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Dr. László TÓTH
President
European Judo Union

Dear Judo Family and Friends,

On behalf of the European Judo Union, I am delighted to welcome you to Naples, Italy, for the European Judo Championships U23 2026.

For young athletes, the transition towards senior competition is one of the most demanding and exciting periods of their sporting career. The U23 European Championships offer them an important platform to test themselves against their strongest counterparts, gain valuable international experience and continue their journey towards the highest level of judo.

Naples, with its unique character, history and passion for sport, provides a wonderful setting for this championship. I am sure that we will witness three days of dynamic judo, strong emotions and performances that will inspire us for the future.

My sincere appreciation goes to the Italian Judo Federation, the Local Organising Committee and all those working behind the scenes to create the best possible conditions for the athletes and delegations.

I wish all athletes, coaches, officials and delegations a successful and enjoyable stay in Naples, and above all, a championship filled with great judo, unforgettable moments and the true spirit of our sport.

Yours in judo,



Giuseppe MATERA
President of the
Judo FIJLKAM

Dear Judo Friends,

On behalf of the FIJLKAM Judo Sector, it is my absolute pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all participants, coaches, officials, and guests at the U23 European Judo Championships in Naples.

An event of this caliber represents the very heart of our movement: a high-level competition where the finest talents across our continent have the opportunity to test themselves, grow, and prove their worth on their journey toward major international success.

Hosting this championship in Italy, in a city as deeply passionate about sport as Naples, is immense pride. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the President of the European Judo Union, László Tóth, and his team for their continued trust and vital support in bringing this event to life, as well as to all the staff and volunteers working tirelessly to ensure a seamless organization.

I wish all delegations the best as they showcase their finest judo on the tatami, facing every match with determination while fully embodying our moral code and the core values of friendship and loyalty.

May this European Championship be a rewarding and unforgettable experience for everyone!



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Naples - Italy



Giovanni MORSIANI
President of
FIJLKAM

Dear Judo Family,

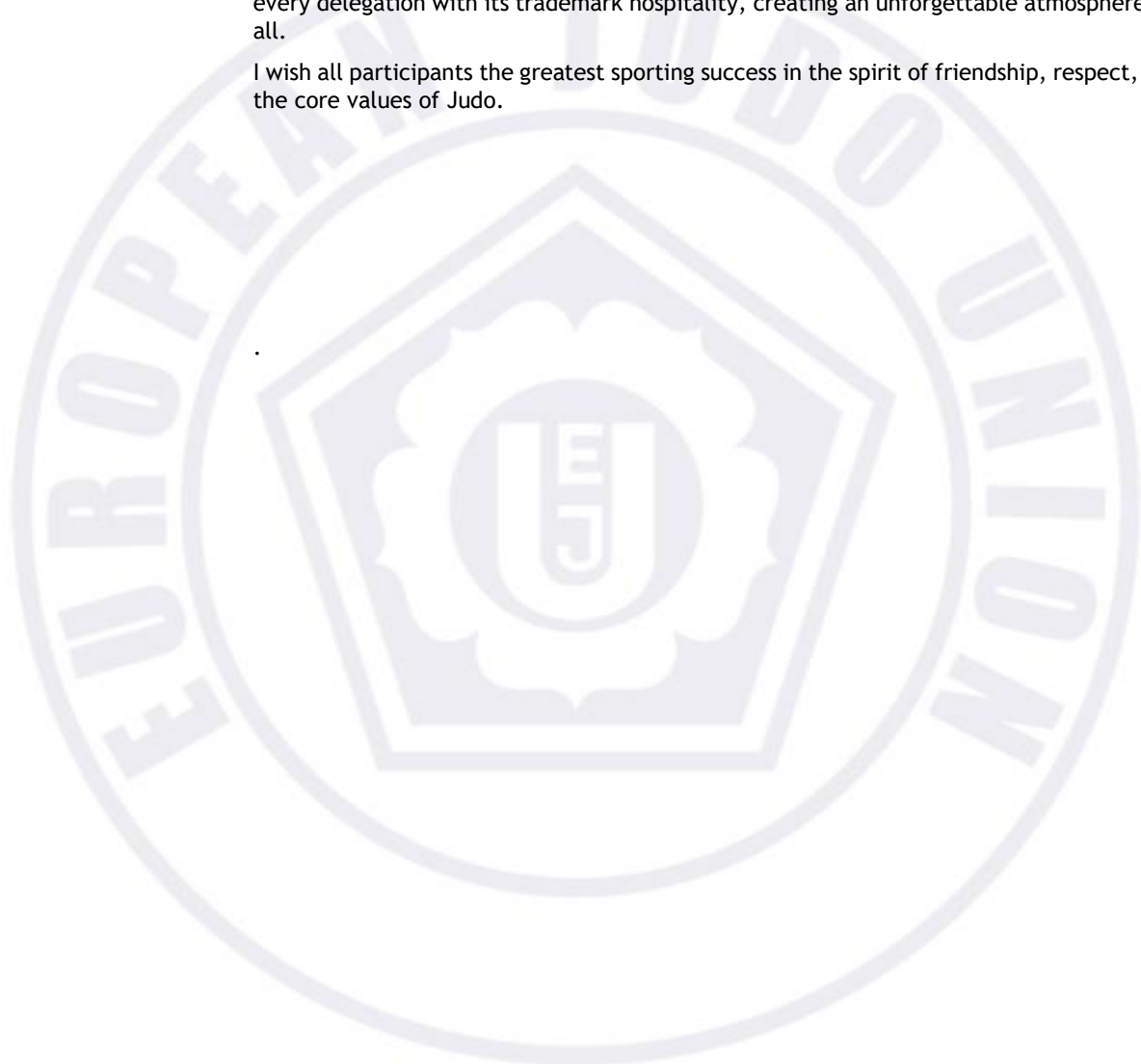
On behalf of FIJLKAM – the Italian Federation of Judo, Wrestling, Karate, and Martial Arts – it is my great honor and pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all officials, coaches, athletes, and fans on the occasion of the U23 European Judo Championships in Naples.

We are proud that the European Judo Union has chosen Italy and the extraordinary city of Naples to host one of the most prestigious and meaningful events on the international calendar. I express my sincere gratitude to EJU President Mr. László Tóth and the Executive Board for their trust and continued support in growing our sport.

These championships serve as a vital showcase for the continent's finest talents: the young athletes taking to the tatami here in Naples are the champions who will write the future of world judo. I am confident that through the strong synergy between FIJLKAM, the EJU, and the local organizing committee, this event will be staged at the highest organizational standards, offering outstanding competition, high technical value, and great emotion.

Napoli, with its rich history, deep sporting culture, and unique warmth, will welcome every delegation with its trademark hospitality, creating an unforgettable atmosphere for all.

I wish all participants the greatest sporting success in the spirit of friendship, respect, and the core values of Judo.





1. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.
- Book accommodation with the LOC.

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, the current information can be found here: <https://www.esteri.it/en/ministero/normativaonline/focus-cittadini-italiani-in-rientro-dall-estero-e-cittadini-stranieri-in-italia/>

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.

Insurance

It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any pandemic related costs, including repatriation. The LOC of the event and the EJU accept no liability for any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to force-majeur circumstances or medical costs for any illness that may affect them during the event.

1. PROGRAM

Attention: The program is provisional. The schedule of the contests may be modified according to the total number of entries or TV requirements.

Local time	PROGRAM	Place
Thursday, October 29th		
09:00 - 14:00	Accreditation, Organiser financials	Radisson Hotel Nola Naples
16:00	Draw individual and mixed teams	Radisson Hotel Nola Naples
18:00 - 18:30	Unofficial weigh-in	Voco Hotel Nola & San Mauro Hotel
18:30 - 19:00	Official weigh-in W -48 / -52 / -57 / -63 kg, M -60 / -66 / -73 kg	Voco Hotel Nola & San Mauro Hotel
Friday, October 30th Competition Day 1 - Individual		
Women: -48 / -52 / -57, -63 kg Men: -60 / -66 / -73 kg		
TBC	Meeting of the referees	Palasport Palavesuvio
TBC	Elimination rounds, Repechage, Semifinals	Palasport Palavesuvio
TBC	Final Block: Medal Contests	Palasport Palavesuvio
18:00 - 18:30	Unofficial weigh-in	Voco Hotel Nola & San Mauro Hotel
18:30 - 19:00	Official weigh-in W -70 / -78 / +78 kg M -81 / -90 / -100 / +100 kg	Voco Hotel Nola & San Mauro Hotel



Saturday, October 31st Competition Day 2 - Individual		
Women: -70 / -78 / +78 kg Men: -81 / -90 / -100 / +100 kg		
TBC	Elimination rounds, Repechage, Semifinals	Palasport Palavesuvio
TBC	Official Opening Ceremony	Palasport Palavesuvio
TBC	Final Block: Medal Contests	Palasport Palavesuvio
16:30 - 17:00	Unofficial weigh-in Teams	Palasport Palavesuvio
17:00 - 17:30	Official weigh-in Teams	Palasport Palavesuvio
Sunday, November 01st Competition Day 3 - Mixed Teams		
Mixed Teams		
TBC	Elimination rounds, Repechage, SF	Palasport Palavesuvio
TBC	Closing Ceremony and Handing over of the Flags	Palasport Palavesuvio
TBC	Final Block: BM; Finals	Palasport Palavesuvio
Monday, November 02nd		
All day	Departure of the delegations	Official hotels

2. COMPETITION PLACE

Palasport Palavesuvio

Address: Via Argine 929 - 80147 Napoli.



3. ORGANISER

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4. PARTICIPATION

To participate at this European Judo Championships U23 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.
- Born between 2011 and 2004 (15-22 years in the calendar year). Any national federation entering athletes that are not of the correct age will be subject to an investigation and possible disciplinary action.
- Have sufficient technical knowledge (know the terminology and can execute all the techniques and should comply with the IJF refereeing rules accordance with the IJF SOR)

All participating delegates must have a valid IJF card and be inscribed in judobase by their national federation.

Nationality

These European Championships are open for all Member Federations of the European Judo Union (EJU). The athletes must be of the same nationality as the National Federation for which they have been entered for the competition. Persons appointed by EJU shall verify the citizenship of the athletes. The evidence of citizenship shall be the production of a valid passport issued by the represented country. If an athlete has multiple citizenships, he/she may compete for only one country. Rules of Nationality Change and other special cases will be applied according to SOR Paragraph 1.7 "Athletes Nationality".

5. INSCRIPTION

JUDOBASE Registration

All participants and delegates must be in possession of an IJF ID Card and registered for this event in the IJF Registration System (JUDOBASE): <https://admin.judobase.org/> by **October 19th, 2026** by their National Federation. Only entries of member National Judo Federations will be accepted. Athletes can be entered in ONLY one weight category. Each person can only be inscribed with one function (i.e. athlete, coach, referee, team official etc.) per event. 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 IJF Official ID Card: YES
Athletes	• ENTRY NOT POSSIBLE	letter + 60€	letter + 0€
Other delegates (Head of delegation, Coaches, ...)	• REPLACEMENT NOT POSSIBLE	letter + 0€	letter + 0€

Please note:

- After the inscription deadline, replacements or additions can only be made on spot during accreditation, presenting a signed and stamped permission letter of the National Federation.
- Persons, who are banned by their Federation, cannot be entered as late entry or replacement.
- Persons without IJF ID Card can only be entered on spot, if IJF ID Card will be ordered until end of Accreditation.
- Above mentioned late entry fee has to be paid in cash on spot additionally to the participation fee.

6. ENTRY FEE

The federations must pay an entry fee of **100 Euro** per participating competitor (according to their numerical entry, also for those who take part only in Mixed Team competition).

Above-mentioned entry fee has to be paid to the bank account of the organiser mentioned in the paragraph 12 "Payment" by October 19th 2026.



7. DEADLINES

Payment entry fee:	October 19 th 2026
Visa Application:	September 28 th 2026
Hotel Reservation:	September 28 th 2026
Hotel Payment:	September 28 th 2026
Travel details:	October 09 th 2026
Mixed team Confirmation:	October 19 th 2026
JUDOBASE Registration:	October 19 th 2026

8. ACCREDITATION

The times and place for check-in and accreditation are specified in the program. Federations must arrive and check-in within the time limits provided. A maximum of 2 representatives per National Federation are allowed in the accreditation room.

In case a federation can not arrive to the accreditation with reasonable explanation - online accreditation will be allowed. The request should be sent to headoffice@eju.net well in advance.

Accreditation

A list of all the inscribed competitors is generated by the JUDOBASE system, which is confirmed by the head of delegation that it is the final list, with the correct names, the correct categories and the correct IJF World Ranking List positions. The list of entries is confirmed with the EJU official. No inscription will be accepted after the end of the nation control.

Control of Nationality

Each competitor's **PASSPORT** or copy of the passport (in case the competitors are still travelling) or a valid national identity card showing the same nationality as the country of issue will be requested by the EJU official to check nationality and age of the competitors. The document presented must be the same nationality that the athlete is representing in the competition. A high-quality photocopy or scan will also be accepted, if, for a valid reason these documents are not available. The competitors must not be present at the nationality control.

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. In order to take part at the competition the national federation must have fulfilled the necessary payments to the organizer and the EJU. In case there was overpayment, or athletes did not arrive for valid reasons, this difference will be transferred to the Federation's account.

Organizer finances

All finances must be settled beforehand. Payment in cash money upon arrival is not allowed due to safety reasons. The delegations' departure date, time, number of people and travel details must be confirmed beforehand. Any changes will be settled by email or by phone. Contact name and number for each delegation should be provided beforehand.

Accreditation cards are handed over to teams 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.

A delegate should never wear another delegate's accreditation card. The accreditation card remains the property of the EJU and can be withdrawn, with immediate effect, at the EJU's sole discretion. The accreditation card is valid for the duration of the competition and is the personal identity document of the delegate for all security and access controls.

9. TECHNICAL INFORMATION - INDIVIDUAL EVENT

9.1 COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION

Each delegation may enter a maximum of 9 athletes in total for men and 9 athletes in total for women. In each weight category of men or women a maximum of 2 athletes can be entered. The maximum number of athletes per delegation is 18.

The National Federation is responsible for obtaining legal approval and permission for minor athletes to compete in competitions. When travelling with minors the team official/coach must have all the necessary documents in place that authorises them to act on behalf of the parents/guardians "in loco parentis". This also applies to doping control. The National Federation must ensure that minor athletes have their parental/guardian permission to undergo testing.



9.2 COMPETITION FORMULA

The Competition will be held using **Quarter final repechage (last 8)**.

9.3 WEIGHT CATEGORIES

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

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

9.4 DURATION OF CONTEST

Duration men's & women's contests: **4 minutes and Golden Score without time limit.**

9.5 WEIGH-IN

The weigh-in will be carried out in accordance with the IJF SOR section 6. The athlete's official weigh-in will be scheduled the day before the competition.

- Unofficial weigh-in: 18:00 to 18:30
- Official weigh-in: 18:30 to 19:00

The place for weigh-in can be found in the program.

Athletes must present their EJU accreditation card and their passport (National ID Cards showing nationality and date of birth are also accepted).

An athlete is considered in the competition only once he/she passes the official weigh-in.

Random weight checks can be organized in accordance with the IJF SOR section 6.3 before the first contests in the morning of the competition. **Athletes must present their EJU accreditation card, passport is not required.**

Any athlete who does not come to the tatami for a contest will have a line put through his/her name on the draw sheet.

His/her opponent must come to the tatami and bow. He/she will be declared the winner by fusengachi and WRL points will be given.

Filming and taking photos is strictly prohibited during weigh-in.

9.6 DRAW

The draw will take place **in person** before the first day of contests after the accreditation. Time and place are stated in the program.

Before the draw the lists of each category are hung in the corridor outside the draw room and published in the EJU Event Channel in Telegram. Each Head of Delegation is responsible to check that all inscribed competitors are on these lists and that they are under the right category and with the correct Ranking List position. No corrections can be made after the draw.

At least one delegate from each participating National Federation but not more than 2 must attend the draw. After the completion of the draw the draw sheets will be published in EJU Event Channel in Telegram.

Dress code for attending the draw: official suit and tie.

Seeding: The top eight (8) among the entered competitors in each weight category will be seeded according to the IJF World Ranking List and the EJU Seniors Ranking List.

- 4 top athletes from places 1 - 100 in the IJF WRL to seeding positions 1 to 4
- 4 top athletes from the EJU Senior RL to seeding positions 5 to 8
- In case there will be less than 4 athletes inscribed from places 1 - 100 from the IJF WRL the additional athletes from the EJU Senior RL will be moved up the seeding positions until 8 athletes are seeded.

9.7 AWARDS

The winners will receive at the awarding ceremony:

- First place: Gold medal
- Second place: Silver medal
- Two Third places: Bronze medals

9.8 ANTI-DOPING

Doping control will be executed according to the IJF MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING HANDBOOK (IJF SOR - Appendix E) and will include one (1) athlete per category by random selection from the medal winners.



The draw is carried out in accordance with the IJF Anti-doping Rules and the IJF SOR during the competition before the start of the final block.

Competitors must report to the Doping Control Station immediately after signing the Notification form. Pursuant to WADA ISTI Art. 5.4.4, prior to doping control, athletes can take part in the awarding ceremony and fulfil their press commitments or receive medical treatment if needed. The selected competitors will be constantly accompanied by an official chaperone (appointed by the organizing committee) from the time of notification until arriving at the Doping Control Station. A person of the athlete's choice (team doctor, coach, trainer, delegation head etc.) may accompany them.

IJF/EJU keep the right to test any participating athlete beyond the above selection during an event. All additional tests are deemed in-competition tests.

10. TECHNICAL INFORMATION - MIXED TEAMS EVENT

10.1 COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Local time	PROGRAM	Place
Thursday, October 29th		
09:00 - 14:00	Accreditation, Organiser financials	Radisson Hotel Nola Naples
16:00	Draw for individuals & Mixed teams	Radisson Hotel Nola Naples
Saturday, October 31st		
16:30 - 17:00	Unofficial weigh-in Teams	Palasport Palavesuvio
17:00 - 17:30	Official weigh-in Teams	Palasport Palavesuvio
Sunday, November 01st Competition Day 3 - Mixed Teams		
Mixed Teams		
10:00	Elimination rounds, Repechage, SF	Palasport Palavesuvio
TBC	Closing Ceremony and Handing over of the Flags	Palasport Palavesuvio
16:00	Final Block: BM; Finals	Palasport Palavesuvio

10.2 PARTICIPATION

Each National Federations can inscribe one (1) team.

The participation of the team will be confirmed at accreditation on Thursday, 29 October.

The team should consist of 6 (six) athletes, one in every official mixed team category, and has the possibility to have up to 6 (six) reserves, 3 women and 3 men.

Important: Only full teams with athletes in all 6 (six) weight categories will be accepted. A total of 12 athletes can be inscribed with a maximum of two (2) athletes per category. If there are injuries or illness during the competition a team can compete with a minimum of four (4) athletes.

Coaches: two (2) coaches per team will be allowed to enter the Field of Play.

Doctor: only one (1) doctor per team will be allowed to enter the Field of Play.

10.3 DEADLINE FOR TEAM CONFIRMATION

The deadline for entering a team in the Mixed Team competition is **19th October 2026**. The team must be confirmed in Judobase in a separate event "European Judo Championships U23 Naples 2026 Mixed Team" with submitting "Yes" reply.

Athletes who do not participate in individual competition but only in mixed team competition should be inscribed in JUDOBASE as "Judoka" for the regular individual event (deadline October 19th 2026).

10.4 COMPETITION SYSTEM FOR MIXED TEAMS

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the latest IJF SOR, IJF Refereeing Rules and IJF Anti-Doping Rules.

The system of competition for EJU Mixed Teams events will be the elimination system with **Quarter final repechage (last 8)**.



10.5 DRAW AND SEEDING

The draw for mixed teams will take place before the first day of contests after the accreditation. Time and place are stated in the program.

Last year (2025) medallists will be seeded.

10.6 MIXED TEAMS OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN

Weight Categories:

- **Women:** -57 kg, -70 kg, +70 kg
- **Men:** -73 kg, -90 kg, +90 kg.

The athletes must be within the weight limits of the category in which they are inscribed. The weigh-in will be carried out in accordance with the IJF SOR. The official weigh-in for athletes will be scheduled the day before the competition.

- Unofficial weigh-in: 16:30 to 17:00
- Official weigh-in: 17:00 to 17:30

For those competitors that have NOT competed in the individual competitions, weight must be within the weight limit of their category. Those competitors that have competed in the individual competition (they must have passed the official weigh-in for the individual competition) will be permitted a 5% tolerance.

Weight Categories for Mixed Team Competitions with +5% Tolerance

Senior and Junior Mixed Team			+5% tolerance
W	-57 kg	Up to and including 57.0 kg	Up to and including 59.9 kg
M	-73 kg	Up to and including 73.0 kg	Up to and including 76.7 kg
W	-70 kg	Over 57.0 kg up to and including 70.0 kg	Over 57.0 kg up to and including 73.5 kg
M	-90 kg	Over 73.0 kg up to and including 90.0 kg	Over 73.0 kg up to and including 94.5 kg
W	+70 kg	Over 70.0 kg	Over 70.0 kg
M	+90 kg	Over 90.0 kg	Over 90.0 kg
Cadet Mixed Team			+5% tolerance +0.2 kg allowed for underwear
W	-48 kg	Up to and including 48.0 kg	Up to and including 50.8 kg
M	-60 kg	Up to and including 60.0 kg	Up to and including 63.4 kg
W	-63 kg	Over 48 kg up to and including 63.0 kg	Over 48 kg up to and including 66.6 kg
M	-81 kg	Over 60 kg up to and including 81.0 kg	Over 60 kg up to and including 85.5 kg
W	+63 kg	Over 63.0 kg	Over 63.0 kg
M	+81 kg	Over 81.0 kg	Over 81.0 kg

Athletes who compete in both the individual and mixed team competitions must be within the weight limit of their mixed team category (without the +5% tolerance) at least once during the two competitions. The +5% weight tolerance cannot be used by an athlete wishing to compete in a lower Mixed Team weight category than their individual competition weight category. In such cases, the athlete must meet the exact weight limit of the Mixed Team category, without any tolerance.

Athletes competing on the last day of the individual event (**Saturday 31 October 2026**) who are registered in the plus mixed team categories, do not need to weigh in for the mixed teams. All other athletes must attend.

Each athlete is entitled to compete in their own mixed team weight category or in the next higher mixed team weight category.

10.7 CONFIRMATION OF TEAM LIST

The composition of the mixed team must be confirmed by the delegation to the EJU Sport Commission by 13:00 local time on **Saturday** prior to the mixed team competition.

The Team official must sign the final list. After confirmation, the list can be updated up to one (1) hour after the end of the final block only for the athletes competing on the last day of the individual competition.

10.8 REGULATIONS FOR MIXED TEAMS

All nations having a full team (must have athletes able to compete in all 6 categories) can enter. Each team must consist of up to six (6) athletes (3 women and 3 men) and has the possibility to have up to six (6) reserves (3 women and 3 men).

To enter the mixed team competition the National Federation must have a full team. This means that on the delegation control list during accreditation there must be athletes able to compete in all six (6) categories. A total of 12 athletes can be inscribed with a maximum of two (2) athletes per category.

If there are injuries or illness during the competition a team can compete with a minimum of four (4) athletes.



During the contests, the non-competing athletes must stay within a marked area on the field of play behind the coaches' chair. Reserve athletes must not enter the field of play.

Two (2) coaches and one (1) doctor per team will be allowed to enter the Field of Play. Athletes should enter the Field of Play in the order that they will compete in.

A draw will be made for the starting category for the first round. The following rounds will start with the next category in the sequence.

Example: Senior Mixed Teams - drawn category is -73 kg

- 1st round: -73, -70, -90, +70, +90, -57 kg
- 2nd round: -70, -90, +70, +90, -57, -73 kg
- Quarter-final: -90, +70, +90, -57, -73, -70 kg
- Repechage and semi-final: +70, +90, -57, -73, -70, -90 kg
- Bronze and final: +90, -57, -73, -70, -90, +70 kg

Before each match the team leader must select the athletes for each contest. From the maximum of two (2) athletes inscribed in each category he can select one.

If the team has the possibility to put an inscribed athlete in a category, he must do so. An athlete cannot be rested for one match and return for the next unless they have been replaced by the other inscribed athlete. If the team has no athlete in a category, they should select the "no competitor" option.

For the first round the lists must be returned at least 30 minutes before the start of the competition (accordance with the IJF SOR 2.7).

For other rounds it must be returned 5 minutes after receiving the list from competition management. Once it is returned to competition management it cannot be changed.

Duration of each contest: women four (4) minutes and men four (4) minutes (real time). After the team bow the byes are displayed on the scoreboard and wins are given.

- Example: If blue team has one category empty: 1:0
- Example: if both teams have a different category empty: 1:1
- Example: if both teams have the same category empty: 0:0 (this is the only case when we stop a match when a team has reached 3 wins).

These byes are skipped later, no player needs to return to the tatami to bow again if there is no contest to be fought.

The first team reaching the majority of wins (4) is declared the winner. The remaining contests will not be fought.

It is compulsory that all athletes listed for the match compete until the team reaches the winning result. If during the match, in one contest, an athlete enters the tatami and refuses to compete, he will be given a direct hansoku-make (cannot continue in competition) and the opponent will be declared the winner. The losing athlete cannot continue in the next rounds. The team of the losing athlete can continue in the next round if applicable.

If the wrong athlete goes to the tatami for a contest that is not his own, he will be disqualified, and the opponent he was initially supposed to meet will win by fusen gachi.

If one team does not arrive for a match, the other team will be declared the winner. They are considered out of competition and cannot return for a later match (if applicable).

If for any reason (disqualification, insufficient number of athletes, forfeit, etc.) one (1) mixed team cannot compete in a match, the other mixed team must submit the lineup for the match and must come to the tatami for the declaration of the winner. The match should still be announced in the sports hall with an explanation and the mixed teams displayed on the scoreboard with the withdrawn one struck through (eg. ITA v GBR).

The result of the match depends on the rules used:

- **If the match finishes after the first mixed team wins the majority of contests, the mixed team shall receive ippon for every won contest.**
- **If all contests take place, the winning mixed team shall receive ippon for every contest where they have a competitor listed in the lineup.**

If there are an equal number of wins at the end of the match, there is a draw for the weight category that will compete in a golden score contest (see table below) to decide the winning team. The draw is done by computer and displayed on the athlete and public (big screen) scoreboards.



Draw for golden score contest scenario	Action
Both teams have “no competitor”	Category is removed from the draw
One team has “no competitor” or after the regular contest an athlete is unable to continue (injured, ill, direct hansoku-make <i>cannot continue</i> in competition etc.)	Category remains in the draw and the win is given directly to the other team
In the regular contest both athletes given an indirect hansoku-make (3 shido) or a direct hansoku-make (<i>can continue</i> in competition)	Category remains in the draw
In the regular contest both athletes given a direct hansoku-make (<i>cannot continue</i> in competition)	Category is removed from the draw

If there is a double hansoku-make during the golden score contest the following rules will be respected:

Scenario	Action
Both athletes given an indirect hansoku-make (3 shido) in the golden score contest	Category is included in a new draw for another golden score contest
Both athletes given a direct hansoku-make (<i>can continue</i> in competition) in the in the golden score contest	Category is included in a new draw for another golden score contest
Both athletes given a direct hansoku-make (<i>cannot continue</i> in competition) in the golden score contest	Category is removed and there is a new draw for another golden score contest

The EJU Ad Hoc Commission will decide the consequences in any situation that may result in a whole team being disqualified

10.9 AWARDS

The organizer shall provide for the medal ceremony:

- First place: 1 Trophy & 14 Gold medals
- Second place: 1 Trophy & 14 Silver medals
- 2 Third places: 2 Trophies & 28 Bronze medals

10.10 DOPING CONTROL

One (1) member of the gold medal winning team and one (1) member of the other medal winning team; the choice of the weight categories is made by draw (two (2) tests in total).

Competitors have to report to the Doping Control Station immediately after signing the Notification form. Pursuant to WADA ISTI Art. 5.4.4, prior to doping control, athletes are allowed to take part in the awarding ceremony and fulfil their press commitments or receive medical treatment if needed. The selected competitors will be constantly accompanied by an official chaperone (appointed by the organizing committee) from the time of notification until arriving at the Doping Control Station. A person of the athlete's choice (team doctor, coach, trainer, delegation head etc.) may accompany them.



11. OFFICIAL HOTEL

All participants and delegates have to book their accommodation via the organisers.

A minimum stay of 2 nights is obligatory.

Hotel Category A - for delegations:

Voco Hotel Nola

Address: Località Boscofangone, 80035 Nola NA, Italy; <https://www.ihg.com/voco/hotels/it/it/nola/napvb/hoteldetail>

Distance to the airport: 28 km; distance to the Sports Hall: 24 km

Check-in: 14:00; check-out: 10:00

prices are per person per night	B&B	Lunch in the hotel	Lunch in the sports hall	Dinner
Single room	175 EUR	35 EUR	20 EUR	35 EUR
Double room	145 EUR			

Hotel San Mauro

Address: Via Casarea, 45, Casalnuovo di Napoli, IT 80013; <https://www.hotel-bb.com/it/hotel/napoli-san-mauro>

Distance to the airport: 13 km; distance to the Sports Hall: 7 km

Check-in: 14:00; check-out: 10:00

Hotel has spa & gym for free for hotel guests

prices are per person per night	B&B	Lunch in the hotel	Lunch in the sports hall	Dinner
Single room	175 EUR	35 EUR	20 EUR	35 EUR
Double room	145 EUR			
Triple room	130 EUR			

Hotel Category B - for delegations:

Radisson Hotel Nola Naples

Address: Ss/7 Bis Km 50, Nola, IT 80035; <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-naples-nola>

Distance to the airport: 27 km; distance to the Sports Hall: 22 km.

Check-in: 14:00; check-out: 10:00

prices are per person per night	B&B	Lunch in the hotel	Lunch in the sports hall	Dinner
Single room	153 EUR	35 EUR	20 EUR	35 EUR
Double room	123 EUR			

Hotel Quadrifoglio

Address: Viale Kennedy 8, Pomigliano d'Arco, IT 80038; <https://www.hotelquadrifoglionapoli.it/>

Distance to the airport: 20 km; distance to the Sports Hall: 13 km.

Check-in: 14:00; check-out: 10:00

Hotel has spa & gym for free for hotel guests

prices are per person per night	B&B	Lunch in the hotel	Lunch in the sports hall	Dinner
Single room	153 EUR	35 EUR	20 EUR	35 EUR
Double room	123 EUR			
Triple room*	108 EUR			

*limited number of triple rooms

Hotel reservation deadline:

September 28th, 2026

Accommodation contact:

Chiara D'Ambrosio; +390656434508; ec23napoli@fijlkam.it

The **binding hotel reservation** must be sent to the organisers by **September 28th 2026**. Reservations will be processed strictly according to the date of booking on first come-first served basis. In case the requested hotel and category is fully booked, the



federation will be informed and asked to make a new reservation. Reservations can be confirmed only after receiving 100 % of the total accommodation cost that must be sent to organiser's bank account before **September 28th 2026**, otherwise accommodation cannot be guaranteed for your delegation.

In case a federation does not send the hotel reservation to the organizers before **September 28th 2026**, a **10% surcharge** may be added to the expenses.

Cancellation policy

Cancellations 29 to 15 days before the Accreditation Day: 50% refund

Cancellations within 14 or less days of before the Accreditation Day: no refund.

In case of tournament cancellation by the EJU or the local authorities full payment will be refunded.

Important: Injuries, visa problems or sickness are not valid reasons for cancellation of rooms.

12. PAYMENT

Please, make a payment for the entry fee and accommodation to the following bank account

Account details:

BANK Name:	BNL Sportello CONI Roma.
Bank Address:	Via Costantino Nigra, 15 - 00194 Roma
Beneficiary Name:	FIJLKAM
IBAN:	IT96A0100503309000000010108
BIC (SWIFT) code:	BNLIITRR
Purpose of payment:	ECU23ITA + NF(country code)

All bank fees and money transfer costs must be paid by the sending federation.

Payment in cash money upon arrival is not allowed.

The person attending accreditation must bring proof of the bank transfer.

In case of any extra costs arising from the hotel stay, damages to property of hotel or competition venue caused by members of a delegation, the responsible National Federation will be charged by the Organizing Committee.

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

13. TRANSPORT

Nearest airport: International Airport Naples Capodichino.

Nearest Train Station: n/a

Nearest Bus Station: n/a

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. The transfers are only offered on the days when the delegations are booked in an official hotel through the organisers.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DEPARTURE: In view of the announced closure of Naples International Airport (NAP) during the month of November, and considering that the information currently available from the airport authorities does not yet provide sufficient clarity regarding the exact dates and operational arrangements, the LOC recommend that all participating Officials, Referees and Delegations carefully verify the availability and status of their return flights before booking or finalising their travel arrangements.

In the event that suitable flights from Naples are not available, or should the airport closure affect the planned return journey, we kindly ask you to consider the following alternative airports, according to the order of priority indicated below:

- 1. Salerno Costa d'Amalfi Airport (QSR)**
- 2. Rome Ciampino Airport (CIA)**
- 3. Rome Fiumicino Airport (FCO)**

Transfer costs € 25 per person/one way for departure flight from Salerno-Pontecagnano Airport "Costa d'Amalfi e del Cilento"
€ 65 each person for departure flight from Rome Airport "Leonardo da Vinci" or "Giovanni Battista Pastine"

This order is recommended to allow the Local Organising Committee to plan and coordinate the return transportation from Naples as efficiently as possible.



All participants are strongly recommended to check their return flight options as early as possible and, where necessary, consider the alternative airports listed above when booking or finalising their travel arrangements.

This information refers only to departure flight. Arrival airport is only International Airport Naples Capodichino.

14. TRAINING

Tatami for training will be available in hotels VOCO, SAN MAURO and QUADRIFOGLIO

Training will be available from Wednesday, October 28th, 2026 till Saturday, October 31st, 2026.

Wednesday, October 28th : from 15:00 till 19:00

Thursday-Saturday, October 29th - 31st : from 10:00 till 18:00.

Booking of training sessions should be done per email ec23napoli@fijlkam.it

Training coordinator: Mr Vito Zocco, v.zocco@gmail.com, +393391923706

15. VISA

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 the form and a scanned copy of the first page of the passports until **September 28th, 2026 to Ms Chiara D'Ambrosio; ec23napoli@fijlkam.it**

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.

16. MEDIA

Official or EJU recognized media can apply online for a Media accreditation <https://www.eju.net/media-accreditation/> or per email: media@eju.net not later than October 19th, 2026. Please note that late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances. Details regarding the time and location of Media Check-in will be announced closer to the event. To stay up to date, please join our Media Telegram group: <https://t.me/+ZJRj2BsYuJo5NDli>

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.ippon-shop.com), Double D Adidas (<https://combat-sports.net>), Mizuno (mizuno.com), Fighting Films (www.fightingfilms.shop) 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 **own sponsors of the Federation or Judoka or EJU Suppliers**, **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, gambling and betting services 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 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 (see IJF SOR Appendix C).

Detailed information is available on <http://www.eju.net/statutes>.

Important:

- If an athlete does not respect the Judogi rules, the athlete will not be permitted to pass the Judogi Control, and the coach who is responsible for the athlete will be suspended for the rest of the competition day.
- The organiser is not obliged to provide reserve Judogi at Judogi Control, but the athlete is allowed to present himself in another IJF Approved Judogi, complying with the Sokuteiki rule (and without backnumber) - in this case no coach can go with this athlete to the mat!
- In the case of a repeated offence the coach will be suspended for the rest of the competition.

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 current ranking lists. The federations will get the information in time about nominated referees.

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 **JUDBASE**. Hotel reservation and travel will be arranged by EJU.

18.2 REFEREE MEETING

A referee meeting is scheduled one hour before the competition start on the first day. 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 Hansokumake 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. A competitor, who has got a direct Hansokumake as the penalty against the spirit of our sport, will not be authorised to continue the competition.

19. COACHING

Coaches nominated by their National Federations should respect IJF SOR point 7.1. Any coaches not adhering to these rules could be subject to disciplinary action.

To coach at this U23 European Judo Championships IJF Coach Licence is obligatory.

20. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERATIONS

Medical Certificate

The sex certificate and the medical certificate of the competitors are not required. The competitors will compete under the full responsibility of the federations.



Insurance

Each federation is responsible for insuring its competitors against 'injury and third part risk (public liability)' during the period of the championships. The European Judo Union declines all responsibility.

Attitude of Competitors

The federations are responsible vis-à-vis the EJU concerning the general attitude of their competitors.

Image of Athletes

The federations are responsible to have obtained the rights for the EJU to use the competitor's image in whichever way it considers it necessary for the promotion of the sport.

Neither the organizer of the event, nor the European Judo Union (nor any of its officials or members) will be liable or responsible for any personal injury nor for any loss or damage to your property arising out of your participation and travelling in connection with these events.

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 athletes 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.

22. AWARDING CEREMONIES

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 awarding 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. 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.

Athletes must also be available for interview after the last awarding ceremony if requested by the EJU Media Team.

After each day of competition photos will be uploaded on the EJU website: <https://www.eju.net/galleries/>. These photos are rights-free and can be downloaded and used by anyone: athletes, coaches, national federations, press and media etc.

23. SPECTATORS

Entrance for spectators is free of charge. No tickets are needed to watch the competition.

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