



EUROPEAN
JUDO
UNION

MAINTAL KATA TOURNAMENT 2026

Maintal - Germany

28 November 2026

COMPETITION OUTLINES



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1. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Before Traveling

Passport 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.

Entering host country

Everyone is responsible to ensure they follow the entry rules (passport validity, visas, entry permission letter etc) for the country. Entry rules are subject to be changed, current rules can be found here: <https://digital.diplo.de/navigator/en/visa#/vib>

Those participants who need visa to enter the country, please, send the request before October 23, 2026 to Sebastian Junk; sjunk@judobund.de

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 re-patriation. The LOC of the event and the EJU accept no liability for any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to force-majeure or medical costs for any pandemic related illness that may affect them during the event.

1.1. DATE

The European Judo Kata Tournament for Cadets, Juniors and Seniors will be held on **Saturday 28th of November 2026**.

These events will be held in **Maintal, Germany**.

1.2. AGE & GRADE

For Cadets: participants must be born between 2009 and 2011 and a minimum of 3rd kyu belt grade.

For Juniors: participants must be born between 2006 and 2011 and a minimum of 1st kyu belt grade.

For Seniors: participants must be born in 2011 and before and a minimum of 1st dan belt grade.

For Itsutsu-no-Kata and Koshiki-no-Kata, tori must be 6th dan and up and uke must be at least black belt.

1.3. KATA

The Kata recognized for this tournament will be for Seniors:

- Nage-no-Kata
- Katame-no-Kata
- Ju-no-Kata
- Kime-no-Kata
- Kodokan-Goshin-Jutsu
- Koshiki-no-Kata
- Itsutsu-no-Kata

There will be three categories recognized for Junior tournament:

- Nage-no-Kata
- Katame-no-Kata
- Ju-no-Kata

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

There will be three categories for this Cadet Tournament:

- Nage-no-Kata (3 sets – Te Waza, Koshi Waza and Ashi Waza)
- Katame-no-Kata
- Ju-no-Kata

Athletes can participate in two (2) different 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. A Cadet athlete can participate for his second kata in the junior or senior division in



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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.

The up-to-date version of "IJF Criteria for Kata Evaluation January 2025" will be used to judge the Kata with reference also to the official Kodokan edition of Textbook.

1.4. ADAPTED JUDO

The program of the EJU Kata Tournament in Madrid will also include Adapted Judo Kata demonstrations or competition.

The regulations are taken from the new General Regulations for Adapted Judo 2026.

1. **Category 1A:** Tori is A-Judoka*, Uke is A-Judoka

2. **Category 1B - Tachi-shisei:** Tori is A-Judoka, Uke is mainstream judoka**

The kata is performed predominantly from a standing position, with necessary adaptations to accommodate the athlete's disability (e.g. athletes with Down syndrome, limb deficiencies or similar impairments).

3. **Category 1B - Ne-shisei:** Tori is A-Judoka, Uke is mainstream judoka**

The kata is performed predominantly from a seated or kneeling position due to the athlete's functional limitations (e.g. wheelchair users, athletes with cerebral palsy or similar conditions).

* A-judoka means a judoka with a disability who must adapt the judo technique

** The mainstream judoka is a judoka without disabilities

Official Kodokan Kata

The kata involved in the demonstrations or competition will be:

a.

- Nage-no-Kata (first three series)
- Adapted Nage-no-Kata (first three series)
- Katame-no-Kata
 - **Age:** turn at least 15 years old in 2026
 - **Grade:** hold a minimum rank of 2nd Kyu

Categories:

1. Nage-no-Kata 1A
2. Nage-no-Kata 1B
3. Adapted Nage-no-Kata 1A
4. Adapted Nage-no-Kata 1B Tachi-shisei
5. Adapted Nage-no-Kata 1B Ne-shisei
6. Katame-no-Kata 1A
7. Katame-no-Kata 1B

If there are at least 3 pairs participating in Nage-no-Kata, Adapted Nage-no-Kata, Katame-no-Kata the competition will take place.

ONLY DEMONSTRATION KATA

- Ju-no-Kata
- Kime-no-Kata
- Kodokan-Goshin-Jutsu
- Itsutsu-no-Kata
- Itsutsu-no-Kata wheelchair
- Koshiki-no-Kata
 - **Age:** turn at least 13 years old in 2026
 - **Grade:** hold a minimum rank of 2nd Kyu

Definition of Adapted Nage-no-Kata

Adapted Nage-no-Kata refers to a performance of Nage-no-Kata in which one or more techniques are modified to accommodate the functional abilities of a judoka with a disability. Any deviation from the standard Kodokan Nage-no-Kata, including adjustments to technique execution, posture, movement, or gripping, constitutes Adapted Nage-no-Kata.

Such adaptations must ensure safety while preserving the fundamental principles and structure of the kata.



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Adapted Nage-no-Kata may be performed in either **Tachi-shisei** or **Ne-shisei**, depending on the functional abilities of the participating athlete.

Scoring

Positive 10-point scoring system. The total points accumulated is the final result.

- Excellent 10
- Good 8
- Medium 6
- Almost 4
- Not so good 2

- Pairs may consist of two males, two females, or one male and one female.
- Participants can only compete in one of the Kata.
- The couples will perform on the mat only once, as they will compete in the direct final.
- Prosthesis are not allowed on the mat. Only minor assistance for the athlete can be accepted (e.g. getting on and off the mat by a partner, coach or Kata commissioner and this must be clearly described in the written request).

As this is a demonstration, if athletes do not meet the requirements, the EJU Kata Commission, upon request, may consider allowing them to register anyway.

Registration via Judobase is not required, registration of the National Federation is sufficient.

The pair's registration must be entered via the online form:

<https://judocompmanager.abacusai.app/registration?comp=cmuu5gfne0006uc08brwp6loz>

Registration is free of charge.

An IJF-approved judogi and Back number are not mandatory.

Athletes will be awarded with a participation medal or diploma.

In case of competition the athletes will be awarded with the gold, silver or bronze medal according to ranking.

1.5. BACK NUMBERS

The official EJU/IJF back number is required.

Please order your official EJU/IJF back number on <http://www.mybacknumber.com> or <http://ijfbacknumber.com/>

1.6. PARTICIPATION

The competitors must be of the same nationality as the country, which enters them. Competitors who have double nationality can only represent 1 participating country. When a competitor changes nationality, he/she must wait 3 years before he/she can represent the new country, unless the two countries concerned (the old country and the new country) agree to authorize his entry for the new nationality and this is approved by IJF (according to the IJF SOR, chapter 1.7).

a. Insurance

Each National Federation is responsible for insuring its competitors against injury and third part risk (public liability) during the period of the tournament. The organizer declines all responsibility.

b. Attitude of the competitors

The member Federations are responsible for the behaviour and attitude of their competitors at the tournament.

1.7. REGISTRATION

The participants need to have agreement of their National Federation. **All participants must possess valid IJF card except those who are younger than 15 years (born later than 2011).**

The nominal registration must be entered via your Federation into **JUDOBASE**. All participants of the Senior Kata Tournament and delegates must be registered for this event in the IJF Registration System (**JUDOBASE**): <http://admin.judobase.org/>.

Deadline for Judobase registration is November 20, 2026.

Keep an eye on the registration deadline!



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The pair's registration must be entered via the online form:

<https://judocompmanager.abacusai.app/registration?comp=cmuu5gfne0006uc08brwp6loz>

The pairs entry closes **on November 20, 2026**.

By subscribing to EJU Kata Tournament all participants and delegations agree that their pictures or videos could be used for Kata promotions and as tool for education and for seminars.

1.8. Entry Fee

The registration fee is 90,00 EURO per participant (180 EURO per couple).

It has to be paid before **November 20, 2026** to the following bank account:

Bank Name:	Sparkasse Hanau
Bank Address:	Sparkasse Hanau, Am Markt 1, 63450 Hanau
Name of account holder:	3-Team Event Service gUG
IBAN:	DE 88 5065 0023 0053 0145 02
SWIFT:	HELADEF1HAN
Payment reference:	Name - EC Kata Maintal 2026

1.9 . CONTROL

Control of Entries

Identity: Nationality and age of the participants. (Each athlete's passport must be presented to the organizer).

1.10 CLOTHING

Judogi

The competitions will be held in white judogi and black belt. For juniors and cadets: belt corresponding to Kyu grade or black for DAN grade.

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.

Advertising on the judogi must be complying IJF Judogi Regulation. Refer to Guidance of Judogi control Document.

National Emblem: Athletes can have their national emblem on the left front part of the jacket within a space of 100cm².

Judogi control

The Judogi control will be done before entering the mat.

N.B It is the responsibility of the judoka to comply with the IJF regulation rules.

- Hygiene
- The judogi shall be clean, dry and without unpleasant odour
- The feet and hands nails shall be cut short
- The personal hygiene of the athletes shall be of a high standard
- Long hair must be bound with an elastic band and may not cover the collar of the judogi
- Spectacles, jewellery pieces are prohibited
- Make up is not allowed
- The backnumber will have to be sewn already on the judogi.



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1.11. COMPETITION FORMULA

The top three pairs with the maximum points in each kata will be awarded. The pair with the maximum point/less mistakes will be awarded the gold medal. The couple with the second least points/less mistakes will be awarded the silver medal, and the third – the bronze medal.

1.12 POINT SYSTEM

Each technique and open and closing ceremonies are evaluated with a maximum positive score of 10 points. The positive score is decreased by mistakes. The evaluation of every technique of Kata must consider the principle and the opportunity of execution: the evaluation (included the opening and closing ceremony) has to be comprehensive.

Definition of mistakes:

Forgotten technique/Major mistake – score is zero and the total score of the Kata is halved. If the forgotten technique/Major mistake is more than one, zero score will be given to the technique but the total score will be not halved again. If the halved total value is not a whole number, the score will be rounded up.

Big mistake: when the execution of the principle is incorrect (5 points are deducted and the maximum number of crosses is 1)

Medium mistake: when one or more elements of the principle are not applied in the correct way (3 points are deducted and the maximum number of crosses is 1).

Small mistake: imperfection in the application of the technique (1 point is deducted and the maximum number of crosses is 2).

The total score for each technique can be increased or decreased by 0,5 point adding in the column of the correction value a " + " or a " - ".

For every technique without a big mistake, the minimum score has to be 4,5.

In case of equal score between pairs, the following criteria will be applied considering the scoring sheets of 5 judges:

- total value of big mistakes - wins who makes less mistakes
- if still equal, total value of medium mistakes will be considered - wins the pair who makes less mistakes
- if still equal, total value of small mistakes will be considered - wins the pair who makes less mistakes
- if still equal, the average score (evaluated until the second decimal place) of the whole Kata will decide. Wins the pair who has a better score.

If two pairs both are placed 3rd after the above-mentioned criteria, the Kata will be repeated in order to assign the medal.

1.13. COMPETITION SYSTEM

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.

2. JUDGES

2.1. LEVEL OF THE JUDGES

The contests will be judged by IJF/EJU or National qualified Kata Judges. Kata rules to be followed are as published by the EJU/IJF (IJF KATA EVALUATION Jan 2025). The Judges will evaluate these Kata based on the official Kodokan Kata standard according and with reference to the official KDK edition of Textbook (official amendment only should be considered if any).

All Judges for Kata Tournament must be registered for this event in the IJF Registration System JUDOBASE): <http://admin.judobase.org/>



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Deadline for JUDOBASE registration is **November 20, 2026**.

Additionally, all Judges **have to** submit this form to the organizer:

<https://judocompmanager.abacusai.app/registration?comp=cmpnrc7420000qi0884x2n5y9>

(by **November 20, 2026**)

2.2. SYSTEM OF JUDGING

The number of judges is five and they will be positioned on the shomen side. They will award points on the official EJU scoring sheet. For each technique the total score of three judges will be summed up to produce the final score: the highest score and the lowest score for each technique will be cancelled. The final score of the whole Kata will be the sum of the scores for each technique. A Judge cannot be competitor.

The judges shall always be in their position before the arrival of the couple to the competition area. The judge in the centre stands up and, with tense arms and palms of the hands turned upward, invites the couple to enter the competition area.

The couple enters and leaves the competition area at the opposite side of shomen: the start and end of Kata (opening and closing ceremony) is at 10 m or 8 m distance (bow to the mat).

Any behaviour of Tori or Uke inside the Competition area that is contrary to the spirit of Kata will be considered out of the competition.

2.3. DRAW

The draw to establish the order of demonstration for each group and Kata will take place the day before the competition.

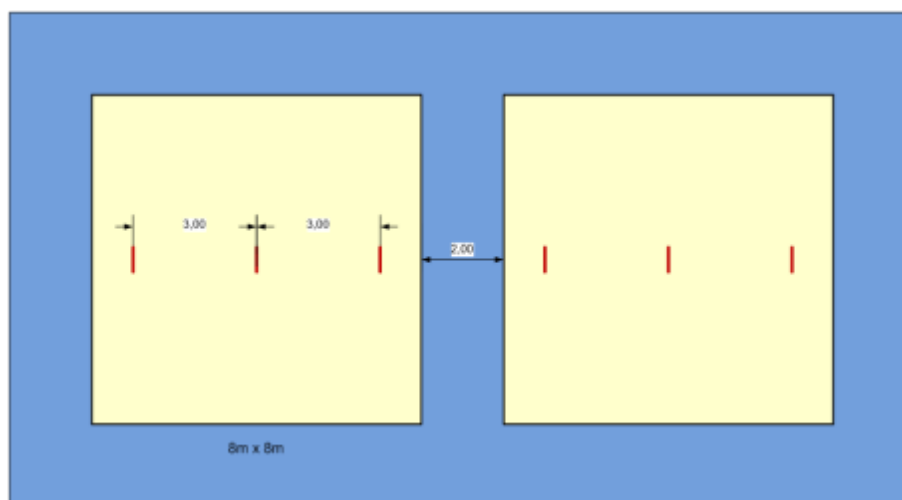
Each delegation must check if everything is correct and make all changes (if necessary) during the accreditation. After the draw **NO** changes will be done.

The draw will be online and posted on the:

<https://sites.google.com/view/informations-participants/home>

COMPETITION AREA

The competition area has dimensions of or 8 x 8 meters minimum or 10 x 10 meters (maximum) and shall be covered with tatami or similar acceptable material. When more adjoining competition areas are used, a common safety area of 2 meters is necessary.



A strip of visible colour adhesive tape, approximately 5 cm wide and 50 cm long, shall be fixed on the centre of the competition area 6 m apart 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.

2.4. INJURY, ILLNESS and ACCIDENT

In case of Minor injury like bloody wound, broken nail or a problem with contact lenses, according to the decision of the judges, the Kata execution will be stopped, and the athlete will be assisted by a medical doctor out of the competition area, if needed. The competition will continue, and the pair will repeat entirely the Kata after the last pair has performed.



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In case another minor injury happens to the same athlete during the second performance of the kata or after a forgotten technique or a major mistake, the pair will be given a score of 0 for the technique where the injury occurred as well as for the following techniques including the closing ceremony. A ranking will be assigned to them in the pool or in the final. If ranking then allows them to participate in the final, the next pair in the pool will participate in the final.

When Tori or Uke is unable to continue to perform the kata because of an injury, illness or accident during the execution of the kata, the pair will be given a score of 0 for the technique where the injury occurred as well as for the following techniques including the closing ceremony. A ranking will be assigned to them in the pool or in the final. If ranking then allows them to participate in the final, the next pair in the pool will participate in the final.

3. LOCAL INFORMATION

3.1 HALL

Sportshall: Sportshall & BudoArena

Address: Ascherstrasse 60-62, 63477 Maintal; <https://budo-event.de/index.php/sporthalle-venue>

3.2. NEAREST AIRPORT

Official airport: Frankfurt Airport International (FRA).

Train station: Maintal Ost Bahnhof, 63477 Maintal

Bus station: Maintal Ost Bahnhof, 63477 Maintal

3.3. TRANSPORT

Transfer costs is 30 € per person one way. Transfers can be ordered per link: <https://www.budo-event.de/index.php/shuttleservice-transfer>.

3.4. ACCOMMODATION

Participants of the Kata Tournament are not obliged to stay in the official hotel.

To book accommodation at the Official Hotel, you must contact the hotel directly:

Official hotel proposed by organiser:

Achat Hotel Frankfurt Maintal

Address: Westendstraße 77, 63477 Maintal; <https://www.budo-event.de/index.php/hotelinformation>

Distance to the airports: 30 km; distance to the sports hall: 250 m

Check-in time: 15:00; check-out time: 11:00

Prices per room/per night	B&B	Lunch	Dinner
Single room	115 €	n/a	n/a
Double room	125 €		

Hotel should be booked via link: <https://www.budo-event.de/index.php/buchung-booking>

Hotel booking and payment deadline is October 30, 2026

3.5. ORGANISER

3-Team Event Service gUG

Kennedystrasse 32, 63477 Maintal

Tel. +4917680707826, email: info@3team-event.de

Contact persons:

General matters: Mr. Ervin Susnik; +49 17680707826 info@3team-event.de

Accommodation: Ms. Olga Bagci; +4961812998361 hotel@budokan-maintal.de

Transfers: Ms. Olga Bagci; +4961812998361 hotel@budokan-maintal.de

PROGRAM (all times are in local time: GMT+2)

Attention: The schedule may be modified according to total number of entries and circumstance of competition. * The start time will be confirmed once the final number of athletes is known.



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<i>Time</i>	PROGRAM <i>(***Provisional time schedule)</i>	<i>Place</i>
Friday, November 27th, 2026		
10.15 – 10.30	Accreditation candidates	Achat Hotel Frankfurt Maintal
10.30 – 13.00	Exam for new Kata Judges (Writing and Practical Examination)	Achat Hotel Frankfurt Maintal Sportshall & BudoArena
16.30 – 19.00	Accreditation for athletes	Achat Hotel Frankfurt Maintal
16.30 – 18.30	Judges Kata Seminar (mandatory for all Judges and candidates)	Sportshall & BudoArena
19.30	Draw for EC preliminaries -EJU Kata Tournament	Online
Saturday, November 28th, 2026		
Preliminaries – Cadet, Junior & Senior Kata Tournament		
9.00	Cadet and Junior Kata Nage-no-Kata, Katame-no-Kata, Ju-no-Kata	Sportshall & BudoArena
9.00	Senior Kata Nage-no-Kata, Katame-no-Kata, Ju-no-Kata, Kime-no-Kata, Kodokan-Goshin Jutsu, Koshiki-no-Kata, Itsutsu-no-Kata	Sportshall & BudoArena
14.30	Opening ceremony	Sportshall & BudoArena
14.45	Adapted Judo Kata Demonstration	Sportshall & BudoArena
18.00	Awards	Sportshall & BudoArena
Sunday, November 29th, 2026		
German Kata Open*		

*participants of the EJU Kata Tournament are invited to take part in German Kata Open on Sunday, November 29, 2026. All information about this event can be found here:

<https://www.judobund.de/aktuelles/termine/details#605766>