



AMENDED JUDOGI CONTROL PROCEDURE FOR EC ISTANBUL 2011

In order to restore responsibility of competitors for their equipment (judogi), fair conditions for all athletes, basic hygiene conditions and smooth running of events, the EJU is setting amended judogi control procedure starting at the European Championships Seniors 2011 in Istanbul.

This procedure does not change any relevant rules on Judogi; the aim is to make control smooth and effective.

1. At the accreditation, the coach or his representative will sign a document attesting that:
 - Judogi and belts of his athletes are of the IJF/EJU approved brand
 - Judogi are covered by the back number and the marking (emblems, publicity...) complying with the EJU current marketing rules.
 - Judogi and belts were controlled for each athlete by the Sokuteiki and they comply with its criteria on penalty of disqualification.
 - The trousers' and the jacket's color must be identical. It must be of a Pantone color complying with the IJF current Judogi rules.
 - The athletes were informed that if the back number publicity (sponsor) is torn down, it is necessary to replace it, on penalty of disqualification.
2. Checking area of athletes and Judogi control will be set according to attached diagram and consistent procedure will apply as during the EJU World Cups from January 2011.
3. Sokuteiki control will be performed by local referees with IJF license who are not involved in refereeing of the Championships and by National referees with the highest national license. In case of any doubt the Refereeing Director or Refereeing Instructor on duty at the Championships will be consulted and then final decision taken together.
4. The reserve Judogi will be provided to an athlete only in case of rupture, cut, stains from bleeding and similar reasons for which an athlete cannot continue fighting in his own Gi.
5. **In no case will the reserve Judogi be provided at control area for markings and advertisement (marketing) and for legal size (Sokuteiki control). Reserve Judogi stand will be removed from Judogi control area.**

Back Numbers:

Please be reminded of previous EJU decision: New IJF Back Numbers (upper part with name and country abbreviation) are obligatory in all European Championships 2011, starting with EC Seniors in Istanbul.

Attachments:

- EJU_Judogi_Control_Procedure_EC_Istanbul_2011 (diagram)
- IJF Sokuteiki Rule
- IJF Sokuteiki Use



Review of Judogi control procedure

(Before the EC Seniors Istanbul 2011)

From beginning of the year 2011 the EJU sports, refereeing and marketing sectors, in collaboration with organizers, tested and applied stricter Judogi control procedure aiming at the main targets:

- To enforce the proper size and measurements of Judogi as defined by IJF Refereeing Rules and IJF SOR and secure fair conditions for all athletes
- To establish control relevant to IJF Sokuteiki rule (attached), which was adopted already from 1 January 2009, but hardly ever applied in competitions
- To secure that the Judogi brand, abbreviations, publicity, back numbers comply with current EJU marketing regulations.

Support:

- Updated Judogi control procedure was carefully explained and presented (projected) during the draw in all World Cups.
- Marketing sector (MS) organized delivery of reserve Judogi provided by EJU official suppliers
- MS organized delivery of EJU sponsors BN free of charge to organizers of all W-Cups.

Review:

Positive:

- Practically all athletes have appeared on Tatami in Judogi of proper size, and proper marketing conditions: brand (official suppliers), back numbers, publicity (sponsors).

Negative:

- Athletes and coaches became requesting more and more supply of reserve Judogi
- Many athletes came direct to Judogi control to take reserve Judogi, without presenting their own for a check
- They jammed the control area even long before the start of competition, blocking access to the mat for those who had everything in order
- Increased number of judokas appeared on Tatami without proper back number (name and country), creating double-standard and confusion for spectators and TV
- Once the reserve Judogi were borrowed, athletes often did not return them right after match, organizers have to look for them around the hall to get the Judogi back in time
- Athletes / coaches even complained (!) that organizers did not have the right size of Judogi for them at the right time, sometimes becoming aggressive
- The standard of hygiene in top judo events has declined to such poor levels unimaginable in any other sport. Two, three, even five athletes could gradually compete in one and the same Judogi
- According to EJU Medical Commission, all their advising how to avoid trichophyton and observe correct hygienic behavior of the judokas was aborted.
- General lack of responsibility for own Judogi resulted in increased number of delayed matches, often an athlete with correct Gi had to wait on Tatami for his opponent, who was changing, or waiting for reserve Gi from organizers

Comments:

Judo became the only sport where athletes can require personal equipment (judogi) from organizer. Can we imagine i.e. a wrestler in his underwear waiting for end of previous match to wear dress of one of wrestlers? Or a swimmer waiting for swimming dress to be provided by FINA, or take one from swimmer who is just climbing out of water? Or skier to require skis from organizer or FIS – and referees waiting to start the race until he finds a pair which fits him? Judogi control became a Judogi supply!



This is something the EJU and IJF were still tolerating and situation is unbearable any further, especially with regard to the EC in Istanbul. Can we imagine how many athletes will eventually compete in one reserve judogi during 4-days event? The reserve Judogi should be there ONLY if something happens during the contest and the athlete cannot continue to fight in his own (bleeding, cut or similar).

The same would apply to marketing requirements - if an athlete with the coach and team leader in World and European top level competition is not able to follow easy rules, than he cannot compete. Judoka is responsible for his own judogi, his coach / team official should provide him all assistance and support, but nobody else has such obligation and responsibility!