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CADET 2026

EVENT OUTLINES

**Ganja “Millennium Team” Cadet European
Cup 2026**

April 04th – 05th 2026

Ganja EJU Cadet Training Camp

April 06th – 08th 2026

IJF Cadet World Ranking Event



1. ORGANISER

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2. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Before Travelling

Passports must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of arrival.

- Check host country entry requirements and airline requirements (if applicable).
- Check if you need a visa, and if yes, request it from the LOC according to the details in the **ENTERING THE HOST COUNTRY** section.
- Send travel information (arrival and departures) to the LOC.
- Book accommodation with the LOC.

Entering host country

Each individual is responsible to follow the entry rules (passport validity, visas, entry permission letter, etc.) for the host country. Entry rules may be subject to change, current rules can be found under the link: <https://evisa.gov.az/en/>

Countries that are not listed in the e-visa portal drop-down menu are required to contact the Azerbaijan Judo Federation at least 30 days (1 month) in advance and submit an official request letter. In addition, passport details of each individual entering the country must be completed in the visa application form file available in the "Documents" section and sent accordingly. All communication regarding this matter should be made with Kamran Yahyayev (visa@judo.az).

Please note that Azerbaijan's land borders are closed. Therefore, the main point of entry must be an airport. Teams wishing to enter Azerbaijan by land are required to contact the Azerbaijan Judo Federation and submit the list of participants at least 30 days in advance. In addition, passport details of each individual entering the country must be completed in the visa application form file available in the "Documents" section and sent accordingly.

For this purpose, please contact Kamran Yahyayev at the Azerbaijan Judo Federation: Email: visa@judo.az

Insurance

It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any pandemic related costs, including repatriation. The LOC of the event and the EJU accept no liability for any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to any pandemic or medical costs for any illness that may affect them during the event.

3. COMPETITION PLACE

Sports Hall: Ganja Sport Palace

Address: N.Gəncəvi pr 541. Next to Heydər Əliyev park. Yeni Gəncə district.;
https://www.instagram.com/ganja_sportspalace?igsh=cjdiM3p4Y3VsHk4



4. AGE

15, 16 and 17 years old (Born in 2009, 2010 and 2011)

5. PARTICIPATION

This Cadet European Cup is open for **all EJU/IJF Member Federations**. In case of pandemic outbreak restrictions for the number of participants may apply. The competitors must be of the same nationality as the National Federation, which enters them. In special circumstances the athletes can have different nationality as the National Federation which enters them (see par. 1.7.2.3 "Junior and Younger Immigrants" of IJF SOR).

6. CATEGORIES & DURATION

Male: -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg
 Female: -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg
 Duration: 4 minutes plus Golden Score No time limit.

7. ENTRY FEE

The EJU entry fee of **40 €** per athlete must be paid by all athletes.

8. DEADLINES

Visa form:	Monday, 16 th March 2026
Hotel Reservation:	Monday, 16 th March 2026
Hotel payment:	Monday, 16 th March 2026
Travel details:	Friday, 20 th March 2026
JUDOBASE Registration:	Friday, 20th March 2026

9. PROGRAM

Attention: The schedule may be modified according to total number of entries and circumstances of competition.

* The start time will be confirmed once the final number of athletes is known

Friday, April 03rd 2026		
10:00 – 17:00	Accreditation	Ganja Sport Palace
18:00 – 18:30	Unofficial weigh-in	Ganja Sport Palace
18:30 – 19:15	Official weigh-in Girls: -40, -44, -48, -52 kg Boys: -50, -55, -60, -66 kg	Ganja Sport Palace
19:30	Draw	Online
Saturday, April 04th 2026		Girls: -40, -44, -48, -52 kg Boys: -50, -55, -60, -66 kg
TBC*	Referee Meeting	Ganja Sport Palace
TBC*	Eliminations/Repechage/Semi finals	Ganja Sport Palace
After	Final Block: Bronze Medal Contests, Finals	Ganja Sport Palace
18:00 – 18:30	Unofficial weigh-in	Ganja Sport Palace
18:30 – 19:15	Official weigh-in Girls: -57, -63, -70, +70 kg Boys: -73, -81, -90, +90 kg	Ganja Sport Palace
Sunday, April 05th 2026		Girls: -57, -63, -70, +70 kg Boys: -73, -81, -90, +90 kg
TBC*	Eliminations/Repechage/Semi finals	Ganja Sport Palace
After	Final Block: Bronze Medal Contests, Finals	Ganja Sport Palace



Monday-Wednesday, April 06th- 08th, 2026 – Ganja EJU Cadet Training Camp (see details in Par. 27)

10. JUDOBASE REGISTRATION

All participants and delegates must be registered for this event in the IJF Registration System (**JUDOBASE**): <https://admin.judobase.org/>. Deadline for JUDOBASE Registration is **Friday, March 20th 2026**

	NO IJF Official ID Card	Late entry	Replacement IJF Official ID Card: YES
Athletes		LATE ENTRY FEE 60 euro	0€
Other delegates (Head of delegation, Coaches, Physios, Doctors, ...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENTRY NOT POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT NOT POSSIBLE 	0€	0€

Please note:

- Late entries can be done on spot after payment of 60 euro late entry fee. Late entry fee is paid additionally to EJU participation fee which is 40 euro. In general 100 euro has to be paid in case of late entry.**
- Persons, who are banned by their Federation or IJF cannot be entered as late entry or replacement.

11. ACCREDITATION & CONTROL OF NATIONALITY

At least one team delegate (and not more than 2) must attend the accreditation on **Friday at 10:00 - 17:00**, on time in order to confirm the entries of all athletes and officials with his signature on the delegation confirmation list. A delayed appearance or no-show may result in the exclusion of all participants from the draw and the event. In case of unforeseen delay of arrival, the National Federation must immediately contact both the organiser and the EJU (headoffice@eju.net). Passports or photocopies of passports from all competitors must be available on request (national ID Card showing nationality, picture and date of birth or a copy is also accepted). The competitors must not be present at the nationality control.

Very important: Each National Federation must be represented by a team leader or coach responsible for registration of **ALL athletes from the respective National Federation**, regardless club or other membership. **Every National Federation will be accepted for accreditation only once**, when all entries and payments can be confirmed at the same time.

12. COMPETITION MODE

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the latest IJF SOR and IJF Refereeing Rules. Competition systems according to number of participants:

- 6 and more entries: Double repechage
- If there are one (1) to five (5) athletes the low numbers competition systems and rules apply.

Low numbers competition system rules

No	Medals awarded	WRL points awarded (if applicable)	Competition System
5*	Gold, silver and one bronze	First, second, one third and one or two fifth (only if the athlete won one contest in the round robin) place.	The athletes will be divided as follows: Pool A - 3 athletes will compete in a round robin system. The winner will go to the final, the second will compete against the loser from pool B in the bronze medal contest. Pool B - 2 athletes will compete for a place in the final
4*	Gold, silver and one bronze	First, second and one third place.	Elimination system with two (2) pools of two (2) single contests, then a contest between the two (2) losers of each pool for the single bronze medal and a contest between the two



			(2) winners of each pool for the gold and silver medals.
3*	Gold, silver and one bronze (if one contest was won)	First, second and third (only if one contest was won) place.	A round robin system will be held in the elimination round. The best and the second best will compete in a final for the gold and silver medal. The third athlete will be awarded the single bronze (only if one contest was won).
2*	Gold	First place.	One final contest.
1*	None	No	No competition

*Participation points given (if applicable).

If only one (1) athlete passes the weigh-in there will be no competition.

13. DRAW

The draw will be held ONLINE.

Seeding: The top eight (8) from the entered competitors in each weight category will be seeded according to the current IJF Cadets World Ranking List.

14. WEIGH-IN

Official weigh-in for each weight category is held the evening before the competition day (see program).

Athletes are NOT allowed to remove their underclothing (boys- underpants, girls – underpants and bra); to compensate an additional 200 g will be allowed i.e., for the category -44 kg the limit will be -44.2 kg.

Athletes must present their EJU accreditation card and their passport (National ID Cards showing nationality, picture and date of birth are also accepted).

Official scales or test scales will be available for test weigh-in on Friday and Saturday from 08:00 – 22:00 (except during official weigh-in from 18:30-19:15).

Filming and taking photos is strictly prohibited during weigh-in.

15. RANDOM WEIGH-IN

Random weight checks for athletes will be organised in the morning before the start of the competition. Random weigh-in will open one hour before the start of the competition each day. The time limit to arrive to the random weigh-in is 30 minutes or 6 contests before the athlete's first contest at the latest.

The athletes must bring their accreditation for identification. The weight of the athlete cannot be more than 5 % higher than the official maximum weight limit of the category.

16. REFEREEING

Each federation may enter 3 referees. In case National Federation wants to inscribe more Referees, the reasonable application has to be applied to the EJU Referee Commission. The organizing federation may enter as many referees as required for the realization of the tournament but giving priority to their own Continental/International referees first and then their national referees with the highest national license with at least 2 years of experience.

If enough Continental/International referees are inscribed in Judobase, the organizing federation has to limit its number of national referees to 1 per mat.

JUDOBASE registration deadline for referees: Friday, 20th March 2026

The bow:

- The contestants must not shake hands BEFORE the start of the contest.
- When the athletes are leaving the mat they must wear judogi in proper way and are not allowed to take out any part of the judogi or the belt before leaving the field of play.

17. COACHING

All coaches must fully adhere to the Code of Conduct for Judo Coaches. And the following Dress Code:

- Elimination rounds: National track suit with trousers reaching down to shoes or jacket suit with tie.



- Final block: Formal suit (jacket, trousers, shirt, and tie for men; jacket, trousers/skirt/dress, blouse for women) and formal shoes (no sport shoes or flip-flops).

18. TRANSPORT

Airports: Arrival Airport will mainly be Baku Haydar Aliyev International Airport. Drop offs will be provided from the official hotels to Baku. There is also a direct flight connection from Istanbul Sabiha Gökçen Airport to Ganja International Airport operating regularly on Tuesdays and Fridays (with occasional schedule adjustments).

Train station: n/a

Bus station: n/a

The organizer will provide, on request, transfers between the airports and the official hotels, between the official hotels and the venue and other facilities related to the event. Transportation is offered only to those participants who are accommodated in the official hotels, and only if they were booked via organiser.

Transfer costs from Baku airport is 35 € per person one way. Transfer for this price can be offered only to groups of minimum 4 people. For smaller groups, please, contact the organizer to agree on solution.

19. ACCOMMODATION

All delegations, who inscribe for an EJU event should reserve their accommodation in the official hotels published in the event outlines. The reservation must be made with the local organising committee (not directly with the hotel).

The organiser proposes the following official hotels:

Cat. A:

Ganja Sport Palace Hotel

Address: N.Gəncəvi pr 541. Next to Heydər Əliyev park. Yeni Gəncə district, Ganja city, Azerbaijan; <https://www.instagram.com/gishotel?igsh=MWloYnRzbTZmYzVueA==>

check-in time: 14:00; check-out time: 12:00

Distance to the airports: Baku – 387; Ganja – 6,4 km; distance to the sports hall: 0 m

Prices per person/per night	B&B	Lunch in the hotel	Lunch in the sports hall	Dinner
Single room	145 €			
Double room	110 €	30,00 €	30,00 €	30,00 €

Cat. B:

Leon Hotel & SPA Ganja

Address: Ruzigar Gasimov st, AZ3000 Ganja, Azerbaijan; <http://leonhotelganja.com/>

Check-in time: 14:00; check-out time: 12:00

Distance to the airports: Baku – 387; Ganja – 10 km km; distance to the sports hall: 6 km

Prices per person/per night	B&B	Lunch in the hotel	Lunch in the hall	Dinner
Single room	130 €			
Double room	90 €	30,00 €	30,00 €	30,00 €

Cat. C:

Deluxe Hotel Ganja

Address: Nizami st, AZ3000 Ganja, Azerbaijan; <https://deluxehotelganja.com/>

Check-in time: 14:00; check-out time: 12:00

Distance to the airports: Baku – 382; Ganja – 11 km km; distance to the sports hall: 7 km

Prices per person/per night	B&B	Lunch in the hotel	Lunch in the hall	Dinner
Single room	85 €			
Double/Triple room	60 €	30,00 €	30,00 €	30,00 €



Hotel booking and transfers have to be made directly with the organiser: Ms. Farida İsmayılova; accommodation@judo.az; +994 70 401 60 84

Obligatory minimum stay in the official hotel is 2 nights.

Participants are allowed to book their own accommodation. In this case for every accredited person a service fee of **120 €** applies to be paid to the organizer.

Hotel reservation deadline: Monday, 16th March 2026

Hotel payment deadline: Monday, 16th March 2026

Cash payment upon arrival is not allowed. All payments have to be done in advance per bank transfer. Credit cards can not be accepted on spot.

Deadlines and cancellation policy:

Hotel reservation deadline is March 16th 2026. The reservation sent by then is binding. For reservations sent after the hotel deadline, the organizer can charge an **extra surcharge of 30%**. However, in this case the organizer is not obliged to provide accommodation and can just charge the service fee. Replacements must be free of charge.

In case the hotel(s) is (are) fully booked, the organizers will propose other hotel(s) of the same quality.

Cancellations:

Cancellations 29 to 08 days before the Accreditation Day: 50% refund.

Cancellations within 7 or less days of before the Accreditation Day: no refund.

For reservations sent after the hotel deadline, the organizer will charge an extra surcharge of 30%. However, in this case the organizer is not obliged to provide accommodation. Replacements must be free of charge and can just charge the service fee. The organization reserves the right to distribute the participants to the hotel structures according to the best organizational and logistic conditions, guaranteeing that each group is hosted in the same structure.

In case of tournament cancellation by the local authorities full payment will be refunded.

Important: Injuries, visa problems or sickness are not valid reasons for cancellation of rooms.

In case of any damage to hotel property or competition venue caused by members of a delegation, their national federation will be charged by the organizing committee.

20. PAYMENT

Kindly complete the payment for accommodation and entry fee to our bank account:

Name of account holder:	Azerbaijan Judo Federation Public Union TAX ID: 2001048461
Beneficiary Address:	Actual Address: Baku City, Nariman Narimanov District, Azadlig 128
Bank Address:	Inshaatchilar ave., 14, 533 Baku, Azerbaijan
Bank Name:	"International Bank of Azerbaijan Yasamal branch SWIFT Code: IBAZAZ2X Correspondent Bank: Commerzbank AG, Frankfurt am Main 400 88 66030 01 EUR SWIFT: COBADEFFXXX
IBAN:	EUR AZ64IBAZ40190019789330374216
SWIFT (receiver bank):	SWIFT Code: IBAZAZ2X
Payment reference:	Ganja Judo Cadet EC 2026 + Country name and reason



After the reservation a document with a number reference will be send to the National Federation, please use this number as reference of payment and for the accreditation.

All bank fees and money transfer costs must be paid by the sender federation. The person attending accreditation must bring proof of the bank transfer.

Please, be careful with the fraudulent emails. Always check the bank details from the outlines.

21. JUDOGI CONTROL

Approved Judogi

All Judoka must compete in IJF Approved Judogi (only red and green label allowed). In particular sponsors of the European Judo Union: Danrho Kwon KG (www.kwon.com), Essimo (www.essimo.nl), Ippon Gear (www.ippon-shop.com), Double D Adidas (<https://combat-sports.net>) Mizuno (mizuno.com) and other IJF suppliers are allowed (see <https://www.ijf.org/supplier-list>)

Judogi Control

It will be operated with a Sokuteiki prior to the fight. 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.

Backnumber

Each competitor taking part in the EJU events is obliged to have sewn on the back of his Judogi the official backnumber bearing his surname and his National Olympic Committee abbreviation. The backnumber can be ordered from sponsors of the European Judo Union: Judo Backnumber (<https://judobcknmbr.com/>), mybacknumber (<https://www.mybacknumber.com>) or Official Backnumber (<https://www.officialbacknumber.com>) and others IJF suppliers are allowed (see <https://www.ijf.org/supplier-list>)

Attention: production and delivery may take around 4 weeks!

The SPONSOR part (if needed) will be given to the head of delegation during registration, and the athletes can stick it themselves using the special glue on the back number.

Markings and Advertising

The space on the **shoulder stripes** (25cm x 5 cm on both right and left side) and on the **upper arms** (10cm x 10cm on both right and left side) can be either used for own sponsors of the Federation or Judoka or EJU Suppliers, **BUT not for any other Judogi supplier**.

The space on the **right chest** (5cm x 10cm) can be used by the Judoka for his/her own sponsor. The logo of a Judogi brand can only be used, if it corresponds with the brand of the Judogi itself and if it is an EJU Supplier. Further, no logo of a competing brand of the advertising reserved for the Federation can be used (unless approval granted by the Federation).

Please note: On all advertising spaces it is strictly prohibited to promote tobacco, alcohol, any substances listed in the doping code, or any product or service contrary to public morals.

The space on the **left chest** (10cm x 10cm) can be used for the national colours or the national emblem corresponding with the IOC code on the backnumber (regional emblems are not allowed).

All other markings on the Judogi, like Judogi brand logos, name of Judoka, etc. have to comply with the IJF Judogi Rules.

Detailed information is available on <http://www.eju.net/documents>.

Important:

- If an athlete does not respect the Judogi rules, the athlete will not be permitted to pass the Judogi Control, and the coach who is responsible for the athlete will be suspended for the rest of the competition day.
- The organiser is not obliged to provide reserve Judogi at Judogi Control, but the athlete is allowed to present himself in another IJF Approved Judogi, complying with the Sokuteiki rule (and without backnumber) - in this case no coach can go with this athlete to the mat!
- In the case of a repeated offence the coach will be suspended for the rest of the competition.



22. RESPONSIBILITY OF FEDERATIONS

The competitors will compete under the full responsibility of their federations. Insurance: Each national federation is responsible for insuring its competitors against "injury and third part risk (public liability)" during the period of the event. The European Judo Union and the organiser decline all responsibility.

Consent for Photography/Videos/Filming

Delegates inscribed by their National Federations for EJU events consent to the EJU 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 EJU. It will also be acquired by the EJU and its media partners from in and around all EJU 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 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 European Judo Union by writing to headoffice@eju.net.

23. ANTI-DOPING

Anti-doping tests might be executed according to the **IJF MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING HANDBOOK (IJF SOR – Appendix E)**.

24. MEDIA

Journalists can apply for Media accreditation online using the following link: <https://www.eju.net/media> or per email: media@eju.net.

25. VISA

For nations who need VISA to enter Azerbaijan, please send the enclosed "Visa Application Form" fully filled not later than Monday, 16th February 2026 and submit to Kamran Yahyayev: +994 51 633 11 62 (Whatsapp); visa@judo.az. 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.

26. PRE-EVENT TRAINING

Tatami for pre-event training will be available on Thursday-Saturday in the **Ganja Sport Palace (competition venue)** from 08:00 till 21:00

Booking of training can be done on spot at the infodesks at hotels and competition venue or email to training@judo.az.

Training on competition days in the sports hall warm up arena is allowed after 14:00.

27. TRAINING CAMP

Training Camp will be organised after Ganja Cadet European Cup in the in **Ganja Sport Palace**. Hotels for the training camp are the same as for the Cadet Cup.

Schedule of the training sessions

Will be specified after the number of participants is known.

Participants of the Training Camp are allowed to book their own accommodation. In this case for every accredited person a service fee of 60 € applies to be paid to the organizer