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EVENT OUTLINES

JUDO

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 @MariusVizer

Dear national federations, dear friends,

We welcome you to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates, a city which has become a real mainstay on the World Judo Tour and now extends arms of friendship to our kata family.

In Abu Dhabi we are promised first class hospitality amid a bustling city that boasts both state-of-the-art architecture and respect for the region's history and cultures. The sheer scale of progression and planning are indicative of the way in which Abu Dhabi represents a forward thinking commitment to both evolution and tradition. This is aligned with our vision of judo and so returning here is natural.

Our kata specialists enjoyed an outstanding stay in Krakow, Poland, in 2022 for their pinnacle event of the year and now move into Asia thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the local organisers. The 2023 edition of the World Championships Kata promises to celebrate the discipline and beauty which we hold in such high esteem.

I wish all our delegations, our friends and the wider judo family a healthy and successful event, filled with the excellence. Abu Dhabi welcomes you!

Yours in judo,

Mr Marius L. VIZER
President
International Judo Federation



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On behalf of the UAE Judo Federation, it is with great pleasure and utmost honour that I extend a warm welcome to you, esteemed members of the International Judo Federation, and our esteemed judo friends from various national federations around the world to the Abu Dhabi World Championships Kata 2023.

We are excited to host this prestigious event, which is set to take place in the vibrant and diverse city of Abu Dhabi, known for its rich cultural heritage and renowned hospitality. As the President of the UAE Judo Federation, I am proud to witness the growth and development of judo in our nation and provide a platform for the international judo community to come together and celebrate the spirit of this remarkable martial art.

The Abu Dhabi World Championships Kata 2023 promises to be a remarkable event, showcasing the highest level of technical skill and dedication from the participating athletes. With the participation of talented judokas across the globe, this championship will be an incredible display of sportsmanship, camaraderie, and fair competition. We aim to create an environment where athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators can fully immerse themselves in the judo experience and leave with lasting memories.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the International Judo Federation for entrusting the UAE Judo Federation with the honour of hosting this esteemed event. We are committed to upholding the principles and values of judo and providing a world-class platform for athletes to showcase their skills.

To all our judo friends from different national federations, we extend our heartfelt invitation to join us in Abu Dhabi for the World Championships Kata 2023.

Together, let us celebrate the spirit of judo and create lasting bonds that will foster goodwill and collaboration among judo enthusiasts worldwide. I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to Mr. President, Marius Vizer, for his restless efforts & the great leadership that have taken this sport to such a great height.

I wish all the participants, IJF EC, Guests, organizers, and all the judo lovers a pleasant stay in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

H.E. Mohammed Bin Tha'aloob Saleem Al Darie
President
UAE Judo Federation



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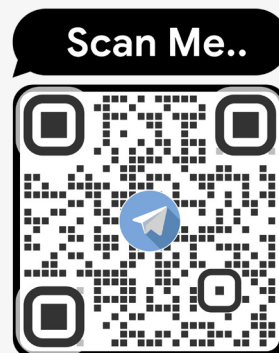
1. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

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, the IJF **SOR** and the IJF Anti-Doping Rules (<https://www.ijf.org/cleanjudo/133>). 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.

The event documents can be found here: <https://www.ijf.org/competition/2539>

The Liability Release Waiver (LRW) is no longer required.

To join the digital notice board (Telegram app): <https://t.me/IJFkata>



2. DEADLINES

PLEASE RESPECT ALL DEADLINES AND RULES DETAILED IN THESE OUTLINES.

Days before competition day 1	Deadline	Action
37	21 September 2023	Hotel final reservation and full payment
37	21 September 2023	Arrival and departure information uploaded to my.ijf.org
30	28 September 2023	Visa application (with passport photocopies)
30	28 September 2023	Full refund in case of hotel cancellation
7	21 October 2023 23:59 CET	Event inscription (www.judobase.org)

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

EVENT INSCRIPTION AND ENTRY FEES

Entries will be accepted from a national federation, national club or individual athlete. All entry fee's are non-refundable.

Entries	Price
Abu Dhabi world championships kata competition	110 euro per athlete

All participants must have a valid IJF veteran/kata card (IJF International cards are not accepted) and be inscribed in **judobase**. This registration should be made through the national federation by **21 October 2023, 23:59 CET**. For assistance, please contact registration@ijf.org before the end of the deadline.

In case of unforeseen delay of arrival or if someone must be cancelled from the event you must inform both the IJF (registration@ijf.org) and the local organising committee (s.alkitbe1@gmail.com).

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



3. FORMS

Competitors, judges, officials, candidates for IJF kata judges' certification and VIPs must register through judobase.

Candidates for IJF kata judges certification must be at least 4th Dan and 30 years old. They may register in the kata for which they hold a continental license.

Fill this electronic form: <https://forms.gle/ncccta5Q2815mJVh7>

4. PAYMENTS

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 event fees, bank fees and bank transfer costs must be paid by the participant/national federation to the following bank:

Beneficiary's name	MGO USA INC
Bank name	Bank of America
Bank address	New York
Account Number:	898075490705
Routing Number:	063000047 /063100277 (paper / electronic)
SWIFT	BOFAUS3N
Payment reference	Kata Invoice #

USE ONLY THE EMAIL ADDRESSES AND BANK DETAILS FROM THESE OFFICIAL OUTLINES.

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. Participants must ensure that all bank charges are paid at their end so that the LOC receive the correct amount of funds without any deductions. Participants must have proof of the bank transfer, upon arrival.

Whenever possible, cancellations should be made before accreditation. The LOC has the right to charge cancellation fees below.

If participation is cancelled the local organising committee has the right to charge as follows:	
Accommodation - 100% refund from	up to and including 28 September 2023
Accommodation - no refund, 100% of the hotel costs must be paid from	29 September 2023
Entry fee	No refund



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5. PARTICIPATION RULES

To participate in an IJF WJT event each participant is responsible to follow:

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

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

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

In addition to the above athletes must:

- Not be under medical suspension.
- Be healthy and fit for competition.
- Follow the IJF nationality rules.
- Have sufficient technical knowledge (know the terminology and can execute all the techniques in the IJF SOR Appendix H) and understand fully the IJF sport and kata judging rules.

6. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Name	UAE Judo Federation
Address	Al Mushriff, Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.
Telephone	+971 50 117 2315
Event website	https://www.uaejf.com/
Event email	s.alkitbe1@gmail.com

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

7. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE EVENT CONTACTS

Accommodation	Ms Laura MARIN	adkata2023@mgoevents.com	+34608530991
General enquiries	Mr Khalifa Salem ALQUBAISI	5alifa777@gmail.com	+971509941885
Training	Mr Khalifa Salem ALQUBAISI	5alifa777@gmail.com	+971509941885
Visa	Mr Mahmoud SAMY	visa@uaewjjf.com	+971551447186
Emergency (24 hours, English-speaking)	Mr Khalifa Salem ALQUBAISI	5alifa777@gmail.com	+971509941885

8. COMPETITION VENUE

Name	University Paris Sorbonne Abu Dhabi
Address	Al Reem Island, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Website	https://www.sorbonne.ae
Number of spectator seats	200
Spectator tickets	Free of charge



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9. ENTRY TO THE HOST COUNTRY

Each individual is responsible to ensure they follow the entry rules (passport validity, visas, entry permission letter, COVID-19 etc.) for the host country. Entry rules may be subject to change, the current information can be found here: <https://www.etihad.com/en/travel-updates/abu-dhabi-travel-information>

<https://www.emirates.com/ae/english/help/covid-19/dubai-travel-requirements/tourists/>

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.

Complete the forms	Abu Dhabi Kata 2023 Form Visa Info Abu Dhabi Kata 2023 Form Visa List		
Deadline	28 September 2023		
Visa contact	Mahmoud SAMY	visa@uaewjff.com	+971551447186

10. PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Wednesday 25 October 2023	All day	Arrivals of the participants, continental union kata delegates and candidates for kata judges' examination	
Thursday 26 October 2023	09:00 - 12:00	Kata judges' examination and results Arrivals of the participants	Ramada by Wyndham Abu Dhabi Corniche
	14:30 - 16:30	IJF kata commission meeting	
Friday 27 October 2023	10:00 - 17:00	Accreditation for judges and participants	Ramada by Wyndham Abu Dhabi Corniche
	14:00 - 18:00	Warm-up	
	15:00 - 17:00	Judges' meeting	
	18:00 - 19:00	Draw	
Saturday 28 October 2023	09:00	Nage-no-kata (senior & U-23) Katame-no-kata (senior) Ju-no-kata (senior)	University Paris Sorbonne Abu Dhabi
	14:00	Finals (senior & U-23)	
Sunday 29 October 2023	09:00	Katame-no-kata (U-23) Ju-no-kata (U-23) Kime-no-kata (senior) Kodokan goshin-jutsu (senior)	University Paris Sorbonne Abu Dhabi
	14:00	Finals (senior & U-23)	
Monday 30 October 2023	All day	Departures	



11. TRANSPORT

Transportation from train/bus station and airport is provided by the local organising committee.

To guarantee airport transfers, arrival and departure details for each participant, must be filled in on the IJF Platform: my.ijf.org

Internal transport (to sport hall, training etc.) schedules can be found on the event official noticeboards in each hotel.

12. ACCOMMODATION

All delegations, who inscribe for an IJF WJT event, must reserve their accommodation in one of the official hotels published in the event outlines. The reservation must be made with the LOC (not directly with the hotel).

Any damage to hotel property will be charged to the participant and must be paid in full.

Participants are kindly requested not to dry clothing (including judogi) or have training sessions in the corridors of the official hotels.

Complete the form	Abu Dhabi Kata 2023 Form Accommodation		
Deadline final reservation and full payment	21 September 2023		
Accommodation contact	Ms Laura MARIN	adkata2023@mgoevents.com	+34608530991

Note: The LOC will do their best to provide your first choice of accommodation but, as rooms might be limited, this cannot be guaranteed. After the accommodation deadline, the LOC cannot promise rooms in the hotels detailed in these outlines and another official hotel may be added.

Due to high demand other official hotels are being added and will be included in the next version of the outlines.

The following packages are available in the delegation hotels:

Bed and breakfast includes breakfast at the hotel.

Half board includes breakfast and dinner at the hotel

Full board includes breakfast and dinner at the hotel and lunch at the hotel or sport hall*.



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CATEGORY A - Le Meridien Abu Dhabi

CATEGORY A - Le Meridien Abu Dhabi	
Address	Al Zahiyah, Tourist Club Area, Abu Dhabi, UAE, 46066, +97124019000
Website	https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/auhmd-le-meridien-abu-dhabi/overview/
Check-in time	15:00
Check-out time	12:00
Early check-in	10:00 - 15:00, 50% of room rate will apply
Late check-out	12:00 - 18:00, 50% of the room rate will apply
Airconditioning	Yes
Gym	Yes (6:30 - 23:00)
Wi-Fi	Yes
Room service	Yes
A La Carte restaurant	Yes
Food delivery allowed	Yes

All prices are per person per night in: **euro**

CATEGORY A - Le Meridien Abu Dhabi	Bed and breakfast	Half board	Full board
Single	185	210	235
Twin	105	130	155
Lunch at the competition venue	25		Included
Deposit required by hotel at check-in	No deposit required.		

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport	34.6	00:30
Training	4.7	00:15
Accreditation	1	00:05
Sport hall	5.4	00:11



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CATEGORY B - Ramada by Wyndham Abu Dhabi Corniche

CATEGORY B - Ramada by Wyndham Abu Dhabi Corniche	
Address	Al Meena St, Al Zahiyah, Abu Dhabi, UAE, +97124019000
Website	https://ramadaabudhabi.com
Check-in time	15:00
Check-out time	12:00
Early check-in	10:00 - 15:00, 50% of room rate will apply
Late check-out	12:00 - 18:00, 50% of the room rate will apply
Airconditioning	Yes
Gym	Yes (08:00-21:00)
Wi-Fi	Yes
Room service	Yes
A La Carte restaurant	Yes
Food delivery allowed	Yes

All prices are per person per night in: euro

CATEGORY B - Ramada Abu Dhabi Corniche by Wyndham	Bed and breakfast	Half board	Full board
Single	120	140	160
Twin	70	90	110
Lunch at the sport hall	20		Included
Deposit required by hotel at check-in	No deposit required.		

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport	38.4	00:35
Training	6.1	00:15
Accreditation	same hotel	
Sport hall	5.3	00:11



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NEW HOTELS

CATEGORY B - Novotel Abu Dhabi Al Bustan

CATEGORY B - Novotel Abu Dhabi Al Bustan	
Address/ Hotel phone number	St - Sheikh Rashid Bin Saeed St - Rabdan - Zone 1 - Abu Dhabi - Emiratos Árabes Unidos/ +97125016444
Website	https://www.novotelabudhabialbustan.com
Check-in time	15:00
Check-out time	12:00
Early check-in	10:00 - 15:00, 50% of the room rate will apply
Late check-out	12:00 - 18:00, 50% of the room rate will apply
Airconditioning	Yes
Gym	Yes/8:00 - 21:00 (no booking requested)
Wi-Fi	Yes
Room service	Yes
A La Carte restaurant	Yes
Food delivery allowed	Yes

All prices are per person per night in: euro

CATEGORY B - Novotel Abu Dhabi Al Bustan	Bed and breakfast	Half board	Full board
Single	150	175	200
Twin	85	110	135
Lunch at the hotel	25		Included
Deposit required by hotel at check-in	No deposit required.		

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport (info only, no transfers will be arranged)	25	00:22
Training	13	00:15
Accreditation	14.9	00:21
Sport hall	14.5	00:17



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CATEGORY C - Trianon Royal Hotel Abu Dhabi

CATEGORY C - Trianon Royal Hotel Abu Dhabi	
Address/ Hotel phone number	Bani Yas Tower - Trianon Hotel - Najda street - Abu Dhabi - Emiratós Árabes Unidos / +97126575000
Website	https://trianon-hotels.com
Check-in time	15:00
Check-out time	12:00
Early check-in	10:00 - 15:00, 50% of the room rate will apply
Late check-out	12:00 - 18:00, 50% of the room rate will apply
Airconditioning	Yes
Gym	Yes/8:00 - 21:00 (no booking requested)
Wi-Fi	Yes
Room service	No
A La Carte restaurant	Yes
Food delivery allowed	Yes

All prices are per person per night in: euro

CATEGORY C - Trianon Royal Hotel Abu Dhabi	Bed and breakfast	Half board	Full board
Single	108	127	147
Twin	62	82	102
Lunch at the hotel	20		Included
Deposit required by hotel at check-in	No deposit required.		

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport (info only, no transfers will be arranged)	35.3	00:33
Training	7.4	00:15
Accreditation	2.2	00:10
Sport hall	7	00:18



13. PRE-EVENT TRAINING

Training during the event is the responsibility of the organising federation. 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	University Paris Sorbonne Abu Dhabi		
Address	Al Reem Island, Abu Dhabi, UAE		
Training dates	Wednesday 25 - Saturday 28 October 2023		
Training times	09:00 - 21:00		
Contact	Mr Khalifa Salem ALQUBAISI	Salifa777@gmail.com	+971509941885

14. OFFICIAL JUDO GI

Athletes must compete wearing an IJF approved judogi (white) from one of the following official suppliers can be found here: www.ijf.org/supplier-list

For further information on the judogi rules please refer to the IJF **SOR**.

15. JUDO GI CONTROL

At the time of accreditation:

The head of the delegation will certify that his athletes are wearing a judogi that complies with the IJF regulations. He will attest it by signature.

During the competition:

- The control of the judogis will be done before each performance in the judogi control area.
- Verification of the IJF labels (red), on the jacket, the trousers and the belt (blue labels are also authorised for the belt), (SOR C1.2).
- Verification that the logos, national emblem, marking and advertising on the judogi respect the provisions of the IJF (SOR C1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6).
- Verification of the official IJF backnumber, the name of the athlete and National Olympic Committee abbreviation on the backnumber are in accordance with the one on the accreditation card (SOR C1.8).
- Verification of the jacket crossing points, the length of the jacket skirt, the sleeves, the trousers and the belt (SOR C1.10).
- The T-shirt for women must be white, with short sleeves and a round neck (SOR C1.11).

If there is a breach of this regulation, it will be reported to the judges who will penalize the athlete in the scoring.

16. OFFICIAL IJF BACKNUMBER

Each competitor is obliged to have sewn on the back of his judogi a backnumber bearing their last (family) name and National Olympic Committee abbreviation. The last (family) name (and any part of their given (first) name) on the back number must have the same letters as that registered in judobase as this database provides the accreditation cards, athlete name on TV graphics and scoreboard etc. The top of the backnumber must be fixed horizontally and centrally three (3) cm from the bottom of the collar.



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The backnumber can only be ordered from www.officialbacknumber.com or www.mybacknumber.com
The backnumber should comply with the current IJF judogi regulations which can be found in the IJF **SOR**.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the judoka to comply with the IJF rules.

SEWING SERVICE

The LOC will provide delegations with a sewing service. They have the right to charge for this service. The place, time and rate (if applicable) will be communicated to delegations on the event's official notice boards. In case of non-respect of the place and persons providing this service to the delegations, the LOC, in agreement with the IJF, may refuse this service to those who were disrespectful.

17. GENERAL INFORMATION

INSURANCE

Each national federation is directly responsible for its athletes (the control of non-pregnancy and the control of gender). It must assume all responsibility for accident and health insurance as well as civil liabilities during all IJF events for everyone under their charge.

National federations are responsible to provide insurance guarantees to their delegates during any IJF WJT event. The LOC of the event and the IJF will not be responsible in the absence of insurance. The entity contractually bound to the IJF for the organisation of the event shall take all necessary actions to provide insurance coverage against civil liability for the entire duration.

It is the responsibility of the National Federation to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any COVID-19 related costs, including repatriation.

The LOC of the event and the IJF accept no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising from the travelling to and the participation in this event nor any claims relating to the cancellation of the event due to COVID-19 or medical costs for any COVID-19 related illness that may affect a National Federation delegation member during the event.

CONSENT FOR USE OF DATA/PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOS/FILMING

Participants in WJT events consent to the IJF 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 IJF.

It will also be acquired by the IJF and its media partners from in and around all IJF WJT 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. If a delegate does not give consent for use of data, photography, videos and filming then the national federation must inform the International Judo Federation by writing to registration@ijf.org



ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

National federations must follow IJF nationality rules – refer to IJF **SOR** Section 1.7

Athletes can only enter one age category.

Participants must wear a white judogi, a black belt and a backnumber in accordance with IJF rules (SOR Appendix C). Brown belt without IJF label is authorised for the under 23 age category.

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

Seniors category:

Each Federation may enter in the competition a maximum of 10 pairs and a maximum of 3 pairs in a kata.

Participants are to be minimum 16 years of age in the year of the competition. They shall have a minimum of 1st dan.

Pairs may be formed of either two (2) males, two (2) females, or a male and a female.

They will have the opportunity to do one of the following kata: nage-no-kata, katame-no-kata, ju-no-kata, Kodokan goshin-jutsu and kime-no-kata.

The athletes can only participate in one kata.

U-23 category:

Each Federation may enter in the competition a maximum of three (3) pairs in a kata.

For the U-23 age category both tori and uke will have to be under 23 years old and at least 16 years old in the year of the competition. They shall have a minimum of 1st Kyu.

Pairs may be formed of either two (2) males, two (2) females, or a male and a female.

A pair can do one kata between nage-no-kata (5 sets), ju-no-kata (3 sets) and katame-no-kata (3 sets). They will also have the opportunity to perform in two (2) kata, nage-no-kata and katame-no-kata or nage-no-kata (5 sets) and ju-no-kata (3 sets).

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.

ACCREDITATION

The purpose of accreditation is to identify people and their roles at events and allow them necessary access to perform their roles.

The accreditation card is valid for the duration of the competition and is the personal identity document of the participant for all security and access controls. This card contains: last (family) name, first (given) name, country, IJF ID number, media status (writer, photographer) and a picture.



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An accredited person should never wear another person's accreditation card. The accreditation card remains the property of the IJF and can be withdrawn, with immediate effect, at the IJF's sole discretion. Accreditation cards may be picked up from the accreditation room.

Replacement of lost or forgotten accreditation will be charged at 50 US\$ to be paid to the IJF.

The times and place for check-in and accreditation can be found in the programme of these outlines.

Number of accreditations for officials:

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

DRAW

The draw to establish the groups and the sort of each group will be done the day before the competition. The pairs medallists from the previous World Championships will be considered seeded and will be divided into two groups if there are 10 pairs or more. The draw of the finals will be done in the sports hall after the preliminary rounds.

COMPETITION FORMULA

Each kata will be divided into two (2) groups: the top three (3) pairs with the maximum points from each group (that is six pairs for each kata) will compete in the finals. Three (3) or four (4) mats will be used for the preliminary rounds and three mats for the final. 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.

JUDGES AND THE SYSTEM OF JUDGING

The contests will be judged by IJF qualified kata judges. The number of judges per National Federation is limited to:

Participating countries may enter four (4) judges.

Non-participating countries may enter three (3) judges.

A judge cannot be an athlete.

The IJF "2022 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. Time and place are stated in the event outlines.

For each performance, the five judges will award points on the official IJF electronic scoring system.

Three scores will be totalled to obtain the score of a technique (the maximum score and the minimum score will be cancelled for each technique). The final score of the whole kata will be the sum of the scores for each technique.



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The evaluation of every technique of kata must consider the principle and the opportunity of execution: the evaluation (including the opening and closing ceremony) must be comprehensive. In the nage-no-kata, right and left techniques will be evaluated comprehensively (only one score).

Definition of mistakes:

- Forgotten technique/major mistake - will score zero and in addition the total final score of the kata pair will be halved. If more than one technique is forgotten the score for that technique will also be zero but the total final score for the pair will not be halved again.
- 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 "-".

The five judges will be positioned on the shomen side and they will sit at approximately 1.5 m apart. The rule of neutrality will be applied so the judge must be of a different nationality than the competing pair. The position of the five judges will be the same throughout the competition. If a judge is temporarily replaced, he will take place in the same original position when he returns to the competition. The judges must take up their position before the arrival of the pair in the competition area.

The pair enters and leaves the mat at the opposite side of shomen: the beginning and end of kata (opening and closing ceremony) is at an 8 m or 10 m distance apart depending on the dimension of the tatami (bow to the tatami). Any behaviour of tori or uke inside the competition area that is contrary to the spirit of kata will reduce the score of the kata.

The pair who has the better score will win.

In case of equal score between pairs, the following criteria will be applied as a tie breaker:

- Total number of big mistakes of all five (5) judges will be considered - the pair who made the fewer big mistakes wins.
- If still equal, total number of medium mistakes of all five (5) judges will be considered - the pair who made the fewer medium mistakes wins.
- If still equal, total number of small mistakes of all five (5) judges will be considered – the pair who made the fewer small mistakes wins.

If two pairs, both placing 3rd in the eliminations (or 6th place in case of only one (1) group) are still equal after all the above-mentioned criteria, both pairs will qualify for the final. If two pairs placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd during the final are still equal after the above-mentioned criteria, the kata will be repeated so that the medals can be assigned.



COMPETITION AREA

The competition area dimension is 10 m x 10 m or 8 m x 8 m and shall be covered by tatami. Two strips of visible coloured 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.

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. The medallists must wear a white judogi on the podium.

All finalists, including 4th to 6th place will receive a certificate.

COACHING

No coach will be admitted, as coaching is not allowed.

MEDICAL SITUATION

Minor injury and illness:

- In case of a minor injury like bloody wound, broken nails or a problem with contact lenses etc., and according to the decision of the judges, the kata performance will be stopped, and the athlete will be assisted by a 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.
- 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 them allows them to participate in the final, the next pair in the ranking from the pool will participate in the final.

Major injury or illness:

- 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 them allows them to participate in the final, and they are not physically able to compete, the next pair in the ranking from the pool will participate in the final



INFORMATION FOR MEDIA

1. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

All local and international media representatives participating in the event described in these outlines must respect and accept the authority of the International Judo Federation (IJF) Officials, the IJF Statutes, the IJF Sport and Organisation Rules (SOR) and the IJF Anti-Doping Rules (<https://www.ijf.org/cleanjudo/133>), as well as the media protocol in place on spot. 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.

2. DEADLINES FOR MEDIA

PLEASE RESPECT ALL DEADLINES AND RULES DETAILED IN THESE OUTLINES.

Days before competition day 1	Deadline	Action
30	28 September 2023	Visa application (with passport photocopies)*
7	21 October 2023 23:59 CET	http://ijfmedia.datastat.si

*All media representatives must have the necessary documents to enter the host country, including a visa if necessary.

All requests are subject to approval by the IJF and the LOC, so the inscription is not a guaranty to be accredited. All accreditation requests coming after the deadline will be refused.

3. PARTICIPATION RULES

- International and local media must inscribe in the IJF media platform - <http://ijfmedia.datastat.si>
- Accommodation and local transport is the responsibility of each media participant.

4. GENERAL INFORMATION

INSURANCE

Everyone is responsible for their own insurance and must assume all responsibility for accident and health insurance as well as civil liabilities during any IJF WJT event. The LOC of the event and the IJF will not be responsible in the absence of insurance.

The entity contractually bound to the IJF for the organisation of the event shall take all necessary actions to provide insurance coverage against civil liability for the entire duration. It is the responsibility of the media participant to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any COVID-19 related costs, including repatriation.

The LOC of the event and the IJF accept no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising from the travelling to and the participation in this event nor any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to COVID-19 or medical costs for any COVID-19 related illness that may affect a media participant during the event.



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COMPETITION RULES

All media matters are the responsibility of the IJF Media Director. They are not allowed to film, or photograph injured or bleeding athletes anywhere in the venue.

Media are not allowed to access the warm-up area unless special access has been granted from the IJF. This must be proposed and granted by the IJF at least two weeks before the competition. Any member of the media who does not follow the above risks losing their accreditation and access to the competition.

Religious, political, personal or commercial connotation is prohibited for everyone on the field of play.

ACCREDITATION

The purpose of accreditation is to identify people and their roles at events and allow them necessary access to perform their roles. An accredited person should never wear another person's accreditation card. The accreditation card remains the property of the IJF and can be withdrawn, with immediate effect, at the IJF's sole discretion. The accreditation card is valid for the duration of the competition and is the personal identity document of the participant for all security and access controls. This card contains: last (family) name, first (given) name, country, IJF ID number, media status (writer, photographer) and a picture. Replacement of lost or forgotten accreditation will be charged at 50 USD to be paid to the IJF. Accreditation cards may be picked up from the accreditation centre or from the media entrance welcome desk in the sport hall, or from any other place dedicated to media which will be indicated.

RESPECT TOWARDS ATHLETES

Throughout the event, from arrival to departure, media representatives must observe strict respect for the athletes and their delegation. The delegations need calm to prepare and concentrate, the international media will only have access to the athletes under the conditions of the competition, at the stadium, in a mixed zone.

Any other request must be the subject of a written request to the IJF: press@ijf.org

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