



# EJU KATA JUDGE REGULATIONS 2026

## EJU Kata Judges RANKING SYSTEM

The EJU Kata Judges Ranking list starts at the previous European Championships and ends at the following European Championships. The ranking list is published on the EJU website and in the <https://sites.google.com/view/informations-judges/home>

The ranking will be made along all **EJU Kata Tournaments** and **European Kata Championships**.

Two rankings will be drawn up:

- 1) for judges with the European qualifications in all kata.
- 2) for judges who have acquired between 1 and 4 European qualifications.

The judges will receive points from 1 to 10 in decimal expressions (6.0, 6.1, 7.2, 7.6, etc.).

- The judge with the highest average points is ranked as No 1, the judge with the second highest average points as No 2, and so forth.
- The general criteria used by supervisors to assign scores to the ranking are as follows:
  - attitude, behavior and judging;
  - being a cooperative member of the assigned judging panel;
  - showing perpetual objectivity;
  - conduct in an exemplary manner;
  - being a consummate professional; neat in appearance;
  - reports in a timely fashion for all assignments;
  - is prepared to participate fully until the last contest;
  - high integrity, avoiding any conflict of interest, rendering fair and unbiased decisions, refrain from looking at other judges' evaluation form during the athletes' performance;
  - avoiding excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages and ensure adequate rest in the days.
- Only judges with minimum of 4 continental licences can be called up for the European Championships. Judges with all 7 licences will be selected first and, if necessary, judges with less licences (starting from 6 licences) will follow.
- To be called up for the European Championships, you must have (in addition to selection by ranking) participated as a judge in at least 2 EJU Kata Tournaments in the year.

The Kata Judges who attend to the EJU KATA Tournament must be registered on **judobase** by their federation and fill in the google form you will find in the Seminar outlines.



## **EJU KATA JUDGES SEMINAR**

- The day before of the each EJU Kata Tournament will be held a Seminar for the Judges and the Examination for new Judges and for the Judges who want to extend the number of Kata licenses.
- The Seminar **is mandatory** for the Judges who attend to the EJU Tournament.
- The Seminar fee is free for the Judges who attend to the competition.

## **CONTINENTAL EXAMINATION FOR JUDGES - 2026**

The Continental exam in the year 2026 will take place at all EJU KATA Tournaments if possible.

All 7 kata (Nage No Kata – Katame No Kata – Ju No Kata- Kime No Kata – Kodokan Goshin Jutsu -Koshiki no Kata – Itsutsu no Kata) are planned in each seminar and candidates may choose in which they want to take examination.

Each candidate can be examined for up to two Kata per seminar. Every National Federation can nominate candidates without limit.

The candidates have to send 3 weeks before the date of the place selected filling the registration form for examination indicated in the seminar and examination outlines.

The National Federation have to send the paper form attached with the stamp and signature to the organizer email respecting the deadline indicated in the outlines of the chosen Seminar and Exam.

The EJU fee for Seminar and Examination for the candidates is 100 €.

## **CRITERIA FOR THE CANDIDATES**

- **AGE AND GRADE:**

### **1<sup>st</sup> level**

- Age: from 25 years (for Nage no Kata – Katame no Kata)
- Minimum Dan grade required: 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan

### **2<sup>nd</sup> level**

- Age: from 30 years (for Ju no Kata – Kime no Kata – Kodokan Goshin Jutsu – Koshiki no Kata – Itsutsu no Kata)
- Minimum dan grade required: 4<sup>th</sup> Dan

## **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. National license
2. Active judge on national and regional levels
3. English knowledge at the level of communication



### **SPECIAL CASE:**

The above written requirements *could be* exempted for former top judo competitors (international medal winners in European and World Championships), who wants to be judge after the end of their career as a competitor.

### **MANDATORY RULE:**

- Each candidate must be nominated national judo federation
- Approval of the national federation of the country of which the candidate holds citizenship.

### **CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS**

The examination will be based on:

1. Knowledge of the rules, **written**
2. Completing the scorecards, **practical**
3. Knowledge of the kata principles, **practical on the mat**
4. Knowledge of the attitude and organization

The candidates that passed the examination *could be* observed and evaluated as judges in the EJU Kata Tournament.

If a candidate does not pass the examination in one session, he/she may apply without limitation in subsequent ones.

### **EXAMINATION PROCEDURE AND MINUM PASSING SCORING**

Candidates for the first examination must first take the written examination on general aspects. If they pass (minimum 12 out of 20 points), they are allowed to take the written examination on the chosen kata.

#### **Point system Written Exam:**

20 questions; 1 point for a correct answer; max. 20 points

#### **Result:**

12 points or more	=> passed
11 points	=> if minimum 13 points in practical exam => passed
10 points	=> if minimum 14 points in practical exam => passed
9 points	=> if minimum 15 points in practical exam => passed
8 points or less	=> failed

The candidates who do not pass the theoretical examination on the chosen kata will not be allowed to take the practical examination.

#### **Point system Practical Exam:**

5 assignments; max 4 points per assignment; total max. 20 points

4 = very good performance and explanation



- 3 = good performance and explanation  
2 = inadequately performance and explanation  
1 = bad performance and explanation

**Result:**

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11 points => if minimum 13 points in written exam => passed  
10 points => if minimum 14 points in written exam => passed  
9 points => if minimum 15 points in written exam => passed  
8 points or less => failed

To pass examination the candidate has to reach in sum 24 out of 40 points, but the candidate will fail if only reaching 8 or less in written or practical exam.