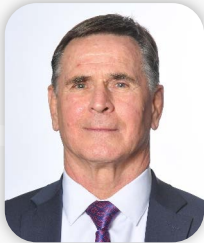


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The years 2023 and 2024 were pivotal in the Olympic qualification process, marked by heightened competition and exceptional performances. These years showcased extraordinary judo, with events reaching outstanding levels of skill and delivering a superior standard of organisation and excellence.

The year 2023 ran smoothly, with all planned competitions proceeding as scheduled. Additionally, the IJF organised a full roster of World Championships successfully, across various age groups: senior, junior, cadet, veterans and kata.

2023	Athletes	Men	Women	Nations
Doha World Judo Championships Individuals	657	343	314	99
Doha World Judo Championships Mixed Teams	166	85	81	18
Zagreb World Championships Cadets Individuals	576	316	260	64
Zagreb World Championships Cadets Mixed Teams	166	86	80	17
Odivelas World Championships Juniors Individuals	541	294	247	68
Odivelas World Championships Juniors Mixed Teams	158	80	78	15
Abu Dhabi World Championships Kata	288	208	80	35
Abu Dhabi World Championships Veterans	973	852	121	63

In 2023, apart from the world championships, the IJF organised 15 other World Judo Tour (WJT) events successfully, including 1 World Judo Masters, 10 grand slams and 4 grand prix.

The year 2024 ran smoothly, with all planned competitions proceeding as scheduled, including upgrades such as transitioning certain events from grand prix to grand slam (TJK). Additionally, the IJF organised a full roster of world championships successfully, across various age groups: senior, junior, cadet, veterans and kata.



2024	Athletes	Men	Women	Nations
Abu Dhabi World Championships Seniors Individuals	658	349	309	107
Abu Dhabi World Championships Seniors Mixed Teams	136	71	65	13
Dushanbe World Championships Juniors Individuals	531	290	241	67
Dushanbe World Championships Juniors Mixed Teams	174	90	84	15
Lima World Championships Cadets Individuals	403	223	180	48
Lima World Championships Cadets Mixed Teams	68	34	34	6
Las Vegas World Championships Veterans	1132	959	173	67
Las Vegas World Championships Kata	282	196	86	32

In 2024, the year of the Olympic Games, the IJF organised 13 World Judo Tour (WJT) events successfully in addition to the Olympic Games and World Championships. These included 10 grand slams and 3 grand prix.

Paris Olympic Games 2024

The Olympic qualification process began in June 2022 and concluded in June 2024. The Paris 2024 Olympic Games were a resounding success, not only because of the universality of judo, which once again ranked as the 3rd highest Olympic sport in terms of participating nations and its gender-equal qualification system, but also due to an historic milestone: the participation of 19 teams in the mixed team competition, including a refugee team that continues to receive strong support from the IJF. Additionally, medals were awarded to athletes from 26 different nations, highlighting judo's global appeal and inclusivity.

2024	Athletes	Men	Women	Nations
Olympic Games Paris 2024	378	192	186	122
Olympic Games Paris 2024 Mixed Teams	181	93	88	19

Paralympic Games Paris 2024

2024	Athletes	Men	Women	Nations
Paralympic Games Paris 2024	146	78	68	43



Currently, in the World Ranking List (WRL) we have **10291 judoka** from **177 nations**, all of whom are eligible to compete in events through the 2025–2028 Olympic cycle. This marks a broad and inclusive pool of athletes preparing for the upcoming Olympic qualification period.

We will continue the IJF refugee project with the goal of having refugee athletes participate in the competitions for the 2028 Los Angeles (LA) Olympic Games.

The Sport Commission, in collaboration with the IJF Education and Coaching Commission, continues to enhance its support for athletes and coaches. This commitment has driven several key adjustments for the 2025–2028 cycle, aimed at improving services and ensuring a more streamlined and effective qualification process for the Olympic Games. These adjustments are designed to align with the needs of the global judo community better and provide stronger support as we head towards Los Angeles 2028.

The Olympic qualification will have the duration of two (2) years. Only the six (6) best results from each Olympic Games qualification period will be counted, divided into 50% and 100% phases. Our aim is to conclude the Olympic Qualification process at the 2028 World Championships.

Below are the participation points for WRL events in the upcoming cycle, along with the corresponding adjustments:

	<u>Continental Opens</u>	<u>Continental Championships</u>	<u>Junior World Championships</u>	<u>Grand Prix</u>	<u>Grand Slam</u>	<u>Masters</u>	<u>World Championships</u>	<u>Olympic Games</u>
1st place	100	800	700	700	1000	1800	2000	2200
2nd place	70	560	490	490	700	1260	1400	1540
3rd place	50	400	350	350	500	900	1000	1100
5th place	36	288	252	252	360	648	720	792
7th place	26	208	182	182	260	468	520	572
9th place (1/16)	16	128	112	112	160	288	320	352
17th place (1/32)	12	96	84	84	120	216	240	264
1 contest won	10	80	70	70	100		200	
Participation	2	6	6	6	10	100	20	

The host nation for the senior world championships will be granted wild cards, which will not affect their federation quota (this rule is already in place for junior and cadet world championships).

For the athlete draws, the introduction of the IF1, IF2, IF3, etc. categories will allow the separation of athletes based on their territory. This system will also apply to the assignment of referees. Finally, eight (8) mixed teams will be seeded at IJF events, including the Olympic Games.

We are grateful to and would like to thank to all national federations, organisers, IJF colleagues from all commissions and all the IJF Executive Committee members for their continued collaboration and support.