

## KATA COMMISSION



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### World Kata Championships 2023

**Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Participants: 142 pairs from 35 nations

EJU = 21 nations (91 pairs) - PJC = 4 nations (13 pairs) - JUA = 8 nations (31 pairs)

AJU = 1 nation = (3 pairs) - OJU = 1 nation = (4 pairs).

20% increase in participation compared with the previous edition (Krakow: 118 pairs - Abu Dhabi: 142 pairs).

This year, Ju-no-kata was added to the U23 age group, with 7 pairs from 6 nations. In Katame-no-kata, participation increased in the U23 age group (from 4 to 9 pairs). Total increase in the U23 age group was from 18 to 30 pairs (Nage-no-kata, Katame-no-kata and Ju-no-kata).

IJF kata judge exam: 11 candidates passed in 2023 (5 EJU, 1 PJC, 5 JUA). Of the 40 tests carried out, 30 passed and 10 failed.

### World Kata Championships 2024

**Las Vegas, United States of America, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Participants: 129 pairs from 30 nations

EJU = 19 nations (81 pairs) - PJC = 3 nations (19 pairs) - JUA = 4 nations (23 pairs)

AJU = 1 nation (1 pair) - OJU = 2 nations (5 pairs).

Slight drop in participation compared with the previous edition (Abu Dhabi: 142 pairs - Las Vegas: 129 pairs).

For this edition, there was no significant increase in U23 participation : 30 pairs in 2023 vs 31 pairs in 2024.

IJF kata judge exam: in 2024, 16 candidates passed the exam (6 EJU, 9 PJC, 1 JUA). Of the 63 exams taken, 51 passed and 12 failed.

Appointment of Raül Camacho as Sport Director in 2023.

Appointment of Jean-Luc Rouge as Chair and Franco Capelletti as Honorary in 2025.



JUDO KATA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates 28-29 October 2023										
Position	Flag	Country	Medals	Finals	Participation	1	2	3	4	5
1		JPN	5	5	5	4	1			
2		IRI	3	5	10	2		1	2	
3		KOR	2	3	4	1	1		1	
4		SLO	2	2	4	1		1		
5		GER	2	2	11		2			
6		FRA	2	7	9		1	1		4
7		COL	2	3	4		1	1		1
8		ITA	1	6	13		1		4	1
9		VIE	1	1	4		1			
10		NED	1	4	8			1		2
11		ESP	1	3	7			1		2
12		ROU	1	1	2			1		
12		HKG	1	2	5			1		
14		BEL		1	2				1	
15		POR		1	1					1
16		ISR		2	3					2
17		CAN		1	7					1
18		ALG			3					
18		AUS			4					
18		AUT			3					
18		AZE			3					
18		BIH			1					
18		BRA			1					
18		CRO			4					
18		CZE			1					
18		GBR			1					
18		HUN			3					
18		KSA			1					
18		LUX			4					
18		POL			8					
18		SUI			2					
18		SWE			1					
18		THA			1					
18		UAE			1					
18		USA			1					

JUDO KATA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Las Vegas United States of America 9-10 November 2024										
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1		JPN	4	4	6	4				
2		ESP	4	7	9	1	3		3	
3		ITA	4	7	13	1	3		1	2
4		GER	3	4	10	1		2		1
5		NED	2	2	10	1		1		
6		FRA	3	8	8		1	2	2	2
7		SLO	1	1	3		1			
8		VIE	1	2	6			1	1	
9		BEL	1	1	1			1		
9		ROU	1	1	1			1		
11		KOR		4	6				1	2
12		HUN		1	3					1
13		AUS		1	4					1
13		AUT		1	3					1
13		CAN		1	10					1
13		HKG		1	5					1
13		POR		1	1					1
13		RSA		1	1					1
19		AZE			3					
19		BIH			1					
19		BRA			1					
19		CRO			2					
19		GBR			3					
19		LUX			3					
19		NZL			1					
19		POL			4					
19		SUI			2					
19		SVK			1					
19		USA			9					

## Competition

- The rules for evaluating kata in competition have been revised and corrected. They were published in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese in January 2024.
- IJF computer equipment purchase for competitions.
- A circuit of kata tournaments was established, the "Kata World Series", the first of which was held on 8th March 2025 in Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium, the second on 12th April 2025 in Reims, France. Objective: 3 to 5 tournaments per year in Europe and an additional 1 per continent.
- From 2025:
  - The introduction of a ranking list.
  - Change of age group from U23 to U21.
  - Addition of Koshiki-no-kata and Itsutsu-no-kata for 6th dan and above (tori).
  - Senior and U21 athletes will be able to participate in 2 kata.
  - Increased participation quota per nation (3 pairs per kata).

## Pedagogy

- Publication on the IJF website of reference documents published by the Kodokan on the teaching of Koshiki-no-kata and Itsutsu-no-kata.
- Updated list of IJF and continental kata judges.
- Kata course held in the Dominican Republic.
- Kata and judge training course held in Latvia.

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