

INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION



**KATA
WORLD
SERIES**

EVENT OUTLINES

REIMS
IJF KATA WORLD SERIES
12 April 2025
#JudoKata
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Reims, France 12 April 2025



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Dear judo family,

Following a successful first IJF Kata World Series event in Louvain-la-Neuve, we are proud to be continuing our journey, at first, across Europe. Now we move to Reims in France, a country with a rich history of excellence in the kata specialism.

There has been a great deal of development within our IJF kata community and I am delighted to welcome new cities to our international tour, promoting our judo family's values and traditions in a contemporary way. The IJF kata circuit is aimed at the development of the practice of kata around the world, allowing all practitioners to express themselves as often as possible and in the best conditions.

I wish to thank France Judo for their diligence, inclusivity and progressive thinking. The work undertaken to ensure the level of both organisation and performance in Reims is valuable and important, especially welcome at this exciting moment for international kata.

Yours in judo,

Marius L. VIZER
President
International Judo Federation



Dear Judo Family,

It is with immense pride and great joy that France hosts the 2025 edition of the Kata World Series, an unmissable event that brings together the world's best judoka in the art of kata.

Following a successful edition in Louvain-la-Neuve, Reims, a city rich in history and tradition, will be the stage for this prestigious competition, where precision, discipline, and technical mastery will be at the forefront. Kata represents the very essence of judo, reminding us of the importance of the principles passed down by Master Jigoro Kano.

Hosting this event in France is a recognition of the work done by our federation, as well as the dedication of our clubs, referees, volunteers, and athletes, who work tirelessly every day to promote our sport.

I would like to warmly thank the city of Reims, its elected officials, its partners, and all the organisers who have made this exceptional event possible. I also want to express my deep gratitude to the International Judo Federation and its President, Mr Vizer, for the trust they have placed in France to host this prestigious competition. I offer special thanks to the Comité Départemental de la Marne Judo for their commitment and exemplary work in organising this event.

To all the competitors who have come from around the world, I wish you the best of success on the tatami and hope this will be an unforgettable experience for each of you.

May the 2025 edition of the Kata World Series be marked by sharing, excellence, and respect.

Good luck to all!

Stéphane NOMIS
President
France Judo



Reims, France 12 April 2025



Dear Friends,

It is with great honor and pride that the Comité Marne Judo welcomes this prestigious international event.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the International Judo Federation and France Judo for their trust in us, allowing us to host this remarkable competition at the renowned René Tys Complex in Reims.

To all athletes and delegations, please be assured that every detail has been meticulously arranged to ensure your stay in the heart of Champagne is not only pleasant but truly memorable.

Our deepest thanks go to our esteemed partners — the Regional Council, the Departmental Council, the City of Reims, Mizuno, Crédit Agricole, and the Grand Est Judo League — for their unwavering support. This event would not have been possible without their generous contributions.

Benoît FORTHOFFER
President
Comité Marne Judo



EVENTS DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND HERE: www.ijf.org/competition/3042

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
23	20 March 2025	Visa application (with passport photocopies)*
12	31 March 2025	Hotel final reservation and full payment
12	31 March 2025 (23:59 CET)	Full refund in case of hotel cancellation
12	31 March 2025	Airport transfer request
7	05 April 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 (competition.marne.judo@gmail.com).

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



4. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Name	Comite Marne Judo
Address/telephone number	7 rue du commerce, 51100 Reims, France / +33 6 76 20 65 54
Website	www.marne-judo.ffjudo.com
Email	competition.marne.judo@gmail.com

5. LOC EVENT CONTACTS

Accommodation	Comite Marne Judo	competition.marne.judo@gmail.com	+33 6 76 20 65 54
General Enquiries	Comite Marne Judo	competition.marne.judo@gmail.com	+33 6 76 20 65 54
Transport	Comite Marne Judo	competition.marne.judo@gmail.com	+33 6 30 19 88 17
Training	Comite Marne Judo	competition.marne.judo@gmail.com	+33 6 76 20 65 54
Visa	Comite Marne Judo	competition.marne.judo@gmail.com	+33 6 76 20 65 54
Emergency (24 hours, English-speaking)	Comite Marne Judo	competition.marne.judo@gmail.com	+33 6 76 20 65 54

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USE ONLY THE EMAIL ADDRESSES FROM THE OFFICIAL OUTLINES.**

6. COMPETITION VENUE

Name	Complexe Rene Tys
Address	Avenue Paul Marchandeanu, 51100 Reims, France
Website	N/A
Seats for spectators	2,000
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://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/your-arrival-in-france>

Complete the form	Kata World Series Reims 2025 Form Visa		
Deadline	20 March 2025		
Visa contact	Mr Thimothé Baroudel	international@ffjudo.com	+33 1 40 52 16 35



8. PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Friday 11 April 2025	All day	Arrivals of the participants and judges	
	10:00 - 16:00	Accreditation for judges and participants	Complexe Rene Tys
	16:30	Judges meeting	Complexe Rene Tys
	19:00	Draw	Online
	14:00 - 18:00	Warm-up	Complexe Rene Tys
Saturday 12 April 2025	08:30	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 Rene Tys
	1h00 after preliminaries	Finals (senior & U21)	Complexe Rene Tys
Sunday 13 April 2025	All day	Departures	

9. TRANSPORT

Transfer from/to Paris Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) to/from the hotel on request at a cost of 30 euros per person one way.

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	Paris Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG)		
Deadline	31 March 2025		
Transport contact	Comite Marne Judo	competition.marne.judo@gmail.com	+33 6 76 20 65 54



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 Rene Tys		
Address	Avenue Paul Marchandeu, 51100 Reims, France		
Training dates and times	Friday 11 April 2025 14:30-19:00		
Contact	Comite Marne Judo	competition.marne.judo@gmail.com	+33 6 30 19 88 17

11. ACCOMMODATION

Delegations can optionally book their accommodation through the LOC.

Deadline final reservation and full payment	31 March 2025		
Accommodation contact	Comite Marne Judo	competition.marne.judo@gmail.com	+33 6 76 20 65 54

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	Novotel Tiqueux ****		
Address	Route de Soisson, 51430 Tiqueux, France		
Phone	+33 6 76 20 65 54		
Website	https://novotel-reims-tiqueux.com/fr/		
Price per person per night	Please contact the LOC (competition.marne.judo@gmail.com)		



DELEGATION HOTELS

The following packages are available in the delegation hotels:

Bed and breakfast includes breakfast at the hotel.

CATEGORY A - Ibis Reims Tinquex	
Address	Route de Soisson, 51430 Tinquex
Phone	+33 6 76 20 65 54
Website	https://all.com
Check-in time	12:00
Check-out time	12:00
Early check-in / Late check-out	No
Air-conditioning	Yes
Gym	No
Wi-Fi	Yes
Room service	Yes
A La Carte restaurant	Yes
Food delivery allowed	No

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

CATEGORY A - Ibis Reims Tinquex	Bed & breakfast
Single	125
Twin	70
Deposit required by hotel at check-in	No

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport - Paris Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG)	130	01:45
Training venue	2	00:10
Accreditation	2	00:10
Sport hall	2	00:10



CATEGORY B - Ibis Budget Reims Thillois	
Address	Parc Millesime, RN 31, 51370 Thillois, France
Phone	+33 6 76 20 65 54
Website	N/A
Check-in time	12:00
Check-out time	12:00
Early check-in / Late check-out	No
Air-conditioning	Yes
Gym	No
Wi-Fi	Yes
Room service	No
A La Carte restaurant	No
Food delivery allowed	No

All prices are per person per night in: euro

CATEGORY B - Ibis Budget Reims Thillois	Bed & breakfast
Single	110
Twin	62,50
Deposit required by hotel at check-in	No

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport - Paris Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG)	130	01:45
Training venue	2	00:10
Accreditation	2	00:10
Sport hall	2	00:10



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	Comite Marne Judo
Bank Name	Credit Agricole
Bank Address	Place du forum, 51100 Reims, France
IBAN	FR76 1020 6000 8798 7927 5567 449
SWIFT/BIC Code	AGRIFRPP802
Payment Reference	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 12 days before start of competition	31 March 2025 (23:59 CET)



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, 6th 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.



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://forms.gle/A4Wu5Vtxpd41RbAc9>

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.



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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