

Judo event report



Triglav Insurance Kortrijk Get Together Tournament 2026	
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date	12 April 2026
place (country and city)	Belgium, Kortrijk
no of judoka total	93
no of judoka female	20
no of judoka male	73
no of participating countries / and continents	5 countries from Europe
no of the number of total fights	117
used mats	2
results	https://portal.judomanager.com/competition/triglav_insurance_kortrijk_get_together_tournament_2026
no of ITOs	EJU delegates: Alessandro Comi (Sport Director), Dr. Peter Smolders (Head Medical Commissioner), Michele Amendola (Event Administration), Kerry Tansey (Adapted Judo Commissioner), Marina Drašković (Head Adapted Judo Commissioner), Media team (3 people)
no of NTOs	N/A
list of referees with licenses (attachment)	-

Kortrijk Opens the 2026 Get Together Tour

The Triglav Insurance Get Together Tournament in Kortrijk, Belgium, marked the first event of the 2026 EJU Get Together Tour, bringing together athletes, coaches and clubs involved in adapted judo from across Europe. The event was also a milestone for the host nation, as Belgium organised a Get Together Tour tournament for the first time, highlighting the country's growing engagement in adapted judo.

Alongside the competition programme, education was an important part of the weekend. The European Judo Union delivered the training workshop "Game-Based Learning for Adapted Judo", focusing on practical coaching tools and approaches for working with athletes in adapted judo programmes. The session formed an important step in strengthening coach education and supporting the continued development of adapted judo activities across clubs and federations.

Another strong message came from the tatami itself. Judo Belgium President Peter Vermeir also led a training session during the event, demonstrating in practice the values promoted by the adapted judo programme. His presence on the mat sent a powerful message: leadership in judo should not remain behind a desk, but live the values it promotes directly on the tatami. A special presence at the event was Belgian Olympic medallist Gella Vandecaveye, who served as patron and strong advocate for adapted judo. The former world champion and double Olympic medallist emphasised the broader significance of initiatives like this, highlighting that sport should be accessible to everyone. She stressed that adapted sport offers more than competition; it allows people with disabilities to develop personally, stay active and connect with others.

Vandecaveye, together with fellow Olympic champion Ulla Werbrouck, spent time engaging with athletes and volunteers, experiencing first-hand the unique atmosphere of the tournament. Both were struck by the warmth and joy surrounding the event, where smiles and encouragement often mattered more than results.

With strong participation and a supportive environment on and off the tatami, the Kortrijk event set the tone for the 2026 Get Together Tour, reflecting the continued growth of adapted judo and the commitment across Europe to expand opportunities for all athletes.











