned events, all judges in the event must be certified at a minimum to National level in the Kata that they are judging.

For “C” sanctioned events, all judges in the event are selected by the organizing committee. Provincial certification, if any, may be used as a selection criteria.

2.9. Tournament Report

Tournament records include tournament technical package, entry lists of athletes, referees, judges and coaches, weigh-in sheets, final complete results, medical reports, withdrawal summary sheets, Hansoku-make and coach suspension forms, and tournament draw sheets. The complete tournament report includes all of the tournament records, plus any additional material deemed necessary by the organizers.

- For Open Nationals and “A” sanctioned events the results must be sent to Judo Canada, within 72 hours of the event, in the format approved by Judo Canada. The complete tournament report must be sent within 2 weeks of the event. Judo Canada will keep the tournament records.
- For “B” sanctioned events the results must be sent to Judo Canada, within 72 hours of the event, in the format approved by Judo Canada. **A simplified tournament report must be**



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sent within 2 weeks of the event, including medical reports, withdrawal summary sheets, Hansoku-make and coach suspension forms. The tournament records should be kept at the office of the PTSO for 3 years, and made available to Judo Canada upon request.

- For “C” sanctioned events the records should be kept at the office of the PTSO for 3 years, and made available to Judo Canada upon request. For “C” sanctioned kata events, the list of judges should be sent to Judo Canada.

3. SHIAI TOURNAMENT FORMAT

3.1. Shiai formats

The tournament format must be announced in advance of the event; the latest being at the time of the sanctioning application. It must be described in the tournament technical package.

For Shiai events taking place in Canada, the following formats may be used:

- a. For weight categories with eight (8) or more entrants:
 - Modified double elimination system
 - Double repechage system
 - True double elimination system.
 - Multiple pool elimination systems.
 - Direct elimination with or without quarterfinal repechage.
- b. Weight categories with seven (7) or fewer entrants:
 - Two (2) pool system for six (6) and seven (7) entrants.
 - One pool system (Round Robin) for five (5) and fewer entrants.
 - Best of three for a category with only 2 participants.
 - Modified double elimination.
 - True double elimination.
 - Direct elimination with or without quarterfinal repechage

3.2. Recommended formats

For Open Nationals, the following formats are used :

- Modified double elimination for categories with 8 or more entries;
- Pool system (single or double pool) for categories with 3 to 7 entries;
- Best of 3 for categories with 2 entries.

For “A” sanctioned events, the same formats as Open National must be used for the divisions at Open Nationals.

In all events, for novice divisions of age U16 and above, the same formats as Open Nationals can be used. Otherwise, a pool system can also be used, according to the number of entries.

For Open weight divisions, a direct elimination system is recommended.

For U14 division, the recommended formats are Modified double elimination or pool system,



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using single pool or double pools, according to the number of entries.

For U10/U12 divisions, the recommended format is single pool system with pool of a maximum of 5 athletes.

For Team events, recommended formats are direct elimination with or without quarterfinal repechage or modified double elimination.

3.3. Format details

3.3.1. Modified Double Elimination system

The winner of each match advances to the next round until only one undefeated athlete remains in championship tables A and B. These athletes meet to determine the gold and silver medals.

After a first loss in the championship tables A or B, the losing athlete moves to the corresponding repechage table according to the bout number just fought. Bout numbers in the championship table (A1, A2, A3 and so on) have a corresponding match in the repechage tables which indicates the next position for the loser of the bout. Repechage is done alternately from top to bottom and bottom to top in each consecutive round.

A loss in the repechage table eliminates the athlete from further competition. The winners of each repechage table are awarded bronze medals.

Note that in this tournament format, some athletes may meet twice during the competition: first time in the main table and again in the repechage table.

3.3.2. Pools system

3.3.2.1. For categories with 6 or 7 athletes,

Preliminaries consist of pools of three (3) or four (4) competitors as necessary.

Two (2) competitors are selected from each pool.

Competition is by direct elimination after the pools.

Winner of pool A fights the second place of pool B and the winner of pool B fights the second place from pool A.

Winners of these bouts meet to determine the gold and silver medals and losers are awarded bronze medals.

3.3.2.2. Categories with 3 to 5 competitors

The competition consists of one pool of three (3) or four (4), or five (5) competitors as necessary.

3.3.2.3. Categories with 2 competitors

In weight categories with 2 competitors, the competitors fight twice.

In case of a tie in victories, a third fight is held.

3.3.2.4. Winner of a pool

Determination of a winner in a pool is made on the following basis:

- The highest total number of wins determines the winner.



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- In case of a tie in number of wins, the highest point score determines the winner.
- In case of a tie in points, the competitor having won his/her fight in the pool is declared the winner (who beat whom)
- In case of a triple tie, see Tie-breaker criteria
- Point system

Call	Equivalent	Points	Abr.	Explanation
Ippon		10	IPO	Full point
Waza-ari		5	WAZ	technical win
Hansoku-make	Ippon	10	HAD	Disqualification
Hansoku-make from for 3 rd Shido	Ippon	10	HAN	Disqualification
Fusen-gachi		10	FUS	Default
Kiken-gachi		10	KIK	Injury during the bout
Yusei-gachi		1	YUS	For age divisions without GS

In a pool tournament format, when an athlete is withdrawn for medical reasons or Hansoku-make, the opponent(s) continuing in the pool receive(s) points for Fusen-gachi.

3.3.2.5. Tie breaking criteria for a pool system

The tied competitors compete again, Round Robin in a pool of three. In this situation, it is at the discretion of the Tournament Director to use the **Golden Score** timing principles from the beginning of the bout, reducing the possibility of a next triple tie.

- However, if after this round of bouts competitors are still tied in wins and points, the one with the shortest total time of won bouts (from both the tiebreaker round and the first round matches that created the tie) is placed first, the competitor with the second shortest total time of won bouts is placed second and the third one is placed third.
- In case the tie persists, the weight of the competitors recorded during official weigh in determines their placing. The lightest places first, second lightest second, etc.

IMPORTANT: In pool format, the time of each bout **must** be correctly recorded.

3.3.3. Double Repechage system (and quarterfinal repechage)

Participants in each weight category are drawn into two tables, "A" and "B". Each table is subdivided into two (A1, A2, B1, B2).

Straight elimination is used until the finalists are determined for each subgroup.

Repechage competition begins after the winners of the A1, A2, B1 and B2 subdivisions are determined and include all the participants that lost to one of the semi-finalists in any round. A variant in this system is quarterfinal repechage where only the participant that lost the



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quarterfinal round goes to repechage.

Winner A1 meets winner A2 and winner B1 meets winner B2 to determine the winners of tables A and B, respectively.

Winners of table A and table B compete to determine first and second place (gold and silver), while the losers compete for third place against the winners of the repechage from the opposite table. The winners of these bouts receive bronze medals.

3.3.4. True Double Elimination System

Similar to modified double elimination, except the competition continues until each of the athletes, with the exception of the winner, loses twice. In this system, an athlete who loses one bout can still win the competition.

The winners of pool A and B fight and the loser of that bout fights the winner of the repechage.

3.4. Ne-waza format

Ne-waza competitions follow the same formats as for Shiai.

3.5. Team format

3.5.1. Team composition

Team composition can include all male, all female or mixed team of a single age division. The recommended number of participants usually ranges for 4 to 7 participants per team. Odd numbers are recommended to minimize the possibility of ties.

Team composition may also include substitute athletes. Rules for the number of substitutes and for substitution of athletes between rounds should be described clearly in the tournament technical package.

It is recommended that a team must consist of a minimum half the number of categories (for example, at least 3 competitors for a 5-member team) to be allowed to register and compete.

3.5.2. Weight Categories

Weight categories should be selected within the weight categories for the specific age divisions. Some weight categories will be merged together (usually the lighter weights and the heavier weights) to obtain the correct number of weight categories for the event.

For example, a senior female team event in a team of 5 could offer these weight categories

- -52 kg (including both -48 kg and -52 kg categories)
- -57 kg
- -63 kg
- -70 kg
- +70 kg (including both -78 kg and +78 kg categories)

3.5.3. Team matches

Within each match, the team bouts will be fought in any order as per the tournament technical package. It is recommended to rotate the starting weight category in each round.



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Before each round the team leader/coach must present to the Tournament Director the composition of his team for the round.

Each competitor/substitute is usually allowed to fight in their own weight category or in the next higher weight category.

Each bout in a team event must determine a winner. Either golden score rule or decision rule must be applied according to the age specific rules.

3.5.3.1. Winning criteria

- The highest total number of bouts won (regardless of the scores) in the match determines the winning team;
- In case of a tie in wins, a random draw will be made of one category and one pair will refight a golden score contest to decide the winning team.

4. KATA TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Kata competition in Canada does not have gender specific divisions. All females, all males or mixed pairs are accepted.

4.1. Age divisions

There are three age groups for Kata competitions.

- Senior - In season 2024/25: individuals born in 2010 and earlier for both Tori and Uke.
- U23 - In season 2024/25: individuals born in 2003 - 2010 for both Tori and Uke.
- U16 - In season 2024/25: individuals born in 2010 -2014, for both Tori and Uke.

4.2. Belt divisions

Advanced

- Senior division, minimum rank brown belt for Tori and Uke.
- U23 division, minimum rank green belt for Tori and Uke.
- U16 division, minimum rank orange belt for Tori and Uke.

Novice

- Senior division, yellow belt to blue belt for Tori and Uke.
- U23 division, yellow belt to orange belt for Tori and Uke.
- U16 division, yellow belt for Tori and Uke.

4.3. Recommended format

At Open nationals, the following Katas are presented :

Senior advanced division	U23 advanced division	U16 advanced division
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nage-no-Kata• Katame-no-Kata	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nage-no-Kata• Katame-no-Kata	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nage-no-Kata (3 series)• Nage-no-Kata



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ju-no-Kata• Kime-no-Kata• Kodokan-Goshin-Jutsu	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ju-no-Kata• Kime-no-Kata• Kodokan-Goshin-Jutsu	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ju-no-Kata• Kodokan-Goshin-Jutsu• Katame-No-Kata
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For all “A” sanctioned events, all divisions presented at Open Nationals must be offered. Novice divisions can also be offered at the discretion of the organizing committee.

For all “B” sanctioned events, the divisions must follow the age and belt divisions as specified above. The divisions presented (Advanced and/or Novice) are at the discretion of the organizing committee.

For other events, the divisions presented are at the discretion of the organizing committee. Adjustment in the age and belt divisions are allowed as required.

No musical Katas are allowed in competitions.

4.3.1. Multiple participation

At the Open National Championships, a competitor may only participate once in the same Kata either as Tori or Uke in each age division.

For “A” sanctioned Kata events and lower, the competition may also include only the first three series of Nage-no-Kata for U23 and senior age divisions.

To accommodate for grading purposes, for that specific Kata division only (Nage-No-Kata 3 series) a competitor may be allowed to participate both as Tori and Uke. In that case, the specific information must be published in the technical package.

A competitor with multiple participation in Nage-No-Kata (3 series) may only have one position on the podium e.g. only silver if they placed silver and bronze. In this case the pair who came 4th would be awarded bronze.

4.4. Draw procedure

For Kata events taking place in Canada, a random draw of presentation order is made for each division (or each group).

For divisions with more than 12 entries, a format with preliminaries and final round can be used. Entries are separated into two groups for preliminaries. The top three (3) pairs of each group are placed in a random draw for the finals round to determine gold, silver and bronze. Preliminary scores do **NOT** carry over into the final-round scores.

4.5. Injuries

Minor injuries should be handled as per IJF rules (SOR rule B1.9) :

Minor injury and illness:

• *In case of a minor injury like bloody wound, broken nails or a problem with contact lenses, etc., and according to the decision of the judges, the kata performance will be stopped, and the athlete will be assisted by a doctor out of the competition area if needed. The competition will continue, and the pair will repeat entirely the kata after the last pair has performed.*



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• In case another minor injury happens to the same athlete during the second performance of the kata or after a forgotten technique or a major mistake, the pair will be given a score of 0 for the technique where the injury occurred as well as for the following techniques including the closing ceremony. A ranking will be assigned to them in the pool or in the final. If ranking them allows them to participate in the final, the next pair in the ranking from the pool will participate in the final.

Major injury or illness:

• When tori or uke is unable to continue to perform the kata because of an injury, illness or accident during the execution of the kata, the pair will be given a score of 0 for the technique where the injury occurred as well as for the following techniques including the closing ceremony. A ranking will be assigned to them in the pool or in the final. If ranking them allows them to participate in the final, and they are not physically able to compete, the next pair in the ranking from the pool will participate in the final.

5. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

5.1. Tournament technical package

The tournament technical package must include all the required information necessary for participants (athletes, coaches, officials, etc) to register and participate in the event.

5.2. Registration

5.2.1. Registration setup

When using pre-registration, the use of Trackie software is recommended. Trackie registration for participants should include all the relevant information for the event, but also contact points for communication (if required) before the event.

5.2.2. Eligibility

The tournament organizing committee has the responsibility to validate eligibility of athletes in the division that they are registered.

5.2.2.1. Membership

Participants in any tournament in Canada must be members of Judo Canada or members of another judo association recognized by the IJF. It is the responsibility of the Organizing Committee of any tournament taking place in Canada to verify membership status of each entered athlete, referee, etc.

The onus of proof of membership is on the athlete, referee, etc or the designated Provincial/Country representative. Judo Canada membership can also be validated using the online tool: <https://judocanada.org/membership/>

5.2.2.2. Early Bloomer

For all National events (“A” or “B” sanctioned), the “early bloomer” status will be granted by Judo Canada’s Designated Official.



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Early Bloomer status is available to all athletes who submit the required declaration of skill level form at: <https://forms.gle/suzkvn6PKHkE7jnS8>.

Judo Canada will maintain a database of requests and make available the list of approved early bloomers to tournament organizers to confirm eligibility of registrations.

Deadline for approval of application should be stated in the technical package of each event. Recommended deadline is at least one week before the date of the event.

5.2.2.3. One Division per Day & Exceptions

In “A” sanctioned tournaments, competitors of any age group are allowed to compete only in one Individual Tournament division per day, except in the following circumstances:

- The **open weight division** is contested at that same Tournament on the same day; NOTE: Open weight division events are allowed **ONLY** in the Senior and Veteran age groups.
- A **team tournament** event is conducted on the same day.
- A Ne-waza event is conducted on the same day.

When the number of competitors in a division is four (4) or less and the tournament schedule allows it, the athlete may enter an additional division at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

In “B” and “C” sanctioned tournaments, participants in that tournament are allowed to compete in a second division taking place on the same day providing that the second division is scheduled in a separate block of the event and at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

5.2.2.4. Coaching Certification

At the National Open Championships, the Provincial/Territorial Coaches must be Certified Competition Development coaches. Assistant Coaches must be certified Dojo Instructors.

At other level “A” sanctioned events, the Provincial/Territory Coaches must be at minimum trained Competition Development coach. Assistant Coaches must be minimum trained Dojo Instructors.

At **Provincial/Territory** level events (“B” and “C”), the minimum recommended level for a **head coach** is certified dojo Instructor. **Assistant coaches** are recommended to be at minimum trained Assistant Instructors.

At local club events, Community coaches may assist in coaching athletes from their community clubs.

The tournament organizing committee has the responsibility to validate certifications.

5.3. Weigh-in

The Tournament Director (or his designated official) is responsible to oversee the weigh in to ensure all rules are followed and solve any problems.

Any athlete not making weight in the division they are registered in is given the option of moving up (or down) to the category corresponding with their weight or withdrawing from the competition, unless no changes are allowed as specified in the technical package.



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In all events in Canada, the official weigh-in may take place on the day prior to the event or on the day of the event as specified in the technical package.

5.3.1. Weigh-in rooms

Weigh-in rooms should be separate dedicated rooms (no public access) for males and females. Access to the rooms must be restricted to the specific gender. No female parent/coach/athlete/official is allowed in the male weigh-in room and vice versa.

5.3.2. Weigh-in Procedure

5.3.2.1. Official & Trial Scales

A set of trial scales or access to official scales must be available to the participants of the event.

If the trial scales are not the same as the official scales, these must be calibrated to read identically to the official scales. In case when the trial scale does not read identically as the designated official scale, the scale that reads lower has to be designated as the official scale.

The required accuracy for scales is the first decimal digit after kilogram reading. If the display shows more digits, these must be covered by non-transparent tape.

5.3.2.2. Male and female trial scales

Trial scales for male and female athletes must be placed in separate rooms.

5.3.2.3. Weigh-in officials

All weigh-in room officials must be of the same gender as the athletes.

Each scale is serviced by a minimum of two designated officials. One official is checking the identity documents of the athlete prior to the stepping on the scale; The second official ensures that the weigh-in is done without interference from other athletes or coaches, reads **and announces** the exact weight, which is then recorded by the first official on an official weigh-in sheet **(or coupons)**.

In large events; additional officials are recommended to ensure an orderly traffic of athletes.

Sample cheat sheets for weigh-in attendants are available in Appendix 07

5.3.2.4. Unofficial weigh-in and trial scales

For “A” and “B” sanctioned tournaments, **trial scales must be available in the weigh-in rooms until the end of the official weigh in. The official scales must also be available to the athletes for unofficial weigh in, one hour prior to the start of the official weigh-in.**

5.3.2.5. Minimum Timeline.

For “B” and “C” sanctioned tournaments, the weigh-in may take place a day prior to the event or on the day of the event.

When weigh-in takes place on the day of the tournament, the official weigh-in must end a minimum of one hour prior to the start of competition.

5.3.2.6. Weight Class & Scale

Each weight class is assigned to a specific scale. Contestants must weigh themselves on the



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assigned scale only and cannot change.

5.3.2.7. Identification

Each athlete is required to present identification documents as specified in the event Technical Package and these may include **de accreditation card and** a government issued photo ID (or ID for younger divisions).

Valid documents include drivers' licence, Canadian passport, citizenship card, permanent resident card, medical card, student card.

5.3.2.8. Removal of Clothing

The athletes of age U21 and older shall weigh in wearing only underclothing (men/boys – underpants and optional t-shirt, women/girls – underpants and bra and/or optional t-shirt). Any socks, jewelry or body piercings must be removed. Athletes are allowed to remove their underclothing – without stepping off the scales or briefly stepping off the scale if so instructed by the official - to ensure they reach the minimum or the maximum weight limit of the weight category in which they are entered. No weight tolerance is allowed.

The athletes of age U18 and younger shall weigh in wearing only underclothing (men/boys – underpants and optional t-shirt, women/girls – underpants and bra and/or optional t-shirt). Any socks, jewelry or body piercings must be removed. For this age group, a tolerance of 0,2 kg is applied to accommodate for the weight of the underclothing and optional T-shirt. Athletes of these age divisions are NOT allowed to remove their underclothing.

All athletes of the age group U12 and younger shall weigh in with judogi **pants** and t-shirts, no exceptions, and no weight tolerance is granted.

5.3.2.9. Weight Tolerance

Unless noted otherwise in this document or in the tournament technical package, no weight tolerance is accepted.

Athlete's weight must be within the lower and upper limits of the category for which they are registered.

In case two weight categories are combined according to the technical package, the athlete must weigh within the lower limit of the lower weight class and the upper limit of the higher weight class.

5.3.2.10. Checking Weight

Each athlete is allowed to step on the scale only once for no more than 60 seconds. A brief step-down from the scale to remove clothing or to cut hair is allowed if so instructed by the official.

5.3.2.11. Recording Weights During the Official Weigh-in

The exact weight of the athletes, with one decimal, including heavy weights, must be entered on the weigh-in sheet, together with the signatures and initials of the weigh-in officials.

For events where entries are made to a specific weight division in case the athlete does not meet the weight standards, the weight must be duly recorded and confirmed with a signature of the weigh-in official and a witness.



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5.3.2.12. Pre-registration, Weight Disqualification & Refunds

At events where athletes are preregistered, any athlete who does not show up at the weigh-in, will be removed from the draw. Any athlete who does not meet the weight requirements will be offered to change weight category unless the technical package does not allow it.

No refunds will be made for not meeting the weight requirements.

5.3.3. Athletes with multiple entries

Athletes competing in two different age divisions but in the same weight category on two consecutive days of an event will not need to weigh in for the second division. They will be kept in the draw for the second division unless they check out before the cut-off time, indicated in the technical package.

Athletes competing in two different age divisions but in different weight categories (because the corresponding weight category does not exist) on two consecutive days will not need to weigh in for the second division if their weight is within the limits of the second division. For example, an athlete weighing in on day 1 for -66 kg Ne-Waza would be accepted for -60 kg senior on day 2 if their weight is at or below 60,0 kg. They will be kept in the draw for the second division unless they check out before the cut-off time, indicated in the technical package.

Athletes competing in two or more age divisions, in the same weight category during the same event, but not on consecutive days will need to weigh in for the second (or third) division but will be allowed a weight tolerance of up to 5% of the maximum weight for that division.

5.3.4. Random weigh-in checks

NO random weigh-in checks will be conducted on the day of the competitions except when it is requested by the HP Committee during Open Senior Nationals divisions. When such a request is made, a random weigh-in will be conducted as per the IJF regulations.

5.3.5. Honour System

Honour system can be used for U14 and younger divisions, with weights being sent in kg with registrations. In that case, random weigh-in checks may be used by the organizers as described in the technical package of the event. Weight tolerance should be indicated in the package.

5.3.6. Remote Weigh In

Remote weigh in is allowed in “B” and “C” sanctioned events according to the technical package of the event. For “A” sanctioned events, remote weigh-in is allowed only for divisions not competed in at Open Nationals.

Remote weigh in should be run with the same requirements as official weigh in as defined above.

5.3.7. Alternate weigh-in options

Request can be made to Judo Canada for alternate options to weigh in for “B” sanctioned events and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.



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5.4. Seeding

All National “A” sanctioned tournament must use the seeding format as described in this section. Judo Canada will provide the seeding prior to each “A” sanctioned event.

5.4.1.1. For Shiai events

- U21 & Senior divisions: National Team Ranking points will be used
- U18 divisions:
 - Priority one: National Team Ranking Points will be used
 - Priority two (if fewer than 4 athletes have National Team Ranking Points); The final ranking from the last Open nationals will be used
- U16, Veterans and Ne-waza divisions: No seeding will be used

Seeding of the top four (4) ranked athletes will be used as follows:

- #1 seed vs #4 seed (with variable position for #1 seed)
- #2 seed vs #3 seed

5.4.1.2. For Kata events

For Kata events, no seeding will be used at the moment

5.5. Draw for Shiai events

5.5.1. Draw procedure

For all competitions, the draw is conducted after the weigh-in has been concluded and all weight category changes and combining are resolved.

Care should be taken for events with multiple divisions/days to ensure that withdrawals are followed properly as medical and Hansoku Make withdrawals may occur after the draw for the next divisions/day. If necessary, draws may have to be changed accordingly.

Athletes that have multiple entries and don't need to weigh in a second time must be kept in the draws unless they checkout.

Use of a computerized competition-management system that offers a randomized draw option is recommended in all tournaments, but mandatory for “A” and “B” sanctioned events.

During the draw/athletes placing, every effort will be made to ensure athletes from the same province/region/club (depending on the level of the event) do not fight in the first round(s). At Nationals Championships, the sorting is done by province/territory only.

5.5.2. Category combining

The Tournament Director will combine categories as required to offer the best possible Shiai experience to athletes.

Category combining will happen when a weight category has only one competitor after weigh in, and may happen when a category has only 2 athletes.

The possible options for category combining are :

- Merging the category with 1 or 2 athletes to the next higher weight category ;



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- Merging categories of the same weight, but different belt divisions (for example merging orange belt with green belts);
- In case the first two solutions are not possible, merging an athlete into an older corresponding weight and belt category if the athlete meets the older age group requirements.

5.5.2.1. Category Combining for veterans

Combining categories for veterans should follow the specific preferences :

1. Combine using weight categories in the same age division.

Individuals should remain within their age division if possible. Competitors may only be combined with other competitors 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 15 % weight difference should be considered:-

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 age division guidelines below.

2. **Recommendation** for combining age divisions

Competitors in age divisions M7 or F7 and above (for example M8/F8, M9/F9 etc.) may only be combined with other competitors who are no more than one age division higher or more than one age division lower, i.e. Competitors in M7/F7 may only be combined with competitors from M6/F6 or M8/F8.

Competitors in divisions M6 or F6 may be combined with competitors no more than one age division higher or two age divisions lower, i.e. M7/F7, and M5/F5, M4/F4

Competitors in divisions M5 or F5 may be combined with competitors no more than one age division above or two age divisions below, i.e. M6/F6, and M4/F4, M3/F3.

Competitors in divisions M4 or F4 may be combined with competitors no more than two age divisions above or two age divisions below, i.e. M6/F6, M5/F5, and M3/F3, M2/F2.

Competitors in divisions M3 or F3 may be combined with competitors no more than two age divisions above or two age divisions below, i.e. M5/F5, M4/F4, and M2/F2 M1/F1.

Competitors in age divisions M2 or F2 may only be combined with competitors two age divisions above and one age division below, i.e. M4/F4, M3/F3 and M1/F1.

Competitors in age divisions M1 or F1 may only be combined with competitors in two age divisions above, i.e. M2/F2 and M3/F3

5.6. In-competition protocols for Shiai

5.6.1. Call to Mat

At all “A” sanctioned events, for advanced divisions U16; U18; U21; Senior and Veterans, any competitor not on the mat area 30 seconds after having been called will automatically lose the



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bout (Fusen Gashi).

For the other divisions in “A” sanctioned events and “B” and “C” sanctioned events, any competitor not on the mat area after having been called 3 times at 1-minute intervals will automatically lose the bout (Fusen Gashi).

5.6.2. Rest Periods

Rest between bouts will be at a minimum of double the time of the maximum length of the bout for a given age division.

5.6.3. Kiken-gachi

Any competitor losing by Kiken-gachi (injury) will not be allowed to resume competition without permission of the medical officer appointed by the tournament organizing committee.

5.6.4. Scoring

Scoring is done using the point system as described below.

Call	Equivalent	Points	Abr.	Explanation
Ippon		10	IPO	Full point
Waza-ari		5	WAZ	technical win
Hansoku-make	Ippon	10	HAD	Disqualification
Hansoku-make from for 3 rd Shido	Ippon	10	HAN	Disqualification
Fusen-gachi		10	FUS	Default
Kiken-gachi		10	KIK	Injury during the bout
Yusei-gachi (decision)		1	YUS	For age divisions without GS

Cheat sheets for scorekeepers are available in Appendix 07

5.6.5. Medical

The designated tournament medical personnel has the ultimate authority to render the decision of withdrawal of an athlete from the event. Medical withdrawal must be confirmed using the medical withdrawal sheet found in Appendix 08

5.6.5.1. Loss of consciousness.

- Any competitor who is competing in a tournament of U18 age division (or younger) who loses consciousness because of a Shime-waza, is not allowed to continue in the tournament and will not be eligible for repechage or entry in another division taking place on the same day



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- Loss of consciousness due to Shime-waza in the U21; Senior, Ne-waza and Veteran events will not result in an automatic withdrawal of the athlete from the event regardless of his/her age.
- All athletes that suffered a loss of consciousness need to be assessed by the medical personnel before being allowed to continue in the tournament.

5.6.5.2. Concussion

Any competitor who is suspected to have sustained a concussion during a tournament shall be withdrawn from the competition and shall follow Judo Canada's concussion protocol.

Medical withdrawal for concussion applies to the full event (all divisions/all days) and the athletes must follow Judo Canada's "Return to Play" protocol.

5.6.5.3. Medical examinations

For **U18** and younger age divisions, the number of medical visits during the bout is unlimited. "Blood situations" and minor injuries will be dealt with in accordance with the current IJF rules.

5.7. Withdrawals

Withdrawals should be compiled in the summary withdrawal form. Those should include :

- Voluntary withdrawal of an athlete by himself/herself, coach or parent: the person withdrawing the athlete fills in the summary form;
- Medical withdrawal: taken from medical withdrawal sheets filled in by medical personnel;
- Hansoku-make: taken from the forms filled in by the referees and signed by the Tournament Director.

A sample summary withdrawal form is available in Appendix 9

5.8. Medals

5.8.1. Shiai events

At "A" sanctioned Shiai events, medals are only awarded if contests have been fought and the athlete won a minimum of one bout. The allocation is determined by the number of competitors competing in a category as follows:

- One competitor: no medal
- Two competitors: 2 medals – providing that both won a bout
- Three competitors: 3 medals – providing that three won at least one bout
- Four competitors: 3 medals
- Five competitors: 3 medals
- Six and more competitors: 4 medals

At "B" and "C" sanctioned Shiai events, U14 and older, the distribution of medals is at the discretion of the Tournament Director. However, the above medal allocation is recommended.

For U8, U10, U12 events see the specific details in the Age Specific sections.



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Awards (medal or others) should be described in the Technical Package.

5.8.2. Kata events

For Kata events medals are awarded to both, Tori and Uke as follows:

- One pair: The pair must present the Kata. No competition gold medals awarded but participation medals and/or certificates may be awarded.
- Two pairs: 2 pairs of medals (gold, silver).
- Three pairs and more: 3 pairs of medals (gold, silver, bronze).

5.8.3. Medal presentation protocol

Medal winners must attend the medal ceremony in their white judogi (“A” sanctioned events) or a judogi OR an official sport uniform (“B” or “C” sanctioned events).

Medal winners that refuse to participate in the ceremony will be removed from the result list and will not place. Carding/Ranking points may be removed.

6. GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES

6.1. White belts

For all sanctioned events white belt judoka of any age group are NOT allowed to compete (Note: white/yellow are considered white belts).

6.2. Ethics

6.2.1. Hansoku-make

Any competitor disqualified by Hansoku-make for any unethical action contradictory to the spirit of sport **will be disqualified from the entire event (all age groups, on all days)** and will lose standing earned in the division in which they were disqualified. (Ex. Punching, shoving, etc)

Any competitor disqualified by Hansoku-make for an action dangerous to the opponent **that is not judged** unethical action contradictory to the spirit of sport by the tournament director **will be disqualified from the specific division** and will lose standing earned in the division in which they were disqualified. (ex: Sode-tsuru judged as a Waki-gatame etc)

A competitor disqualified by Hansoku-make for any other reason loses the match but **can continue** in the repechage round and other divisions of the event – this includes accidentally wearing of accreditation.

The Tournament director has the final authority to implement the sanction.

The following form must be filled by the referee and kept on record: <https://judocanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Direct-Hansoku-Make.pdf>

6.2.2. Code of Conduct:

[All Safe Sport related Policies](#) will be enforced; more specifically, but not limited to:



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- [Athlete Protection Policy](#)
- [Code of Conduct and Ethics](#)
- [Event Discipline Policy](#)

6.2.3. Anti-Doping Policy

For tournaments requiring waivers, a standard acknowledgment paragraph must be added: “Although the focus of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) is on the athlete competing at the International and National levels, all judo events conducted in Canada are subject to the Canada’s Anti-doping Policy and are therefore subject to unannounced doping control. To learn more about this policy, athletes should be advised to take the following steps:

- **Check the Global DRO (www.globaldro.com) to determine if any prescription or over-the-counter medications or treatments are banned by the WADA Prohibited List.**
- **Review medical exemptions requirements (www.cces.ca/medical-exemptions) if you require the use of a banned medication for a legitimate medical reason.**
- **Do not use supplements or take precautions prior to doing so. Supplement products cannot be verified by the CCES or in the Global DRO. A lack of industry and government regulation makes it impossible to confirm their ingredients. Read more: www.cces.ca/supplements.**
- **Review the steps of the doping control sample collection procedures: <https://cces.ca/sample-collection-procedures>.**

For additional resources and general information about anti-doping, please contact the CCES:

- **Email: <mailto:info@cces.ca>**
- **Call toll-free: 1-800-672-7775**
- **Online: www.cces.ca/athletezone**

6.2.3.1. Asthma medications

Asthma medications can be used **ONLY** as prescribed by the physician and the TUE is required if that medication is on the WADA prohibited list.

6.2.3.2. ADD and ADHD medications

ADA and ADHD medications can be used **ONLY** as prescribed by the physician and the TUE is required if that medication is on the WADA prohibited list.

6.2.4. Unacceptable Behaviour

The Tournament Director has the right to revoke the accreditation of anyone (athletes, officials, coaches, spectators) showing blatant disrespect for the rules and procedures for the competition as established by the Organizing Committee.

6.2.5. Zero-Tolerance Alcohol Policy

No alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs are permitted on the premises of a judo tournament.



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There is a zero-tolerance alcohol policy in effect which will result in an automatic revocation of accreditation for all athletes of the age of minority who consume alcohol during the event (from the moment of arrival to the moment of departure).

6.3. Coaching

6.3.1. Coach dress code

For all sanctioned events, coaches are required to adhere to the following dress code: long pants, shoes, shirt/t-shirt/golf shirt/polo, no hat.

For **all other events**, coaches must be dressed appropriately.

6.3.2. Coaching behaviour

Coaching behaviour must be as per the IJF regulations for “A” and “B” sanctioned events. A record of offending coaches will be kept in a standard form.

When a Paralympic Judoka enters an event, the coach of that athlete may advise during the entire bout.

6.4. Athletes

6.4.1. Judogis

6.4.1.1. White and blue judogis

At all “A” sanctioned Shiai events, two colours of judogis that must meet the current IJF size standards (as measured by the Sokuteiki) are required; however, they do not need to meet the IJF label or manufacturer standard.

Back patches are not required, but if present, must follow the Judo Canada rules

(<https://www.judocanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Back-Patch-Regulation-Policy-20-November-2016-EN-1.pdf>)

At **all other Shiai events**, the choice of one or two colours of judogi is at the discretion of the Organizing Committees and should be indicated in the tournament package.

If one colour of judogi is the preferred option, it must be white. Where both competitors are wearing white gi's one of the competitors must have a blue sash in addition to the belt and the other competitor a white sash in addition to the belt.

Reversible judogi are permitted in “B” and “C” sanctioned Shiai events only.

For all Kata tournaments white judogi is mandatory. They **must meet the same criteria as for Shiai events**.

For all tournaments, no red and white, red or Joshi (colour with white stripe along the length of the belt) belts are allowed.

6.4.2. Spare judogi & T-shirts

All judoka entering the Shiai tournament must have immediate access to spare judogi.

All female judoka entering the tournament must have immediate access to a spare white T-shirt.



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6.4.3. Hygiene

The judogi shall be clean, dry and without unpleasant odour.

The nails of the feet and hands shall be cut short.

Long hair has to be bound with an elastic band (no metal).

Spectacles, watches and jewelry, body piercings, etc., are prohibited.

Makeup and strong scents are not allowed.

A judogi contaminated with blood must be cleaned.

6.4.4. Head covering

For the most up-to-date Judo Canada policy see:

https://www.judocanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Head-Covering-Policy_April-2020_EN.pdf

6.4.5. Athlete dress code

Competitors must wear shoes or sandals when not on the mat.

Athletes who wish to access the competition area and/or warm up area of a tournament must wear a tracksuit or a judogi.

6.5. Adaptive Judo

6.5.1. Visually Impaired

The visually impaired athlete should expect to compete under the visually impaired rules but may consent to compete under the able-bodied rules. This change would be consistent with the next clause..

If the able-bodied judoka does not wish to consent to compete against the visually impaired judoka according to the modified IBSA Judo regulations, the visually impaired judoka wins by *Fusen-gachi*.

The rules for visually impaired judo, including for athletes who are both visually impaired and deaf, are at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWr41lpfLMc>

Note that for a judoka who is both visually impaired and deaf, the following conditions must be met: Judoka has to have yellow circles permanently attached on the top of both sleeves of the judogi; Mat referee has to be able to anticipate what is happening on the mat because they have to be very close to the competitors to be able to touch the blind athlete to indicate the Mate.

6.5.2. Deaf Judoka

If a deaf judoka enters a competition, the deaf athlete should expect to compete under the deaf judo rules but may consent to compete under the able-bodied rules. This change would be consistent with the next clause.

If an able-bodied judoka does not consent to compete against the deaf judoka according to the Deaf Judo rules, the deaf judoka wins by *Fusen-gachi*.



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The rules for deaf judo are available at: <https://www.judocanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Judo-Canada-Deaf-Guidelines.pdf>

6.5.3. Special Olympics Judoka

If a special Olympics Judoka wishes to participate in judo competition, providing that such arrangement can be made with respect of Judo Canada safety standards, the LOC will accommodate this desire by creating a Special Olympic division with individuals who are of relatively equal level of ability and agree to abide by the following standards: Maximum number of participants in a division shall be four (4); All athletes are given an equal chance to participate, perform, and be recognized for doing their best by their teammates, family, friends, and fans; Special Olympic Judoka are individuals with various levels of intellectual disability; divisions for Special Olympic Competition are made based on age, gender, and ability – giving everyone a reasonably positive experienced and a chance to win – ability is being evaluated as per advise of a coach of the athlete entering the competition; no strangulation or arm-locks are allowed; each athlete, whether in the most able or least able division is valued and recognized; In every division, all athletes receive an award, from gold, silver, and bronze medals, to fourth.

6.5.4. Other Judoka with adaptive requirements

If a judoka with adaptive requirements other than already described wishes to compete in judo, the LOC of the tournament will accommodate their desire providing that the safety standards as expressed in this Policy are adhered to and that all participants in such event agree to abide by the same set of rules.

6.5.5. Transgender Athletes

Athletes planning to participate in judo events in a gender different than identified on their birth certificate must declare this intention to Judo Canada at the latest at the beginning of the sport season.

If approved for such participation, they must remain in the approved gender for at least the length of the entire season.

Approval will be rendered by Judo Canada Sport Committee in accordance with Judo Canada Transgender Policy available at: <https://www.judocanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Policy-on-Transgender-Athletes-7-August-2017-EN2.pdf>



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7. AGE AND WEIGHT DIVISION STANDARDS & SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

As per the IJF regulations, Age refers to THE AGE AS OF DECEMBER 31st; however, for events taking place in Canada in the first four months of the season (September through December), the age is calculated as of December 31st, of the second calendar year of the season. For example for the season starting on Sept 1, 2024, and ending on Aug 31, 2025, the age will be calculated as per the age of the member on December 31, 2025.

Hybrid age groups (U9 and U11) can be used at the discretion of tournament director. If such hybrid age groups are employed, the year of birth of competitors must be 2 consecutive years – I.e.:

U9 - For season 2024/25 individuals born in 2017 and 2018 (Rules of U10 will apply)

U11 – For season 2024/25 individuals born in 2015 and 2016. (Rules of U12 will apply.)

7.1. U8 : In season 2024/25: individuals born in 2018 and later

7.1.1. Age and weight categories

Gender: Mixed for this age division.

Groupings of individuals are allowed whose body weights do not differ more than 15% of the weight of the lightest participant in the designated group.

Weigh in (if conducted) should be in judogi pants and t-shirt; no exceptions and no weight tolerance as per weigh-in rules.

7.1.2. Recommended formats

7.1.2.1. At club level

Modified Shiai competition is allowed in the club.

In the case of a single club event, white belts should compete in Newaza ONLY bouts.

The recommended competition format is Round robin of 3 or 4 competitors ideally. Exceptionally round robin of 2 or 5.

All participants should be awarded a prize (e.g. medal or certificate) at the end of the competition.

7.1.2.2. In sanctioned events

A “Judo Festival” format is recommended in which there is no formal judging. Such event should be conducted according to a schedule that allows parents to watch their children.

Example of Festival concept:

- Skill demonstration should include:
- Fundamental movement skills;



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- Break falls in all direction;
- Ne-waza holds and escapes in at least two directions.

During the demonstration of throwing techniques, the grip is allowed only at the front of the judogi, except when a hip throwing technique is demonstrated (as described below).

Demonstrations may include randori starting in Tachi-waza for judoka for yellow belt and higher. This randori is not judged but is a part of the demonstration.

All participants should be awarded a prize at the end of the presentations.

7.1.3. Technique restrictions

- Drop techniques, which start on one or both knees are prohibited for ALL ranks in this age group.
- For all ranks in this age group Kumi-Kata (grip) is allowed only at the front of the judogi – the gripping hand cannot fully cross the “frontal plane” of movement of Uke; HOWEVER, a grip behind the back around the shoulder or lower back is allowed as long as it is followed by an immediate and continuous attack. See Appendix 01.
- For all ranks in this age group head locking with a grip over or around the neck both in Tachi-waza (no Kubi-nage) and Ne-waza – i.e. no neck squeezing is allowed in Kesa-gatame. Proper application of Kesa-gatame requires that tori’s arm surrounds the neck, and the other arm controls the arm of the opponent – this is not considered a neck squeeze. The squeezing happens when tori is in Kesa-gatame or another position and connects both hands in order to apply more pressure on uke’s neck. See Appendix 01.
- All Sutemi-waza and Makikomi-waza are prohibited for ALL ranks in this age group.
- Kansetsu-waza are not allowed.
- Shime-waza are not allowed.
- Sankaku-gatame or Sankaku rollover are not allowed for all ranks in this age group as it is impossible to determine whether it is applied as an Osae-waza or Shime-waza.
- Counter-rotation techniques against one-legged throws will not be scored – i.e against Uchi-mata or Harai-goshi.

7.2. U10 - In season 2024/25: individuals born in 2016-2017

7.2.1. Age and Weight Categories

Gender: Separated for this age division. In exceptional circumstances gender can be mixed with parental agreement.

Groupings of individuals are allowed whose body weights do not differ more than 15% of the weight of the lightest participant in the designated group.

Weigh in (if conducted) should be in judogi pants and t-shirt; no exceptions and no weight tolerance as per weigh-in rules.



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7.2.2. Recommended formats

7.2.2.1. At club level

White belts of this age group must be involved in Ne-waza competition only.

Modified Shiai competition is allowed in the club.

The recommended competition format is pools of 3 or 4 competitors ideally. Exceptionally round robin of 2 or 5.

7.2.2.2. In Sanctioned Events

The mandatory competition format for sanctioned events is pools of 3 or 4 competitors ideally. Exceptionally pool of 2 or 5.

The bouts may be judged by one referee. There is no need for accurate scorekeeping, but it is allowed. The referee's role is to educate more than evaluate – i.e. no Shido should be given for a first-time offence and explanation should be provided why a certain action is not allowed.

Bout duration will be 2 minutes of continuous time.

The bouts will end after 2 Ippons.

All participants should be awarded a prize at the end of the competition.

7.2.3. Technique restrictions

For all ranks in this age group Kumi-Kata (grip) is allowed only at the front of the judogi – the gripping hand cannot fully cross the “frontal plane” of movement of Uke; HOWEVER, a grip behind the back around the shoulder or lower back is allowed as long as it is followed by an immediate and continuous attack. See Appendix 01.

The following actions are not allowed and will not be scored. The referee will explain to the judoka and the coach that such an action is not allowed.

- Drop techniques, which start on one or both knees are prohibited for ALL ranks in this age group.
- For all ranks in this age group head locking with a grip over or around the neck, both in Tachi-waza (no Kubi-nage) and Ne-waza – i.e. no neck squeezing is allowed in Kesa-gatame. Proper application of Kesa-gatame requires that tori's arm surrounds the neck, and the other arm controls the arm of the opponent – this is not considered a neck squeeze. The squeezing happens when tori is in Kesa-gatame or another position and connects both hands in order to apply more pressure on uke's neck. See Appendix 01.
- All Sutemi-waza and Makikomi-waza are prohibited for ALL ranks in this age group.
- Kansetsu-waza are not allowed.
- Shime-waza are not allowed.
- Sankaku-gatame or Sankaku rollover are not allowed for all ranks in this age group as it is impossible to determine whether it is applied as an Osae-waza or Shime-waza.
- Counter-rotation techniques against one-legged throws will not be scored – i.e. against Uchi-mata or Harai goshi.



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7.3. U12 - In season 2024/25: individuals born in 2014-2015

7.3.1. Age and weight categories

Gender: Separated for this age division.

Groupings of individuals are allowed whose body weights do not differ more than 15% of the weight of the lightest participant in the designated group.

Weigh in (if conducted) should be in judogi pants and t-shirt; no exceptions and no weight tolerance as per weigh-in rules.

7.3.2. Recommended formats

7.3.2.1. At club level

White belts of this age group must be involved in Ne-waza competition only.

Modified Shiai competition is allowed in the club.

The recommended competition format is pools of 3 or 4 competitors ideally. Exceptionally round robin of 2 or 5.

7.3.2.2. In Sanctioned Events

The mandatory competition format for sanctioned events is pools of 3 or 4 competitors ideally. Exceptionally round robin of 2 or 5.

Yellow belts of this age group may compete against orange belts maximum.

Orange belts of this age group may compete against green belts maximum.

Bout duration will be 2 minutes of stopped time. No Golden score.

The bouts will end after 1 Ippon.

In events where winners of each bout are declared, in the absence of a technical score or equal technical score at the end of the bout, the winner is determined as follows:

- if there is a Shido penalty the winner of the bout is the competitor with no Shido or fewer Shidos
- if there is a no difference in Shidos, the winner is determined by a decision of the referee(s).

All participants should be awarded a medal. Tournament organizers can award gold, silver, bronze medals OR award medals of the same colour to the participants.

7.3.3. Technique Restrictions

For all ranks in this age group Kumi-Kata (grip) is allowed only at the front of the judogi – the gripping hand cannot fully cross the “frontal plane” of movement of Uke; HOWEVER, a grip behind the back around the shoulder or lower back is allowed as long as it is followed by an immediate and continuous attack. See Appendix 01.

The following actions are not allowed and will NOT BE SCORED. The referee gives a warning and explain to the judoka and the coach that such an action is not allowed. If the judoka uses the same prohibited Waza again, the referee will again explain to the judoka and coach that such action is not allowed and award a Shido :



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- Drop techniques, which start on one or both knees are prohibited for ALL ranks in this age group.
- For all ranks in this age group head locking with a grip over or around the neck, both in Tachi-waza (no Kubi-nage) and Ne-waza – i.e. no neck squeezing is allowed in Kesa-gatame. Proper application of Kesa-gatame requires that tori's arm surrounds the neck, and the other arm controls the arm of the opponent – this is not considered a neck squeeze. The squeezing happens when tori is in Kesa-gatame or another position and connects both hands in order to apply more pressure on uke's neck. See Appendix 01.
- All Sutemi-waza and Makikomi-waza are prohibited for ALL ranks in this age group. Actions that start as a Makikomi or Sutemi should not be scored. Actions that start with an allowed technique and then because of reaction of the opponent end up as Makikomi-waza should be scored.
- Kansetsu-waza .
- Shime-waza .
- Sankaku-gatame or Sankaku rollover are not allowed for all ranks in this age group as it is impossible to determine whether it is applied as an Osae-waza or Shime-waza.
- Counter-rotation techniques against one-legged throws will not be scored – i.e against Uchi-mata or Harai-goshi.

7.4. U14 - In season 2024/25: individuals born in 2012-2013

7.4.1. Age and weight categories

U14	Weights
Male	-32, -35, -38, -42, -46, -50, -55, -60, -66, +66 kg
Female	-30, -33, -36, -40, -44, -48, -52, -57, -63, +63 kg

As an option, instead of using the defined weight categories, groupings of individuals is allowed whose body weights do not differ more than 15% of the weight of the lightest participant in the designated group.

Weigh in of competitors shall be conducted with underclothing and t-shirt (optional), and 0,2 kg of weight tolerance is allowed to accommodate for the weight of the underclothing as per weigh-in rules.

Early Bloomer clause is allowed for exceptional athletes born in 2014

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7.4.2. Belt divisions

- Novice : yellow and orange belts. Yellow belts of this age group may compete against orange belts maximum.
- Advanced : green belt and higher.

7.4.3. Recommended formats

Preferred tournament format: round robin, pool system or modified double elimination.



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Bout duration: maximum 3 minutes. No Golden score.

Declaration of a winner: In the absence of a technical score or equal technical score at the end of the bout, the winner is determined as follows:

- if there is a Shido penalty the winner of the bout is the competitor with no Shido or less Shidos
- if there is a no difference in Shidos, the winner is determined by a decision of the referee(s).

7.4.4. Technique restrictions

The following actions and techniques are not allowed and will be penalized by Shido:

- Drop techniques, which start on one or both knees are prohibited for Novice divisions in U14.
- For all ranks in U14 head locking with a grip over or around the neck in Tachi-waza are prohibited (no Kubi-nage).
- All Sutemi-waza and Makikomi-waza are prohibited for Novice divisions in U14. Actions that start as a Makikomi or Sutemi should not be scored. Actions that start with an allowed technique and then because of reaction of the opponent end up as Makikomi-waza should be scored
- Kansetsu-waza are not allowed.
- Shime-waza are not allowed.
- U14 are not allowed to use Sankaku-gatame or Sankaku rollover as it is impossible to determine whether it is applied as an Osae-waza or Shime-waza.
- Counter-rotation techniques against one-legged throws will not be scored – i.e against Uchi-mata or Harai goshi.

7.5. U16 - In season 2024/25: individuals born in 2010-2011

7.5.1. Age and weight categories

U16	Weights
Juvenile Male	-38, -42, -46, -50, -55, -60, -66, -73, +73 kg
Juvenile Female	-36, -40, -44, -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, +70 kg

As an option, for novice divisions, instead of using the defined weight categories, groupings of individuals are allowed whose body weights do not differ more than 15% of the weight of the lightest participant in the designated group.

Weigh in of competitors shall be conducted with underclothing and t-shirt (optional), and 0,2 kg of weight tolerance is allowed to accommodate for the weight of the underclothing as per weigh-in rules.

Early Bloomer clause is allowed for exceptional athletes born in 2012

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7.5.2. Belt divisions

- Novice : yellow and orange belts.
- Advanced : green belt and higher.

7.5.3. Recommended formats

Preferred tournament format: Modified double elimination is recommended; with pool system for fewer than 8 competitors.

No seeding.

Bout duration: maximum 3 minutes. Golden score allowed, unlimited.

7.5.4. Technique restrictions

The following actions and techniques are not allowed.

- Kansetsu-waza.
- Shime-waza are not allowed for yellow and orange belts.
- Sankaku-gatame or Sankaku rollover is not allowed for yellow and orange belt as it is impossible to determine whether it is applied as an Osae-waza or Shime-waza.

7.6. U18 - In season 2024/25: individuals born in 2008, 2009 and 2010

7.6.1. Age and weight categories

U18	Weights
Cadet Male	-50, -55, -60, -66, -73, -81, -90, +90 kg
Cadet Female	-40, -44, -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, +70 kg

As an option, for novice divisions, instead of using the defined weight categories, groupings of individuals are allowed whose body weights do not differ more than 15% of the weight of the lightest participant in the designated group.

Weigh in of competitors shall be conducted with underclothing and t-shirt (optional), and 0,2 kg of weight tolerance is allowed to accommodate for the weight of the underclothing as per weigh-in rules.

Early Bloomer clause is allowed for exceptional athletes born in 2011
<https://forms.gle/suzkvn6PKHkE7jnS8>

7.6.2. Belt divisions

Novice : yellow and orange belts.

Advanced : green belt and higher.

7.6.3. Recommended formats

Tournament format: as designated by the Tournament Organizing Committee.



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Bout duration: maximum 4 minutes. Golden score allowed, unlimited.

7.6.4. Technique restrictions

The following actions and techniques are not allowed for yellow and orange belts :

- Kansetsu-waza
- Shime-waza.
- Sankaku-gatame or Sankaku rollover is not allowed as it is impossible to determine whether it is applied as an Osae-waza or Shime-waza.

7.7. U21 - In season 2024/25: individuals born in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010

7.7.1. Age and weight categories

U21	Weights
Junior Male	-60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, +100 kg
Junior Female	-48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, +78 kg

As an option, for novice divisions, instead of using the defined weight categories, groupings of individuals are allowed whose body weights do not differ more than 15% of the weight of the lightest participant in the designated group.

Athletes shall weigh in wearing only underclothing and t-shirt (optional) or can remove their clothes, as per weigh-in rules. No weight tolerance is allowed.

Early Bloomer clause is allowed for exceptional athletes born in 2011

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7.7.2. Belt divisions

Novice : yellow to green belts.

Advanced : blue belt and higher.

7.7.3. Recommended formats

Tournament format: as designated by the Tournament Organizing Committee.

Bout duration: maximum 4 minutes. Golden score allowed, unlimited.

7.7.4. Technique restrictions

The following actions and techniques are not allowed for yellow and orange belts :

- Kansetsu-waza
- Shime-waza.
- Sankaku-gatame or Sankaku rollover is not allowed as it is impossible to determine whether it is applied as an Osae-waza or Shime-waza.



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7.8. Senior - In season 2024/25: individuals born in 2010 and earlier

7.8.1. Age and weight categories

SR	Weights
Senior Male	-60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, +100 kg
Senior Female	-48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, +78 kg

As an option, for novice divisions, instead of using the defined weight categories, groupings of individuals is allowed whose body weights do not differ more than 15% of the weight of the lightest participant in the designated group.

Athletes shall weigh in wearing only underclothing and t-shirt (optional) or can remove their clothes, as per weigh-in rules. No weight tolerance is allowed.

Early Bloomer clause is allowed for exceptional athletes born in 2011

<https://forms.gle/suzkvn6PKHkE7jnS8>

7.8.2. Belt divisions

Novice (and intermediate) : yellow to blue belts.

Advanced : brown belt and higher.

7.8.3. Recommended formats

Tournament format: as designated by the Tournament Organizing Committee.

Bout duration: maximum 4 minutes. Golden score allowed, unlimited.

7.8.4. Technique restrictions

The following actions and techniques are not allowed for yellow and orange belts :

- Kansetsu-waza
- Shime-waza.
- Sankaku-gatame or Sankaku rollover is not allowed as it is impossible to determine whether it is applied as an Osae-waza or Shime-waza.



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7.9. Veteran - In season 2024/25: individuals born in 1995 and earlier

7.9.1. Age and weight categories

Divisions	Years born
F1/M1	1995-1991
F2/M2	1990-1986
F3/M3	1985-1910
F4/M4	1980-1976
F5/M5	1975-1971
F6/M6	1970-1966
F7/M7	1965-1961
F8/M8	1960-1956
F9/M9	1955-1951
F10/M10	1950-1946
F11/M11	1945 and earlier

Vet	Weights
Veteran Male	-60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, +100 kg
Veteran Female	-48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, +78 kg

Athletes shall weigh in wearing only underclothing and t-shirt (optional) or can remove their clothes, as per weigh-in rules. No weight tolerance is allowed.

7.9.2. Belt divisions

Novice : yellow to green belts.

Advanced : blue belt and higher.

7.9.3. Recommended formats

Tournament format: as designated by the Tournament Organizing Committee.

A major difference between Veteran judo and Senior judo is the potential variance with respect to numbers of competitors per category. In Veteran judo, there are 11 age categories and 7 weight categories per gender. It may often be the case that, due to lack of participants, categories and/or age groupings will be combined in Veteran events.



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7.9.3.1. Bout durations:

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 M11/F11	2 minutes	1 minute

For M7/F7 and older if a tie exists at the end of the one (1) minute golden score time, the referee, in consultation with the table jury will determine the winner.

7.9.4. Technique restrictions

The following actions and techniques are not allowed:

- Shime-waza for M7/F7 and older
- Kansetsu-waza for yellow and orange belts
- Shime-waza for yellow and orange belts
- Sankaku-gatame or Sankaku rollover is not allowed for yellow and orange belts as it is impossible to determine whether it is applied as an Osae-waza or Shime-waza.

7.10. Newaza - In season 2024/25: individuals born in 2010 and earlier

7.10.1. Age and weight categories

Newaza	Weights
Senior Male	-66, -81, +81 kg
Senior Female	-52, -63, +63 kg

Athletes shall weigh in wearing only underclothing and t-shirt (optional) or can remove their clothes, as per weigh-in rules. No weight tolerance is allowed.

7.10.2. Belt divisions

Novice : yellow to orange belts.

Advanced : green belt and higher.

7.10.3. Recommended formats

Tournament format: as designated by the Tournament Organizing Committee.

Bout duration: maximum 4 minutes. Golden score allowed.

See Appendix 10 for specific Newaza rules. The specific rules are also found here :

https://www.judocanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Ne-waza-rules-Final_May_2018_EN.pdf

7.10.4. Technique restrictions

The following actions and techniques are not allowed:



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Kansetsu-waza for yellow and orange belts

Shime-waza for yellow and orange belts

Sankaku-gatame or Sankaku rollover is not allowed for yellow and orange belts as it is impossible to determine whether it is applied as an Osae-waza or Shime-waza.



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APPENDIX 01 KUMI-KATA AND HEAD LOCKING PHOTO DESCRIPTION

1. Grip at the Front of the judogi:

Tori while facing uke and applying a traditional Kumi-kata, the hand cannot fully pass beyond the Frontal Plane of motion of Uke.

1a. Examples of allowed grips at the front of judogi



Left: Classical lapel grip



Right: High lapel grip – the hand and wrist do not fully cross the frontal plane of the partner's body.

1b. Allowed grips if followed by immediate and continuous attack.



Left: around the shoulder



Right: belt or close to the belt

1c. Grips not allowed (not at the front of judogi)



hand of tori fully
crossed the Frontal Plane
of uke's body



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2. Headlock, non-authorized (according to specific age division rules)



NOTE!

1. Since many throws cannot be stopped in mid-action, we consider a “headlock” as any time tori’s hand passes uke’s far shoulder.
2. Referees are to call “Matte” as soon as tori’s hand does so.



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APPENDIX 02 SANCTIONING APPLICATION FORM

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact person	
Telephone	
Club	
Address	
City	
Province	
Postal Code	

2. TOURNAMENT INFO

Event name	
Event date	
Organizer	
Provincial or territorial organizations invited	
Tournament director	
Head referee	
Provincial or territorial supervisor	
Age groups	

3. VENUE

Facility	
Address	
City	
Province	



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Postal Code	
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4. “A-SANCTIONED” EVENT AGREEMENT

By Signing this document, the undersigned organizer agrees to the following terms:

Judo Canada will provide the following support to the Local Organizing Committee :

1. Designate the event as a National Team Ranking Points event in which participants in eligible age and weight divisions will earn points.
2. Designate a Chief Official for this tournament and approve the selection of Head referee or Head kata judge
3. If requested, designate personnel to operate the required tournament management system, providing that the expenses are covered by the Local Organizing Committee

The tournament organizer agrees to :

1. Abide by the terms of this agreement
2. Organize the event in a manner compliant with the *Judo Canada’s Sanctioning Policy and Tournament Standards*.
3. Take complete responsibility for the organization of the event, and for all costs, debts, expenses, losses, damages or injuries to property or persons that should arise as a result of the organization or execution of the event or by participating in it in any capacity. In doing so, the organizer shall work to minimize the possibility of such losses. Judo Canada will not provide liability insurance for the organizer.
4. Display on the front page of the technical package the text «A Sanctioned» by Judo Canada” as well as the Judo Canada official logo
5. Address any complaint concerning Judo Canada, its staff, volunteers or services, directly to Judo Canada and not in the forum of public opinion. If any such complaint is not resolved to the organizer’s satisfaction, then the organizer has the right to lodge an appeal using Judo Canada appeals policy.
6. Always communicate about the sport of judo in a responsible and positive manner.
7. Keep the Judo Canada office informed of any issues that could affect its ability to organize its event.
8. Accept the Chief official appointed by Judo Canada and facilitate their capacity to perform their duties as defined in *Judo Canada’s Sanctioning Policy and Tournament Standards*.
9. Agree to use an online registration system supplied by Judo Canada and display entries on-line one week in advance of the event.
10. Agree to pay Judo Canada the levy of 8\$ (2024/25) charge per entry per competitor in the U16, U18; U21, Sr, Veterans and Kata divisions.
11. The organizer must provide a proof of liability insurance to Judo Canada.



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12. The organizer must provide a 10 x 20 promo booth space on site to Judo Canada and/or its sponsors.
13. Run the Judo Canada approved electronic tournament management system and publish live results on judocanada.live exclusively.
14. The live stream service will be produced in collaboration with Judo Canada exclusively on judocanada.tv. All revenues will be on a 50-50 shared principle.
15. Submit results and a complete tournament report as defined in *Judo Canada's Sanctioning Policy and Tournament Standards*.

In the case that any of these conditions are not met or that are not agreed on, the tournament is not eligible for a level "A" Sanction. Application for a level "A" sanctioned tournament must be sent directly to the Judo Canada office with a CC to the respective Provincial/Territorial offices. The deadline for submission for the coming season is the end of current season – August 31st.

Name	
Signature	
Date	

5. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

- 1. Signed application form
- 2. Draft technical package (WORD version preferred)
- 3. Draft venue plan



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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

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Postal Code	

2. TOURNAMENT INFO

Event name	
Event date	
Organizer	
Provincial or territorial organizations invited	
Tournament director	
Head referee	
Provincial or territorial supervisor	
Age groups	

3. VENUE

Facility	
Address	
City	
Province	
Postal Code	



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4. “B-SANCTIONED” EVENT AGREEMENT

By Signing this document, the undersigned organizer agrees to the following terms:

1. Abide by the terms of this agreement
2. Organize the event in a manner compliant with the *Judo Canada’s Sanctioning Policy and Tournament Standards*.
3. Take complete responsibility for the organization of the event, and for all costs, debts, expenses, losses, damages or injuries to property or persons that should arise as a result of the organization or execution of the event or by participating in it in any capacity. In doing so, the organizer shall work to minimize the possibility of such losses. Judo Canada will not provide liability insurance for the organizer.
4. Display on the front page of the technical package the text «B Sanctioned» by Judo Canada” as well as the Judo Canada official logo
5. Agree to use an online registration system supplied by Judo Canada and display entries on-line one week in advance of the event.
6. The organizer must provide a proof of liability insurance to Judo Canada.
7. Run the Judo Canada approved electronic tournament management system
8. Submit results and a simplified tournament report as defined in *Judo Canada’s Sanctioning Policy and Tournament Standards*.

In the case that any of these conditions are not met or that are not agreed on, the tournament is not eligible for a level “B” Sanction. Application for a level “B” sanctioned tournament must be sent directly to the Judo Canada office by the respective Provincial/Territorial offices. The deadline for submission for the coming season is the end of current season – August 31st

Name	
Signature	
Date	

5. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

- 1. Signed application form
- 2. Draft technical package (WORD version preferred)



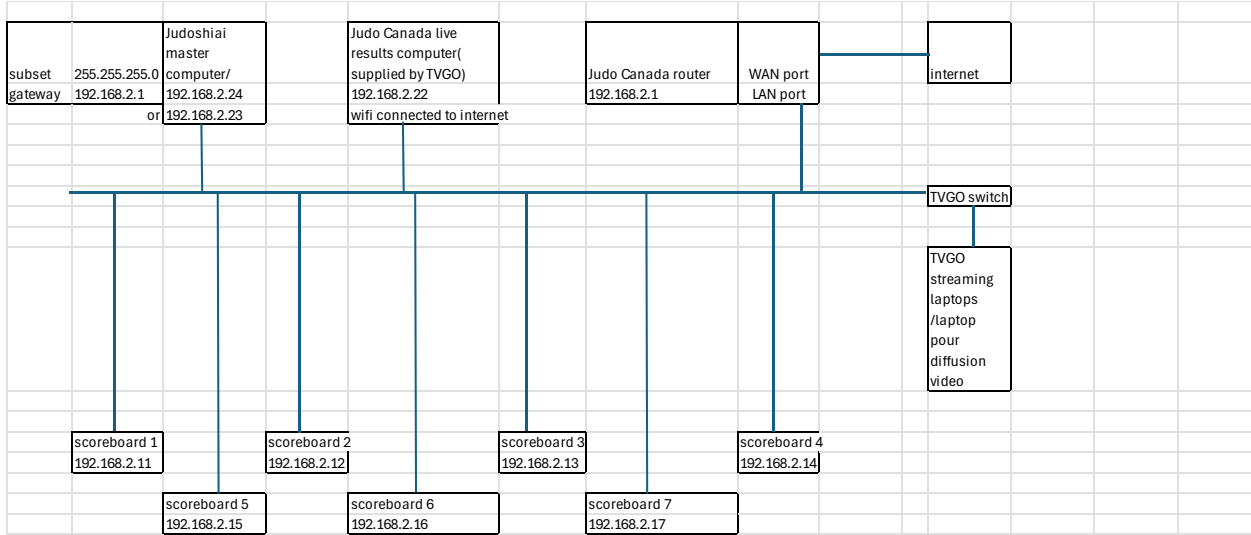
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APPENDIX 03 SOFTWARE CURRENTLY USED IN COMPETITIONS

Function	Software	link
Registration for events	Trackie	
Managing Shiai events	Judoshiai (Canadian version)	
Managing kata events #1	Judo-kata-judge	
Managing kata events #2	Excel program	
Care system	IJF care	https://judocanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Care-System-Manual_Aug2022_EN_Final.pdf



APPENDIX 04 COMPUTER NETWORK LAYOUT FOR SHAI TOURNAMENT



- * all laptops will use the subset and gateway settings
- * in some instances the DNS setting may need to be set to 8.8.8.8
- * another switch can be added to the network as needed
- * all connections are done by ethernet, except the JCLive wifi connection to the internet
- * The local IT may need to allow the hardwire network connection to the router
- * tous les portables doivent utiliser les mêmes paramètres
- * dans certains cas, le DNS doit être fixé à 8.8.8.8
- * des switch supplémentaire peuvent être ajoutées au réseau au besoin
- * toutes les connectifs se font en réseau local, sauf la connection internet wifi de l'ordinateur de JCLive
- * la ressource technique locale peut devoir autoriser la connection filaire internet avec le routeur

Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) Properties

General

You can get IP settings assigned automatically if your network supports this capability. Otherwise, you need to ask your network administrator for the appropriate IP settings.

Obtain an IP address automatically

Use the following IP address:

IP address: 192 . 168 . 2 . 10

Subnet mask: 255 . 255 . 255 . 0

Default gateway: 192 . 168 . 2 . 1

Obtain DNS server address automatically

Use the following DNS server addresses:

Preferred DNS server: 8 . 8 . 8 . 8

Alternate DNS server: . . .

Validate settings upon exit

Advanced...

OK Cancel



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APPENDIX 05 LIST OF REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Quantities vary according to the number of competitors enrolled in the event.

Required equipment:

- Table(s), chairs, garbage can (close to the fighting area)
- Emergency Action Plan
- Mat cleaning solution (1 per mat):
 - 1 spray bottle that contains a diluted solution of bleach (1:10 solution, bleach- water) for disinfection.
 - Many pairs of gloves
 - Paper towels for wiping
 - 1 garbage or 1 bucket
- Pocket mask
- Gloves
- Splinting equipment for upper and lower extremity injuries (e.g. SAM splints, multi-purpose splints, lower extremity splints, towels, triangular bandages, pillows)
- Elastic bandages (tensor)
- Blanket(s)
- Nose plugs (tampon, gazes, etc.)
- Gauze
- Band-aids
- Alcohol and/or antiseptic tampons and/or solutions
- Scissor(s)
- Nail clippers
- Athletic tape 1.5 inches
- Hydrogen peroxide and brushes to clean blood from judogis
- Ice and ice bags
- AED (automatic external defibrillator)
- Hand sanitizers or easy access to hand-washing facilities

Recommended equipment (in addition to the above):

- Pen light
- Tweezers
- Vaseline
- Steri-strips
- Shrink wrap
- Tissue boxes
- Tuning fork
- Important to have in case of ringworm: bio-occlusive dressing (e.g. Tegaderm from 3M, opsite post-op & opsite transparent waterproof film)
- Emergency equipment:
 - O2 tank and regulator



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- Adult and child Masks for O2 (non-rebreather masks)
- Disposable BVM (bag-valve-mask) for adult and child
- AED (automatic external defibrillator)
- Blood pressure cuff adult and child sizes
- Stethoscope
- Pulse oximeter
- Oropharyngeal airways (OPA) of different sizes
- Nasopharyngeal airways (NPA) of different sizes with water-soluble lubricant
- Taping supply:
 - Skin glue for tape (e.g. tuf skin)
 - Lightweight elastic tape
 - Elastic tape 3"
 - Leukotape P
 - Hypafix
 - Pro-wrap (underwrap)
 - Foam for padding
 - Shark tape cutter
 - Powerflex tape (cohesive tapes)
- Boarding equipment:
 - Spinal board
 - Straps (at least 4, but 5 is better)
 - Adjustable adult cervical collar
 - Adjustable pediatric cervical collar (for smaller athletes or adult athletes with small neck)
 - Cervical stabilizers

Recommended therapist fanny pack:

- A few pairs of nitrile gloves
- Pocket masks
- OPA and NPA of different sizes
- 1 pen light
- Nose plugs (forex, small pieces of tampons)
- 1-2 rolls of athletic tape
- 1 roll of Leukotape P
- Alcohol and antiseptic prep pads
- Non-sterile & sterile gauze
- Band-Aids of different sizes
- Nail clipper
- 1 pair of lister scissors
- Mini tube of Vaseline
- Triangular bandage
- 1 plastic bag



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APPENDIX 06 DETAILED JOB DESCRIPTIONS

INTRODUCTION

This appendix contains detailed job descriptions for members of the organizing committee. The composition of the committee may vary slightly from event to event; however, most of the positions should match these recommended specifications. For National-level events, we recommend that the Local Organizing Committee includes at the minimum all the positions listed in this document.

Pending the scope and size of the event organized, in addition to specified positions, members of the organizing committee may need to recruit additional volunteers in order to assist them in carrying out their areas of responsibility. Be creative in looking for volunteers. Consider University and College students who may be looking for job experience.

The following job descriptions with specific responsibilities may seem overwhelming at first. However, if the tasks are divided and delegated accordingly, hosting a judo championship will be a worthwhile and enjoyable experience.

Remember - People are the Key:

The key to hosting any successful judo competition is a well-disciplined committee in which everyone is committed to the project and has a clear understanding of his or her role and areas of responsibility. When recruiting volunteers, it is essential that they are presented with a detailed job description, understand the reporting structure and how their position fits into the overall organization and most importantly, can commit to the number of hours required.

Lines of Authority and Decision Making:

Each member of the organizing committee should become familiar with the committee structure and areas of responsibility within each job description. Committee members are requested to respect the authority and responsibilities of other members by directing concerns or questions that do not fall within their mandate to the appropriate member in charge.

Customize:

The following job descriptions are available in electronic format, and therefore, easy to customize to the needs of the organizing committee. Personalize each job description! The title at the top of the page contains a field to type in the individual names.



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POSITION: CHIEF OFFICIAL

APPOINTMENT: The Chief Official for each Tournament will be appointed by the appropriate institution of the provincial association. For “A” sanctioned event, Chief Official will be designated by Judo Canada.

The Chief Official, whenever possible, should not be a member of the hosting club, nor have any interest in the host club.

Accountability: The Chief Official for each event is accountable to the designating organization.

Responsibilities:

- The Chief Official shall ensure that the venue meets the standards of the Judo Canada sanctioning policy. The Tournament Director shall correct any deficiencies prior to the start of the Tournament.
- To ensure continuous improvement of events delivered in Canada, a check list will be completed and signed by the Chief Official ~~prior to the event~~. An event report will need to be submitted 30 days following the event.
- Will continue to monitor the Tournament for safety issues.
- Will see that the Tournament is conducted according to the NSO and PSO rules.

Authority:

- The Chief Official has the authority to shut down an event that does not comply with the safety standards as laid down in the NSO/PSO rules.
- The Chief Official has the authority to shut down an event at any time during the event if the safety of the athletes is in question.
- The event will only be allowed to continue once the deficiencies have been addressed to the Chief Official's satisfaction.



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POSITION: CHIEF REFEREE

NOTE: Chief Referee is not part of the Local Organizing Committee of any event.

APPOINTMENT: The Chief Referee for a tournament will be appointed by the Chief Referee of the national/provincial/regional organization. Responsibility, authority, and accountability are as defined by Refereeing Regulations.

For "A" sanctioned event, Chief Referee will be designated/approved by Judo Canada.

POSITION: Chief Kata Judge

NOTE: Chief Kata Judge is not part of the Local Organizing Committee of any event.

APPOINTMENT: The Chief Kata Judge for a tournament will be appointed by the Kata Committee Chair of the national/provincial/regional organization. Responsibility, authority, and accountability are as defined by Kata Judge Regulations.

For "A" sanctioned event, Chief Kata Judge will be designated/approved by Judo Canada.



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POSITION: PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

REPORTING TO: Host Provincial Judo Association

SUPERVISING: Organizing Committee

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Judo Canada

Accountability: The president is responsible for the overall organization of the judo competition. The primary function of the president is to develop/recruit a highly competent volunteer team capable of successfully hosting the championship. The president must be technically knowledgeable and possess excellent communication, leadership, and motivational skills.

The president reports to and provides progress reports to the Host Provincial Judo Association, which is ultimately accountable for the championship.

Responsibilities:

- Form a bid committee which includes the positions of Service Director, Administration Director and Tournament Directors
- Coordinate preparation of the bid
- Recruit, build and maintain an enthusiastic and competent volunteer committee dedicated to the successful staging of the event
- Ensure the volunteers receive the necessary training and continue to be committed to the task
- Ensure volunteers are aware of the proper procedures for conducting business, expense claims, levels of authority
- Conduct executive and organizational meetings
- During the week of the event, hold a daily executive meeting to review the current day's events and adjust as necessary
- Liaise with the host provincial and national judo associations
- Ensure volunteers are recognized in an appropriate fashion



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POSITION: SERVICE DIRECTOR

REPORTING TO: President Organizing Committee

SUPERVISING: Transportation manager, Lodging Coordinator,
Protocol Officer, Security Officer

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Hotel Management, Bus Company

Accountability: The service director has the overall responsibility to deliver and coordinate non-technical services to the participants. These services, such as transportation and accommodations, should be transparent to the athletes, coaches, and officials, freeing them to concentrate on the competition itself.

The position is a supervisory position that requires attention to detail, excellent planning, negotiating and interpersonal skills. A specific knowledge of judo is not required.

The Service Director is involved in the initial stages as a member of the bid committee to negotiate and secure a headquarters hotel before the application is submitted to Judo Canada.

Responsibilities:

- Secure host hotel, negotiate group rates, secure meeting room as required, secure catering services when required, negotiate banquet rate and hospitality needs prior to bid application.
- Secure transportation vehicle/buses negotiate contracts and rates
- Ensure VIPs are invited to attend opening ceremonies, medal presentations
- Work with the security officer to design a safety plan which covers security and safety at the hotel, during transportation, at competition venue and at the banquet.
- Arrange for additional services that will make the championship a first-class event that is memorable for participants
- During the finals, work with the Protocol Officer, Organizing Committee President, and Judo Canada President to select individuals/VIPs/government officials for medal presentations.



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POSITION: TRANSPORTATION MANAGER

REPORTING TO: Service Director

SUPERVISING: Drivers, Work Crew

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Bus Company, Airport Authority, Car Rental Company

Accountability: The transportation officer is responsible for the safe movement of equipment and participants. The position requires the ability to prepare bus schedules, coordinate equipment delivery and to recruit responsible drivers and crew.

No knowledge of judo is required.

Responsibilities:

- Recruit drivers and work crews
- Arrange airport welcome booth if required
- If a transportation service is offered, prepare a master airport arrival and departure schedule based on the information from the team (request this information at least 30 days in advance of the event)
- If a transportation service is offered, design an airport pickup, and return schedule
- Schedule drivers or liaison with bus company for airport "shuttle" service
- Arrange for pickup, delivery and return of equipment
- Schedule drivers and work crew for loading and unloading of equipment
- Communicate equipment delivery schedule to Venue Manager
- Based on competition schedule, design an adequate transportation schedule
- Ensure the transportation schedule is printed, duplicated, posted and available at Headquarters Hotel
- Arrange for special transport of athletes that must remain after competition for doping control, sometimes 2 to 3 hours
- Schedule drivers or liaison with bus company for competition "shuttle" service
- Arrange special transport of Referee Director, Judo Canada President, VIPs
- If referees are at a separate hotel, decide for pickup and return



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POSITION: LODGING COORDINATOR

REPORTING TO: Service Director

SUPERVISING: Information Desk, Hospitality Suite & Banquet, Accreditation

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Hotel Management, Team Leaders

Accountability: The position has two main areas of responsibility: first to act as a liaison between the organizing committee/teams and the hotel management, and secondly to serve as a communication link between the organizing committee to the team leaders.

No knowledge of judo is required.

Responsibilities:

- Determine which members of the organizing committee will require a room during the event and communicate needs to the Director of Finance for budgeting
- Reserve organizing committee hotel rooms and make room assignments
- Ensure provincial teams reserve rooms within the deadlines specified by the hotel
- Ensure all meeting rooms, weigh-in rooms, weight check rooms, etc. are reserved, set up requirements specified, and access will be available at the times needed.
- The holding of a banquet is optional; if a banquet is planned, make all arrangements, approve menu, costs, table arrangements, sell banquet tickets (cost should be reasonable and service fast), communicate number of meals required to hotel catering staff.
- The holding of a dance after the banquet is optional but always appreciated; arrange for a dance hall, music.
- Arrange with Security Officer to have security volunteers control admission to the banquet
- If a hospitality room is planned, organize the hours of operation, beverages, snacks, etc. and schedule host/hostesses
- An athletes' lounge is a nice touch, especially if a movie can be arranged; the more activities planned, the less opportunity for mischief
- Maintain a list of room numbers for all managers and coaches in case emergency contact is needed, to be provided by team leaders at registration
- Liaison with hotel security should complaints be received about noise, damages, etc.
- Set up an office/desk area in the hotel for registration and to provide tournament information to the participants (welcome package, see Communication Director) on transportation schedules, competition schedule, weigh-in procedures, banquet cost and tickets, accreditation/access cards
- Ensure that all schedules are posted as necessary



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- Recruit volunteers to work at the information/registration desk according to the arrival schedule (Transportation manager)
- Co-ordinate access to training by maintaining a master booking schedule that allows teams to reserve practice times for training
- Arrange for a large information board to be in the hotel lobby, post the tournament schedule, transportation schedule, practice times and general information as needed.
- Liaison with all nearby restaurant management to advise of "weigh-in rush" and the need to have sufficient staff early in the morning (otherwise athletes will be waiting a long time for service)
- Identify all rooms that will be used by posting signs:
 - Championship Secretariat Secrétariat du championnat
 - Accreditation Accréditation
 - Meeting and Draw Room Salle de Réunion et du tirage au sort
 - Trial Scale Room Men Pesée non officielle – Hommes
 - Trial Scale Room Women Pesée non officielle - Femmes
 - Weigh in room Men Salle de pesée – Hommes
 - Weigh in room Women Salle de pesée – Femmes
 - Hospitality room Salon d'accueil
 - Transportation Pick Up Point Lieu de rassemblement pour le transport

Accreditation

Upon arrival, all participants should be accredited for the tournament. The simplest and easiest way to ensure accreditation is **conducted** immediately after arrival. All participants must be alphabetically listed per team (e.g. province), and the Team Leader should pick up the accreditation cards. Accreditation has two objectives: identification for all and easier control of access to certain sections of the venue; and, to determine which group of persons may access or must access a given section.

Following is an example of an accreditation plan:

COLOUR	HOLDERS	AUTHORIZES ACCES
Red	Athletes, coaches	Warm-up room, contest area, reserved seats
White	VIPs, Organizing Committee	No restriction
Green	Technical staff, medical	Specific seats, meeting area, warm-up room, contest area
Blue	Referees	Reserved seats, contest area, meeting room
Yellow	Media	Media room, media lounge, limited access to the contest and warm-up rooms



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POSITION: PROTOCOL OFFICER

REPORTING TO: Service Director

SUPERVISING: Opening Ceremony & Medal Presentations

OUTSIDE LIAISON: VIPs, Judo Canada President

Accountability: The Protocol Officer has direct organizational responsibility for the Opening Ceremonies and the Medal Presentations. The Officer must liaise with VIPs for inclusion in the medal presentations and as such should possess good interpersonal skills, a pleasant personality and patience.

Previous experience in dealing with opening ceremonies and medal presentations is recommended. Knowledge of judo would be an asset.

Responsibilities:

- Establish a list of potential VIP's
- Work with the Service Director to ensure that government and city dignitaries are sent invitations well in advance of the event
- Confirm attendance of all VIPs, arrange for admission tickets, seating at the venue
- Request, in advance, certain dignitaries to speak at the opening according to accepted protocols while keeping the speakers list to a minimum
- If a banquet is planned, arrange head table for banquet and speakers' list, master of ceremonies
- Recruit a "head of opening ceremonies" and work with this individual to plan the pomp and circumstances for the opening, script all activities including announcer scripts, music scripts, speaking list, national anthem, special performances or demonstrations.
- Ensure "head of opening ceremonies" has the volunteers necessary to marshal teams and lead march-in
- Secure flags (provincial, national), national anthems (if necessary), and facility decorations
- Arrange for and supervise a dress rehearsal of opening ceremonies with marshals, announcer, music coordinator, performers
- Recruit a "head of medal ceremonies" and work with this individual to plan the medal presentation team, script all activities including announcer scripts, music, marching order of individuals.
- Recruit a photographer to take photos of winners
- Secure awards podium (in the case of an international event, country flags and a flag-raising mechanism)
- Arrange for and supervise a dress rehearsal of the medal presentation with presentation team, announcer, music coordinator



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- Receive medals from a provider, store in a safe location, display for finals
- During the finals, based on VIPs in attendance, prepare a presenter's list with the assistance of the Service Director according to accepted protocol. It is generally a good idea to select an experienced presenter for the first medal ceremony. Less experienced presenters can watch the route and protocol.
- Provide the announcers with the presenter's list
- "Head of medal ceremonies" should arrange for marshalling of athletes for award presentation to ensure all athletes are present and in uniform

Equipment checklist:

- Provincial flags/Canadian flag/international flags
- Flag poles
- Medals
- Flowers
- Medal presentation tray
- Flag raising mechanism (international only)
- March-in music, fanfare, national anthem
- Table with tablecloths to display medals
- Carpet
- Podium - solid, light and clean, with black numbers on a white background

Dimensions: .5 m depth with platforms at .25 m for 3rd; .5 m for 2nd; .75 m for 1st

In most judo competitions, two third places are awarded, so the third step should be wider.

If medals are to be presented in the competition area, make sure the base of the podium is flat and even in order to avoid damage to the mats.

Volunteer checklist:

- "Head of opening ceremonies."
- "Head of medal ceremonies" (can be same person)
- Marshals for marching-in and rounding up athletes
- Flag bearers
- Escorts for athletes, VIPs



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POSITION: SECURITY OFFICER

REPORTING TO: Service Director

SUPERVISING: Security Volunteers

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Spectators, Participants, Medical Supervisor,
Venue Owner

Accountability:

The Security Officer is responsible for the safety of participants, spectators, and equipment. The position has the additional requirement of spectator services such as ticket sales, admission to the seating area and crowd control.

This individual should have excellent people skills, patience and can command in an emergency.

No judo experience is required.

Responsibilities:

- Recruit the necessary number of people to sell tickets, control admission to the facility, crowd control on the competition floor
- Devise ticket system
- Schedule security personnel to ensure that all spectators or non-competing athletes and coaches are kept at a minimum of 2 metres from the competition surfaces
- Ensure that no one except competing athletes, coaches and technical officials are allowed in the competitive area
- Liaise with the owner of the venue to understand emergency procedures, exit routes, fire doors that must remain closed, etc.
- Liaise with the Transportation Manager to ensure safe athlete pick up and drop off zones at the venue
- Schedule security volunteers to control admission at the banquet
- Meet with the hotel management and Lodging Coordinator to determine a plan of action should a problem or damage occur in the hotel (in many cases it is well worth the expense for the hotel to schedule extra night security on the final night. This can prevent innocent situations from escalating into embarrassing problems for the organizing committee and the sport of judo.)
- Train security volunteers in emergency evacuation procedures
- In case of emergency, give directions to the announcer



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POSITION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

REPORTING TO: President Organizing Committee

SUPERVISING: Finance/Legal Director, Communication Director,

Promotion/Media Director, Task List & Completion Dates

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Host Provincial Judo Association

Accountability:

The Administrative Director serves as the Vice-president and as such has a role in recruiting and motivating volunteers.

The key day-to-day responsibility is to keep the project (task list) on schedule and within budget.

This position requires familiarity with judo, excellent communication, leadership and motivational skills.

The Administrative Director should be involved in the initial stages as a member of the bid committee to determine the level of financial support from various sources before the application is submitted to Judo Canada.

Responsibilities:

- As a member of the bid committee, work with the host provincial judo association and finance director to apply for hosting grants from the provincial and local governments.
- Ensure all the administrative aspects of the championships
- Ensure all the resources are secured as needed by the committee members
- Develop, with the executive committee, a detailed task list with completion dates, in order to ensure the project remains on schedule and within budget.
- Act as a human resource officer keeping people on task and working as a team; replace people on the team if it becomes necessary.
- In a large event such as a world championship, this may be a paid position with expanded responsibilities



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POSITION: FINANCE/LEGAL DIRECTOR

REPORTING TO: Administration Director

SUPERVISING: Concession Sales, Budget

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Local & Regional Governments, Host Provincial Judo Association

Judo Canada COO

Accountability:

The finance/legal director is critical to the success of the event. Early applications to solicit support from various levels of government before making the bid can determine whether the project is financially sound.

This position requires an energetic individual with good connections within business and the community.

The ability to control and account for all funds is essential.

No judo experience is required.

Responsibilities:

- Consult with the Judo Canada COO on current sponsorship policies of Judo Canada
- Apply and follow through on all grant applications with the assistance of the Host Provincial Judo Association
- Consider other possible sources of money: bingos, service clubs, employment grants, concession booths, etc.
- Obtain confirmation of grants, etc. in writing
- Prepare a detailed budget and cash flow needs
- Arrange for banking, disbursement of funds for approved expenses using checks which require two signatures
- Prepare financial reports and final statement
- Oversee signing of contracts with the venue owner, hotel, and sponsors
- Arrange for adequate participants and director's insurance (may be covered under host provincial judo association insurance)
- Solicit sponsors, program advertisements, fund-raising
- Arrange for floats for banquets, concession, and ticket sales



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POSITION: COMMUNICATION & MARKETING DIRECTOR

REPORTING TO: Administration Director

SUPERVISING: Printing & Communications

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Promotion/Media

Accountability:

The communication director is responsible for all printed communications.

The key to effective printing of information is to avoid last-minute deadlines. Material should be collected early, put in draft form and then reviewed by a multiple of committee members.

The official program guide and poster (optional) must be printed in both of Canada's official languages.

Knowledge of judo is helpful and word processing experience is required.

Responsibilities:

- Collect the information to complete the bid questionnaire; a thorough job on the bid application will make the bid more competitive (a PC computer disk with the application form is available from Judo Canada in WordPerfect 6.0 format)
- Once the committee is awarded the championship, prepare the technical package according to the sample in Appendix C; forward the technical package to Judo Canada for approval six months in advance of the championship
- Act as the secretary of the committee, receiving all correspondence, recording the minutes of meeting, filing, mailing lists, etc.
- Design a souvenir program for the championship. Many examples exist and much of the work can be done in advance. French/English translation is a must
- Work with the Finance/Legal Director to solicit advertisement for the program.
- Judo Canada may have National Sponsors that require advertising space; if this is the case the space is given free of charge
- Contents should include history of judo; brief description of the rules and scoring; past National Champions; National team members; returning champions
- With the lodging coordinator, design a welcome package to be given to participants on arrival, which includes transportation schedule, tournament schedule as approved by the Judo Canada Sport Director, venue information, leisure activities (movie theatres), restaurants
- Assist the Results Manager in duplicating the correct number of tournament forms.
- Prepare final report

POSITION: PROMOTION/MEDIA DIRECTOR



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REPORTING TO: Administration Director

SUPERVISING: Press conference, Interviews

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Media/Press, Athletes

Accountability:

One of the reasons a local community or province decides to host a major event is to raise the profile of judo within the community. An individual dedicated to promotion and media aspects can ensure that this goal is achieved.

Consider looking for communications students at a university or college that are interested in this field or an individual with good contacts with the local media.

Responsibilities:

- Design a media plan that will raise the profile of the event (brochures, posters, radio community service announcements, judo demonstrations, news releases, press conference, etc.)
- Design a promotional plan to sell tickets, but most importantly get people to come and watch (fill the seats to create the atmosphere)
- Make personal contact with the local media and get a personal commitment from local media to cover the event
- For junior and senior events, request from Judo Canada the profiles of the national team members
- If a press conference is planned, decide; make personal contact with press to get them to commit to attend (be creative); press kit with history of judo, rules, national team members, contact name and phone numbers, etc.
- Collect biographical information on the finalists from provincial team coaches and team leaders and deliver to the announcers, media
- Feed draws information and results to the media that are in attendance
- Assist local media to set up interviews with the Judo Canada President, athletes at times that do not interfere with competition, interview athletes after their gold medal match, not before
- A translator is recommended to assist in lining up interviews
- Send the results by fax to local media contacts that are not in attendance
- Fax the result summary to each provincial judo office on each night of the finals
- Collect the local press clipping and send a copy to Judo Canada



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POSITION: TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

REPORTING TO: President Organizing Committee and Chief Official during the event

SUPERVISING: Venue Manager, Medical Supervisor, Result manager, Tournament Assistant Director

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Venue Owner, Judo Canada Sport Director

NOTE! The Tournament Director CANNOT act in the roles of: Chief Referee or Chief Official in events beyond club level. At club level events, this restriction should be respected whenever possible.

Accountability: The Tournament Director ensures that the event is conducted as per the Tournament Standards and Sanctioning policy.

The position requires judo technical knowledge, knowledge of Judo Canada's strategic priorities and governing policies, previous experience in running tournaments and the ability to recruit, train and coordinate many volunteers.

The Tournament Director must be recruited in the initial stages as a member of the bid committee and approved by Judo Canada **for A sanctioned events.**

Responsibilities:

- In-depth knowledge of Judo Canada Tournament Standard Policy.
- Involved in the initial selection of the venue to ensure that IJF and Judo Canada technical standards can be achieved
- Preparation of the technical package
- Obtaining and paying for the sanction
- In cooperation with the Result Manager, the registration of athletes into the tournament management system
- Checking the athlete's membership status
- Design a detailed floor plan showing the exact layout of the main competition hall, tatami, score clocks, Joseki, Announcer, etc., and auxiliary rooms such as change rooms, draw room, warm-up area, doping control room
- Works with the Result Manager to prepare a tournament schedule, order of weight divisions, mats, finals, awards (the final version of the tournament schedule must be approved by the Judo Canada Sport Director prior to its distribution)
- Assist in completing bid questionnaire
- Works closely with the Venue Manager to negotiate use of tatami, score clocks, score boards from various clubs
- Recruits and trains volunteers



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- With the Sport Director, conduct the coaches and draw meeting the night before the competition
- Each morning of competition, two hours prior to the first match, chairs a brief meeting of the technical volunteers to ensure everything is in place and ready to begin on time.
- During the competition, all tasks to run the competition should be assigned, with the tournament director free to supervise, provide guidance and solve problems.
- File a post-event report



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POSITION: VENUE MANAGER

REPORTING TO: Tournament Director

SUPERVISING: Set up and take down of venue

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Chief official; Venue owner & staff, Transport Officer

Accountability:

The Venue Manager is responsible for forming a close working relationship with the owner of the venue to ensure all regulations within the facility are respected.

Prior to and after the competition, the Venue Manager has **responsibility** for the complete set-up and dismantling of equipment. This includes working closely with the Transport Officer to have equipment delivered and returned.

During the competition, the Venue Manager keeps the equipment in good working order, monitors the p.a. system levels, ensures the facility and mats are kept clean, safe and acts as a liaison between the committee and the venue owner and staff.

Responsibilities:

- Meet with the owner of the venue to discuss union rules, hours of operation, number of union workers on site, access to photocopy machine, set-up day and hours required, cleaning and janitorial, washroom products, p.a. system, keys and access, temperature control, light switches, etc.
- Works with the tournament director to establish a list of equipment needs, source all equipment, arrange pickup and delivery
- Recruit volunteers to commit to venue set up
- On set-up day, test all equipment, score clocks, p.a. system, etc.
- Ensure tatami are fixed in such a way that they will not shift or move
- Establish volunteer schedule for mat cleaning, general clean up at the end of each day
- Ensure facility is open at least 2 hours prior to the start of matches and/or in accordance with the transportation schedule
- Turns on p.a. system, tests and monitors levels throughout the day
- Recruit an English and French-speaking announcer (or other languages as required)
- Rehearse with the announcers, opening ceremony, awards, scripts
- Cue up music for announcers
- Keep track of all "portable" equipment (stopwatches, microphones, etc.) and collects at the end of each session for safe storage



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- Schedules a volunteer crew to dismantle the venue immediately upon completion of the awards
- Arrange for return transport of equipment or at least loading of trucks immediately
- After competition and take down, meet with the owner to inspect the venue
- Process and approve final billing
- Ensure the following signs made in advance to give directions at the venue:

Venue Signs (use pictogram to ensure international understanding)

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| • Changing Room – Men | Vestiaire – Hommes |
| • Changing Room – Women | Vestiaire – Femmes |
| • Washrooms – Men/ | Toilette – Hommes |
| • Washrooms – Women/ | Toilette - Femmes |
| • Warm up Area | Aire d'échauffement |
| • Draw Room | Salle de tirage |
| • Medical Room | Salle médicale |
| • Doping Control Station | Salle de contrôle anti-dopage |
| • Officials Room | Salle des officiels |
| • Lounge | Lounge |
| • Press Room | Salle de presse |
| • Authorized Personnel Only | Personnel autorisé seulement |

Competition Floor Signs

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Joseki Table | Joseki |
| • VIP Table or Seating | VIP – Table ou chaises |
| • Announcer | Annonceur |
| • Tournament Director | Directeur du tournoi |
| • Medical Table | Table médicale |
| • Referee Director's Table | Table du directeur de l'arbitrage |
| • Press Table | Table de presse |
| • Photographer Area | Zone des photographes |



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- Interview Area Zone d'entrevues
- Athlete's Seating Sièges pour athlètes
- Three each, Mat "1", Mat "2", Mat "3", to be posted on the mat side scorer's table, taped directly to the mat and suspended from the ceiling when possible
- Coaches' seats (2/mat) Siège des entraîneurs (2 par tapis)



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POSITION: ANNOUNCERS

REPORTING TO: Venue Manager

Accountability:

The role of the announcers should not be underestimated. They can make or break the event.

Experienced announcers are critical in directing the opening ceremonies and medal presentations.

The announcers are the key communication link between the Tournament Director and participants and audience.

All announcements are to be made in both of Canada's official languages.

Responsibilities:

- Rehearse the announcer scripts and revise as necessary
- Become familiar with the p.a. system/cassette player
- Attend the rehearsal for opening ceremonies and medal presentations
- Each session should have an open and close
- Keep the contestants informed on the progress of the tournament
- Keep announcements to essential information
- In case of emergency (fire bells ringing), remain at the microphone and help direct evacuation
- Standard announcer scripts are available from Judo Canada
- The announcer should obtain team list and meet with the team leader to practise the correct pronunciation of names



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POSITION: RESULT MANAGER

REPORTING TO: Tournament Director

SUPERVISING: Draw & Result Personnel

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Judo Canada Sport Director

Accountability:

The nerve centre of the competition is the draw and result personnel. To keep things moving efficiently, an experienced veteran of many competitions is required.

This position requires the ability to work under pressure, communicate effectively with other volunteers, to explain expectations and systems clearly.

The use of the Judo Canada recommended computerized tournament management system is mandatory for all National Championships. Judo Canada trained personnel will provide on-site assistance and training.

Responsibilities:

- For the “A” sanctioned events, contact Judo Canada to establish computer equipment model, needs, forms, paper requirements
- Ensure adequate supply of all forms, draw sheets, weigh-in forms, paper, computer supplies, printer toners/cartridge, typewriter, pens, staplers, etc.
- Do not forget the user manual for the computer, printer and copy machines
- Develop with the tournament director and assistant, the competition schedule
- Recruit a qualified staff of volunteers that have experience in the draw
- Hold at least one simulation session with the result/draw people
- Visit the venue and determine a layout for the draw room
- Source a reliable, fast photocopy machine, capable of collating
- Have a backup plan in place in case the photocopy machine stops working
- Receive the final verification of entries, passport control, proof of citizenship or permanent residency status if needed, at the headquarters hotel
- Attend the coach’s meeting at which the draw takes place
- Prepare all draw sheets and bouts sheets
- Attend weigh in to record all competitors that did not weigh in
- Ensures up-to-date results are available and distributed to the media



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- Produce a quality final result package, post it online when applicable; print copies if required
- Produce appropriate statistics that will be available immediately after the final matches, and upon requests distribute to team leaders
- In case the electronic tournament management system fails, and a manual draw is necessary, have the following supplies available:
 - Ensure materials are available for the manual draw (ping pong balls, etc.) and record numbers if needed
 - 1 blackboard or flip chart and person to record numbers
 - 1 photocopier (fully equipped) and operator
 - Pens, markers, stapler, paper clips, colour felt, scissors, etc.
 - 4 containers for the draw with numbered ping pong balls



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POSITION: SCORE SHEET RECORDERS (3 per mat)

Note! When an Electronic Tournament Management System is used to draw and trace progress of the tournament and the scoreboards are operated by the system, most of the time the scores are automatically reflected. In such case, there is no need for score sheet recorders. However, backup copies of draw sheet progress must always be maintained at the mat management table.

REPORTING TO: Result Manager

SUPERVISING: Score sheets

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Referees

Accountability:

Score sheet recorders are an integral part of the team of technical officials and their duties are indispensable for a tournament. They must be always conscientious and alert to record all decisions of the referee.

Score sheet recorders must remain neutral, stay out of discussions and be oblivious to outside influences.

Clear, legible handwriting is required.

Responsibilities:

- Checking the draw sheet
- Draw sheets must include contestant's surname followed by full given names
- Verify that the contestant's name is spelled accurately and consistently. Have changes initialled by the Result Manager
- Indicate the contestant's club (dojo) and/or province and/or country. If more than one dojo has the same name, add the name of the city
- Check to ensure that a contestant has not been entered twice in the same weight class. If this happens, notify the Result Manager.
- Do not enter results until the Referee's decision has been made (according to the majority rule)
- If changes have to be made to the results on the score sheet, have changes initialled by the Result Manager
- Before the start of a tournament, recorders must be trained on the point system and elimination method used for the tournament



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POSITION: TOURNAMENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

REPORTING TO: Tournament Director

SUPERVISING: Weigh-in Attendants, Technical Officials

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Chief referee

Accountability:

The tournament assistant works in close liaison with the Tournament Director, and ensures accuracy of the training/practice schedule, weigh in and oversees the technical officials during the competition.

The tournament assistant director is responsible for recruiting and training all technical officials. Technical officials are required at the weigh-in for crowd control and at the competition site to keep time and score.

Responsibilities:

- Knowledge of the Judo Canada Tournament Sanctioning policy.
 - Arrange for a practice facility, hours of operation and works with Lodging Coordinator to schedule/coordinate provincial practice times
- Select suitable weigh-in rooms, judogi control rooms, at the headquarters hotel and design room layout
- Prepare an information sheet that can be distributed to teams on arrival that indicates weigh-in location, unofficial scale room for checking weight, actual weigh-in times for each weight class (the same order of weight classes that is to be used for competition must also be used at weigh in)
- Source digital scales for weigh-in rooms (2), and unofficial rooms (2)
- With Transport Manager, ensure scales are delivered on time and calibrated
- Recruit weigh-in attendants (2 male, 2 female) to assist
- Obtain weigh-in list from Result Manager following the registration
- After weigh in, ensure weigh-in list is returned immediately to the Result Manager
- Train technical officials on the operation of the score clock, score board procedures, contest rules & terminology
- Inspect venue each morning to ensure everything is ready to go, troubleshoot problems that may occur
- During the competition, work with security to keep the floor clear of spectators, coaches and athletes
- Ensure match order and information is reaching the warmup room
- Ensure referees, officials, technical officials are provided with refreshments or tickets to acquire



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refreshments from the concession stand



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POSITION: WEIGH-IN OFFICIALS (2 for males, 2 for females)

REPORTING TO: Tournament Assistant Director

SUPERVISING: Weigh-in Rooms and Scales

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Athletes, Coaches and referees

Accountability:

The weigh in attendants must have good organizational skills and use diplomacy to impose discipline for prompt and orderly proceedings. A working knowledge of both official languages would be an asset.

The weigh-in attendants work in close collaboration with the tournament assistant to ensure that the weigh-in is conducted in an orderly fashion according to the rules.

Responsibilities:

- Unofficial weigh-in rooms, separate from the official weigh-in rooms, must be set up with trial scales before athletes arrive, available each training day and at least one hour prior to weigh in.
- Unofficial scales must be calibrated to read identical to the official scales
- Weigh-in room must be set up according to plans developed with the tournament assistant
- Ensure the keys to the weigh-in room are obtained the night before
- The official scales must be available one hour prior to the start of weigh in and supervised by the weigh-in attendants
- The weigh-in procedure itself is supervised by the designated personnel
- The weigh-in attendants must be of the same sex as the contestants as senior athletes are weighed in the nude
- To ensure privacy for the athletes, dividers should be used
- Important: Each weight class is assigned to a specific scale. Contestants must weigh on the assigned scale only and cannot change.
- Athletes are required to present a Judo Canada passport (or equivalent passport of an IJF member association) at the official weigh in
- The scales must read only the first decimal number. If the digital display is more precise, the numbers following the first decimal digit must be covered with non-transparent tape.
- No weight tolerance is accepted. Contestant's weight must be within the lower and upper limits of the class for which he/she is registered, except for the lightweight and heavyweight classes.
- Each athlete is allowed to attempt the official weigh-in only once
- The exact weight of the contestants must be entered on the Judo Canada weigh-in sheet, together with the signatures and initials of the referees.



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- Under the Remarks section, the names and exact weight of any contestant who does not make weight must be recorded and signed by the referee and athlete.
- For statistical purposes, contestants registered in the "Open Weight" contests must weigh in

Material Required:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Metric scales on a hard surface. | <input type="checkbox"/> Stands for clothes, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tables and chairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic barriers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice board | <input type="checkbox"/> Divider screens (2-3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper and pens | <input type="checkbox"/> "Men's Weigh-in" & "Women's Weigh-in" signs |

Weigh-In Procedure – as per the Tournaments Standards and Sanctioning Policy



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POSITION: MATCH CONTROLLERS (2 per mat or 4 for a control area that services more than 2 mats)

REPORTING TO: Tournament Assistant Director

SUPERVISING: Arrival of Contestants and coaches to the mat

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Referees

Accountability:

The Match Controllers ensure that the contestants meet uniform and hygiene regulations and are on the mat and ready to go as soon as the previous match has ended.

Responsibilities:

- Check the identity of contestants in preparation for the next match by checking competitor numbers or accreditation cards
- Ensure that the contestants wear the correct colour of judogi, or in events where sashes are used, the first contestant has a white sash and the second has the blue sash. Draw sheets are always read from top to bottom, so that the first (top) contestant wears the white sash
- Check uniform requirements for both contestants as per IJF rules and regulations.
- **PERSONAL HYGIENE** (as per the IJF rules and regulations.) Contestant's personal hygiene must be acceptable. No one must walk bare-footed outside the competition area. Fingernails and toenails must be cut short. The judogi must be clean and dry and without unpleasant smell. If hair is long enough to be a hindrance to the other contestant, it must be knotted solidly behind the head
- **RESTRICTION:** No metal or other hard objects are allowed, as per IJF rules and regulation (e.g., knee braces)
- **NOTE:** At the end of the contest recover the sash (when applicable) and return ID cards to each contestant
- As one contest starts, the next two contestants are called to make sure that they are ready
- When a notice board is used, the match controller should keep the information updated. A notice board helps the contestants know when to report and simplifies the organization of the contests.



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POSITION: SCOREBOARD ATTENDANTS (2 per mat)

Note! When an Electronic Tournament Management System is used to draw and trace progress of the tournament and the scoreboards are operated by the system, most of the time the scores are automatically reflected. In such case, the role of scoreboard attendants are modified to operate the computer keyboard controlling the scoreboards and to keep track of the backup timer.

REPORTING TO: Tournament Assistant Director

SUPERVISING: Timing and Scoring of Matches

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Referees

Accountability:

The Scoreboard Attendants must have a good knowledge of refereeing signals, contest rules and the Japanese terminology that is used. Points and penalties are recorded immediately as indicated by the referee on a manual or electronic scoreboard. When electronic scoreboards are used, manual scoreboards must be available in case of power failure.

SCOREBOARD

For each mat there shall be two (2) scoreboards, not exceeding 90 cm in height and 2 m in width. They must be placed outside of the competition area where they can be easily seen by the referee, officials and spectators without interfering with the matches.

Responsibilities:

- Prior to the match, clear the scoreboard
- Display points or penalties as soon as signalled by the referee, paying close attention to the colour of the offensive athlete (blue or white); the referee may indicate the colour by pointing to the red/blue or white tape.
- There is a maximum of two technical Waza-aris
- The following list shows the penalties with their technical equivalent:

Penalty	Equivalent
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HANSOKU-MAKE	IPPON
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3 SHIDO = Hansoku-make	IPPON
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2 SHIDO

1 SHIDO

- A warning for non-combativeness is recorded on the scoreboard as a yellow card.
- Intervention by the physician as signalled by the referee must be recorded on the board by the medical indicators (see Medical Staff)
- Never remove the results (whether technical or penalties) before the contestants have left the competition area



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- When in doubt, stand up to signal to the referee that you need clarification.



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POSITION: TIMEKEEPERS (2-3 per mat)

REPORTING TO: Tournament Assistant Director

SUPERVISING: Timing of Match & Hold down

OUTSIDE LIAISON: Referees

Note: Needed only if manual scoreboards are used.

When time is controlled manually, there are four timing clocks/timers per mat:

- duration of match
- Osae-komi (2)
- reserve clock/timers

When electronic scoreboards or LCD screens are used, the time is controlled from one designated control panel or a computer. Timekeepers must be trained on use of this equipment.

Timekeepers are part of the technical officials' team and work closely with the referee and judges. They must be conscientious and alert at all times to start and stop the clock according to the referee's instructions. As such, they must be trained to understand judo terminology and corresponding hand signals and have a basic knowledge of the contest rules.

Timekeepers must remain neutral, stay out of discussions and be oblivious to outside influences.

Responsibilities (will be different when electronic equipment (scoreboards or computerized scorekeeping software) are used):

- One timekeeper controls the match duration; one controls the Osae-komi
- Before the start of a competition, timekeepers must ensure that:
 - The four stopwatches (duration of match, Osae-komi [2] and backup) are in good order (and rewound if necessary)
 - The bell system, one per mat, is operative.
 - A green flag (Osae-komi) and a yellow flag (match duration) per match are available (not used if the timing is displayed electronically)
 - Yuko and Waza-ari indicators for Osae-komi are available to indicate hold down time
 - Contest duration varies with the age category and sex. Timekeepers must be aware of the time duration before the match starts. Refer to the Judo Canada Tournament Standards and Sanctions manual
 - The contest duration clock/timer should never be reset until after the contestants leave the mat area (in case the judges overrule the referee, and the match must be continued)
 - When a hold-down cannot be held long enough for ippon, the stopwatch is read as soon as Toketa



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is announced. The proper point for the hold-down duration is then selected and shown to the referee and judges

- A bell is used to indicate the end of the time set for the contest, end of hold-down time, or to announce the end of the rest time granted by the Referee in special circumstances (injury, finals, etc.)
- If the "Golden Score" rule is used, when the time of the bout expires and the competitors are tied, the clock is reset and starts the golden score overtime, which has no time limit.

When an "Osae-komi" is called, the duration time of the fight should continue even if regulation time has expired and only be stopped by the referee's command "Ippon" or "Toketa"



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APPENDIX 07 INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEIGH IN, SCOREKEEPERS

Call	Score	Comment
Decision (Yusei-Gachi)	1	For divisions without golden score
Waza-Ari	5	
Ippon	10	
Fusen-Gachi	10F	Opponent did not show for the match for any reason
Kiken-Gachi	10K	Athlete got hurt on the mat and cannot continue
Hansoku-make	10HS	Disqualification

For a Golden score match, add GS with the time.



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In case of any problem/question/discussion

- All problem cases need to be referred to the tournament director or their delegate for a final decision.

Tournament director name	
Tournament director phone number	
TD delegate name	
TD delegate phone number	

Room setup

- Clear the room and keep only the number of athletes /categories that you want.
- No person from opposite sex is allowed (parent, coach, official) at any time

Verification of identity

- Each athlete needs to present identification as described in the technical package. This may include accreditation card and a proper ID. Photo ID is generally required for athletes U18 and older.
- Check grade of athletes to make sure they match registration



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Removal of clothing

- U12 and younger athletes. Must wear judogi pants and t-shirt – no exceptions.
- U14 to U18 athletes : must be in underwear (underpants and bra) with optional t-shirt. 0,2 kg tolerance is allowed.
- U21 and older : may be in underwear with optional t-shirt. No weight tolerance. Are allowed to remove underwear to make weight. If so, make sure there are no minors in the room.
- For everyone : no socks or jewelry allowed

Checking weight

- Each athlete steps on the scale for no more than 60 seconds. When weight is stabilized, the weight should be announced to the athlete and recorded (to one decimal, no rounding up or down) either on the coupon or the weigh-in sheet.

Multiple entries

- Athletes competing in the same weight category on two consecutive days do not need to weigh in again
- Athletes competing in the same weight category but not on consecutive days need to weigh in again. A tolerance of 5% of the maximum weight of the category is allowed.



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APPENDIX 08 **MEDICAL WITHDRAWAL SHEET**

Medical Withdrawal Form

This form to be completed and signed by athletes/coach if injury results in medical withdrawal.

Family Name : _____ First Name : _____

Male Female Age division Jv. Jr. Sr.

Weight division _____ Team: _____

Time of injury : Saturday – morning evening Sunday – morning evening

Mechanism of injury

Throw name _____
Arm bar name _____
Strangulation name _____
Other describe _____

Anatomic site

Head Trunk
Upper extremities Lower extremities

Diagnosis:

Treatment : _____

Referral: _____ Clinic: van _____ Hospital (ambulance)
: _____

Withdrawal from the tournament Yes No

Medical Attendant Signature : _____ Date : _____

Athlete Signature : _____ Date :

Witness : _____



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APPENDIX 09 WITHDRAWAL SUMMARY SHEET (CHECKOUT SHEET)



Tournament Name: _____

Date : _____

Athlete Withdrawal form

Athlete name	Club	Age Div	Wt Div	Withdrawn by (Print name)	Athlete/Coach/Team Manager	Signature



Nom du tournoi: _____

Date : _____

Formulaire de retrait d'athlète

Nom de l'athlète	Club	Division	Catégorie de poids	Retiré par (nom en lettres moulées)	Athlète/Entraîneur/ Gérant d'équipe	Signature



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APPENDIX 10 NE-WAZA SPECIFIC RULES

SECTION 1

COURSE OF THE MATCH

All Ne-waza fights are refereed under IJF competition rules. Minor differences are made to accommodate some specifics, but IJF rules are predominant to any specific rules.

Referee calls the competitors inside the mat. Fighters will enter the match area at the same time. The fighters will move toward the centre of the fighting area and kneel down at a two-meter distance. The fighters will then bow in that position. The fighters will then move to an up on one knee high kneeling stance at one-meter distance. The fighter in white is at the right side of the referee.

- If the athletes go outside the fighting area without applying a technique with apparent success, the referee should stop the match and restart the two athletes in a high-knee position at the centre of the fighting area.
- At the end of the match, the referee announces the winner, and the fighters bow to each other (while on their knees) at a two-meter distance. The fighters then exit the mat.

SECTION 2

SCORE AND POINTS

Points

<u>Ippon 20 points</u>	<u>Osae-komi Waza-ari 10 points</u>	<u>2 points (technical points)</u>
Strangulation (<u>Shime-waza</u>) Arm locks (<u>Kansetsu-waza</u>)	Osae-komi 10 seconds	1) Pass the guard or Osae-komi With clear control: less than 10 seconds 2) Back mount 3) Back control 4) Sweep 5) Turnover 6) Shime/Kansetsu-waza control but no submissions

Technical points can only be given once per attack sequence.

BACK MOUNT AND BACK CONTROL

Back mount is when the athlete is on top, clear of the guard and half-guard, sitting on the opponent's back and with two knees or one foot and one knee on the ground, facing the opponent's head. Back control is when an athlete is either sitting or on his lower back and controls and faces his opponent's back. Back control is only considered if the knees are under the shoulder line (See Appendix A, section 1 for visual representation).

GUARD POSITION AND PASSING GUARD

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Passing guard happens when the athlete in top position manages to surmount the legs of the opponent in bottom position (pass guard or half-guard) and maintain clear side-control or north-south position (See Appendix A, section 2 for visual representation)

- Guard is defined by the use of one or more legs to block the opponent from reaching side-control or north-south position over the athlete on bottom.
- To pass the guard of the opponent and continue with a clear control technique.
- When passing the guard of the opponent with no following control technique or reaching the half guard without good control (face to face), no points will be awarded.

SWEEPS

Any turn from the guard position into any top position followed by a clear control will be counted as a sweep and then 2 points will be awarded.

No points will be awarded for sweeps that start and end in a 50/50 (mutual) guard situation. To change the position from guard into the back of the opponent (on top) with clear control and hold the opponent in bottom position (at least one knee on the floor) will be regarded as sweep as well (See Appendix A, section 3 for visual representation).

OSAE-KOMI

Osae-komi will be called when a fighter has clear control of their opponent in Kesa, Shio or Tate position. If Osae-komi is held for 10 seconds then the referee will signal waza-ari and 10 points will be scored. After waza-ari is awarded for the Osae-komi, the fighters will be allowed progressive work toward submission action. If there is no progress toward submission action, the referee will announcement matte and the fighters will restart in the centre in a kneeling position. If clear Osae-komi is held for less than 10 seconds then 2 points will be awarded (See Appendix A, section 4 for visual representation).

IJF edge regulation apply to all contests.

SUBMISSIONS - LOCKS AND STRANGULATIONS

All judo arm locks and strangulations resulting in apparent efficiency and/or forcing the opponent to abandon will result with an ippon score and victory.

TURNOVERS

2 points will be awarded for turnovers. A turnover is defined as when Uke is protecting himself on all fours or on his stomach and tori turns him over on his back and controls him.

SECTION 3

PENALTIES AND FORBIDDEN ACTS

IJF rules will apply for application of Shidos.

- 3rd Shido: Hansoku-make

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- When announcing a “Shido,” the athlete to be penalized should not be allowed to continue to get a score. If neither athlete has an advantage position, the referee should stop the fight and replace the athletes in their respective starting position, punish the infractor and restart the fight.
- When announcing a foul, if one of the athletes has an advantage position, submission hold or is in Osae-komi and the opponent committed the infraction, the referee shall apply the penalty to the infractor without stopping the fight; or when Tori loses the upper hand. If the infractor is the athlete that is applying the submission hold or holding down his opponent, then “mate” will be announced, and the athletes will be brought back to the centre in a high knee position and then the penalty will be announced.

3.1 Shido

All IJF rules apply for Shido situations with the following specifications:

- Non-combativity:
 - a. Non-combativity (passivity/stalling) is defined by one athlete clearly not pursuing positional progression in a match and also when an athlete impedes his opponent from carrying out said progression.
 - b. Leaving the mat or pushing without technical attack the opponent outside the mat.
 - c. When the athlete breaks the grip of the opponent pulling guard and does not return to the combat.
 - d. When both athletes simultaneously demonstrate a lack of combativeness (stalling) in any position in a match.
 - e. To escape from the fight on the ground, stand up and does not return to combat. It should be noted that athletes are allowed to stand up to pass the guard, but they must return to the fight immediately within a reasonable time otherwise they shall be penalized with a passivity/stalling penalty.

3.2 Hansoku-make

IJF Rules will apply to all Hansoku-make situations.

SECTION 4

SETTLEMENT OF THE MATCH

- Submission:

A competitor may win the match before the end of the fighting time, if one of the contestants applies a lock or strangulation that make the opponent tap or the referee must stop the match. This is called a submission.

- If a competitor accumulates a point total of 20 points
- If a competitor accumulates 3 Shidos, he shall receive a Hansoku-make.
- After the fighting time has expired, the contestant who has the most points at the end of the match will be the winner.
- If the score is equal in total points when the time has expired, both fighters will go in Golden Score until one fighter scores points or if one of the athletes gets disqualified.