

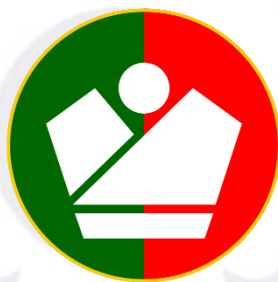


EUROPEAN JUDO UNION

**EUROPEAN JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS
VETERANS PORTIMAO 2026
and
Ne-Waza Competition**

Portimao – Portugal

Individual: 22 - 25 October 2026



**EUROPEAN JUDO
CHAMPIONSHIP
VETERANS
PORTIMÃO 2026**

COMPETITION RULES



WORDS OF WELCOME



Dr. László TÓTH
President
European Judo Union

Dear Judo Family and Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the European Judo Championships Veterans 2026 in Portimão, Portugal.

These championships are always a true celebration of everything that makes our sport unique. They remind us that judo is not defined by age, but by the values we carry throughout our lives. Every competitor on the tatami represents years of hard work, resilience, and dedication to the principles established by Jigoro Kano.

Over the coming four days, Europe's veteran judokas will once again demonstrate that passion for our sport only grows stronger with time. I am confident that we will enjoy exciting contests, inspiring performances, and countless moments of mutual respect, proving that judo truly is a lifelong journey.

On behalf of the European Judo Union, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Portuguese Judo Federation, its president, Mr Joaquim Sergio PINA, the Local Organising Committee, and all partners and volunteers whose dedication has made these championships possible. Their commitment ensures that Portimão provides an outstanding stage for athletes, officials, and supporters from across our judo family.

To all competitors, coaches, referees, officials, volunteers, and guests, I wish you a successful championship and a memorable experience in Portugal.

Yours in judo,



**Joaquim Sergio
PINA**
President
Portuguese Judo
Federation

Distinguished representatives of the European Judo community, esteemed officials, respected referees, coaches, athletes, dear guests, ladies and gentlemen,

It is my great honor and privilege, on behalf of the Portuguese Judo Federation, to welcome you all to Portugal and to the beautiful city of Portimão for the European Veteran Judo Championships.

We are truly proud to host this prestigious event, bringing together athletes from across Europe who continue to embody the values that define our sport: respect, friendship, courage, perseverance, honor, and mutual welfare. Your presence here demonstrates that judo is not simply a sport for youth—it is a lifelong journey that inspires generations.

Portimão provides the perfect setting for this championship. With its warm hospitality, stunning coastline, rich culture, and excellent sporting facilities, we hope you will enjoy not only the competition but also the unforgettable experience of being in one of Portugal's most remarkable destinations.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the European Judo Union, our local organizing committee, the Municipality of Portimão, our partners, volunteers, referees, coaches, and all those whose dedication has made this championship possible.

To our athletes, thank you for your commitment, your passion, and your example. Your determination reminds us that excellence has no age limit. May you compete with courage, respect your opponents, and create lasting friendships that extend far beyond the tatami.

I wish every participant success, fair competition, and memorable moments throughout the championship. May this event strengthen the bonds of the European judo family and leave every visitor with wonderful memories of Portugal.

Welcome to Portimão. Welcome to Portugal.

I wish you all an outstanding European Veteran Judo Championship!



1. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All event participants participating in the event described in these outlines must respect and accept the authority of the European Judo Union (EJU) officials, the EJU 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 EJU, its principles or purposes should be subject to suspension or expulsion from the event and/or cancellation of their accreditation cards.

Communication during the event will be done through dedicated Telegram Channel “EJU Veteran Tour”. Please, join the channel using the link: <https://t.me/+AJ46hrmxmmQ3ZTQ0>

Or scan the QR Code:



Before Travelling

Passports must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of arrival.

- Check host country entry requirements and airline requirements (if applicable).
- Check if you need a visa, and if yes, request it from the LOC according to the details in the **ENTERING THE HOST COUNTRY** section.
- Send travel information (arrival and departures) to the LOC if book an official hotel.
- Book accommodation either on your own or by the organiser.
- Upload medical certificate to my.ijf.org well in advance

Entering host country

Each individual is responsible to ensure they follow the entry rules (passport validity, visas, entry permission letter, etc.) for the host country. Entry rules may be subject to change, current rules can be found under the link:

<https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/en/short-stay-visas-schengen/general-information/who-needs-a-visa#countries>

The LOC will assist with visas where possible but having the correct visa is the responsibility of each participant. Visa applications will only be accepted for people who are inscribed in Judobase for the event.

It is the responsibility of the national federation to ensure that their delegation respects the conditions of stay defined by the Government of the country hosting the event. If any participant does not respect these conditions, any costs arising will be borne by the national federation concerned.

Please note that visa approvals or rejections are done by the Government authorities and the LOC has no control over this and cannot be held responsible for any rejections.

Contact LOC if you need assistance for visa: not later than



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2. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Time	PROGRAMME	Place
Wednesday, 21st October		
10:00 - 16:30	Accreditation/Entry Fee/Accommodation	PORTIMÃO ARENA
17:00 - 17:30	Unofficial weigh-in- M6, M7, M8, M9.	RR Alvor Baia Resort
17:30 - 19:00	Official weigh- in: - M6, M7, M8, M9.	RR Alvor Baia Resort
20:00	Technical Draw: M6, M7, M8, M9.	Technical draw
Thursday, 22nd October - M6, M7, M8, M9.		
One hour before competition starts	Referees Meeting	PORTIMÃO ARENA
TBC	Preliminaries & Repechage	PORTIMÃO ARENA
13:00 - 16:30	Accreditation/Entry Fee/Accommodation	PORTIMÃO ARENA
TBC	Finals	PORTIMÃO ARENA
17:00 - 17:30	Unofficial weigh-in: M3, M4, M5.	RR Alvor Baia Resort
17:30 - 19:00	Official weigh- in: M3, M4, M5	RR Alvor Baia Resort 1
20:00	Technical draw: M3, M4, M5	Technical draw
Friday, 23rd October M3, M4, M5		
TBC	Preliminaries & Repechage	PORTIMÃO ARENA
13:00 - 16:30	Accreditation/Entry Fee/Accommodation	PORTIMÃO ARENA
TBC	Opening Ceremony	PORTIMÃO ARENA
TBC	Finals	PORTIMÃO ARENA
17:00 - 17:30	Unofficial weigh-in: M1, M2; F1 - F9	RR Alvor Baia Resort
17:30 - 19:00	Official weigh- in: M1, M2; F1 - F9	RR Alvor Baia Resort
20:00	Technical draw: M1, M2; F1 - F9.	Technical draw
Saturday, 24th October - M1, M2; F1 - F9		
TBC	Preliminaries & Repechage	PORTIMÃO ARENA
13:00 - 16:30	Accreditation/Entry Fee/Accommodation	PORTIMÃO ARENA
TBC	Finals	PORTIMÃO ARENA
	Unofficial weigh-in: Ne-Waza F1-F3, F4-F6, F7-F9; M1-M3, M4-M6, M7-M9	RR Alvor Baia Resort
17:30 - 19:00	Official weigh- in Ne-Waza F1-F3, F4-F6, F7-F9; M1-M3, M4-M6, M7-M9	RR Alvor Baia Resort
20:00	Technical Draw Ne-Waza F1-F3, F4-F6, F7-F9; M1-M3, M4-M6, M7-M9	Technical draw
Sunday, 25th October Ne-Waza F1-F3, F4-F6, F7-F9; M1-M3, M4-M6, M7-M9		
TBC	Preliminaries & Repechage	PORTIMÃO ARENA
TBC	Handover of the flag	PORTIMÃO ARENA
TBC	Finals	PORTIMÃO ARENA

Attention: The programme is provisional. The schedule of the contests may be modified according to the total number of entries.

3. COMPETITION VENUE

PORTIMÃO ARENA

Address: Parque de Feiras e Exposições de Portimão Caldeira do Moinho, R. do Moinho, 8500-726 Portimão

Website: <https://www.cm-portimao.pt/menus/servicos/desporto-e-juventude/espacos-desportivos/portimao-arena>



4. ORGANISER

Portuguese Judo Federation

Address: Rua Alves Redol, 1 - Lojas A/B, 2675-285 Odivelas

Email: portugalevents@fpj.pt

Tel: +351 213 931 630

Emergency contacts:

General matters: Mr. Sergiu Oleinic; +351 961 969 799; portugalevents@fpj.pt

Accommodation: Mr. Sergiu Oleinic; +351 961 969 799; portugalevents@fpj.pt

Transfers: Mr. Sergiu Oleinic; +351 961 969 799; portugalevents@fpj.pt

5. PARTICIPATION

To participate in the event each participant is responsible to follow:

- The rules to enter the host country and the local government health measures.

Any participant is eligible to inscribe in the competition provided he/she is:

- Not under a disciplinary suspension.
- Not under suspension for anti-doping rule violation.
- Not carrying any communicable diseases that may risk other delegates' health.

In addition to the above athletes must:

- Not be under medical suspension.
- Be healthy and fit for competition.
- Hold a current and valid license (membership) issued by a national federation currently affiliated to the IJF.
- Pay the appropriate entry fees in full before the deadline set in the event outlines.
- Check in at accreditation (see schedule of accreditation in the event outlines).
- Provide medical certificate uploaded to my.ijf.org and have it in paper form at the accreditation
- Meet the weigh-in requirements.
- Provide photographic proof of their identity and date of birth. Accepted documents are a valid current passport or a valid national identity card showing the same nationality as the country of issue. The document presented must be the same nationality that the athlete is representing in the competition. A travel document which can resemble a passport will not be accepted.

Athletes who have permission to take part in IJF events under rule 1.7.2.4 SOR who do not have a valid passport issued by the represented country must present either a photographic identity or refugee travel document and the IJF authorisation letter.

- All athletes must have obtained the minimum grade of first kyu.
- Have sufficient technical knowledge (know the terminology and can execute all the techniques in the IJF SOR Appendix H) and understand fully the IJF sport and refereeing rules.

IJF nationality rules (IJF SOR, section 1.7) must be respected and athletes must be of the same nationality as the national federation for which they have been entered for the competition. The evidence of nationality shall be the production of a valid passport issued by the represented country.

For special cases (athletes who do not have the Passport of the country they want to represent for but living in this country) see SOR 1.7.2.4 "Veterans Immigrants".

The minimum age for participation in the European Judo Championships Veterans is to be 30 years or over in the year of the event. This defines the age at which players first become eligible to compete. Once a player has become eligible, they will be allocated into their appropriate five-year age category i.e. M1/F1 will consist of competitors who have their 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd or 34th birthday and the M2/F2 will consist of players who have their 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th or 39th birthday at any date during the year of the European Championships.

Each National Federation affiliated with the European Judo Union may enter as many competitors as it desires.

6. INSCRIPTION

JUDOBASE Registration

Entries will be accepted from a national federation or with the permission of a nation federation from a national club or individual athlete. Individual athletes and national clubs must contact the national federation to be inscribed. Inscriptions on the spot can only be done with the written



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permission of the national federation. There is no limit to the number of athletes from the same country that can be inscribed in a category.

All participants and delegates must be in possession of an IJF ID Card (either International or Kata/Veteran) and registered for this event in the IJF Registration System (**JUDOBASE**): <https://admin.judobase.org/>. This registration should be made through the National Federation by **12th October 2026**. For assistance please contact registration@ijf.org or headoffice@eju.net before the end of the deadline. After the deadline, further registrations (late entries, replacements) are exclusively handled during accreditation according to the following rules:

	NO IJF Official ID Card	Late entry IJF Official ID Card: YES	Replacement (within one delegation/club) IJF Official ID Card: YES	Please note: - Late entry fee must be paid at accreditation additionally to participation fee. - Persons without IJF ID Card can only be entered on spot, if IJF ID Card will be ordered before the end of Accreditation. - Persons, who are banned by their Federation, cannot be entered as a late entry or replacement.
Competitors	• ENTRY NOT POSSIBLE • REPLACEMENT NOT POSSIBLE	60€	No Charge	
Other delegates (HoD, Coaches, ...)		No Charge	No Charge	

7.ENTRY FEE

All participants have to pay entry fee as follows:

Those taking part in one event (either regular Tachi-Waza Championships or Ne-Waza Competition)

- 150 € until 40 days before event (till September 11th)
- from 39-14 days (from September 12 till October 08) before event: 200 €
- 13 days - accr. day (from October 09): 250 €

Those taking part in two events (both regular Tachi-Waza Championships and Ne-Waza Competition)

- 170 € until 40 days before event (till September 11th)
- from 39-14 days (from September 12 till October 08) before event: 220 €
- 13 days - accr. day (from October 09): 270 €

Till October 09 entry fee in the amounts as mentioned above should be transferred to the following bank account:

Name of the bank:	NOVO BANCO - BANK HOLDER: PORTUGUESE JUDO FEDERATION
Address of the bank:	Largo Vitorino Damásio, 10, 1200-872 Lisboa
Account No:	`041035060007
IBAN:	PT50 0007 0041 0003 50600077 9
SWIFT:	BESCPTPL
Purpose of payment:	"Olympic Country Code-Surname" VEC 2026

Please note:

Organiser accepts payment with cards on spot, using this payment mode the LOC needs to charge the bank FEE (depending of the account country).

All bank expenses have to be paid by the PAYER. Making a payment, please, be sure that the organiser receives the entry fee in full amount without any deductions.

While making the payment, please, specify the name of the participant and the country. Participants must have proof of the bank transfer upon arrival.

8.DEADLINES

Visa Application (Form 3): Friday, September 04th, 2026

Hotel Reservation: Friday, September 04th, 2026

Hotel Payment: Friday, September 18th, 2026



Travel details: Friday, 02nd October 2026

Payment entry fee: to the bank details of the organiser till May 08th 2025 or cash during accreditation

JUDOBASE Registration: Monday, 12th October 2026

9. ACCREDITATION

The times and place for check-in and accreditation are specified in the programme. Participants must arrive and check-in within the time limits provided. For each competitor, passport or national ID card (indicating nationality and date of birth) or a copy of one of these documents must be presented to the EJU official. Name and category, as registered in JUDOBASE, must be confirmed with the EJU official. No inscription will be accepted after the end of the accreditation (see programme).

Finances EJU

The federations must be in order with the annual fee and other financial obligations to the EJU. The entry fee per competitor must be paid as mentioned above.

Organiser finances

For participants, booked with the organiser, the organiser checks that all payments for hotel accommodation have been settled. Any pending invoices with the organiser should be settled here. The delegations' departure date, time, number of people and travel details are also confirmed at this stage. A contact name and number for each delegation should be given.

Accreditation cards are handed over after finishing the whole accreditation process. The EJU accreditation cards for the European Championships must be presented at the official weigh-in and before each contest.

10. DURATION OF CONTEST

M1/F1 to/including M6/F6: 3 minutes and Golden Score without a limit.

M7/F7 and over: 2,5 minutes and Golden Score of max. 1 minute. *If a tie exists at the end of the one (1) minute golden score time, the referee, in consultation with the table jury will determine the winner without calling hantei.

Team: 3 minutes and Golden Score without a limit.

11. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

11.1 AGE CATEGORIES

Individual

Athletes will be allocated an age division based on:

- Meeting the entrance criteria of a minimum of 30 years of age within the year of the event and,
- Their date of birth in line with the following age ranges:

		Age division		Female	Male
Age from	Age to	YOB from	YOB to	Category	Category
30	34	1996	1992	F1	M1
35	39	1991	1987	F2	M2
40	44	1986	1982	F3	M3
45	49	1981	1977	F4	M4
50	54	1976	1972	F5	M5
55	59	1971	1967	F6	M6
60	64	1966	1962	F7	M7 (no shime-waza)
65	69	1961	1957	F8	M8 (no shime-waza)



70+	1956		F9	M9 (no shime-waza)
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Ne-waza competition

Rules are published as separate document "European Ne-waza Judo Competition Rules":

<https://www.eju.net/eju/documents/>.

11.2 WEIGHT CATEGORIES

Women: -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg, -63 kg, -70 kg, -78 kg, +78 kg

Men: -60 kg, -66 kg, -73 kg, -81 kg, -90 kg, -100 kg, +100 kg

11.3 COMPETITION FORMULA

The type of competitions system to be applied in the competition will depend on the number of entries as follows:

Competition systems according to number of participants:

- 6 and more entries: double repechage
- 3, 4, 5 entries: round robin
- 2 entries: best of 2 contests, if 1-1 the third contest will decide.

In case the number of participants in a category is not sufficient, (age and/or weight) categories will be combined according to IJF SOR.

Category combining may only be applied to categories where there are less than three entrants. If category combining cannot be achieved safely and according to the guidelines, then a pool of two (2) elimination system may be considered. The best of three contests between the two (2) athletes, if the result is 2-0 then the third contest will not be fought.

- Combining within the same age division - athletes should remain within their age division if possible.
- Combining using weight categories - athletes should only be combined with other athletes who are no more than one weight category lighter or one weight category heavier. Special consideration should be given to the actual weight differences when dealing with the lightest and the heaviest female and male categories (as a guideline a maximum of 10 kg actual difference when combining the lightest weight category and a maximum of 20 kg actual difference when combining the heaviest weight category should be considered as a limit unless there are other compensatory factors such as experience etc.). Weight should be the primary consideration when moving athletes about within their own age division or combining them with other age divisions in accordance with the guidelines below.

Age divisions:

- Athletes in age divisions M7 or F7 and above (M8/F8 and M9/F9) may only be combined with other athletes who are no more than one age division higher or more than one age division lower i.e., athletes in M7/F7 may only be combined with athletes from M6/F6 or M8/F8.
- Athletes in divisions M6 or F6 may be combined with athletes no more than one age division higher or two age divisions lower. i.e., M7/F7, M5/F5 and M4/F4.
- Athletes in divisions M5 or F5 may be combined with athletes no more than one age division above or two age divisions below i.e., M6/F6, M4/F4 and M3/F3.
- Athletes in divisions M4 or F4 may be combined with athletes no more than two age divisions above or two age divisions below i.e., M5/F5, M6/F6, M3/F3 and M2/F2.
- Athletes in divisions M3 or F3 may be combined with athletes no more than two age divisions above or two age divisions below i.e., M4/F4, M5/F5, M1/F1 and M2/F2.
- Athletes in age divisions M2 or F2 may only be combined with athletes two age divisions above and one age division below i.e., M3/F3, M4/F4 and M1/F1.
- Athletes in age divisions M1 or F1 may only be combined with athletes in two age divisions above i.e., M2/F2 and M3/F3.



Age Division	Higher Age Division	Lower Age Division	Age Span
F1/M1	F2/M2, F3/M3	Not applicable	30-44
F2/M2	F3/M3, F4/M4	F1/M1	30-49
F3/M3	F4/M4, F5/M5	F1/M1, F2/M2	30-54
F4/M4	F5/M5, F6/M6	F2/M2, F3/M3	35-59
F5/M5	F6/M6	F3/M3, F4/M4	40-59
F6/M6	F7/M7	F4/M4, F5/M5	45-64
F7/M7	F8/M8	F6/M6	55-69
F8/M8	F9/M9	F7/M7	60-70+
F9/M9	Not applicable	F8/M8	65-70+

All the contests in any one age division will be held on the same day.

11.4 WEIGH-IN

The official weigh-in takes place the day before the competition for the age division concerned. The official scales are available the whole day for unofficial weight control.

Exact times and place for weigh-in can be found in the programme. The weight of the competitors must fall within the category in which they are enrolled. The competitors

- presenting themselves after the closing of the weigh-in, cannot participate at the competition.
- can present themselves only one time on the scales during the official weigh-in.
- must present their EJU Accreditation and Passport (or national ID card indicating nationality and date of birth) at the official weigh-in.
- There is no random weigh-in for veterans.
- Those who take part in both Ne-Waza and Tachi Waza competition can make the weigh-in only once, if the same weigh-category will be used. If different weigh-category is used - then re-weigh in needed.

11.5 DRAW

The draw for the individual weight categories will take place at 20.00 hours on the day before the competition. Information on the exact location of the individual weight category draws will be displayed on the event official notice board.

A complete list of athletes who have successfully fulfilled the weight requirements will be displayed outside the room where the official draw will take place a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the draw starting.

Team officials from each country (or individual athletes) must check this list to ensure that all their athletes are on the list in the correct age division and weight category.

The EJU Veterans Commission takes no responsibility for someone who is not included in the draw because they were missing from the list, and no one from the delegation checked.

11.6 SEEDING

The seeding will be done according to EJU Veteran Ranking Rules: <https://www.eju.net/eju/documents/>

12.AWARDINGS

Medals will only be awarded to athletes who fought in the category. The number of athletes competing determines the eventual medal allocation.

The medal distribution rule is as follows:



- One athlete - no medal will be awarded (the athlete will receive a participation medal from EJU. There will be no flag, national anthem during this awarding ceremony)
- Two athletes - two medals awarded.
- Three athletes - three medals will be awarded
- Four athletes - four medals awarded
- Five athletes - four medals awarded
- Six or more athletes - four medals awarded

If a category has been combined the only medals awarded will be the one set of medals for the athletes in that combined category.

Awards for the recognition of exemplary behaviour that promotes the spirit of judo and/or fair play may be awarded at the discretion of the EJU Veterans Commission.

Athletes must attend the medal ceremony barefoot, without any hat, cap or any similar head covering and wearing their white IJF approved white judogi that conforms to the IJF judogi rules with special attention being paid to the publicity rule. If it is not clean, then they must wear a reserve judogi.

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. 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.

13.OFFICIAL HOTEL

The participants may book accommodation and catering of their choice (**no obligation to book official hotels!**).

The official hotels offered by organiser are:

RR Alvor baia Resort ** (Cat. A)**

Address: Galo Loiro, Estr. do Alvor, 8500-001 Portimão; <https://rrhotels.pt/pt/alvorbaia/>

check-in time: 16:00; check-out time: 11:00

Distance to the airport: 75 km; distance to the sports hall: 6,8 km

Prices per person	B&B	HB	FB*
Single room	140 €	165 €	195 €
Double room	100 €	120 €	150 €
Triple/Quadruple	Solution for families, contact the organizer for this option and special prices.		

Full Board: this option includes breakfast, morning snacks, lunch, afternoon snacks, dinner and refill drinks from 10:00 until 23:00

RR Club Amarilis * - limited rooms in this hotel (Cat. B)**

Address: Galo Loiro, Av. das Comunidades Lusíadas, 8500-801 Portimão; <https://rrhotels.pt/pt/alvorbaia/>

check-in time: 16:00; check-out time: 11:00

Distance to the airport: 73 km; distance to the sports hall: 4,5 km

Prices per person	B&B	HB	FB*
Single room	120 €	140 €	160 €
Double room	90 €	110 €	130 €
Triple/Quadruple	Solution for families, contact the organizer for this option and special prices.		

Full Board: this option includes breakfast, morning snacks, lunch, afternoon snacks, dinner and refill drinks from 10:00 until 23:00

Participants who book the official hotel through the organizer will be provided with shuttle service connecting official hotel - dojo for training - accreditation - competition venue - official hotel- beach.



Cancellation Policy

- Before August 28th - 100% refund
- From August 29 till September 18th - 50% refund
- After September 18th - no refund

Accommodation contact: Mr. Sergiu Oleinic; +351 961 969 799; portugalevents@fpj.pt.

14. TRANSPORT

Official Airport: Faro Airport.

Train Station: Portimão train station

Train Station: Portimão bus station

The organizer will take care of the transportation from the above-mentioned airport to the official competition hotels, competition venue and other competition facilities during the competition for those participants who booked the official hotel via organiser.

Transfer price from/to Faro Airport 25€ per person one way for a group of minimum 4 persons. In case the arrived delegation has less number they will need to wait for the next arrival delegation or the price can increase (for private shuttle).

On special request transfers from Lisbon Airport can be organised. For this option - contact the LOC to agree on conditions.

15. VISA

The EJU is not authorised to intervene in visa application processes. 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 and should apply well in advance to allow sufficient processing time. The LOC can provide official documentation such as letters of invitation or confirmation of participation to support your application. Visa application requests will only be accepted for people who are inscribed in Judobase for the event. LOC documents must only be used for visa application for the concerned event. It is the responsibility of the national federation to ensure that their delegation respects the conditions of stay defined by the Government of the country hosting the event. If any participant does not respect these conditions, any costs arising will be borne by the national federation concerned.

The organisers will help with obtaining entry visas for competitors and officials. Please specify all information that is needed in the invitation letters for visas and submit **Visa Form** and a scanned copy of the first page of the passports by **04th September 2026** to Mr. Sergiu Oleinic: portugalevents@fpj.pt.

16. MEDIA

Official or EJU recognized media can apply online for a Media accreditation (<https://www.eju.net/media/>).

17. JUDOGI CONTROL

Approved Judogi

All Judoka must compete in IJF Approved Judogi (only red and green label allowed). In particular sponsors of the European Judo Union: Danrho Kwon KG (www.kwon.com), Essimo (www.essimo.nl), Ippon Gear (www.ippone-shop.com), Double D Adidas (<https://combat-sports.net>), Mizuno (mizuno.com) and other IJF suppliers are allowed (see <https://www.ijf.org/supplier-list>)

Judogi Control

It will be operated with a Sokuteiki prior to the fight. Judogi must have an IJF Official Label "APPROVED JUDOGI" with an optical code which cannot be falsified. The label will be controlled with an optical lamp. Each of the competition clothing articles (jacket, trousers and belt) must have an IJF official label.



Backnumber

Each competitor taking part in the EJU events is obliged to have sewn on the back of his Judogi the official backnumber bearing his surname and his National Olympic Committee abbreviation. The backnumber can be ordered from sponsors of the European Judo Union: Judo Backnumber (<https://judobcknmbr.com/>), mybacknumber (<https://www.mybacknumber.com>) or Official Backnumber (<https://www.officialbacknumber.com>) and others IJF suppliers are allowed (see <https://www.ijf.org/supplier-list>)

Attention: production and delivery may take around 4 weeks!!!.

The SPONSOR part (if needed) will be given to the head of delegation during registration, and the athletes can stick it themselves using the special glue on the back number.

Markings and Advertising

The space on the **shoulder stripes** (25cm x 5 cm on both right and left side) and on the **upper arms** (10cm x 10cm on both right and left side) can be either used for EJU Suppliers or for own sponsors of the Federation or Judoka, **BUT not for any other Judogi supplier**. The space on the **right chest** (5cm x 10cm) can be used by federations and their Judoka for their own sponsors. The logo of a Judogi brand can only be used, if it corresponds with brand of the Judogi itself and if it is of an EJU Supplier.

Please note: On all advertising spaces it is strictly prohibited to promote tobacco, alcohol, any substances listed in the doping code, or any product or service contrary to public morals.

The space on the **left chest** (10cm x 10cm) can be used for the national colours or the national emblem corresponding with the IOC code on the backnumber (regional or club emblems are not allowed).

All other markings on the Judogi, like Judogi brand logos, name of Judoka, etc. have to comply with the IJF Judogi Rules. Detailed information is available on <http://www.eju.net/statutes>.

18. REFEREEING

18.1 SELECTION & REGISTRATION OF REFEREES

The EJU Refereeing Commission will select the referees for these Championships by name, based on the results of the 2025 ranking lists. The federations will get the information in time. After the nomination of the referees, the federation must confirm the participation to EJU Head Office by the deadline stipulated in the letter. Further, the referee must be entered by his/her federation like every other delegate in JUDOBASE.

18.2 REFEREE MEETING

A referee meeting is scheduled one hour before the start of the first competition day. Time and place are stated in the program. The attendance to the Referee meeting is strictly compulsory.

18.3 REFEREEING RULES

The competition will be carried out according to the rules and sporting codes of the IJF and EJU. In case of direct Hansoku Make against the spirit of judo, a joint decision would be taken by the EJU Sports Commission and the EJU Refereeing Commission. In this case, the Judoka would receive no medal and no ranking points for that tournament. Note: A competitor who has been declared as a loser by injury can continue the competition, as well as after Hansoku Make for the technical mistake. A competitor, who has got a direct Hansoku Make as the penalty against the spirit of our sport, will not be authorised to continue the competition.

19. COACHING

Code of behaviour of coaches as defined in the IJF Sports and Organization Rules, Section 7 will be strictly observed. Any coach not adhering to these rules could be subject to disciplinary action. One coach is allowed within the competition area.

A registered athlete can use their athlete accreditation to coach. An additional coach accreditation is not required. Any athletes that chooses also to coach their colleagues and then don't follow Coaches' Code of Conduct risk being removed from the competition (i.e., no longer allowed to compete if applicable).

Dress code during preliminaries and Final Block: track suit or suit & tie.

Coaches are not allowed to give indications to the competitors while they are fighting.

Only during the pause time (after matte), will coaches be permitted to give indications to their athletes.



After the pause is finished, and the fight continues (hajime), coaches must keep silent.

If a coach doesn't follow these rules, she/he can be expelled from the competition area.

If coaches persist with such behaviour the EJU Accreditation will be taken away for the day. If the coach persists with this behaviour from outside the competition area, she/he could be penalised further.

20. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERATIONS

Medical Certificate

Each athlete who wants to compete must present the Medical Certificate which can be issued by any medical doctor authorised to issue such document that certifies that the participant is fit for entering the competition. This document must be valid for the day(s) of participation in the competition and not older than one (1) year.

Certificates must be issued in or translated to English, bilingual documents are also accepted.

The medical certificate must be uploaded to my.ijf.org by the athlete's national judo federation. Athletes may be asked to present the hard copy of their certificate upon request.

For information about the medical certificate contact headoffice@eju.net

Insurance

Please refer to IJF SOR 1.3 Insurance and Civil Liability.

Each national federation is directly responsible for all its delegates registered in 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 EJU 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 EJU will not be responsible in the absence of insurance.

The LOC of the event and the EJU 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.

Attitude of Competitors

The federations are responsible to the EJU concerning the general attitude of their competitors.

Consent for Photography/Videos/Filming

Delegates inscribed by their National Federations for EJU events consent to the EJU and its media partners to use content of them, including data, live results, photographs and/or video recordings (hereafter referred to as Media). This media may be obtained from National Federations and EJU. It will also be acquired by the EJU and its media partners from in and around all EJU event venues. Media could be used in print and digital media formats including print publications, websites, e-marketing, posters banners, advertising, film, broadcast, social media, education purposes and other purposes. 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 European Judo Union by writing to headoffice@eju.net.

21. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE

All National Federations, officials, coaches and competitors participating in this event have to respect and accept the authority of the EJU officials, the rules and statutes of the International Judo Federation and European Judo Union. Individuals deemed to have acted against the EJU or IJF, their principles or purposes shall be subject to suspension or expulsion from the event and/or cancellation of their accreditation cards.



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22. TRAINING

Tatami for training will be available at Judo Clube Portimão starting from October 21 till October 24.
Times: from 09:00 till 18:00.

Booking of training sessions should be done in advance per email: portugalevents@fpj.pt. Dojo will be opened only if the training sessions were booked in advance.

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