

INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION



# KATA WORLD SERIES



## EVENT OUTLINES

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

7 March 2026

**#JudoKata**

(Version 2 February 2026)





# Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

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@MariusVizer

Dear judo family,

It is with great pleasure that, following a whole successful first year of the IJF Kata World Series, we return to where it all began: Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, on 7th March 2026.

There has been a great deal of development and education within our IJF kata community and these events have already become an unmissable part of our schedule. Kata practitioners from around the world now have regular opportunities to meet, to exchange and to compete, fuelling consistently high standards within the discipline.

The steady resurgence of kata activities across all continents has given rise to record numbers of competitors, as seen at the 2025 World Kata Championships in Paris. Kata's cross-generational arena has taken centre-stage, proving that even in competition at the highest level, judo carries its values and demonstrates an inclusive community which is so much more than sport.

Thank you to the Belgian Federation and the Wallonia Brussels Federation for their passionate work, friendship and continued guidance; their expertise is invaluable.

Yours in judo,

**Marius L. VIZER**  
**President**  
**International Judo Federation**



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Dear Judo Friends,

On behalf of Judo Belgium, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the second edition of the IJF Kata Tournament, taking place on March 7, 2026, in the dynamic and welcoming city of Louvain-la-Neuve. After the success of last year's inaugural event, we are proud to continue building a strong tradition of kata excellence in Belgium.

This year's tournament once again brings together exceptional practitioners from across the world. Their presence highlights not only the technical mastery of kata but also its deep cultural and educational significance within our sport. Judo Belgium, together with our dedicated organizing team, is committed to offering an event that reflects the values of respect, precision, and harmony that lie at the heart of judo.

As president of Judo Belgium, I am proud of the continued efforts made by our federation to strengthen and promote all dimensions of judo. The 2026 IJF Kata Tournament is a new milestone in our mission to support the growth of kata, inspire athletes of all ages, and foster international exchange within the judo community.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the International Judo Federation for their trust and support, as well as to the local authorities, volunteers, and sponsors whose contributions make this event possible. Together, we strive to deliver a memorable tournament that celebrates both the artistry and the discipline that define kata.

We look forward to welcoming you once again to Louvain-la-Neuve, where you will enjoy not only a high-level sporting event but also the warmth and hospitality that Belgium is known for.

Best regards,

**Peter VERMEIR**  
**President**  
**Judo Belgium**



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EVENTS DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND HERE: [www.ijf.org/competition/3201](http://www.ijf.org/competition/3201)

### 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.

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### 2. DEADLINES FOR DELEGATIONS

**PLEASE RESPECT ALL DEADLINES AND RULES DETAILED IN THESE OUTLINES.**

Days before Competition day	Deadline	Action
21	14 February 2026	Visa application (with passport photocopies)*
15	20 February 2026	Hotel final reservation and full payment
15	20 February 2026 (23:59 CET)	Full refund in case of hotel cancellation
7	28 February 2026	Event inscription ( <b>Judobase</b> )

\*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](mailto:registration@ijf.org)) and the LOC ([events@judowb.be](mailto: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.

Entries	Price
Kata World Series competition	80 euros per athlete

**All entry fees are non-refundable.**



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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	<a href="http://www.judowb.be">www.judowb.be</a>		
Email	<a href="mailto:events@judowb.be">events@judowb.be</a>		

### 5. LOC EVENT CONTACTS

Accommodation	Mr Frédéric GEORGERY	<a href="mailto:info@judowb.be">info@judowb.be</a>	+32 471 80 85 82
General Enquiries	Mr Frédéric GEORGERY	<a href="mailto:info@judowb.be">info@judowb.be</a>	+32 471 80 85 82
Transport	Mr Nolan DI SIMONE	<a href="mailto:events@judowb.be">events@judowb.be</a>	+32 470 99 48 39
Training	Mr Nolan DI SIMONE	<a href="mailto:events@judowb.be">events@judowb.be</a>	+32 470 99 48 39
Visa	Mr Nolan DI SIMONE	<a href="mailto:events@judowb.be">events@judowb.be</a>	+32 470 99 48 39
Emergency (24 hours, English-speaking)	Mr Nolan DI SIMONE	<a href="mailto:events@judowb.be">events@judowb.be</a>	+32 470 99 48 39

**PAY ATTENTION TO FRAUDULENT EMAILS.  
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	<a href="http://www.csblocky.be">www.csblocky.be</a>		
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>

Deadline	14 February 2026		
Visa contact	Mr Nolan DI SIMONE	<a href="mailto:events@judowb.be">events@judowb.be</a>	+32 470 99 48 39



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### 8. PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Friday 06 March 2026	All day	Arrivals of the participants and judges	
	10:00 - 16:00	Accreditation for judges and participants	Ibis Styles LouvainLa-Neuve
	16:30	Judges meeting (in judogi)	Complexe Sportif de Blocry
	17:30	Examination for new IJF kata judges	Complexe Sportif de Blocry
	19:00	Draw	Online
	19:00 - 21:00	Warm-up	Complexe Sportif de Blocry
Saturday 07 March 2026	08:00	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)	Complexe Sportif de Blocry
	TBC (1 hour after the end of the preliminaries)	Finals (U18, U21 & senior)	Complexe Sportif de Blocry
Sunday 08 March 2026	09:00 - 12:00	Kata training camp	
	All day	Departures	

### 9. TRANSPORT

Transfer from/to Brussels International Airport (BRU) to/from the competition venue on request.

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			
Complete the form	<a href="https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pg52dfAsEU6jdYDK3qDf7ZgsT4XityxNtFnbCp_WtCxUMERDWFpKVkpCM0FCRFAxMIZUSEpWU0VHOC4u">https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pg52dfAsEU6jdYDK3qDf7ZgsT4XityxNtFnbCp_WtCxUMERDWFpKVkpCM0FCRFAxMIZUSEpWU0VHOC4u</a>		
Airport	Brussels International Airport (BRU)		
Deadline	21 February 2026		
Transport contact	Mr Nolan DI SIMONE	events@judowb.be	+32 470 99 48 39



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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 06 March 2026 19:00-21:00		
Contact	Mr Nolan DI SIMONE	<a href="mailto:events@judowb.be">events@judowb.be</a>	+32 470 99 48 39

### 11. ACCOMMODATION

Delegations can optionally book their accommodation through the LOC.

Complete the form	<a href="https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pg52dfAsEU6jdYDK3qDf7ZgsT4XityxNtFnbCp_WtCxUMDRPOVE2WlpKQkdDWDXIT1A0TEUxVVNFRS4u">https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pg52dfAsEU6jdYDK3qDf7ZgsT4XityxNtFnbCp_WtCxUMDRPOVE2WlpKQkdDWDXIT1A0TEUxVVNFRS4u</a>		
Deadline final reservation and full payment	21 February 2026		
Accommodation contact	Mr Frédéric GEORGERY	<a href="mailto:info@judowb.be">info@judowb.be</a>	+32 471 80 85 82

### 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	<a href="http://www.martinshotels.com">www.martinshotels.com</a>		
Price per person per night	Please contact the LOC ( <a href="mailto:events@judowb.be">events@judowb.be</a> )		



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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	<a href="https://all.accor.com/">https://all.accor.com/</a>
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	No

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 Airport (BRU)	38	00:40
Training venue	1,5	00:05
Accreditation	Same place	Same place
Sport hall	1,5	00:05



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### PAYMENT

**PAY ATTENTION TO FRAUDULENT EMAILS!  
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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:

<b>Beneficiary's Name</b>	Judo Wallonie Bruxelles
<b>Bank Name</b>	BNP PARIBAS FORTIS
<b>Bank Address</b>	Montagne du Parc 3 – 1000 Bruxelles
<b>IBAN</b>	BE83 2500 0678 3015
<b>SWIFT/BIC Code</b>	GEBABEBB (BIC)
<b>Payment Reference</b>	Kata Louvain WS 2026 - Belgium

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.

<b>If rooms are cancelled the LOC has the right to charge as follows:</b>	
<b>No refund, 100% of the hotel costs must be paid from 15 days before start of competition</b>	20 February 2026 (23:59 CET)



## 12. GENERAL INFORMATION

### INSURANCE

Please refer to IJF **SOR** 1.3 Insurance and Civil Liability.

### 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](mailto: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

Participants must be a minimum of 15 years of age in the calendar year of the competition. They shall have a minimum of 1<sup>st</sup> dan for seniors age group. For the U21 age group both tori and uke must be under 21 years old in the calendar year of the competition and shall have a minimum of 1<sup>st</sup> kyu. For the U18 age group both tori and uke must be under 18 years old in the calendar year of the competition and shall have a minimum of 3<sup>rd</sup> kyu (green belt).

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

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

#### Seniors group:

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 6<sup>th</sup> dan and up and uke must be at least black belt.



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### **U21 group:**

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

### **U18 group:**

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

### **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. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>      B 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>

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

A 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>      B 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>      C 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>

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](http://www.ijf.org/supplier-list).

### **SEWING SERVICE**

No sewing service will be provided.



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### 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 Friday 06 March 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/1FAIpQLSfqGDKYqT5wfacZijxI9akG\\_wtc04owcLxoi23n0XyOfkIew/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqGDKYqT5wfacZijxI9akG_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.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pg52dfAsEU6jdYDK3qDf7ZgsT4XityxNtFnbCp\\_WtCxUREJOVEFFNjBKRVo1OUtTODBWSE4yNIZSWi4u](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pg52dfAsEU6jdYDK3qDf7ZgsT4XityxNtFnbCp_WtCxUREJOVEFFNjBKRVo1OUtTODBWSE4yNIZSWi4u)

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, 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. The IJF Kata Commission Chair or his representative can modify the competition area dimension.



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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 B1.11 Medical Situation.

### KATA TRAINING CAMP

A training camp will be organised on Sunday 8 March 2026 from 09:00 to 12:00 and from 13:00 to 15:00. The training camp will include sessions for Katame-no-kata and Kodokan-goshin-jutsu.

Participation fees: 50€.



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