INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION

KATA WORLD SERIES

EVENT OUTLINES

AVILÉS, SPAIN

IJF KATA WORLD SERIES

23 January 2027

#JudoKata

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Dear judo family,

It is with great pleasure that we see the development of activity within our kata community now bringing the Kata World Series back to Spain. Successful events across the world are showing a passion for and commitment to kata at all levels.

The Royal Spanish Judo Federation has nominated the beautiful town of Aviles in northern Spain to host the next edition of the Kata World Series, in January 2027. This is a town of historical significance, a key international trading post in centuries gone by. That international feel is now captured again by the kata community as the town opens its doors to judoka from all corners of the globe.

Spain is no stranger to the Kata World Series having staged a well attended event in Gijon in 2026. Spanish practitioners were also in action at the World Kata Championships in Sarajevo just a few months ago and that experience feeds into the ever-broadening experience of Spain's local organisers.

Thank you to the Royal Spanish Judo Federation for their generosity, energy and friendship at this important time; we know we are in safe hands. Welcome to Aviles; welcome to Spain; welcome back to the IJF Kata World Series.

Yours in judo,

Marius L. VIZER
President
International Judo Federation



Dear Judo Family,

It is a great pleasure to welcome the international judo community back to Spain for the **IJF Kata World Series**, which will take place on **23 January 2027 in Avilés**.

Avilés is a city where judo is deeply rooted and experienced with genuine passion. Its long-standing connection with our sport, together with the commitment of its clubs, athletes, coaches and institutions, makes it a particularly fitting setting to bring together some of the world's finest kata specialists.

Following the successful experience of hosting the IJF Kata World Series in Spain in 2026, we are proud to continue this journey and once again contribute to the international development of kata. This discipline represents one of the purest expressions of judo, combining technical excellence, precision and harmony while preserving the principles and traditions passed down to us by Jigoro Kano.

On behalf of the **Royal Spanish Judo Federation**, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the city of Avilés, its authorities, the Asturian Judo Federation, the local organising team and everyone whose dedication makes this event possible. Our gratitude also goes to the **International Judo Federation and its President**, **Mr Marius Vizer**, for once again placing their trust in Spain.

To all athletes, coaches, judges and delegations joining us from around the world, we hope that Avilés will offer you not only an outstanding competition, but also an opportunity to share knowledge, strengthen friendships and celebrate together the values that unite our international judo family.

We look forward to welcoming you to a city that **lives and embraces judo**, and to beginning 2027 together with a memorable celebration of kata.

Welcome to Avilés, welcome to Spain, and best wishes to everyone for a successful IJF Kata World Series!

Juan Carlos BARCOS
President
Royal Spanish Judo Federation

EVENTS DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND HERE: www.ijf.org/events/kata_esp2027

1. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

All event participants participating in the event described in these outlines must respect and accept the authority of the International Judo Federation (IJF) officials, the IJF Statutes and the IJF Sport and Organisation Rules (**SOR**). Individuals deemed to have acted against the IJF, its principles or purposes should be subject to suspension or expulsion from the event and/or cancellation of their accreditation cards.

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2. DEADLINES FOR DELEGATIONS

PLEASE RESPECT ALL DEADLINES AND RULES DETAILED IN THESE OUTLINES.

Days before Competition day	Deadline	Action
36	18 December 2026	Visa application (with passport photocopies)*
18	5 January 2027	Hotel final reservation and full payment
18	5 January 2027 (23:59 CET)	Full refund in case of hotel cancellation
14	9 January 2027	Event inscription (**Judobase**)

*Entry letters and visa applications will only be accepted for people who are inscribed in **Judobase**.

3. EVENT INSCRIPTION AND ENTRY FEES

Please refer to the IJF **SOR** Section 4 Entries and Accreditation and Appendix B1.1 Eligibility to Participate.

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

The confirmation of the delegation list is the full responsibility of the national federation. In case of unforeseen delay of arrival or changes/cancellation from the event the national federation must inform both the IJF (**registration@ijf.org**) and the LOC (**kataspain@rfejudo.es**).

A team delegate must attend accreditation to confirm the entries of all athletes and officials with a signature on the delegation confirmation list. A delayed appearance or no-show at accreditation may result in the exclusion of all participants from the draw and the event.

Entries	Price
Kata World Series competition	50 EUR per athlete

All entry fees are non-refundable.

Complete the form	**Kata WS 2027 ESP Inscription Fee Form**

4. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Name	Real Federación Española de Judo y Deportes Asociados (RFEJYDA)
Address/telephone number	C/ Ferraz, 16, Madrid, Spain
Website	**www.rfejudo.com**
Email	**info@rfejudo.com**

5. LOC EVENT CONTACTS

Accommodation	Ms Carmen Calvo	**kataspain@rfejudo.es**	+34 685830542
General Enquiries	Ms Carmen Calvo	**kataspain@rfejudo.es**	+34 685830542
Transport	Ms Virgina Perez	**kataspain@rfejudo.es**	+34 655959502
Visa	Ms Carmen Calvo	**kataspain@rfejudo.es**	+34 685830542
Emergency (24 hours, English-speaking)	Ms Carmen Calvo	**kataspain@rfejudo.es**	+34 685830542

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

6. COMPETITION VENUE

Name	Palacio de los deportes de Aviles, El Quirinal
Address	Plaza de los Donantes de Sangre, 2 Avilés (Asturias)
Website	**https://aviles.es**
Seats for spectators	2,154
Tickets	Free

7. ENTRY TO THE HOST COUNTRY

Please refer to IJF **SOR** rule 2.8.1 Visas.

The LOC can provide official documentation such as letters of invitation or confirmation of participation to support visa application only for people who are inscribed in **Judobase** for the event.

The decision to grant a visa rests solely with the relevant immigration authorities. Athletes and officials are responsible for ensuring compliance with the visa requirements of the host country.

Entry rules may be subject to change, the current information can be found here: **https://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/londres/en/ServiciosConsulares/Paginas/Consular/Condiciones-de-entrada-en-Espana.aspx**

Complete the form	**Kata WS 2027 ESP Visa Entry Form**		
Deadline	18 December 2026		
Visa contact	Ms Carmen Calvo	**kataspain@rfejudo.es**	+34 685830542

8. PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Friday 22 January 2027	All day	Arrivals of the participants and judges	
	10:00 - 16:00	Accreditation for judges and participants	OCA Villa de Avilés
	16:30 - 17:30	Examination for new IJF kata judges	
	17:30 - 18:30	Judges meeting (no judogi)	
	19:00	Draw	Online
	18:30 - 22:00	Warm-up	Palacio de los deportes de Aviles
Saturday 23 January 2027	TBC	Preliminaries Nage-no-kata (U18, U21 & senior) Katame-no-kata (U18, U21 & senior) Ju-no-kata (U18, U21 & senior) Kime-no-Kata (senior) Kodokan Goshin-jutsu (senior) Itsutsu-no-kata (senior) Koshiki-no-kata (senior)	Palacio de los deportes de Aviles
	TBC (1 hour after the end of the preliminaries)	Finals (U18, U21 & senior)	
Sunday 24 January 2027	All day	Departures	

9. TRANSPORT

Transfer from/to Ovedio Airport (OVD) on request. NO services will be provided by the LOC for delegations that are not accommodated in the official hotels.

Contact the LOC if you wish to request a transfer			
Complete the form	**Kata WS 2027 ESP Hotel Transfer Form**		
Airport	Ovedio Airport (OVD)		
Deadline	29 December 2026		
Transport contact	Ms Virginia Perez	**kataspain@rfejudo.es**	+34 655959502

10. PRE-EVENT TRAINING

Training during the event is the responsibility of the LOC. Planning and scheduling of training sessions will be organised taking into consideration requests made by delegations daily on a first request made first served basis. To book training contact the LOC.

Training venue	Palacio de los deportes de Aviles, El Quirinal		
Address	Plaza de los Donantes de Sangre, 2 Avilés (Asturias)		
Training dates and times	TBC		
Contact	TBC	TBC	TBC

11. ACCOMMODATION

Delegations can optionally book their accommodation through the LOC.

Complete the form	**Kata WS 2027 ESP Hotel Transfer Form**		
Deadline final reservation and full payment	5 January 2027		
Accommodation contact	Ms Carmen Calvo	**kataspain@rfejudo.es**	+34 685830542

VIP HOTEL

If a national federation President is accompanying the team, he/she can be accommodated at the VIP hotel or the delegation hotel.

VIP hotel	OCA Villa de Avilés
Address	C. del Prado, 3, 33401 Avilés, Asturias
Phone	+34 985 526 116
Website	**https://www.ocahotels.com/hoteles/hotel-oca-villa-de-aviles**
Price per person per night	Please contact the LOC (**kataspain@rfejudo.es**)

DELEGATION HOTELS

The following packages are available in the delegation hotels:

CATEGORY A - OCA Villa de Avilés	
Address	C. del Prado, 3, 33401 Avilés, Asturias
Phone	+34 985 526 116
Website	https://www.ocahotels.com/hoteles/hotel-oca-villa-de-aviles
Check-in time	14:00
Check-out time	12:00
Early check-in / Late check-out	Yes, with extra cost
Air-conditioning	Yes
Gym	Yes
Wi-Fi	Yes
Room service	Yes
A La Carte restaurant	Yes
Food delivery allowed	No

All prices are per person per night in: **Euro (EUR)**

CATEGORY A - OCA Villa de Avilés	Bed & breakfast
Single	130
Twin	80
Deposit required by hotel at check-in	No

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport - Ovidio Airport (OVD)	15	00:20
Training venue	1	00:04
Accreditation	Same place	Same place
Sport hall	1	00:04

PAYMENT

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According to the IJF rule enacted on the 2 December 2012 in Tokyo, “the organising country should not request penalties fee for participating countries who cannot make bank transfers but can pay in cash upon arrival. Those countries who cannot make bank transfers should inform the LOC well in advance that they will pay cash on arrival".

All bank fees and bank transfer costs must be paid by the participating national federation to the following bank:

Beneficiary's Name	ROYAL SPANISH JUDO FEDERATION
Bank Name	LA CAIXA
Bank Address	C/Paseo de la Castellana, 51 PL3 CP.28046, Madrid Office Number: 5731
IBAN	ES54 2100 6322 1202 0004 5632
SWIFT/BIC Code	CAIXESBBXXX
Payment Reference	Kata + number reference (you will received this number after the inscription in **kataspain@rfejudo.es**)

If payment is being made by bank transfer, the bank information must be inserted correctly and completely on the transfer document and any procedures related to amendment of the bank transfer must be done before arrival. Delegations must ensure that all bank charges are paid at their end so that the LOC receive the correct amount of funds without any deductions. Delegation must have proof of the bank transfer, upon arrival.

In the case of non-payment to the LOC, the national federation concerned will not be allowed to register to competitions until the debt is settled.

If rooms are cancelled the LOC has the right to charge as follows:	
No refund, 100% of the hotel costs must be paid from 18 days before start of competition	5 January 2027 (23:59 CET)

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

INSURANCE
Please refer to IJF **SOR** 1.3 Insurance and Civil Liability.

CONSENT FOR USE OF DATA/PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOS/FILMING
Please refer to IJF **SOR** 2.8.5 Consent for use of data/photography/videos/filming.

The national federation must ensure that they have the permission of each delegate or in the case of a minor the permission of the parent/guardian.

If a delegate does not give consent, then the national federation must inform the International Judo Federation by writing to **registration@ijf.org.**

ACCREDITATION
Please refer to the IJF **SOR** Section 4 Entries and Accreditation and Appendix B1.3 Accreditation.

Quota for officials for accreditations:
- One – three (1-3) pairs = five (5) officials.
- Four - fourteen (4-14) pairs = ten (10) officials.

COMPETITION RULES FOR KATA
Participants must be a minimum of 15 years of age in the calendar year of the competition. They shall have a minimum of 1st dan for seniors age group. For the U21 age group both tori and uke must be under 21 years old in the calendar year of the competition and shall have a minimum of 1st kyu. For the U18 age group both tori and uke must be under 18 years old in the calendar year of the competition and shall have a minimum of 3rd kyu (green belt).

Athletes can participate in two (2) kata.

Participants will have the opportunity to play the same role in the second kata or reverse roles or to do the second kata with a different partner. U21 athlete can participate for his second kata in the senior division in a different kata than the one performed in U21. U18 athlete can participate for his second kata in the junior or senior division in a different kata than the one performed in U18. The nage-no-kata 5 sets is considered a different kata than the nage-no-kata 3 sets.

A pair can be made up of athletes of any gender.

Seniors group:
A pair can do the following kata: nage-no-kata, katame-no-kata, ju-no-kata, Kodokan goshin-jutsu, kime-no-kata, itsutsu-no-kata and koshiki-no-kata.

Pairs participating in Kodokan-goshin-jutsu and kime-no-kata are responsible to bring their weapons.

For itsutsu-no-kata and koshiki-no-kata, tori must be 6th dan and up and uke must be at least black belt.

U21 group:
A pair can do the following kata: nage-no-kata, katame-no-kata and ju-no-kata.

U18 group:
A pair can do the following kata: nage-no-kata (first 3 sets), katame-no-kata and ju-no-kata.

COMPETITION SYSTEM FOR KATA

Kata will be divided into two (2) groups for kata with 17 pairs or less: the top three (3) pairs with the maximum points from each group (that is six (6) pairs for each kata) will compete in the finals.

Kata will be divided into three (3) groups for kata with 18 pairs or more: the top three (3) pairs with the maximum points from each group (that is nine (9) pairs for each kata) will compete in the finals.

If the number of pairs is less than ten (10), there will be only one (1) group: the top six (6) pairs from the group will compete in the final. A pair who had a forgotten technique or major mistake in the preliminaries will not participate in the final.

Three (3) or four (4) mats will be used for the preliminary rounds and the finals.

DRAW AND SEEDING FOR KATA

Please refer to the IJF **SOR** Appendix B1.4 Draw.

The draw will be held online: **https://sites.google.com/view/ijfkata/**

The draw to establish the groups and the sort of each group will be done the day before.
The top six (6) pairs on the ranking list will be considered seeded and will be divided into two (2) groups if there are 17 pairs or less and divided into three (3) groups if there are 18 pairs and more.

Seeded pairs for two (2) pools will be divided as follow:
A 1st, 4th, 6th B 2nd, 3rd, 5th

Seeded pairs for three (3) pools will be divided as follow:
A 1st, 6th B 2nd, 5th C 3rd, 4th

The draw of the finals will be done in the sports hall after the preliminary rounds.

JUDOGI CONTROL AND IJF OFFICIAL BACKNUMBER

Please refer to the IJF **SOR** Appendix B1.12 IJF Judogi Rules.

The list of official judogi and backnumber suppliers can be found here: **www.ijf.org/supplier-list**.

SEWING SERVICE

No sewing service will be provided.

RANKING
Please refer to the IJF **SOR** Appendix B1.5 Ranking.

COACHING
Coaches will be admitted, but coaching is not allowed.

JUDGES EXAMINATION
The IJF Kata Commission will organise a judge examination on Friday 22 January 2027 at 16:30.

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

Registration link: **https://judocompmanager.abacusai.app/registration?comp=cmvkza5i90003lr08gcgi7zgq&type=JUDGE_EXAM**

JUDGES AND THE SYSTEM OF JUDGING
Please refer to the IJF **SOR** Appendix B1.7 Judges and the System of Judging.

The contests will be judged by IJF and Continental qualified kata judges.

A judge cannot be an athlete.

Judges must be registered on **Judobase**.

The IJF "2025 Criteria for Kata Evaluation" will be used to judge the kata with reference also to the official Kodokan kata textbooks.

Judges must attend the technical meeting the afternoon before the first day of competition to confirm participation as judge in these championships.

The costs for travel, board and lodging of the judges are at the costs of the member national federation.

COMPETITION AREA
The competition area dimension is 10 m x 10 m for world championships or 8 m x 8 m for other events and shall be covered by tatami. Two strips of visible white adhesive tape, approximately 5 cm wide and 50 cm long, shall be fixed 3 m apart from the centre, to indicate the starting position of tori and uke. The centre of the competition area shall be indicated with a strip of adhesive tape of the same colour. The safety area between and around the mat must be a minimum of 2 m. The IJF Kata Commission Chair or his representative can modify the competition area dimension.

AWARDING CEREMONY

For each kata, the pair with the maximum points in the final will be awarded the gold medal, the pair with the second most points will be awarded the silver medal; and the third pair, the bronze medal.

Medals will be awarded following a performance by a pair according to standings regardless the number of pairs.

Each athlete who has won a medal must be present at the ceremony to receive their medal personally. Any athlete who is absent from the awards ceremony without a good reason may forfeit the medal.

Athletes must attend the medal ceremony barefoot, without any hat, cap or any similar head covering and wearing their IJF approved white judogi that conforms to the IJF judogi rules with special attention being paid to the publicity rule.

It is strictly prohibited for athletes on the podium to have national flags or similar items other than those on their judogi. Any demonstration with religious, political, personal or commercial connotation is prohibited.

MEDICAL SITUATION

Please refer to the IJF **SOR** Appendix B1.11 Medical Situation.

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