EUROPEAN JUDO UNION

EUROPEAN JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS KATA SARAJEVO 2026

Sarajevo – Bosnia & Herzegovina

16 - 17 May 2026

COMPETITION RULES

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dr. László TÓTH
President
European Judo Union

Dear Judo Family and Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you back to Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, for the European Judo Championships Kata 2026. After two years, we return to a well-known and highly appreciated organiser and venue. It is always a privilege to come back to a place that honours Kata and its values and spirit with such genuine commitment.

Kata is at the very heart of judo. It carries our traditions, preserves our principles, and connects generations of judoka through precision, harmony, and mutual respect. Beyond technique, it represents a shared understanding of balance, discipline, and continuous development. In every performance, we see not only excellence, but the living heritage of our sport.

The European Judo Union is proud to host the Kodokan Kata Seminar alongside this championship, offering a unique opportunity for learning, exchange, and further development under the guidance of the highest-level experts.

We firmly believe in the future of Kata, as its growth across Europe continues to inspire both established athletes and the next generation.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Judo Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and to the local authorities for their dedicated support and excellent organisation.

To all athletes, coaches, officials, and supporters: I wish you a successful and fair competition and a memorable stay in Sarajevo.

Yours in judo,

Ognjen PAVLOVIC
President Bosnia & Herzegovina Judo Federation

Dear Judo Friends,

On behalf of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Judo Federation, I would like to welcome you to the Sarajevo European Kata Championships 2026 and Kodokan Kata Seminar one of the biggest official sports manifestation, which is being held in the Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I am honoured to invite all distinguished members of the European Judo Union to our beautiful country and the Mayor City of Sarajevo where we organized this Evenets on May 16. – 17. 2026.

Our Federation and all persons involved in the technical organization, as always, will do their best to make the event go well.

Therefore, the Judo Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina is a relatively young member of the IJF and EJU, but we are proud of the fact that we have so far successfully organized a large number of World Championships, European Championships, European Cups for seniors and juniors, Europe Opens and for the second time we have the honor and pleasure to host an European Judo Union event and organized European Kata Championships and Kodokan Kata Seminar 2026.

I would like to thank Dr. Laszlo Toth, President of the European Judo Union for the confidence shown in the assignment of the event and the local Authorities for the support provided to the Organizers.

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1. 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 ensure they follow the entry rules (passport validity, visas, entry permission letter, etc.) for the host country. Entry rules may be subject to change, the current information can be found here: https://www.granpol.gov.ba/?lang=en

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.

Insurance

Each federation is responsible for insuring its competitors against 'injury and third part risk (public liability)' during the period of the championships. The European Judo Union, host federation and Organising Committee decline all responsibility. 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 force-majeur circumstances or medical costs for any illness that may affect them during the event.

2. PROGRAM

Attention: The program is provisional. The schedule of the contests may be modified according to the total number of entries or TV requirements.

Local time	PROGRAM	Place
Thursday, May 14th		
All day	Arrivals	Official Hotels
Friday, May 15th		
11:00 – 16:00	Accreditation, Organiser financials	Hotel Hills Glass Room 1
11:00 - 16:00	Media Accreditation	Hotel Hills Glass Room 1
16:00 – 17:00	Judges' Meeting	Hotel Hills Glass Room 2
18:30	Draw for EC Preliminaries	Hotel "Hills"
Saturday, May 16th		
Preliminaries and Finals – Senior -Kata European Judo Championships		
09:00	Preliminaries Nage-no-Kata, Katame-no-Kata, Ju-no-Kata Kime-no-Kata, Kodokan Goshin-Jutsu	Sport hall "Arena Hotel Hills"
14:30	ENBU Judo	Sport hall "Arena Hotel Hills"
15:30 – 17:30	Finals Nage-no-Kata, Katame-no-Kata, Ju-no-Kata Kime-no-Kata, Kodokan Goshin-Jutsu	Sport hall "Arena Hotel Hills"
TBC	Awards	Sport hall "Arena Hotel Hills"

Sunday, May 17th		
Preliminaries and Finals Junior & Cadets, Koshiki no Kata, Itsutsu-No-Kata, Adapted Judo Kata - European Judo Championships		
09:30 – 13:00	Preliminaries Nage-no-Kata, Katame-no-Kata, Ju-no-Kata, Koshiki-no-Kata, Itsutsu-no-Kata	Sport hall "Arena Hotel Hills"
14:00 – 14:30	Opening Ceremony	Sport hall "Arena Hotel Hills"
14:30	EC Adapted Judo Kata	Sport hall "Arena Hotel Hills"
15:00	Finals Nage-no-Kata, Katame-no-Kata, Ju-no-Kata, Koshiki-no-Kata, Itsutsu-no-Kata	Sport hall "Arena Hotel Hills"
TBC	Awards	Sport hall "Arena Hotel Hills"
Monday, May 18th		
All day	Departure of the delegations	Official hotels

3. COMPETITION PLACE

Sport hall "Arena Hotel Hills"

Address: Butmirska Cesta 12, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina

https://hotelhills.ba/

4. ORGANISER

Judo Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Address: Alipasina 14, 71000 Sarajevo

Tel: +38761929188 Email: jaha.arijana@gmail.com

Emergency contacts:

Ms. Lejla Sabeta (general matters) +38761379395; kovacevic.lejla@gmail.com
Ms. Arijana Jaha (accommodation) +38761929188; jaha.arijana@gmail.com
Ms. Maida Jakupi (Transportation) +38761051656; maidajak@gmail.com

5. PARTICIPATION

European Judo Championships KATA Seniors

Each federation may enter up to maximum of 4 couples per each Kata. The competitors may only participate in one Kata. The athletes participating in Nage-no-Kata, Katame-no-Kata, Ju-no-Kata, Kime-no-Kata and Kodokan Goshin-Jutsu will have the opportunity to do also Koshiki-no-Kata or Itsutsu-no-Kata. They will have the opportunity to play the same role in Koshiki-no-Kata or Itsutsu-no-Kata or reverse roles or to do with a different partner. They don't have to pay double participation fee.

Couples can be composed of either 2 males, 2 females, or a male and a female.

European Judo Championships KATA Juniors (Nage-No-Kata, Katame-No-Kata, Ju-No-Kata)

Each federation may enter up to maximum of 3 couples for each Kata. The competitors can participate only in one Kata.

Couples can be composed of either 2 males, 2 females, or a male and a female.

European Judo Championships KATA Cadets (Nage-No-Kata, Katame-No-Kata, Ju-No-Kata)

Each federation may enter up to maximum of 3 couples for each Kata. The competitors can participate only in one Kata.

Couples can be composed of either 2 males, 2 females, or a male and a female.

European Judo Championships ENBU

Each federation may enter up to maximum of 3 teams. The competitors can participate in one Kata and ENBU.

Nationality

These European Championships are open for all Member Federations of the European Judo Union (EJU). The athletes must be of the same nationality as the National Federation for which they have been entered for the competition. Persons appointed by EJU shall verify the citizenship of the athletes. The evidence of citizenship shall be the production of a valid passport issued by the represented country. If an athlete has multiple citizenships, he/she may compete for only one country. Rules of Nationality Change and other special cases will be applied according to SOR Paragraph 1.7 "Athletes Nationality".

6. INSCRIPTION

JUDOBASE Registration

All participants and delegates must be in possession of an IJF ID Card (either International or Kata/Veteran) and registered for this event in the IJF Registration System (**JUDOBASE**): https://admin.judobase.org/ by **May 04th, 2026** by their National Federation except those who are younger then 15 years. Those who are younger than 15 years only registration by the organiser needed. After the deadline further registrations (late entries, replacements) are exclusively handled during accreditation. Only entries of member National Judo Federations will be accepted. Each person can only be inscribed with one function (i.e. athlete, coach, referee, team official etc.) per event. After the deadline further registrations (late entries, replacements) are exclusively handled during accreditation:

Please note:

- After the inscription deadline, replacements or additions can only be made on spot during accreditation, presenting a signed and stamped permission letter of the National Federation.
- Persons, who are banned by their Federation, cannot be entered as late entry or replacement.
- Persons without IJF ID Card can only be entered on spot, if IJF ID Card will be ordered until end of Accreditation.

The pair's registration must also be entered via the online form: https://tinyurl.com/CeKATA2026

7. ENTRY FEE

European Judo Championships KATA Seniors: **100 EURO** per participant.

European Judo Championships KATA Juniors: **50 EURO** per participant.

European Judo Championships KATA Cadets: **50 EURO** per participant

Adapted Judo KATA - European Championships: **50 EURO** per participant

ENBU Judo: **100 EURO** per Team.

Above-mentioned entry fee has to be paid to the bank account of the organiser mentioned in the paragraph 12 "Payment"

8. DEADLINES

Payment entry fee:	May 04th 2026
Visa Application:	April 06th 2026
Hotel Reservation:	April 20th 2026
Hotel Payment:	April 27th 2026
Travel details:	May 04th 2026
Nominal Pairs incriprion:	May 04th 2026
JUDOBASE Registration:	**May 04th 2026**

9. ACCREDITATION

The times and place for check-in and accreditation are specified in the program. Federations must arrive and check-in within the time limits provided.

In case a federation can not arrive to the accreditation with reasonable explanation - online accreditation will be allowed. The request should be sent to headoffice@eju.net well in advance.

Accreditation

A list of all the inscribed competitors is generated by the JUDOBASE system. The confirmation of the delegation list is the full responsibility of the national federation and participants. In case of unforeseen delay of arrival or changes/cancellation from the event the national federation must inform both the EJU (headoffice@eju.net) and the LOC (jaha.arijana@gmail.com).

A delayed appearance or no-show at accreditation may result in the exclusion of all participants from the draw and the event. The list of entries is confirmed with the EJU official. No inscription will be accepted after the end of the nation control.

Both competitors forming one pair have to be from same nation.

Control of Nationality

Each competitor's **PASSPORT** or copy of the passport (in case the competitors are still travelling) or official identification document with photo will be requested by the EJU official to check nationality and age of the competitors. The competitors must not be present at the nationality control.

Finances EJU

The federations must be in order with the annual fee and other financial obligations to the EJU. The entry fee per competitor must be paid to the organiser. In order to take part at the competition the national federation must have fulfilled the necessary payments to the organizer and the EJU. In case there was overpayment, or athletes did not arrive for valid reasons, this difference will be transferred to the Federation's account.

Organizer finances

All finances must be settled beforehand. Payment in cash money upon arrival is not allowed due to safety reasons. The delegations' departure date, time, number of people and travel details must be confirmed beforehand. Any changes will be settled by email or by phone. Contact name and number for each delegation should be provided beforehand.

Accreditation cards are handed over to participants after finishing the whole accreditation process.

A delegate should never wear another delegate's accreditation card. The accreditation card remains the property of the EJU and can be withdrawn, with immediate effect, at the EJU's sole discretion. The accreditation card is valid for the duration of the competition and is the personal identity document of the delegate for all security and access controls.

10. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

10.1 AGE & GRADE

For Cadets: participants must be born between the year 2009 and 2011 and a minimum of 3rd kyu belt grade.

For Juniors: participants must be born between the year 2006 and 2011 and a minimum of 1st kyu belt grade.

For Seniors: participants must be born in 2011 and before and a minimum of 1st dan belt grade.

Couple may be formed of either 2 males, 2 females, or male and female. For Koshiki-no-Kata and Itsutsu-no-Kata competition, tori must to be 6th Dan and up and uke must be at least black belt.

ENBU Judo: Participants are to be 16 years of age during 2026 (born in 2010 or before). They shall have a minimum of 1st Kyu. The team may be formed of males and/or females.

The National Federation is responsible for obtaining legal approval and permission for minor athletes to compete in competitions. When travelling with minors the team official/coach must have all the necessary documents in place that authorises them to act on behalf of the parents/guardians "in loco parentis". This also applies to doping control. The National Federation must ensure that minor athletes have their parental/guardian permission to undergo testing.

10.2 COMPETITION FORMULA

European Judo Championships KATA Seniors, Juniors & Cadets

Kata will be divided into two (2) groups for kata with 17 pairs or less: the top three (3) pairs with the maximum points from each group (that is six (6) pairs for each kata) will compete in the finals.

Kata will be divided into three (3) groups for kata with 18 pairs or more: the top three (3) pairs with the maximum points from each group (that is nine (9) pairs for each kata) will compete in the finals.

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. A pair who had a forgotten technique or major mistake in the preliminaries will not participate in the final.

For each Kata the pair with most points will be awarded the gold medal the European Kata Champion; the pair with the second most points will be awarded the silver medal and the third - the bronze medal.

The competition will be held on three mats.

ENBU Judo

Minimum number of teams to run the competition is three at the numerical inscriptions.

If there are fewer than three participating teams, the performances will be for demonstration purposes only.

The ENBU Judo is a technical confrontation of flight simulation containing techniques of judo and self-defence.

- Each Team can be composed of 2 to 6 competitors
- Each team of ENBU Judo will be judged individually on a performance lasting 2 to 3 minutes
- Direct competition (no preliminary) until 9 registered teams: from 10 teams and more the participants will be divided in two groups: the first 3 teams from each group will be admitted to the final
- Should the performance be selected for the finals it could be carried out with a classical numerical musical support that the candidates will provide to the organizer during registration
- During the whole day of competition the candidates will have to present the same performance
- The accepted equipment is made up with an imitation of traditional weapons of Japanese origin or a gun as in the Kodokan Goshin-Jutsu. Other accessories are prohibited.
- The performances are carried out in white judogi in conformity with the regulations of the official competitions
- Phases of demonstration in slow motion are authorized

The candidates will have to put forward their technical skills while respecting the judo spirit.

The team with the maximum points will be awarded the gold medal, the second will be awarded the silver medal; and the third - the bronze medal.

10.3 KATA CATEGORIES

European Judo Championships KATA Seniors

There will be seven Kata recognized for these championships:

- Nage-no-Kata
- Katame-no-Kata
- Ju-no-Kata
- Kime-no-Kata
- Kodokan Goshin-Jutsu
- Koshiki-no-Kata
- Itsutsu-no-Kata

European Judo Championships KATA Juniors

There will be three categories recognized for this European Championships:

- Nage-no-Kata
- Katame-no-Kata
- Ju-no-Kata

European Judo Championships KATA Cadets

There will be three categories for this European Championships:

- Nage-no-Kata (3 sets – Te Waza, Koshi Waza and Ashi Waza)
- Katame-no-Kata
- Ju-no-Kata

The up-to-date version of “IJF Criteria for Kata Evaluation 2025” will be used to judge the Kata with reference also to the official Kodokan edition of Textbook.

10.4 DRAW

The draw to establish the order of demonstration for each group and Kata will take place the day before the competition (see Programme). The draw will be published in Telegram Channel.

The draw for the finals will take place on the day of the competition during the break after the preliminaries on the competition screen. A contact email will be provided in the telegram channel for any problems that may arise.

After the draw NO changes will be done.

Please, follow the EJU Kata Channel:

https://t.me/kataeju.

11. EUROPEAN JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS – ADAPTED JUDO KATA

11.1 COMPETITION GROUPS

1. **Category 1A**: Tori is A-Judoka*, Uke is A-Judoka

2. **Category 1B - Tachi-shisei**: Tori is A-Judoka, Uke is mainstream judoka**

   The kata is performed predominantly from a standing position, with necessary adaptations to accommodate the athlete's disability (e.g. athletes with Down syndrome, limb deficiencies or similar impairments).

3. **Category 1B - Ne-shisei:** Tori is A-Judoka, Uke is mainstream judoka**

   The kata is performed predominantly from a seated or kneeling position due to the athlete's functional limitations (e.g. wheelchair users, athletes with cerebral palsy or similar conditions).

* A-judoka means a judoka with a disability who must adapt the judo technique

** The mainstream judoka is a judoka without disabilities

11.2 KATA CATEGORIES

Official Kodokan competition Kata

- Nage-no-Kata (first three series)
- Adapted Nage-no-Kata (first three series)
- Katame-no-Kata
- Ju-no-Kata
- Kime-no-Kata
- Kodokan-Goshin-Jutsu

Definition of Adapted Nage-no-Kata
Adapted Nage-no-Kata refers to a performance of Nage-no-Kata in which one or more techniques are modified to accommodate the functional abilities of a judoka with a disability.
Any deviation from the standard Kodokan Nage-no-Kata, including adjustments to technique execution, posture, movement, or gripping, constitutes Adapted Nage-no-Kata.
Such adaptations must ensure safety while preserving the fundamental principles and structure of the kata.
Adapted Nage-no-Kata may be performed in either **Tachi-shisei** or **Ne-shisei**, depending on the functional abilities of the participating athlete.

Additional Kata

- Itsutsu-no-Kata
- Itsutsu-no-Kata wheelchair
- Koshiki-no-Kata

Special ENBU Kata

- A Kata defined especially for the type of disability of the judoka. The judges need to know what they are about to see and judge. Therefore, a description of the shown Kata must have been provided to them before.

11.3 Scoring

Positive 10-point scoring system. The total points accumulated is the final result.

- Excellent 10
- Good 8
- Medium 6
- Almost 4
- Not so good 2
- Forgotten 1

ENBU Kata – scoring

- ENBU evaluation:

ENBU		
TECHNICAL	CHOREOGRAPHY	JUDO SPIRIT
Efficiency	Variety of techniques	Originality
Accuracy	Choreography	Tradition
Difficulty		Spirit

11.4 Rules for Participation in the European Kata Championships

The following Kata are the official Kata for participation in the European Championships:

1. Nage-no-Kata (first three sets)
2. Adapted Nage-no-Kata (first three sets)
3. Katame-no-Kata

Categories:

1. Nage-no-Kata 1A
2. Nage-no-Kata 1B
3. Adapted Nage-no-Kata 1A
4. Adapted Nage-no-Kata 1B Tachi-shisei
5. Adapted Nage-no-Kata 1B Ne-shisei
6. Katame-no-Kata 1A
7. Katame-no-Kata 1B

Entrants must:

- turn at least 15 years old in the year of the European Championship
- hold a minimum rank of 2nd Kyu

Pairs may consist of two males, two females, or one male and one female.

Participants can only compete in one of the Kata.

The couples will perform on the mat only once, as they will compete in the direct final.

Prosthesis are not allowed on the mat. Only minor assistance for the athlete can be accepted (e.g. getting on and off the mat by a partner, coach or Kata commissioner and this must be clearly described in the written request).

The couple with the most points wins a gold medal, the second place winner a silver medal, and the third place winner a bronze medal.

Registration via Judobase is not required, registration of the National Federation is sufficient.

The pair's registration must be entered via the online form: https://tinyurl.com/CeKATA2026
An IJF-approved judogi is not mandatory. **Back number with the surname and country code is mandatory at the European Championships.**

Demonstration of Kata

The following Kata are recognized for demonstration:

1. Kime-no-Kata
2. Kodokan-Goshin-Jutsu
3. Ju-no-kata

Entrants must:

- turn at least 13 years old in the year of the European Championship
- hold a minimum rank of 2nd Kyu

The team can be composed of men and/or women.

Couples perform their chosen Kata once during the competition. Participants receive certificates of participation.

11.5 INSCRIPTION

Applications should be made directly to the organiser (jaha.arijana@gmail.com) either from the National Federation or Club with supporting documentation of entry from National Federation (in the form of a written confirmation from the National Federation). The number of competitors per country is not limited.

11.6 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Only athletes with a minimum eligible impairment, that meets the requirements described in the "Eligibility Criteria for Athletes with Disabilities in European Judo Union Adapted Judo Tournaments" can take part in the European Kata Championships. Medical documentation must be submitted until May 7th in the original language and translated into English via email: adaptedjudo@eju.net. After reviewing the documentation, each competitor will receive a confirmation of whether they meet the eligibility criteria for participation.

12. OFFICIAL HOTEL

All participants and delegates have to book their accommodation via the organisers.

Organisers offer the following hotels for the participants:

Category A:

Hotel Hills Sarajevo
Address: Butmirska Cesta 12, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina; https://hotelhills.ba/
Distance to the airport: 3,7 km; distance to the Sports Hall: 0
Check-in: 13:00; check-out: 11:00
Hotel has spa/indoor pool & gym for free for hotel guests

prices are per person per night	B&B	Lunch	Dinner
Single room	**175 EUR**	**35 EUR**	**35 EUR**
Double room	**140 EUR**		

Category B:

Hotel Hollywood
Address: Dr. Mustafe Pinotla 23, Sarajevo; https://www.hotel-hollywood.ba/
Distance to the airport: 3,7 km; distance to the Sports Hall: 400 m.
Check-in: 13:00; check-out: 11:00

prices are per person per night	B&B	Lunch	Dinner
Single room	**150 EUR**	**35 EUR**	**35 EUR**
Double room	**120 EUR**		

Category C:

Hotel Orange
Address: Mala Aleja 73, Sarajevo; https://hotelorange.ba//
Distance to the airport: 3,7 km; distance to the Sports Hall: 400 m.
Check-in: 13:00; check-out: 11:00

prices are per person per night	B&B	Lunch	Dinner
Single room	**140 EUR**	**35 EUR**	**35 EUR**
Double room	**110 EUR**		

Hotel reservation deadline: **April 20th, 2026**

Accommodation contact: Ms. Arijana Jaha (accommodation); +38761929188; jaha.arijana@gmail.com

The **binding hotel reservation** must be sent to the organizer by **April 20th 2026.** Reservations will be processed strictly according to the date of booking. In case the requested hotel is fully booked, the federation will be informed and asked to make a new reservation. Reservations can be confirmed only after receiving 100 % of the total accommodation cost that must be sent to organiser's bank account before **April 27th 2026**, otherwise accommodation cannot be guaranteed for your delegation.

In case a federation does not send the hotel reservation to the organizers before **April 20th 2026**, a **30% surcharge** may be added to the expenses.

Cancellation policy
Cancellations 29 to 15 days before the Accreditation Day: 50% refund
Cancellations within 14 or less days of before the Accreditation Day: no refund.
In case of tournament cancellation by the EJU or the local authorities full payment will be refunded.
Important: Injuries, visa problems or sickness are not valid reasons for cancellation of rooms.

13. PAYMENT

Please, make a payment for the entry fee and accommodation to the following bank account

Account details:

BANK Name:	Privredna Banka Sarajevo
Address:	Avde Jabucice 23, 71000 Sarajevo
IBAN:	BA391011010000530432
BIC (SWIFT) code:	PBS CBA 22
Beneficiary name:	US Judo club "Nippon"
Purpose of payment:	Country +No. of invoice

All bank fees and money transfer costs must be paid by the sending federation.
Payment in cash money upon arrival is not allowed.
While making the payment 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. Delegations must ensure that all bank charges are paid at their end so that the LOC receive the correct amount of funds without any deductions. Delegation must have proof of the bank transfer, upon arrival.
In the case of non-payment to the LOC, the national federation concerned will not be allowed to register to competitions until the debt is settled.
The person attending accreditation must bring proof of the bank transfer.
In case of any extra costs arising from the hotel stay, damages to property of hotel or competition venue caused by members of a delegation, the responsible National Federation will be charged by the Organizing Committee.

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

14. TRANSPORT

Nearest airport: Sarajevo International Airport.

Nearest Train Station: n/a

The organizer will take care of the transportation from the above-mentioned airport to the official competition hotels, competition venue and other competition facilities during the competition if needed. The transfers are only offered on the days when the delegations are booked in an official hotel through the organisers.

15. TRAINING

Tatami for training will be available in Hotel Hills.

Training will be available from Thursday, May 14th, 2026 till Saturday, May 16th, 2026.

On May 14th the training will be available from 17:00 till 20:00

On May 15th -16th from 09:00 till 20:00

The training must be booked in the hotel at the information desks.

Training coordinator: Ms. Aleksandra Samardzic, samardzic1997@gmail.com, +38765860967.

16. VISA

The organisers will help with obtaining entry visas for competitors and officials. Please specify all information that is needed in the invitation letters for visas and submit the form and a scanned copy of the first page of the passports until **April 06th, 2026 to Ms. Lejla Sabeta** kovacevic.lejla@gmail.com
The LOC will assist with visas where possible but having the correct visa is the responsibility of each participant.
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.

17. MEDIA

Official or EJU recognized media can apply online for a Media accreditation https://www.eju.net/media-accreditation/) or per email: media@eju.net not later than May 04th, 2026.

18. JUDOGI CONTROL

The competitions will be held in white judogi and black belt. For Juniors and Cadets: belt corresponding to Kyu grade or black for DAN grade.

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) 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 federations and their Judoka for their own sponsors. The logo of a Judogi brand can only be used, if it corresponds with brand of the Judogi itself and if it is of an EJU Supplier.

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 (see IJF SOR Appendix C).

Detailed information is available on http://www.eju.net/statutes.

Important: Judogi control will be done before the entry on the mat.
N.B It is the responsibility of the judoka to comply with the IJF regulation rules.

- Hygiene
    - The judogi shall be clean, dry and without unpleasant odour
    - The feet and hands nails shall be cut short
    - The personal hygiene of the athletes shall be of a high standard
    - Long hair has to be bound with an elastic band
    - Spectacles, jewellery pieces are prohibited
    - Make up is not allowed
    - The backnumbers will have to be sewn already on the judogi.

19. JUGDES

19.1 SELECTION & REGISTRATION OF JUGDES

The competition will be judged by EJU qualified Kata judges.

The EJU Kata Commission will select the Judges for these Championships by name, based on the results of the 2025/2026. The federations will get the information in time. After the nomination of the judges, the federation must confirm the participation to EJU Head Office by the deadline stipulated in the letter. Further, the judge must be entered by his/her federation like every other delegate in JUDOBASE.

19.2 JUGDES MEETING

All judges have to attend the technical meeting in the afternoon before the first day of competition to confirm participation as judge in these Championships. Only judges are to attend this meeting. Time and place are stated in the program.

19.3 POINT SYSTEM

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Each technique and open and closing ceremonies are evaluated with a maximum positive score of 10 points. The positive score is decreased by mistakes. The evaluation of every technique of Kata has to consider the principle and the opportunity of execution: the evaluation (included the opening and closing ceremony) has to be comprehensive.

Definition of mistakes:

- Forgotten technique/Major mistake – score is zero and the total score of the Kata is halved. If the forgotten technique is more than one, zero score will be given to the technique but the total score will be not halved again. If the halved total valu is not a whole number, 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 forgotten technique or major mistake, the minimum score has to be 1.

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 " - ".

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

In case of equal score between pairs the following criteria will be applied considering the scoring sheets of 5 judges:

- total value of big mistakes - wins those 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.

ENBU Judo

If two pairs both are placed 3rd after the above mentioned criteria, the Kata will be repeated in order to assign the medal ENBU Judo:

The show will be judged according to the following criteria: Efficiency/Precision, difficulty level, variety of techniques, choreography, originality, tradition/spirit. ENBU evaluation: Scoring system 0 to 10 points.The total points accumulated will be the final result. Accessories: only traditional Kata weapons are allowed during the demonstration.

19.4 SYSTEM OF JUDGING

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The number of judges is five* and they will be positioned on the shomen side. They will award points on the official EJU scoring sheet. For each technique the total score of three judges will be summed up 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 five judges.

The rule of neutrality will be applied: a couple cannot be judged by a judge of the same nation. The position of the five judges will be the same for the whole competition.

A judge cannot be a competitor.

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

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

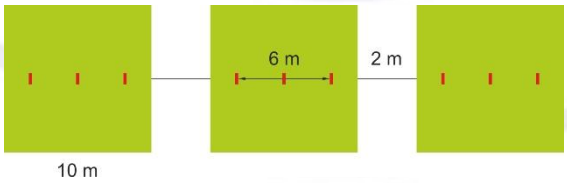
The couple enters and leaves the competition area at the opposite side of shomen: the start and end of Kata (opening and closing ceremony) is at 10 m or 8 m distance (bow to the mat).

19.5 COMPETITION AREA

The competition area has dimensions of 10 x 10 meters (or 8 x 8 meters minimum) and shall be covered with 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 2 meters is necessary. Around the safety area, a free area of 1m is to be expected.

A strip of visible colour adhesive tape, approximately 5 cm wide and 50 cm long, shall be fixed on the center of the competition area 6 m apart to indicate the starting position of Tori and Uke. The center of the competition area shall be indicated with a strip of adhesive tape of the same colour.



19.6 INJURY, ILLNESS and ACCIDENT

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, 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 then allows them to participate in the final, the next pair in the pool will participate in the final.

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, the next pair in the pool will participate in the final.

19.7 SITUATIONS NOT COVERED BY THE RULES

When any situation arises which is not covered by these rules, it shall be dealt with and a decision will be given by the EJU Kata Commission.

20. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERATIONS

Medical Certificate

The sex certificate and the medical certificate of the competitors are not required. The competitors will compete under the full responsibility of the federations.

Insurance

Each federation is responsible for insuring its competitors against 'injury and third part risk (public liability)' during the period of the championships. The European Judo Union declines all responsibility.

Attitude of Competitors

The federations are responsible vis-à-vis the EJU concerning the general attitude of their competitors.

Image of Athletes

The federations are responsible to have obtained the rights for the EJU to use the competitor's image in whichever way it considers it necessary for the promotion of the sport.

Neither the organizer of the event, nor the European Judo Union (nor any of its officials or members) will be liable or responsible for any personal injury nor for any loss or damage to your property arising out of your participation and travelling in connection with these events.

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.

21. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE

All National Federations, officials, coaches and athletes participating in this event have to respect and accept the authority of the EJU officials, the rules and statutes of the International Judo Federation and European Judo Union. Individuals deemed to have acted against the EJU or IJF, their principles or purposes shall be subject to suspension or expulsion from the event and/or cancellation of their accreditation cards.

22. AWARDING CEREMONIES

Each athlete who has won a medal must be present at the ceremony to receive their medal personally. Any athlete who is absent from the awarding ceremony without a good reason may forfeit the medal.

Athletes must attend the medal ceremony barefoot, without any hat, cap or any similar head covering and wearing their IJF approved white judogi that conforms to the IJF judogi rules with special attention being paid to the publicity rule. If it is not clean, then they must wear a reserve judogi.

It is strictly prohibited for athletes on the podium to have national flags or similar items other than those on their judogi. Any demonstration with religious, political, personal or commercial connotation is prohibited.

Athletes must also be available for interview after the last awarding ceremony if requested by the EJU Media Team.

After each day of competition photos will be uploaded on the EJU website: https://www.eju.net/galleries/. These photos are rights-free and can be downloaded and used by anyone: athletes, coaches, national federations, press and media etc.

23. SPECTATORS

To attend European Judo Championships Kata as a spectator tickets are not needed, entrance is free.

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