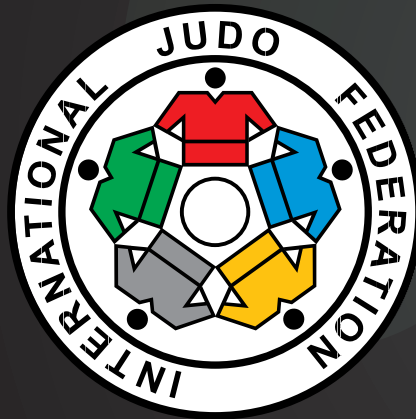


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KATA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016



Marius L. VIZER
IJF President

 @MariusVizer

This is the eighth time that the International Judo Federation is organising a Kata World Championships. This latest edition is being staged in the harbour town of Msida in Malta.

The Malta Judo Federation showed a tremendous desire to host the world's leading kata exponents and have worked with great energy to make sure the event is a success.

I urge all judoka to follow the competition and whatever your level I am sure that you will learn something to develop your own judo or understanding of the intricacies of kata which is a vital component of judo.

I would like to thank the Malta Judo Federation for their ambition and contribution to judo as an active national federation and wish them every success with the staging of the IJF Kata World Championships. I wish the judoka good luck and hope everyone enjoys their stay in Malta.

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Envic Galea
President Malta
Judo Federation

Dear Friends,

Our Founder Jigoro Kano said “Learning Kata is similar to the learning of grammar for the study of writing and randori practice is similar to the practice of writing itself. In other words, in order to write a composition, a grasp of grammar is needed. Thus in order to perform randori well, knowledge of kata is necessary”.

Kata used to be a requirement for our Dan grades, but recently, success in competition has been given more importance in grading. Kano continued to say in his memoirs “if students are left to their own discretion, the majority will no doubt practice randori and kata will be neglected” and that is exactly what happened recently.

Thanks to the IJF Academy, we are communicating with many Member Federations and I can assure you that what Kano predicted is true: kata is neglected in most of our federations. These championships are one of the forces that is bringing back to our Judo the “grammar” which our founder said is so important to “write fine literature”.

Malta has organised the first world championships seven years ago and we are proud that again, we have been entrusted with the organisation of this prestigious world championships. We are proud to host such great personalities of the world of the IJF and the Kodokan.

I hope you all enjoy this short trip; my team and I are here to make this visit as enjoyable as possible.

Welcome to Malta.



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1. ORGANIZER

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worldjudokata2016@gmail.com / info@maltajudo.com

2. DATES

1st and 2nd of October 2016.

3. COMPETITION PLACE

Tal-Qroqq University Sports Hall

Tal-Qroqq Sports Complex, Triq Maria Theresa Spinelli, Gzira, GZR 1712.

<http://www.sportmalta.org.mt/facilities/tal-qroqq-sports-complex>

4. HOTELS

Golden Tulip Vivaldi

Triq Dragunara, San Ġiljan, STJ3141

+356 21 378100

<http://www.goldentulipvivaldihotel.com/en>

Single Price bed and breakfast (per person per night) € 100

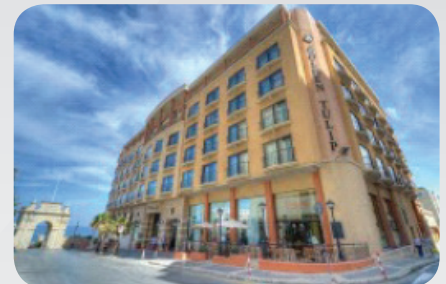
Single Price half board (per person per night) € 115

Twin (2 separate beds) Price bed and breakfast (per person per night) € 70

Twin (2 separate beds) Price half board (per person per night) € 85

Distance from airport (km): 11

Distance from sport hall (km): 4



Hotel Diplomat

173, Triq it-Torri, Sliema, SLM 1609

+356 23497000

<http://www.diplomat.com.mt/>

Single Price bed and breakfast (per person per night) € 85

Single Price half board (per person per night) € 100

Twin (2 separate beds) Price bed and breakfast (per person per night) € 60

Twin (2 separate beds) Price half board (per person per night) € 75

Distance from airport (km): 11

Distance from sport hall (km): 3



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Alexandra Palace Hotel

Triq Schreiber, Paceville, San Ġiljan, STJ 06
+356 2135 1151

<http://www.alexandrahotelmalta.com/>

Single Price bed and breakfast (per person per night) € 80
Single Price half board (per person per night) € 95

Twin (2 separate beds) Price bed and breakfast (per person per night) € 50
Twin (2 separate beds) Price half board (per person per night) € 65
Distance from airport (km): 12
Distance from sport hall (km): 4

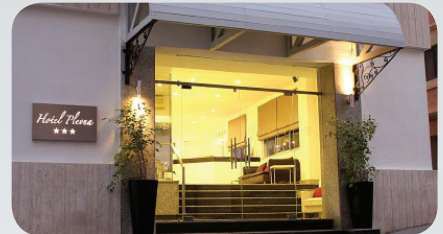


Hotel Plevna

Triq Hughes Hallet, Sliema SLM 3143
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<http://www.plevnahotel.com/index.asp>

Single Price bed and breakfast (per person per night) € 75
Single Price half board (per person per night) € 90
Twin (2 separate beds) Price bed and breakfast (per person per night) € 45
Twin (2 separate beds) Price half board (per person per night) € 60
Distance from airport (km): 12
Distance from sport hall (km): 4



Hotel reservations MUST be made through the organizing committee. All delegates inscribed for an IJF official event must stay in one of the official hotels suggested by the organizers for a minimum of one (1) night. If this is not respected accreditation will not be given.

Reservations of extra rooms at the check-in may be surcharged with an additional 10%.

If rooms need to be cancelled please inform the organizer immediately. Cancellation of rooms cannot be made at check-in. Illness, injuries or visa problems are not valid reasons for the cancellation of rooms. If rooms are cancelled the organizer has the right to charge the participating delegation as follows:

- Up to 30 days before the arrival - full refund.
- From 30-10 days before the arrival - 50% refund.
- From 9 – expected arrival - no refund, 100% of the hotel costs must be paid.

Any damage to hotel property resulting from the stay of a national delegation will be charged to the national federation and must be paid in full. Delegations are kindly requested not to dry clothing (including judogi) or have training sessions in the corridors of the official hotels.

According to the new International Judo Federation (IJF) rule enacted on the 2 December 2012 in Tokyo “the organizing country should not request fee penalties for countries which cannot make bank transfers but can pay in cash money upon arrival. On the other hand, they should inform well in advance the organizing country and specify the number of participants before the deadline”.

All bank fees and bank transfer costs are to be paid by the participating National Federation to the following bank:



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Beneficiary's Name: Ultramar Ltd
Bank Name: Bank of Valletta
Bank A/C No (IBAN): MT07VALL22013000000017307046019
Bank Address: 4, Guze D'Amato Street, Paola, Malta
SWIFT Code: VALLMTMT

(Please input the above information correctly and completely on the transfer document and any procedures related to amendment of the bank transfer MUST be done before arrival).

5. INSURANCE

Each National Federation is responsible for its competitors (the control of non-pregnancy as well as the gender control are placed under the responsibility of the National Federations) and must assume all responsibility for accident and health insurance as well as the civil liabilities for their competitors and officials, during the World Kata Championship.

The organizer of the World Kata Championship and the IJF will not be responsible for any insurance related to the above mentioned matters. Nevertheless the National Judo Federation staging the World Kata Championship shall take all necessary actions to provide insurance coverage against civil liability for the entire duration.

The organizer of the World Kata Championship and the IJF has no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising out of the participation and traveling in connection with these events.

6. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Each Nation can enter a maximum of 7 pairs with maximum 2 pairs for each Kata: the competitors can only participate in one Kata. The competitors must be of the same nationality as the country, which enters them. Competitors who have double nationality can only represent only 1 participating Nation.

When a competitor changes nationality, he must wait 3 years before he 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 accepted by the IJF (According to the Olympic charter Art. 42).

Competitors are to be 18 years of age in the 2016 (born on or before 1998) and a minimum of 1st Dan. Couples can be composed of either 2 males, 2 females, or a male and a female.

7. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

Hotel Reservation:	29 July 2016
Visa request (MUST with Passport Copies):	29 July 2016
Hotel payment:	29 August 2016
Travel information:	16 September 2016
Inscription of the Judges:	16 September 2016

Final Entry (entry by names): The registration must be done through the Organizer until **16th September 2016 23:59 CET!** An inscription form is enclosed as Form 1.

Nations missing the registration deadline will not be allowed to start. No exceptions will be made! All competitors, coaches and officials must be entered in time. After the deadline no additional persons can be added.

NOTE: It will be allowed to replace already registered coaches or officials; competitors only in the case of an injury.

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8. ACCREDITATION CENTER AND ACCREDITATION

THE NEW IJF REGISTRATION SYSTEM "JUDOBASE" WILL BE USED TO GENERATE THE LIST OF INSCRIBED COMPETITORS.

The control of entries and issuing of accreditation cards will take place at the Vivaldi hotel.

on 29th of September from 15:30 to 18:30

30th of September from 09:00 to 17:00

At least one team official must attend in time to confirm the entries of all athletes and officials with his/her signature. A delayed appearance or no-show at control of entries may result in the exclusion of all participants from the draw and the event. In case of unforeseen delay of arrival the Federation must contact immediately the organizer

An accreditation card will be issued to competitors, officials, judges and media. This accreditation card should be carried at all times. Passports or photocopy of passports from all competitors must be available on request.

Number of accreditations for officials:

- a) 1 – 3 Pairs : 5 officials
- b) 4 – 7 Pairs : 10 officials.

9. PARTICIPATION FEE

Participation Fee is 110,00 Euro per Competitor.

Please pay Fee by cash during registration at Vivaldi hotel.

10. COMPETITION RULES

The official Kata competition recognised for these championships, will be five:

- Nage-no-Kata;
- Katame-no-Kata;
- Ju-no-Kata
- Kime-no-Kata;
- Kodokan-Goshin Jutsu;

The IJF Kata Competition Rules will be used to judge the Kata with reference also to the official Kodokan Kata video.

COMPETITION FORMULA

Each Kata will be divided in two groups: the top three couples with the maximum points from each group (that is 6 pairs for each Kata) will compete in the finals.

Three or Four mats will be used for the preliminary round and three mats for the final.

If the Number of pairs is less than 10, there will be only one group: the top 6 couples of the group will compete in the final. For each Kata the couple with the maximum points will be awarded the gold medal, the couple with the second least points will be awarded the silver medal; and the third, the Bronze medal.

In each of the five Kata the couple with the highest score will be awarded the gold medal, the couple with the next highest score will be awarded the silver medal and finally the couple with the next lowest score will be awarded the bronze medal. The other finalists will be awarded with a certificate.



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POINT SYSTEM

The Judges are five and will award points on the official IJF scoring sheet. For each technique the total score of three Judges will be totalled to produce the final score: the maximum score and the minimum score for each technique will be cancelled. The total score of the whole Kata will be the sum of the score totalled by the five Judges.

Definition of mistakes:

- Forgotten technique

An omitted technique will score zero and in addition the total final score of the Kata couple will be halved. If more than one technique are forgotten the score for that technique will also be zero but the total final score for the couple will not be halved again. Finally, if the halved total final score is not a whole number then 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).

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

In the Nage no Kata, right and left techniques will be evaluated comprehensively (only one score).

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 8 m or 10 m distance depending on the dimensions of the mat (bow to the mat). Any behaviour of Tori or Uke inside the Competition area that is contrary to the spirit of Kata will reduce the score of the ceremony.

In case of equal score between pairs, the following criteria will be applied considering the scoring sheets of five 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 placing 3rd in the eliminatory (or 6th place in case of only 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 medal can be assigned.

SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Each Kata shall be evaluated by five judges under the supervision of the IJF Kata Commission. The five judges will be positioned on the Shomen side and they will seat at about 1 m distance apart from.

The rule of neutrality will be applied: cannot be judged a pair of the same Nation.

The position of the five judges will be the same for all the competition. If one judge is temporary replaced, he will take place in the same original position when he re-enters the competition.

A Judge cannot be a competitor.

The judges shall always be in their position before the arrival of the couple in the competition area.

The couple enters and leaves the competition area at the opposite side of the Judges:

The judge in the centre gets up and, with tense arms and palms of the hands turned upward, invites the couple to enter the competition area.

COMPETITION AREA

The Competition area has dimensions Minimum 8 x 8 or Maximum 10 x 10 metres and shall be covered by Tatami or similar acceptable material. The Competition area must be fixed to a resilient floor. When more adjoining competition areas are used, a common safety area of minimum 2 meters is necessary. A strip of visible colour adhesive tape, approximately 10 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 adhesive tape of the same colour.

INJURY, ILLNESS and ACCIDENT

When Tori or Uke is unable to continue because of injury, illness or accident during the execution of the Kata, the couple will be considered out of competition.

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 Doctor out of the competition area. The competition will continue and the couple will repeat entirely the Kata soon after the last called couple. In case a new Minor injury happens at the same athletes during the second execution of Kata, the couple will be considered out of competition. In the case that Minor injury happens after a forgotten technique, the couple will be considered out of competition.

11. JUDGES

The contests will be judged by IJF qualified Kata Judges. Kata rules to be followed are as published by the IJF.

The number of judges per federation is limited to:

Participating countries may enter 4 Judges.

Non participating countries may enter 2 Judges.

The IJF KATA COMMISSION may decide on the number of Judges according to the entries.

Each participating Federation having IJF Judges has to enter at least one judge.

Only the judges entered by their Federation can judge.

The participation in a meeting organised on **Friday 30th of September 2016 at 15:30** will be a mandatory to confirm the participation as judges in these Championships.

Only judges are to attend this seminar.

The travel, board and lodging of the judges are at the costs of the member Federation.

Inscriptions of the Judges have to be sent to the Organizer until the 16th of September 2016. An inscription form is enclosed as Form 2.



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12. DRAW

The draw to establish the groups and the sort of each group will be done the day before the Competition at the Vivaldi hotel: the pairs medallist of the World Championship 2015 will be considered head of series and will be shared in the two groups.

The draw for sort of the final will be done in the Sport Hall after the eliminator.

13. PROGRAMME

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE
Thursday 29 September	15:30 - 18:30	ARRIVAL Registration of the Judges, participants, Judogi Control	Vivaldi Hotel
Friday 30 September	15:30 - 17:00	Judges Meeting	Vivaldi Hotel
	09:00 - 17:00	Registration of the participants, Judogi Control	Vivaldi Hotel
COMPETITION Saturday 1 October	14:00 - 18:00	Warm up	Sport Hall
	18:00	Draw	
COMPETITION Sunday 2 October	09:00	Preliminary: Nage no Kata Katame no Kata Ju no Kata	Sport Hall
	14:30	Opening Ceremony	
	15:00	Finals	
Monday 3 October	09:00 - 12:00	Kata Training Camp	Sport Hall
	15:00 - 18:00		
Tuesday 4 October	09:00 - 12:00	Kata Training Camp Departure	Sport Hall
Wednesday 5 October	Departure		

Information:

Awarding ceremony after the Finals.

14. JUDOGI CONTROL

The competitions will be held in white judogi and black belt.

Approved judogi: Competitors should wear an IJF approved judogi with blue or red label supplied by one of the following manufacturers: **Greenhill, SFJAM NORIS, DANRHO, MIZUNO, Double D Adidas, HAYAKAWA, Fighting Film, Budo Sport AG, ESSIMO, MATSURU B.V, Kappa, Daedo, Toyo Martial Arts.**

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. The jacket and the trousers must have the same label color: the belt can have a different color from that used for jacket and trousers.

Backnumber: Each competitor is obliged to have sewn on the back of his judogi a backnumber bearing his surname and his National Olympic Committee abbreviation.

The backnumbers must be fixed horizontally and centered on the back of the judogi. They must be placed at a distance of 3 cm from the bottom of the collar.

The backnumber can be ordered from www.mybacknumber.com

The delivery can take up to 4 weeks.

Advertising: Competitors should carry on the back of their jacket the IJF and organizer dedicated sponsors of the event. Advertising on the judogi must be in compliance with the IJF regulations. 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.

The Judogi Control will be done at the Registration of the Participants.

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

15. PARTICULAR RULES FOR WOMEN

Female contestants shall wear under the jacket either, a plain white or off-white tee-shirt, with short sleeves, rather strong, long enough to be worn inside the trousers, or a plain white or off-white leotard with short sleeves. All other regulations must be adhered to.

16. COACHING

No coach admitted

17. ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

There is no anti-doping control for this Competition



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18. VISA

The organizer is happy to help any country with obtaining visa for athletes and officials. For nations, who need a visa to enter the organizing country, please send a full list of participants with full names, passport numbers, date of birth, and positions along with scanned copies of all passports before the deadline stipulated.

Visa contact: **Doris Galea**
Visa application: **29 July 2016**

The Malta Judo Federation is happy to help any country with obtaining visa for athletes and officials. For nations, who need VISA to enter in Malta, please send the Organizer as soon as possible (latest 29 July 2016.) list of participants according to visa application form with full names, passport numbers, date of birth, and positions (MUST send together with scanned Passport Copies according to the relevant updated requirement of Malta Government).

Please send the request to the following address of the Malta Judo Federation (see Form 3)

Malta Judo Federation

Person in charge : Doris Galea
37 Marina Court, G. Cali Street
Ta Xbiex Malta XBX 1421
Tel: +356 21319944 Mob: +356 99319944
Email : info@maltajudo.com

19. LAND TRANSPORT

The Organizer will provide free bus service for competing delegations from/to Hotel to/from Sport Hall. NO service will be provided by the organizers for the delegations who do not want to be accommodated in official hotels. These delegations will have to give us a contact telephone number for transmitting all important information.

Transfer from/to Malta International Airport to/from hotel is included for delegations accommodated in the official hotels. Delegates not accommodated in the official hotels may request the transfer from/to Malta International Airport to/from hotel at request at the price of 15 Euro per person one way. For information and request please contact directly the Organizer (See Form 6).

Person in charge: **Louisa Galea**
Mob. +35699458478 – Tel: +35621319944
Email : worldjudokata2016@gmail.com

Travel information must be sent to the organizers by 16h September 2016

Windsor Harbor Beach Pool

1-2 October



20. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE

All National Federations, officials, coaches and athletes participating in the World Kata Championship have to respect and accept the authority of the IJF officials, the Statutes, the Sports and Organization Rules, the Refereeing Rules of the International Judo Federation, according to the IJF Rules and SOR Provisions (point 23.8), individuals deemed to have acted against the IJF, its principles or purposes shall be subject to suspension or expulsion from the event and/or cancellation of their accreditation cards.

21. ATTENTION VERY IMPORTANT

The competitors wearing their white judogi (no shoes) will stand behind the podium according to the following order 2,1,3. Every competitor having won a medal has to attend the ceremony and receive his medal in person. If a competitor is absent during the awarding ceremony for no valid reasons he will lose the right for the medal. It is strictly forbidden for competitors on the podium to bring national flags or the similar identification other than the one represented in the regular manner on their equipment. Any demonstration of religious, political, personal or commercial sign is prohibited and so is wearing a cap or any other head cover.

WELCOME TO MALTA!!!

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