

# INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION



## EVENT OUTLINES

# JUDO

**LAS VEGAS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS KATA 2024**  
**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**09 - 10 November 2024**

**#JudoKata**  
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@MariusVizer

Dear national federations, dear friends,

We welcome you to Las Vegas in the United States of America, a new destination for the IJF and one which will give our kata specialists the experience of a lifetime. This is a place designed for fun and high energy events, and we are looking forward to sharing such an exciting occasion with you.

In Las Vegas we are promised first class hospitality amid a lively city that boasts both state-of-the-art technology and a unique, mind blowing landscape. The sheer scale of the city itself and the surrounding areas are a must-see. Now this incredible region extends arms of friendship to our kata family.

We all enjoyed an outstanding stay in Abu Dhabi, UAE, in 2023 for the pinnacle kata event of the year and now move into Pan America thanks to the collaborative efforts of the local organisers and the IJF Kata Commission. The 2024 edition of the IJF World Kata Championships promises to celebrate discipline and beauty and be an event to last long in the memory for all those arriving in the state of Nevada.

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

Yours in judo,

**Marius L. VIZER**  
**President**  
**International Judo Federation**



Dear Judo Friends and Family,

On behalf of USA Judo, welcome to the United States of America and the 2024 Las Vegas World Veterans and Kata Championships.

The United States is thrilled to host an International Judo Federation competition for the first time in many years. As the entertainment capital of the world and the home of many premier sporting competitions and events, Las Vegas will serve as an excellent host city for the 2024 Las Vegas World Veterans and Kata Championships.

Judo in the USA is continuing to grow, and we are excited to welcome back our esteemed international judokas and friends as we prepare for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles, just four hours away from Las Vegas. Our sincere thanks to IJF President Marius Vizer, the IJF Veterans and Kata Committees, and IJF staff for granting the United States the opportunity to host this prestigious event. We appreciate the leadership of President Vizer and the IJF's dedication to raising the bar on creating and executing some of the best organized events in the international sporting community. We also extend our appreciation to MGO Events for collaborating with USA Judo in the organization and implementation of these championships. These relationships are a perfect display of "mutual welfare and benefit" – the ideology which Professor Kano created for our great sport. We are committed to upholding the principles and values of judo and providing a world class environment for shiai and kata athletes.

In a country that celebrates diversity and international cultures, we look forward to celebrating the spirit of judo and demonstrating the beauty of friendship and respect for the world to see.

We look forward to welcoming participating judokas, IJF leaders, officials, organizers, and fans for a fun and memorable experience in Las Vegas, Nevada USA and look forward to seeing you soon!

With gratitude and excitement,

**President Joe RAGAN, Board of Directors, Staff and Members  
USA Judo**



EVENTS DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND HERE: <https://www.ijf.org/competition/2856>

PLEASE RESPECT ALL DEADLINES AND RULES DETAILED IN THESE OUTLINES.

## 1. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

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

Join our digital notice board: <https://t.me/IJFkata>



## 2. DEADLINES FOR DELEGATIONS

Days before Competition day 1	Deadline	Action
105	27 July 2024	Visa application (with passport photocopies)*
40	30 September 2024 (23:59 CET)	Full refund in case of hotel cancellation
39	01 October 2024	Hotel final reservation and full payment
8	01 November 2024 (23:59 CET)	Event inscription ( <b>Judobase</b> )

\*Entry letters and visa applications will only be accepted for people who are inscribed in **judobase**.

## 3. EVENT INSCRIPTION AND ENTRY FEES

Entries will be accepted from a national federation and a national club or individual athlete (with the permission of the national federation).

**All entry fees are non-refundable.**

Entries	Price
Las Vegas World Championships Kata competition	120 US dollars per athlete

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

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

Inscription must be done in **Judobase** by the national federation by **01 November 2024, 23:59 CET**. For assistance, please contact [registration@ijf.org](mailto:registration@ijf.org) before the end of the deadline.



In case of unforeseen delay of arrival or if someone has to be cancelled from the event you must inform both the IJF ([registration@ijf.org](mailto:registration@ijf.org)) and the local organising committee (LOC) ([info.judo@mgoevents.com](mailto:info.judo@mgoevents.com)).

The costs for travel, board and lodging of the judges are at the costs of the member national federation.

**KATA JUDGES EXAM**

Competitors, judges, officials, candidates for IJF kata judges’ certification and VIPs must register through judobase. Candidates for IJF kata judges certification must be at least 4<sup>th</sup> Dan and 30 years old. They may register in the kata for which they hold a continental license.

This electronic form must be completed: <https://forms.gle/ncccta5Q2815mJVh7>

**4. PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATION POLICY**

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

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

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

<b>Beneficiary's name</b>	MGO USA INC
<b>MGO USA address</b>	10200 NW 25 STREET, ST 207 A , DORAL FL , 33172
<b>Bank name</b>	Bank of America
<b>Bank address</b>	3025 NW 87 Ave, Miami FL 33172
<b>Account Number:</b>	898102476294
<b>Routing Number:</b>	063000047 /063100277 (paper / electronic)
<b>SWIFT</b>	BOFAUS3N
<b>Payment reference</b>	Kata / Country / Invoice #

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



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

If participation is cancelled the local organising committee has the right to charge as follows:	
Accommodation - 100% refund from	Up to and including 30 September 2024
Accommodation - no refund, 100% of the hotel costs must be paid from	01 October 2024
Entry fee	No refund

## 5. PARTICIPATION RULES

To participate in an IJF WJT event each participant is responsible to follow:

- The rules to enter the host country and the local government health measures.

Any participant is eligible to inscribe in the competition provided he/she is:

- Not under a disciplinary suspension.
- Not under suspension for anti-doping rule violation.
- Not carrying any communicable diseases that may risk other delegates' health.

In addition, athletes must:

- Meet the IJF Athlete Eligibility Regulations (found in the [IJF Governance Policies](#)).
- Not be under medical suspension.
- Be healthy and fit for competition.
- Born in 2008 (16 years in the calendar year) or before. Any national federation entering athletes that are not of the correct age will be subject to an investigation and possible disciplinary action.
- Hold a current and valid licence (membership) issued by a national federation currently affiliated to the IJF.
- Pay the appropriate entry fees in full before the deadline set in the event outlines.
- Have sufficient technical knowledge (know the terminology and can execute all the techniques in the IJF [SOR](#) Appendix G) and understand fully the IJF sport and kata judging rules.

National federations must follow IJF nationality rules – refer to IJF [SOR](#) Section 1.7

Participants must wear a white judogi, a black belt and a backnumber in accordance with IJF rules ([SOR](#) Appendix C). A brown belt without an IJF label is authorised for the under 23 age category.

Pairs participating in Kodokan-goshin-jutsu and kime-no-kata are responsible to bring their weapons.

### SENIORS CATEGORY

Each national federation may enter in the competition a maximum of 10 pairs and a maximum of 3 pairs in a kata.

Participants must be a minimum of 16 years of age in the year of the competition. They shall have a minimum of 1<sup>st</sup> dan.

Pairs may be formed of either two (2) males, two (2) females, or a male and a female.



They will have the opportunity to do one of the following kata: nage-no-kata, katame-no-kata, ju-no-kata, Kodokan goshin-jutsu and kime-no-kata.

The athletes can only participate in one kata.

**U-23 category:**

Each national federation may enter in the competition a maximum of three (3) pairs in a kata.

For the U-23 age category both tori and uke must be under 23 years old and at least 16 years old in the year of the competition. They shall have a minimum of 1<sup>st</sup> Kyu.

Pairs may be formed of either two (2) males, two (2) females, or a male and a female.

A pair can do one kata between nage-no-kata (5 sets), ju-no-kata (3 sets) and katame-no-kata (3 sets). They will also have the opportunity to perform in two (2) kata, nage-no-kata and katame-no-kata or nage-no-kata (5 sets) and ju-no-kata (3 sets).

Participants will have the opportunity to play the same role in the second kata or reverse roles or to do the second kata with a different partner.

**6. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

<b>Name</b>	USA Judo
<b>Address/telephone number</b>	1 Olympic Plaza, 80909 Colorado Springs, Colorado / +17198664730
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.usajudo.com">https://www.usajudo.com</a>
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:info.judo@mgoevents.com">info.judo@mgoevents.com</a>

**7. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE EVENT CONTACTS**

<b>Accommodation</b>	Ms Alejandra Luna	<a href="mailto:veterans.lasvegas@mgoevents.com">veterans.lasvegas@mgoevents.com</a>	+523331465845
<b>General Enquiries</b>	Ms Paola Garcia	<a href="mailto:info.judo@mgoevents.com">info.judo@mgoevents.com</a>	+523331465843
<b>Training</b>	Ms Corinne Shigemoto	<a href="mailto:training.kata@mgoevents.com">training.kata@mgoevents.com</a>	Email only
<b>Visa</b>	Ms Maria Salinas	<a href="mailto:visas@mgoevents.com">visas@mgoevents.com</a>	Email only
<b>Emergency (24 hours, English-speaking)</b>	Ms Nidia Cordero	<a href="mailto:nidia.cordero@mgoevents.com">nidia.cordero@mgoevents.com</a>	tbc

## 8. PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Wednesday 06 November 2024	All day	Arrivals of the participants, continental union kata delegates and candidates for kata judges' examination	
Thursday 07 November 2024	09:00 - 12:00	Kata judges' examination and results Arrivals of the participants	Rio Hotel and Casino Conference Center
	10:00 - 18:00	Warm-up	
	14:30 - 16:30	IJF kata commission meeting	
Friday 08 November 2024	09:00 - 16:00	Accreditation for judges and participants	Rio Hotel and Casino Conference Center
	10:00 - 16:00	Warm-up	
	16:00 - 18:30	Judges' meeting on the mat	
	19:00 - 20:00	Draw	
Saturday 09 November 2024	09:00	Nage-no-kata (senior & U-23) Katame-no-kata (senior) Ju-no-kata (senior)	Rio Hotel and Casino Conference Center
	TBC	Finals (senior & U-23)	
Sunday 10 November 2024	09:00	Katame-no-kata (U-23) Ju-no-kata (U-23) Kime-no-kata (senior) Kodokan goshin-jutsu (senior)	Rio Hotel and Casino Conference Center
	TBC	Finals (senior & U-23)	
Monday 11 November 2024	All day	Departures	

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

## 9. COMPETITION VENUE

<b>Name</b>	Rio Hotel and Casino Conference Center
<b>Address</b>	3700 W Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89103
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.riolasvegas.com">https://www.riolasvegas.com</a>
<b>Seats for spectators</b>	800
<b>Tickets</b>	At the accreditation or can be purchased at the door if available.





## 10. ENTRY TO THE HOST COUNTRY

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

The LOC will assist with visas where possible but having the correct visa is the responsibility of each participant. Visa applications will only be accepted for people who are inscribed in **Judobase** for the event. It is the responsibility of the national federation to ensure that their delegation respects the conditions of stay defined by the Government of the country hosting the event. If any participant does not respect these conditions, any costs arising will be borne by the national federation concerned.

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

Contact the LOC if you need help for a visa			
<b>Deadline</b>	27 July 2024		
<b>Visa contact</b>	Ms Maria Salinas	<a href="mailto:visas@mgoevents.com">visas@mgoevents.com</a>	Email only

## 11. TRANSPORT

Transport is not provided by the local organising committee.

## 12. PRE-EVENT TRAINING

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

<b>Training venue</b>	Rio Hotel and Casino Conference Center		
<b>Address</b>	3700 W Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89103		
<b>Training dates and times</b>	Thursday 07 November: 10:00 - 18:00 Friday 08 November: 10:00 - 16:00		
<b>Booking contact</b>	Ms Corinne Shigemoto	<a href="mailto:training.kata@mgoevents.com">training.kata@mgoevents.com</a>	Email only

## 13. ACCOMMODATION

All delegations, who inscribe for an IJF WJT event, must reserve their accommodation in one of the official hotels published in the event outlines. The reservation must be made with the LOC (not directly with the hotel).

**MAKE SURE THAT YOUR ROOM IS BOOKED ACCORDING TO YOUR TRAVEL INFORMATION (CHECK-IN IS AT 15:00).**  
 e.g., flight arrives at 00:30hrs on the 08 November, the room should be booked from the 07 November.

Any damage to hotel property will be charged to the national federation and must be paid in full. Delegations are kindly requested not to dry clothing (including judogi) or have training sessions in the corridors of the official hotels.



<b>Complete the form</b>	<b>Las Vegas Kata 2024 Form Accommodation</b>		
<b>Deadline final reservation and full payment</b>	01 October 2024		
<b>Accommodation contact</b>	Ms Alejandra Luna	<a href="mailto:veterans.lasvegas@mgoevents.com">veterans.lasvegas@mgoevents.com</a>	+523331465845

**Note:** The LOC will do their best to provide your first choice of accommodation but, as rooms might be limited, this cannot be guaranteed. After the accommodation deadline, the LOC cannot promise rooms in the hotels detailed in these outlines and another official hotel may be added.

### DELEGATION HOTELS

The following packages are available in the delegation hotels:

Bed and breakfast includes breakfast at the hotel.

<b>CATEGORY A - Rio Hotel and Casino Ipanema Tower</b>	
<b>Address</b>	3700 W Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89103
<b>Phone</b>	+18667467671
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.riolasvegas.com">https://www.riolasvegas.com</a>
<b>Check-in time</b>	15:00
<b>Check-out time</b>	11:00
<b>Early check-in / Late check-out</b>	Not available
<b>Air-conditioning</b>	Yes (free)
<b>Gym and pools</b>	Yes (free)
<b>Wi-Fi</b>	Yes (free)
<b>Room service</b>	Yes
<b>A La Carte restaurant</b>	Yes
<b>Food delivery allowed</b>	Yes

All prices are per person per night in: **US dollars**

<b>CATEGORY A - Rio Hotel and Casino Ipanema Tower</b>	<b>Bed &amp; breakfast</b>
<b>Single</b>	290
<b>Twin</b>	195
<b>Deposit required by hotel at check-in</b>	If incidentals are required the deposit is 50 US dollars per day

<b>Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:</b>	<b>Km</b>	<b>Time (hh:mm)</b>
<b>Airport (LAS)</b>	6	00:12
<b>Training venue</b>	Same hotel	
<b>Accreditation</b>	Same hotel	
<b>Sport hall</b>	Same hotel	

<b>CATEGORY B - Rio Hotel and Casino Masquerade Tower</b>	
<b>Address</b>	3700 W Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89103
<b>Phone</b>	+18667467671
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.riolasvegas.com">https://www.riolasvegas.com</a>
<b>Check-in time</b>	15:00
<b>Check-out time</b>	12:00
<b>Early check-in / Late check-out</b>	Not available
<b>Air-conditioning</b>	Yes (free)
<b>Gym and pools</b>	Yes (free)
<b>Wi-Fi</b>	Yes (free)
<b>Room service</b>	Yes
<b>A La Carte restaurant</b>	Yes
<b>Food delivery allowed</b>	Yes

All prices are per person per night in: **US dollars**

<b>CATEGORY B - Rio Hotel and Casino Masquerade Tower</b>	<b>Bed &amp; breakfast</b>
<b>Single</b>	230
<b>Twin</b>	155
<b>Deposit required by hotel at check-in</b>	If incidentals are required the deposit is 50 US dollars per day

<b>Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:</b>	<b>Km</b>	<b>Time (hh:mm)</b>
<b>Airport (LAS)</b>	6	00:12
<b>Training venue</b>	Same hotel	
<b>Accreditation</b>	Same hotel	
<b>Sport hall</b>	Same hotel	

## 14. GENERAL INFORMATION

### INSURANCE

Each national federation is directly responsible for its athletes (including the control of non-pregnancy and the control of gender). It must assume all responsibility for accident, health and civil liability insurance under their charge during events.

The LOC of the event and the IJF will not be responsible in the absence of insurance.

National federations are responsible to provide insurance guarantees to their delegates during any IJF WJT event. The LOC of the event and the IJF will not be responsible in the absence of insurance.

The entity contractually bound to the IJF for the organisation of the event shall take all necessary actions to provide insurance coverage against civil liability for the entire duration.



It is the responsibility of the national federation to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any SARS CoV-2 (COVID-19) or its variants or communicable disease, related costs, including repatriation.

The LOC of the event and the IJF accept no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising from the travelling to and the participation in this event nor any claims relating to the cancellation of the event or medical costs related to illness, due to SARS CoV-2 (COVID-19) or its variants or other communicable disease(s), that may affect a national federation delegation member during the event.

### **CONSENT FOR USE OF DATA/PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOS/FILMING**

Delegates inscribed by their national federations for WJT events consent to the IJF and its media partners to use content of them, including data, live results, photographs and/or video recordings (hereafter referred to as Media). This media may be obtained from national federations and IJF. It will also be acquired by the IJF and its media partners from in and around all IJF WJT event venues. Media could be used in print and digital media formats including print publications, websites, e-marketing, posters banners, advertising, film, broadcast, social media, education purposes and other purposes.

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

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

### **ACCREDITATION**

The purpose of accreditation is to identify people and their roles at events and allow them necessary access to perform their roles.

A team delegate must attend accreditation to confirm the entries of all athletes and officials with a signature on the delegation confirmation list. A delayed appearance or no-show may result in the exclusion of all participants from the draw and the event.

For each official team member from a national delegation (athletes, coach, team official, doctor etc.) an accreditation card is issued by the IJF during accreditation.

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

The accreditation card is valid for the duration of the competition and is the personal identity document of the delegate for all security and access controls. This card contains: last (family) name, first (given) name, country, IJF ID number, a picture and for athletes their weight category and WRL position.

Quota for officials for accreditations:

- One – three (1-3) pairs = five (5) officials.
- Four - fourteen (4-14) pairs = ten (10) officials.



The accreditations for national federation President, referee and judoka are not included in the above calculation.

The fee for additional team official(s) (who must be inscribed in **Judobase**) is 100 US dollars per accreditation, to be paid to the LOC.

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

### **DRAW FOR KATA**

The draw to establish the groups and the sort of each group will be done the day before the competition. The pairs medallists from the previous World Championships will be considered seeded and will be divided into two groups if there are 10 pairs or more. The draw of the finals will be done in the sports hall after the preliminary rounds.

### **JUDOGI CONTROL**

At the time of accreditation:

The head of the delegation will certify that his athletes are wearing a judogi that complies with the IJF regulations. He will attest it by signature.

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During the competition:

- The control of the judogi will be done before each performance in the judogi control area.
- Verification of the IJF labels (red or green), on the jacket, the trousers and the belt (red, green or blue labels are also authorised for the belt), (**SOR C1.2**).
- Verification that the logos, national emblem, marking and advertising on the judogi respect the provisions of the IJF (**SOR C1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6**).
- Verification of the official IJF backnumber, the name of the athlete and the National Olympic Committee (NOC) abbreviation on the backnumber are in accordance with the one on the accreditation card (**SOR C1.8**). If the country does not have a NOC then the three letter country code recognised by the IJF must be used.
- Verification of the jacket crossing points, the length of the jacket skirt, the sleeves, the trousers and the belt (**SOR C1.10**).
- The T-shirt must be white, with short sleeves and a round neck (**SOR C1.11**).

If there is a breach of this regulation, it will be reported to the judges who will penalize the athlete in the scoring.

### **OFFICIAL IJF BACKNUMBER**

Each athlete is obliged to have sewn on the back of his judogi a backnumber bearing their last (family) name and the NOC abbreviation. If the country does not have a NOC then the three letter country code recognised by the IJF must be used.



The last (family) name (and any part of their given (first) name) on the back number must have the same letters as that registered in **Judobase** as this database provides the accreditation cards, athlete name on TV graphics and scoreboard etc. The top of the backnumber must be fixed horizontally and centrally three (3) cm from the bottom of the collar.

The backnumber can only be ordered from [www.officialbacknumber.com](http://www.officialbacknumber.com) or [www.mybacknumber.com](http://www.mybacknumber.com)

The backnumber should comply with the current IJF judogi regulations which can be found in the IJF **SOR**.

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

### SEWING SERVICE

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

### COMPETITION SYSTEM FOR KATA

Each kata will be divided into two (2) groups: the top three (3) pairs with the maximum points from each group (that is six pairs for each kata) will compete in the finals. Three (3) or four (4) mats will be used for the preliminary rounds and three mats for the final. If the number of pairs is less than ten (10), there will be only one (1) group: the top six (6) pairs from the group will compete in the final.

### JUDGES AND THE SYSTEM OF JUDGING

The contests will be judged by IJF qualified kata judges. The number of judges per national federation is limited to:

- Participating countries may enter four (4) judges.
- Non-participating countries may enter three (3) judges.

A judge cannot be an athlete.

The IJF "2024 Criteria for Kata Evaluation" will be used to judge the kata with reference also to the official Kodokan kata textbooks.

Judges must attend the technical meeting the afternoon before the first day of competition to confirm participation as judge in these championships. Time and place are stated in the event outlines.

For each performance, the five judges will award points on the official IJF electronic scoring system.

Three scores will be totalled to obtain the score of a technique (the maximum score and the minimum score will be cancelled for each technique). The final score of the whole kata will be the sum of the scores for each technique.





The evaluation of every technique of kata must consider the principle and the opportunity of execution: the evaluation (including the opening and closing ceremony) must be comprehensive. In the nage-no-kata, right and left techniques will be evaluated comprehensively (only one score).

Definition of mistakes:

- Forgotten technique/major mistake - will score zero and in addition the total final score of the kata pair will be halved. If more than one technique is forgotten the score for that technique will also be zero but the total final score for the pair will not be halved again.
- Big mistake - when the execution of the principle is incorrect (5 points are deducted, and the maximum number of crosses is 1).
- Medium mistake - when one or more elements of the principle are not applied in the correct way (3 points are deducted and the maximum number of crosses is 1).
- Small mistake - imperfection in the application of the technique (1 point is deducted and the maximum number of crosses is 2).

The total score for each technique can be increased or decreased by 0.5 point adding in the column of the "correction value" a "+" or a "-".

The five judges will be positioned on the shomen side and they will sit at approximately 1.5 m apart. The rule of neutrality will be applied so the judge must be of a different nationality than the competing pair. The position of the five judges will be the same throughout the competition. If a judge is temporarily replaced, he will take place in the same original position when he returns to the competition. The judges must take up their position before the arrival of the pair in the competition area.

The pair enters and leaves the mat at the opposite side of shomen: the beginning and end of kata (opening and closing ceremony) is at an 8 m or 10 m distance apart depending on the dimension of the tatami (bow to the tatami). Any behaviour of tori or uke inside the competition area that is contrary to the spirit of kata will result in disqualification.

The pair who has the better score will win.

In case of equal score between pairs, the following criteria will be applied as a tie breaker:

- Total number of big mistakes of all five (5) judges will be considered - the pair who made the fewer big mistakes wins.
- If still equal, total number of medium mistakes of all five (5) judges will be considered - the pair who made the fewer medium mistakes wins.
- If still equal, total number of small mistakes of all five (5) judges will be considered – the pair who made the fewer small mistakes wins.

If two pairs, both placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the eliminations (or 6<sup>th</sup> place in case of only one (1) group) are still equal after all the above-mentioned criteria, both pairs will qualify for the final. If two pairs placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> during the final are still equal after the above-mentioned criteria, the kata will be repeated so that the medals can be assigned.

### COMPETITION AREA

The competition area dimension is 10 m x 10 m or 8 m x 8 m and shall be covered by tatami. Two strips of visible coloured adhesive tape, approximately 5 cm wide and 50 cm long, shall be fixed 3 m apart from the centre, to indicate the starting position of tori and uke. The centre of the competition area shall be indicated with a strip of adhesive tape of the same colour. The safety area between and around the mat must be a minimum of 2 m.

### AWARDING CEREMONY

For each kata, the pair with the maximum points in the final will be awarded the gold medal, the pair with the second most points will be awarded the silver medal; and the third pair, the bronze medal.

Medals will be awarded following a performance by a pair according to standings regardless the number of pairs.

All finalists, including 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> place will receive a certificate.

The medallists must wear a white judogi on the podium.

### COACHING

No coach will be admitted, as coaching is not allowed.

### MEDICAL SITUATION

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.
- 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



## INFORMATION FOR MEDIA

**EVENTS DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND HERE: <https://www.ijf.org/competition/2856>**

**PLEASE RESPECT ALL DEADLINES AND RULES DETAILED IN THESE OUTLINES.**

### 1. DEADLINES FOR MEDIA

Days before Competition day 1	Deadline	Action
105	27 July 2023	Visa application (with passport photocopies)*
8	01 November 2024	<a href="http://ijfmedia.datastat.si">http://ijfmedia.datastat.si</a>

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

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

### 2. PARTICIPATION RULES

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

### 3. GENERAL INFORMATION

#### FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

All local and international media representatives participating in the event described in these outlines must respect and accept the authority of the IJF Officials, the IJF Statutes, the IJF Sports and Organisation Rules (SOR, [www.ijf.org/ijf/documents/25](http://www.ijf.org/ijf/documents/25)) and the IJF Anti-Doping Rules (<https://www.ijf.org/cleanjudo/133>), as well as the media protocol in place on spot. Individuals deemed to have acted against the IJF, its principles or purposes should be subject to suspension or expulsion from the event and/or cancellation of their accreditation cards.

#### INSURANCE

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

The LOC of the event and the IJF will not be responsible in the absence of insurance. The entity contractually bound to the IJF for the organisation of the event shall take all necessary actions to provide insurance coverage against civil liability for the entire duration. It is the responsibility of the media participant to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any SARS CoV-2 (COVID-19) or its variants or communicable disease related costs, including repatriation.



The LOC of the event and the IJF accept no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising from the travelling to and the participation in this event nor any claims relating to the cancellation of the event or medical costs related to illness, due to SARS CoV-2 (COVID-19) or its variants or other communicable disease(s), that may affect a media participant during the event.

The LOC of the event and the IJF accept no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising from the travelling to and the participation in this event nor any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to COVID-19 or medical costs for any COVID-19 related illness that may affect a media participant during the event.

### COMPETITION RULES

All media matters are the responsibility of the IJF Media Director. It is expressly forbidden for all media including photographers to live stream at any time during the draw, competition or any other official IJF activity. They are not allowed to film, or photograph injured or bleeding athletes anywhere in the venue. Mobile devices must not be used for any function while mat side.

Media are not allowed to access the warm-up area unless special access has been granted from the IJF. This must be proposed and granted by the IJF at least two weeks before the competition. Any member of the media who does not follow the above risks losing their accreditation and access to the competition.

Religious, political, personal or commercial connotation is prohibited for everyone on the field of play.

### ACCREDITATION

The purpose of accreditation is to identify people and their roles at events and allow them necessary access to perform their roles.

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

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

The accreditation card is valid for the duration of the competition and is the personal identity document of the participant for all security and access controls. This card contains: last (family) name, first (given) name, country, IJF ID number, media status (writer, photographer) and a picture.

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

### RESPECT TOWARDS ATHLETES

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

Any other request must be the subject of a written request to the IJF: [press@ijf.org](mailto:press@ijf.org)



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