

INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION



EVENT OUTLINES

GIJON
IJF KATA WORLD SERIES
25 January 2026
#JudoKata
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Dear judo family,

Following a successful first year of the IJF Kata World Series, beginning in Louvain-la-Neuve in March 2025, we are proud to be continuing our journey with the first event of 2026 being hosted by the Royal Spanish Judo Federation in Gijon.

There has been a great deal of development within our IJF kata community and I am delighted to introduce a new under 18 age group for nage-no-kata, katame-no-kata and ju-no-kata, bringing tradition and youth together in the perfect way to ensure a vibrant future for kata around the world.

I wish to thank the Spanish organisers for their diligence, inclusivity and progressive thinking. The work undertaken to ensure the level of both organisation and performance in Gijon is valuable and important.

I welcome our whole judo family to Gijon for this exciting moment in world kata history.

Yours in judo,

Marius L. VIZER
President
International Judo Federation



Dear Judo Family,

It is an honour and a great source of pride for Spain to host, for the very first time in our country, the IJF Kata World Series on 24 and 25 January 2026, in the welcoming city of Gijón. This long-awaited event brings together the world's most skilled judoka in the art of kata, where precision, harmony, and fidelity to the founding values of our discipline are showcased at the highest level.

Celebrating this inaugural edition in Spain represents an important milestone for our Federation and for all those who, year after year, contribute to the growth of kata at national and international levels: clubs, coaches, referees, volunteers, and athletes whose dedication and passion continue to elevate our standards.

Our most sincere thanks go to the city of Gijón, its authorities, local partners, and all members of the organising committee for embracing this challenge with enthusiasm and professionalism. We also extend our gratitude to the International Judo Federation and its President, Mr. Marius Vizer, for the trust placed in Spain to host this prestigious event.

To all competitors and delegations travelling from around the world, we wish you an enriching experience, full of learning, friendship, and high-level performance on the tatami. May this edition be remembered for its spirit of unity, excellence, and respect — the very pillars on which Jigoro Kano built our art.

Welcome to Gijón, welcome to Spain, and best wishes for success!

Juan Carlos BARCOS
President
Royal Spanish Judo Federation



EVENTS DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND HERE: www.ijf.org/competition/3200

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
22	03 January 2026	Visa application (with passport photocopies)*
22	03 January 2026	Hotel final reservation and full payment
22	03 January 2026 (23:59 CET)	Full refund in case of hotel cancellation
15	10 January 2026	Payment of entry fee
8	17 January 2026	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 (kataspain@rfejudo.es).

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.

Entries	Price
Kata World Series competition	80 euros per athlete

To register it is mandatory to fill in the form <https://forms.gle/wbAYZfjLzdFXoYMA8> and to request the reference number to the LOC by email kataspain@rfejudo.es

All entry fees are non-refundable and must be paid by **10 January 2026**.



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4. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Name	Royal Spanish Judo Federation
Address/telephone number	Calle Ferraz nº 16, 7º Izqda. C.P. 28008 Madrid, Spain / +34 915594876
Website	www.rfejudo.com
Email	kataspain@rfejudo.es

5. LOC EVENT CONTACTS

Accommodation	Ms Carmen Calvo	kataspain@rfejudo.es	+34 685830542
General Enquiries	Ms Carmen Calvo	kataspain@rfejudo.es	+34 685830542
Transport	Ms Virginia Perez	kataspain@rfejudo.es	+34 655959502
Training	TBC	kataspain@rfejudo.es	TBC
Visa	Ms Carmen Calvo	kataspain@rfejudo.es	+34 685830542
Emergency (24 hours, English-speaking)	Ms Carmen Calvo	kataspain@rfejudo.es	+34 685830542

**PAY ATTENTION TO FRAUDULENT EMAILS.
USE ONLY THE EMAIL ADDRESSES FROM THE OFFICIAL OUTLINES.**

6. COMPETITION VENUE

Name	Polideportivo Hermanos Entrerríos
Address	Avenida del Llano-71-Gijón, Spain
Website	N/A
Seats for spectators	1,000
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://www.exteriores.gob.es/Embajadas/seul/en/ServiciosConsulares/Paginas/Consular/Visados-nacionales-Informacion-general.aspx>

Complete the form	Kata WS Gijon 2026 Form Visa		
Deadline	03 January 2026		
Visa contact	Ms Carmen Calvo	kataspain@rfejudo.es	+34 685830542

8. PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Saturday 24 January 2026	All day	Arrivals of the participants and judges	
	10:00 - 16:00	Accreditation for judges and participants	Abba Playa Gijon Hotel
	16:30	Judges kata seminar (mandatory for all judges and candidates)	Polideportivo Hermanos Entrerríos
	17:30 - 19:00	Examination for new IJF kata judges	Polideportivo Hermanos Entrerríos
	19:30	Draw	Online
Sunday 25 January 2026	09:30	Preliminaries Nage-no-kata (U18, U21 & senior) Katame-no-kata (U18, U21 & senior) Ju-no-kata (U18, U21 & senior) Kime-no-Kata (senior) Kodokan Goshin-jutsu (senior) Itsutsu-no-kata (senior) Koshiki-no-kata (senior)	Polideportivo Hermanos Entrerríos
	TBC	Finals (U18, U21 & senior)	Polideportivo Hermanos Entrerríos
Monday 26 January 2026	All day	Departures	

9. TRANSPORT

Transfer from/to Oviedo Airport (OVD) to/from the hotel on request at a cost of 50 euros per person one way.

NO services will be provided by the organisers for delegations are not accommodated in the official hotels.

Contact the LOC if you wish to request a transfer			
Airport	Oviedo Airport (OVD)		
Deadline	03 January 2026		
Transport contact	Ms Virginia Perez	kataspain@rfejudo.es	+34 655959502



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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	Polideportivo Hermanos Entrerríos		
Address	Avenida del Llano-71-Gijón, Spain		
Training dates and times	24 January 2026 16:00 - 19:30		
Contact	TBC	kataspain@rfejudo.es	TBC

11. ACCOMMODATION

Delegations can optionally book their accommodation through the LOC.

Deadline final reservation and full payment	03 January 2026		
Accommodation contact	Ms Carmen Calvo	kataspain@rfejudo.es	+34 685830542

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	Abba Playa Gijon ****
Address	Paseo Dr. Fleming, 37, Periurbano - Rural, 33203 Gijón, Spain
Phone	+34 985 00 00 00
Website	www.abbahoteles.com
Price per person per night	Please contact the LOC (kataspain@rfejudo.es)



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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 - Abba Playa Gijon ****	
Address	Paseo Dr. Fleming, 37, Periurbano - Rural, 33203 Gijón, Spain
Phone	+34 985 00 00 00
Website	www.abbahoteles.com
Check-in time	13:00
Check-out time	12:00
Early check-in / Late check-out	Yes, with extra cost
Air-conditioning	Yes
Gym	Yes
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 - Abba Playa Gijon ****	Bed & breakfast
Single	130
Twin	80
Deposit required by hotel at check-in	No

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport - Oviedo Airport (OVD)	45,7	00:32
Training venue	2,9	00:07
Accreditation	Same place	Same place
Sport hall	2,9	00:07



PAYMENT

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

Beneficiary's Name	Royal Spanish Judo Federation
Bank Name	LA CAIXA
Bank Address	C/Paseo de la Castellana,51 PL3 CP.28046, Madrid Office Number: 5731
IBAN	ES54 2100 6322 1202 0004 5632
SWIFT/BIC Code	CAIXESBBXXX
Payment Reference	Kata + Reference Number (you will received this number after contacting kataspain@rfejudo.es)

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 22 days before start of competition	03 January 2026 (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 B1.3 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

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

Athletes can participate 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.

Seniors group:

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



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A pair can do the following kata: nage-no-kata, katame-no-kata, ju-no-kata, Kodokan goshin-jutsu, kime-no-kata, itsutsu-no-kata and koshiki-no-kata.

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

For itsutsu-no-kata and koshiki-no-kata, tori must be 6th dan and up and uke must be at least black belt.

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 calendar year of the competition. They shall have a minimum of 1st kyu.

A pair can do the following kata: nage-no-kata, katame-no-kata and ju-no-kata.

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

U18 group:

For the U18 age group both tori and uke must be under 18 years old and at least 15 years old in the calendar year of the competition and shall have a minimum of 3rd kyu (green belt).

A pair can do the following kata: nage-no-kata (first 3 sets), katame-no-kata and ju-no-kata. The role of tori and uke will be decided randomly at the draw. Athletes should prepare to do either role in nage-no-kata.

U18 athlete can participate for his second kata in the junior or senior division in a different kata than the one performed in U18. The nage-no-kata 5 sets is considered a different kata than the nage-no-kata 3 sets.

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 (6) 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 (9) 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 B1.4 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.



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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 B1.12 IJF Judogi Rules.

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 B1.5 Ranking.

COACHING

Coaches will be admitted, but coaching is not allowed.

JUDGES EXAMINATION

The IJF Kata Commission will organise a judge examination on Saturday 24 January 2026 at 17:30.

The cost is USD 50 per exam. An invoice will be sent to the candidate following the exams.

Registration link : https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqGDKYqT5wfacZiJxl9akG_wtc04owcLxoi23n0XyOfKIEw/viewform

JUDGES AND THE SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Please refer to the IJF **SOR** Appendix B1.7 Judges and the System of Judging.

The contests will be judged by IJF and Continental qualified kata 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 for world championships or 8 m x 8 m for other events and shall be covered by tatami. Two strips of visible white adhesive tape, 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. The IJF Kata Commission Chair or his representative can modify the competition area dimension.

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 B1.11 Medical Situation.



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