

INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION

**KATA
WORLD
SERIES**

EVENT OUTLINES

**LOUVAIN-LA-NEUVE
IJF KATA WORLD SERIES**

08 March 2025

#JudoKata

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Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium

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Dear judo family,

After a great deal of development within our IJF kata community, I am delighted to introduce a circuit of kata competitions: the IJF Kata World Series. These events, initiated by the IJF, are aimed at the development of the practice of kata around the world, allowing all practitioners of kata to express themselves as often as possible and in the best conditions.

The first of these international competitions will take place in Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, on 8th March 2025. The IJF has relied on the blue print of the Marcel Clause Tournament, an annual kata event in the same place which has been held for many years; it will offer the structure and venue for this first edition.

I thank the Belgian Federation and the Wallonia Brussels Federation for their commitment, guidance and generosity at this exciting turning point for international kata.

Yours in judo,

Marius L. VIZER
President
International Judo Federation



Dear Judo Friends,

On behalf of Judo Belgium, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the first IJF Kata Tournament, which will take place on March 8, 2025, in the vibrant city of Louvain-la-Neuve. This milestone event marks an important chapter in the history of kata in our country and the development of this beautiful and technical aspect of judo.

We are honored to host distinguished participants from around the world, showcasing their expertise and dedication to the art of kata. Our federation, along with the dedicated organizing team, is committed to creating an unforgettable event, reflecting the values and traditions of judo while celebrating its cultural richness.

As the president of Judo Belgium, I am proud of the efforts our organization has made to promote judo in all its forms. This inaugural IJF Kata Tournament is a testament to our dedication to expanding judo's reach and inspiring judokas of all ages and disciplines.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the International Judo Federation for entrusting us with the privilege of organizing this event and to the local authorities and sponsors for their invaluable support. Together, we will ensure a successful tournament that highlights the artistry, discipline, and respect that define kata.

We look forward to welcoming you all to Louvain-la-Neuve, where you will not only experience high-level competition but also the warmth and hospitality of Belgium.

Best regards,

Sébastien BONTE
President
Judo Belgium



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Dear competitors, officials, guests and judo enthusiasts,

It is with great pride and honor that the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles, within the Fédération Belge de Judo, welcomes you to this historic moment: the very first Kata tournament under the aegis of the KATA WORLD SERIES of the International Judo Federation.

By organizing this first-ever event in Belgium, we're writing a new page in the history of judo. Our objective is simple: to make this tournament an unforgettable experience for all, in keeping with the values and excellence that characterize our discipline.

We'll be doing our utmost to ensure that the competition takes place in a spirit of fairness, respect and friendship, while offering each participant a unique platform to express his or her talent and passion for kata.

May this day be marked by exceptional performances, enriching exchanges and lasting memories for each and every one of you. We're delighted to have you with us on this unprecedented adventure, and wish you an excellent tournament.

Long live judo, long live kata, and long live this wonderful international event!

Frédéric TREUTTENS

President

The Wallonia-Brussels Federation of the Belgian Judo Federation



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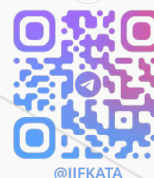


EVENTS DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND HERE: www.ijf.org/competition/3022

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

PLEASE RESPECT ALL DEADLINES AND RULES DETAILED IN THESE OUTLINES.

Days before Competition day	Deadline	Action
21	15 February 2025	Visa application (with passport photocopies)*
15	21 February 2025	Hotel final reservation and full payment
15	21 February 2025 (23:59 CET)	Full refund in case of hotel cancellation
7	01 March 2025	Event inscription (Judobase)

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

3. EVENT INSCRIPTION AND ENTRY FEES

Please refer to the IJF **SOR** Section 4 Entries and Accreditation and Appendix B1.1 Eligibility to Participate.

All participating delegates must have a valid IJF card and be inscribed in [judobase](#) by their national federation.

The confirmation of the delegation list is the full responsibility of the national federation. In case of unforeseen delay of arrival or changes/cancellation from the event the national federation must inform both the IJF (registration@ijf.org) and the LOC (events@judowb.be).

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 at accreditation may result in the exclusion of all participants from the draw and the event.

All entry fees are non-refundable.

Entries	Price
Kata World Series competition	50 euros per athlete

This electronic form must be completed: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDufJ2V1ZWhiF3MwH8uuNKtn8oUjCSSrTHJcTOD280reetQ/viewform?usp=header>



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4. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Name	Judo Wallonie Bruxelles
Address/telephone number	Complexe sportif de Blocry, Place des Sports 1, 1348 Ottignies-Louvain-La-Neuve / (+32) (0) 10 24 44 01
Website	www.judowb.be
Email	events@judowb.be

5. LOC EVENT CONTACTS

Accommodation	Mr Frédéric GEORGERY	info@judowb.be	+32 102 444 01
General Enquiries	Mr Frédéric GEORGERY	info@judowb.be	+32 102 444 01
Transport	Mr Saber EL MOUDNI	events@judowb.be	+32 470 688 269
Training	Mr Saber EL MOUDNI	events@judowb.be	+32 470 688 269
Visa	Mr Saber EL MOUDNI	events@judowb.be	+32 470 688 269
Emergency (24 hours, English-speaking)	Mr Saber EL MOUDNI	events@judowb.be	+32 470 688 269

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USE ONLY THE EMAIL ADDRESSES FROM THE OFFICIAL OUTLINES.

6. COMPETITION VENUE

Name	Complexe sportif de Blocry
Address	Place des sports, 1, 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve
Website	https://csblocry.be/
Seats for spectators	200
Tickets	Free

7. ENTRY TO THE HOST COUNTRY

Please refer to IJF **SOR** rule 2.8.1 Visas.

The LOC can provide official documentation such as letters of invitation or confirmation of participation to support visa application only for people who are inscribed in **judobase** for the event.

The decision to grant a visa rests solely with the relevant immigration authorities. Athletes and officials are responsible for ensuring compliance with the visa requirements of the host country.

Entry rules may be subject to change, the current information can be found here: <https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/travel-belgium/visa-belgium>

Contact the LOC if you need help for a visa			
Deadline	15 February 2025		
Visa contact	Mr Saber EL MOUDNI	events@judowb.be	+32 470 688 269



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8. PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Friday 07 March 2025	All day	Arrivals of the participants and judges	
	10:00 - 16:00	Accreditation for judges and participants	Ibis Styles Louvain-La-Neuve
	16:30	Judges meeting	Complexe sportif de Blocry
	19:00	Draw	Online
	19:00 - 21:00	Warm-up	Complexe sportif de Blocry
Saturday 08 March 2025	08:00	Preliminaries Nage-no-kata (senior & U21) Katame-no-kata (senior & U21) Ju-no-kata (senior & U21) Kime-no-kata (senior) Kodokan Goshin-jutsu (senior)	Complexe sportif de Blocry
	1h00 after preliminaries	Finals (senior & U21)	Complexe sportif de Blocry
Sunday 09 March 2025	All day	Departures	

9. TRANSPORT

Transfer from/to Brussels International Airport (BRU) to/from the hotel on request at a cost of 30 euros per person one way.

There will be one transfer by bus Saturday at the end of the event and Sunday morning.

NO services will be provided by the organisers for delegations are not accommodated in the official hotels. These delegations must provide with a contact telephone number for the transmission of all important information.

Contact the LOC if you wish to request a transfer			
Airport	Brussels International Airport (BRU)		
Form	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUj3uN86boYsrhDc8W0sKiLqysEtBjWqgCk0GmZGzwACmYTQ/viewform?usp=header		
Deadline	21 February 2025		
Transport contact	Mr Saber EL MOUDNI	events@judowb.be	+32 470 688 269



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10. PRE-EVENT TRAINING

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

Training venue	Complexe sportif de Blocry		
Address	Place des sports, 1, 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve		
Training dates and times	Friday 07 March 2025 19:00-21:00		
Contact	Mr Saber EL MOUDNI	events@judowb.be	+32 470 688 269

11. ACCOMMODATION

Delegations can optionally book their accommodation through the LOC.

Complete the form	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoOU_gqV8Xzp5ztg8-GEp5uiZfGjNKeIXRkSghqZMQ5fIO-g/viewform?usp=header		
Deadline final reservation and full payment	21 February 2025		
Accommodation contact	Mr Frédéric GEORGERY	info@judowb.be	+32 102 444 01

VIP HOTEL

If a national federation President is accompanying the team, he/she can be accommodated at the VIP hotel or the delegation hotel.

VIP hotel	Martin's Louvain-La-Neuve
Address	Rue de l'Hocaille 1, 1348 Louvain-La-Neuve
Phone	+32 10 77 20 20
Website	www.martinshotels.com
Price per person per night	Please contact the LOC (events@judowb.be)



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DELEGATION HOTELS

The following packages are available in the delegation hotels:

Bed and breakfast includes breakfast at the hotel.

CATEGORY A - Ibis Styles Louvain-La-Neuve	
Address	Boulevard De Lauzelle 61, 1348 Louvain-La-Neuve
Phone	+32 10 45 07 51
Website	https://all.accor.com/
Check-in time	14:00
Check-out time	10:00
Early check-in / Late check-out	Not available
Air-conditioning	Yes
Gym	Yes
Wi-Fi	Yes
Room service	Yes
A La Carte restaurant	Yes
Food delivery allowed	Yes

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

CATEGORY A - Ibis Styles Louvain-La-Neuve	Bed & breakfast
Single	120
Twin	65
Deposit required by hotel at check-in	No

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport - Brussels International Airport (BRU)	38	00:40
Training venue	1.5	00:05
Accreditation	Same hotel	
Sport hall	1.5	00:05



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PAYMENT

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

Beneficiary's Name	Judo Wallonie Bruxelles
Bank Name	BNP PARIBAS FORTIS
Bank Address	Montagne du Parc 3 – 1000 Bruxelles
IBAN	BE83 2500 0678 3015
SWIFT/BIC Code	BIC GEBABEBB
Payment Reference	Kata Louvain WS 2025 - Country name

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. Delegations must ensure that all bank charges are paid at their end so that the LOC receive the correct amount of funds without any deductions. Delegation must have proof of the bank transfer, upon arrival.

In the case of non-payment to the LOC, the national federation concerned will not be allowed to register to competitions until the debt is settled.

If rooms are cancelled the LOC has the right to charge as follows:	
No refund, 100% of the hotel costs must be paid from 15 days before start of competition	21 February 2025



12. GENERAL INFORMATION

INSURANCE

Please refer to IJF [SOR](#) 1.3 Insurance and Civil Liability.

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

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

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

CONSENT FOR USE OF DATA/PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOS/FILMING

Please refer to IJF [SOR](#) 2.8.5 Consent for use of data/photography/videos/filming.

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

If a delegate does not give consent, then the national federation must inform the International Judo Federation by writing to registration@ijf.org.

ACCREDITATION

Please refer to the IJF [SOR](#) Section 4 Entries and Accreditation and Appendix B1.2 Accreditation.

Quota for officials for accreditations:

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

COMPETITION RULES FOR KATA

Seniors group:

Participants must be a minimum of 15 years of age in the year of the competition. They shall have a minimum of 1st dan.

A pair can be made up of athletes of any gender.

They will have the opportunity to do one (1) or two (2) of the following kata: nage-no-kata, katame-no-kata, ju-no-kata, Kodokan goshin-jutsu and kime-no-kata.

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.



U21 group:

For the U21 age group both tori and uke must be under 21 years old and at least 15 years old in the year of the competition. They shall have a minimum of 1st kyu.

A pair can be made up of athletes of any gender.

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.

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.

An U21 athlete can participate for his second kata in the senior division in a different kata than the one performed in U21.

COMPETITION SYSTEM FOR KATA

Kata will be divided into two (2) groups for kata with 17 pairs or less: the top three (3) pairs with the maximum points from each group (that is six pairs for each kata) will compete in the finals.

Kata will be divided into three (3) groups for kata with 18 pairs or more: the top three (3) pairs with the maximum points from each group (that is nine pairs for each kata) will compete in the finals.

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. A pair who had a forgotten technique or major mistake in the preliminaries will not participate in the final.

Three (3) or four (4) mats will be used for the preliminary rounds and the finals.

DRAW AND SEEDING FOR KATA

Please refer to the IJF [SOR](#) Appendix B1.3 Draw.

The draw will be held online: <https://sites.google.com/view/ijfkata/>

The draw to establish the groups and the sort of each group will be done the day before.

The top six (6) pairs on the ranking list will be considered seeded and will be divided into two (2) groups if there are 17 pairs or less and divided into three (3) groups if there are 18 pairs and more.

Seeded pairs for two (2) pools will be divided as follow:

A 1st, 4th B 2nd, 3rd, 5th

Seeded pairs for three (3) pools will be divided as follow:

A 1st, 6th B 2nd, 5th C 3rd, 4th

The draw of the finals will be done in the sports hall after the preliminary rounds.



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JUDOGI CONTROL AND IJF OFFICIAL BACKNUMBER

Please refer to the IJF [SOR](#) Appendix B1.11 IJF Judogi Control.

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

SEWING SERVICE

No sewing service will be provided.

RANKING

Please refer to the IJF [SOR](#) Appendix B1.4 Ranking.

COACHING

Coaches will be admitted, but coaching is not allowed.

JUDGES AND THE SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Please refer to the IJF [SOR](#) Appendix B1.6 Judges and the System of Judging.

The contests will be judged by IJF and Continental 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.

Judges must be registered on [Judobase](#) and fill in the following form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe9Kh8vZvXemlkHiiJnMLS6K_OhQkGh0cFoWPm1xYas72wthw/viewform?usp=header

The IJF “2025 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.

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

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.



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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.

Each athlete who has won a medal must be present at the ceremony to receive their medal personally. Any athlete who is absent from the awards ceremony without a good reason may forfeit the medal.

Athletes must attend the medal ceremony barefoot, without any hat, cap or any similar head covering and wearing their IJF approved white judogi that conforms to the IJF judogi rules with special attention being paid to the publicity rule.

It is strictly prohibited for athletes on the podium to have national flags or similar items other than those on their judogi. Any demonstration with religious, political, personal or commercial connotation is prohibited.

MEDICAL SITUATION

Please refer to the IJF [SOR](#) Appendix B1.10 Medical Situation.



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