

INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION



**KATA
WORLD
SERIES**

EVENT OUTLINES

**LAVAL, CANADA
IJF KATA WORLD SERIES**

4 July 2026

#JudoKata

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Dear judo family,

It is with great pleasure that we see the development of activity within our kata community now take the Kata World Series outside Europe for the first time. Successful, growing events across Europe, always attended by the Canadian kata teams, have led to the Canadian Judo Federation to take up the mantle. In Eastern Canada, just north of Montreal, Laval will be the host town for the Kata World Series in July 2026, coinciding with Canada Day celebrations.

This is a big step in the IJF Kata Commission development strategy and is set to become an unmissable part of our schedule. Kata practitioners from around the world now have the opportunity to meet, to exchange and to compete in Pan-America, at the highest level, fuelling further development of the discipline globally.

Thank you to the Canadian Judo Federation for their vision, energy and friendship at this important time; we know we are in safe hands. Welcome to Laval; welcome to Canada; welcome back to the IJF Kata World Series.

Yours in judo,

Marius L. VIZER
President
International Judo Federation



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Dear Judokas,

On behalf of Judo Canada, we are pleased to invite you to the IJF World Series of Kata 2026, which will take place in Laval, Québec, Canada, on July 4–5, 2026.

This prestigious event, sanctioned by the International Judo Federation, will bring together top kata practitioners from around the world to compete in a spirit of excellence, precision, and respect for the traditions of judo.

We look forward to welcoming you to Laval and witnessing your dedication to the art of kata. We wish all athletes, coaches, and officials a successful and memorable event.

May this competition inspire continued excellence and foster lasting connections within the international judo community.

We look forward to seeing you in Canada.

Kind regards,

Donna HANSON
President
Judo Canada

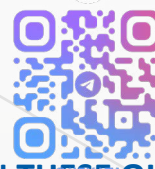


EVENTS DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND HERE: www.ijf.org/competition/3219

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 and the IJF Sport and Organisation Rules (**SOR**). 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
21	10 June 2026	Visa application (with passport photocopies)*
15	15 June 2026	Hotel final reservation and full payment
15	19 June 2026 (23:59 CET)	Full refund in case of hotel cancellation
7	27 June 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 (judoksdk.eve@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.

Entries	Price
Kata World Series competition	80 USD per athlete

All entry fees are non-refundable.



4. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Name	Club de Judo Kyo Shi Do Kan de Laval
Address/telephone number	752, rue de la Joie, Laval, H7A 3Z3, Canada / +1-514-963-6641
Website	www.judolaval.com
Email	judoksdk.eve@gmail.com

5. LOC EVENT CONTACTS

Accommodation	Ms Sylvie Lamontagne	judoksdk.eve@gmail.com	+1-514-963-6641
General Enquiries	Mr Gérald Poirier Mr Patrick Roffi	geraldpoirier2311@gmail.com judoksdk.eve@gmail.com	+1-514-686-0129 +1-514-773-4264
Training	Mr Patrick Roffi	judoksdk.eve@gmail.com	+1-514-773-4264
Visa	Ms Sylvie Lamontagne	judoksdk.eve@gmail.com	+1-514-963-6641
Emergency (24 hours, English-speaking)	Ms Sylvie Lamontagne	judoksdk.eve@gmail.com	+1-514-963-6641

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

6. COMPETITION VENUE

Name	Collège Montmorency
Address	475, Boulevard de l'Avenir, Laval, QC, H7N 5H9
Website	www.cmontmorency.qc.ca
Seats for spectators	400
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:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/visa.asp>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta.html>

Deadline	10 June 2026		
Visa contact	Ms Sylvie Lamontagne	judoksdk.eve@gmail.com	+1-514-963-6641



8. PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Friday 03 July 2026	All day	Arrivals of the participants and judges	
	10:00 - 16:00	Accreditation for judges and participants	Courtyard Laval
	16:30 - 17:30	Examination for new IJF kata judges	
	17:30 - 18:30	Judges meeting (no judogi)	
	19:00	Draw	Online
	18:30 - 22:00	Warm-up	Collège Montmorency
Saturday 04 July 2026	TBC	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)	Collège Montmorency
	TBC (1 hour after the end of the preliminaries)	Finals (U18, U21 & senior)	
Sunday 05 July 2026	09:00 - 13:00	Kata training camp	Collège Montmorency
	All day	Departures	

9. TRANSPORT

Transport is NOT provided by the LOC.

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	CÉGEP Montmorency		
Address	475, Boul de l'Avenir, Laval, H7N 5H9		
Training dates and times	Friday 03 July 2026 18:30-22:00		
Contact	Mr Patrick Roffi	judoksdk.eve@gmail.com	+1-514-773-4264



11. ACCOMMODATION

Delegations can optionally book their accommodation through the LOC.

Use the link	https://www.marriott.com/fr/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1770863391064&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true&app=resvlink		
Deadline final reservation and full payment	15 June 2026		
Accommodation contact	Ms Sylvie Lamontagne	judoksdk.eve@gmail.com	+1-514-963-6641

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	Marriott Courtyard Montréal Laval
Address	500, rue Lucien Paiement, Laval, QC
Phone	+1-450-506-1936
Website	https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/yulc-courtyard-montreal-laval/overview/
Price per person per night	199\$ CAD



DELEGATION HOTELS

The following packages are available in the delegation hotels:

CATEGORY A - Marriott Courtyard Montréal Laval	
Address	500, rue Lucien Paiement, Laval, QC
Phone	+1-450-506-1936
Website	https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/yulic-courtyard-montreal-laval/overview/
Check-in time	16:00
Check-out time	12:00
Early check-in / Late check-out	TBC
Air-conditioning	Yes
Gym	Yes
Wi-Fi	Yes
Room service	Yes
A La Carte restaurant	Yes
Food delivery allowed	Yes

All prices are per person per night in: **Canadian dollar (CAD)**

CATEGORY A - Marriott Courtyard Montréal Laval	Bed (breakfast is NOT included)
Single	199
Twin	100
Deposit required by hotel at check-in	No

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport - Montreal Airport Trudeau (YUL)	21	00:30
Training venue	0,5	00:07 on foot
Accreditation	Same place	Same place
Sport hall	0,5	00:07 on foot



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	Club de Judo Kyo Shi Do Kan de Laval
Bank Name	Fédération des Caisses Desjardins du Québec
Bank Address	100, rue des Commandeurs, Lévis (Québec) Canada, G6V 7N5
IBAN	815 30469 881025 1
SWIFT/BIC Code	CCDQCAMM
Payment Reference	KWS Laval 2026

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 15 days before start of competition	19 June 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.

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 1st 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 1st 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 3rd 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 6th dan and up and uke must be at least black belt.



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 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 Friday 03 July 2026 at 16:30.

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

Registration link: https://judocompmanager.abacusai.app/registration?comp=cmngazlo40000s008ak62md53&type=JUDGE_EXAM

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](#).

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 5 July 2026 from 09:00 to 13:00. The training camp will include sessions for kime-no-kata and ju-no-kata.

Participation fees: 40 USD.

Registration link: <https://registration.judocanada.org/register/international-kata-clinic-laval/1004593/>



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