



**EUROPEAN  
JUDO  
UNION**

# **EVENT OUTLINES**

**Baku European Judo Hopes Tournament**  
**July 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2026**





## 1. ORGANISER

### Azerbaijan Judo Federation

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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.

### Entering host country

Each participant 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, current rules can be found under the [link https://evisa.gov.az/en/](https://evisa.gov.az/en/)

**Please note that Azerbaijan's land borders are closed. Therefore, main arrival destination must be at the specified airport. Teams wishing to arrive in Azerbaijan by land must submit a list of names to the Azerbaijan Judo Federation at least 30 days in advance. For more information please contact Kamran Yahyayev. Email: [visa@judo.az](mailto:visa@judo.az)**

**The countries that are not listed in e-visa web portal's drop down menu, need to send request letter to Azerbaijan Judo Federation minimum 1 month before.**

### 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

**Sport hall:** Absheron Olympic Sport Complex

**Address:** Baku-Quba-Russia highway, 17th km, AZ0116, Baku, Azerbaijan;

<https://www.instagram.com/absheron.oik/?hl=en>

## 4. AGE

U16:14 and 15 years old (born in 2012 and 2011)

U14: 13 years old (born ONLY in 2013)

## 5. PARTICIPATION

European Judo Hopes Tournament and Technical Seminar is open for Clubs from all EJU/IJF Member Federations. The participants compete for their club (not for the Federation) and are entered by the club. IJF nationality rule does not apply. The participants may be a different nationality than the NF registering them.

**The athletes are required to attend both competition and technical sessions.**

## 6. CATEGORIES & DURATION

### U16:

Boys: -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg (9 categories)

Girls: -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg (9 categories)



Duration: 3 minutes. Golden score – no time limit.

**U14:**

Boys: -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, +73kg (9 categories)

Girls: -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, +63kg (9 categories)

Duration: 3 minutes. Golden score – 1 minute and after that the referee gives the decision.

**7. ENTRY FEE**

Participation fee of **50 €** per athlete must be paid.

**8. DEADLINES**

Visa form:

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Hotel Reservation:

Monday, 06<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Hotel payment:

Monday, 06<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Event Registration:**

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

Travel details:

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 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. Depending on the number of the registered participants, it can be decided to start at the same time the both groups scheduled for these competition days.

**Only athletes with accreditation will be able to take part in the Technical Session with Kodokan Experts. Athletes should bring their accreditation to the training session.**

| <b>Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 2026</b>   |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| 10:00 – 16:00                              | Accreditation  | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex (2nd Floor) |
| 17:00 – 18:30                              | Technical Session Seminar (G1, G2, G3, G4) + Coach meeting (obligatory in white judogi on the mat)               | Olimpiai Sportpark - Olympic Sportpark     |
| 18:30 – 18:45                              | Unofficial weigh-in G1 U16 and G4 U14  | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex (1st Floor) |
| 18:45 – 19:15                              | Official weigh-in G1 U16<br>U16 Girls: -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg<br>U16 Boys: -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex (1st Floor) |
| 19:15-19:45                                | Official weigh-in G4 U14<br>U14 Boys: -55 kg,-60kg, -66kg, -73kg, +73kg<br>U14 Girls: -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, +63kg | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex (1st Floor) |
| 20:30                                      | Draw G1 U16 & G4 U14   | <b>Online</b>                              |
| <b>Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 2026</b> |  |  |
| 08:30 – 09:00                              | Coach meeting (obligatory): 30 min.  | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex             |
| 09:00                                      | Eliminations/Repechage/Semi finals G4 U14  | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex             |
| 10:00 – 12:00                              | Technical Session Seminar<br>G2 U16 and G3 U14   | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex             |
| TBD  | Final Block: Bronze Medal Contests, Finals G4 U14  | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex             |
| TBD  | Eliminations/Repechage/Semi finals G1 U16  | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex             |
| 16:00-18:00                                | Technical Session Seminar<br>(G2 U16 and G3 U14)   | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex             |
| TBD afternoon                              | Final Block: Bronze Medal Contests, Finals<br>G1 U16   | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex             |
| 18:00 – 18:30                              | Unofficial weigh-in G2 U16 & G3 U14  | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex (1st Floor) |



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| 18:30 – 19:00                            | Official weigh-in G2 U16<br>U16 Girls: 57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg<br>U16 Boys: -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg  | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex<br>(1st Floor) |
| 19:00-19:30                              | Official weigh-in G3 U14<br>U14 Boys: -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg,<br>U14 Girls: -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, 48kg | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex<br>(1st Floor) |
| 20:30                                    | Only Tecnical Draw G2 U16 & G3 U14 Online  | Technical Draw                                |
| <b>Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 2026</b> |  |   |
| 09:00                                    | Eliminations/Repechage/Semi finals<br>G3 U14   | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex                |
| 10:00-12:00                              | Technical Session Seminar<br>(G1 U16 and G4 U14)   | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex                |
| After                                    | Final Block: Bronze Medal Contests, Finals G3 U14  | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex                |
| TBD afternoon                            | Eliminations/Repechage/Semi finals<br>G2 U16   | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex                |
| After                                    | Final Block: Bronze Medal Contests, Finals G2 U16  | Absheron Olympic Sport Complex                |

Groups division:

- **GROUP 1** U16 boys: -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg  
U16 girls: -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg
- **GROUP 2** U16 boys: -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg  
U16 girls: -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg
- **GROUP 3** U14 boys: -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg  
U14 girls: -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg
- **GROUP 4** U14 boys -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, +73 kg  
U14 girls: -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, +63 kg

## 10. EVENT REGISTRATION

All participants and delegates must be registered for this event in JudoManager registration system (<https://admin.judomanager.com>).

Existing JudoManager users (club administrators) can log into the system using their current account (either guest or club account).

To request a new account, please visit <https://admin.judomanager.com/guest> and complete the form to gain access. Once your account is confirmed, you will be able to register athletes/coaches. Deadline for Registration is **Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 2026**.

Those who miss the registration date can be added to the competition as late entry but the penalty of 60 € (additionally to 50 € of participation fee) has to be paid on spot.

**The results and video footage will be archived.**

Link for draw / streaming / contest order can be found here: <https://portal.judomanager.com>

## 11. ACCREDITATION & CONTROL OF NATIONALITY

At least one delegate from the club (and not more than 2) must attend the accreditation on **Friday from 10:00 – 16:00** 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 club must immediately contact both the organiser and the EJU ([headoffice@eju.net](mailto: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.



## 12. COMPETITION MODE

Competition systems according to number of participants:

- 6 and more entries: Double Repechage
- If there are one (1) to five (5) Round Robin.

## 13. DRAW

The draw will be held ONLINE.

## 14. WEIGH-IN

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

**At the EJU Judo Hopes Tournament, weight management practices such as "making weight", "cutting weight", or "running off weight" are not acceptable and should not be encouraged. Judoka should compete in the weight category in which they naturally fall at the time of the weigh-in. Test scales will not be provided at these events to reinforce this approach, ensuring young athletes do not engage in unhealthy practices that could negatively affect their growth and development."**

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).

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

## 15. RANDOM WEIGH-IN

No Random Weigh-In will be organised for this age group.

## 16. REFEREEING

Each federation may register 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.

Head responsible referee for this event is: **Mr. Matin Rahimli.**

**Event registration deadline for referees: Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 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.

**NO SHIME-WAZA, NO KANSETSU-WAZA are allowed.**

## 17. COACHING

All coaches must fully adhere to the Code of Conduct for Judo Coaches.

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| Dress Code | Elimination rounds: | National track suit with trousers reaching down to shoes or jacket suit with tie |
|            | Final block:        | National track suit with trousers reaching down to shoes or jacket suit with tie |

## 18. TRANSPORT

**Official Airports:** Baku Haydar Aliyev International Airport.

The organizer will provide, on request, transfers between the airport and the official hotels.

Transportation is offered only to those participants who are accommodated in the official hotels, and only if they were booked via organiser.



## 19. ACCOMMODATION

Participants are not obliged to stay in the official hotel.

The organiser proposes the following official hotel if the participants want to book via organiser:

### **Absheron Olympic Sport Complex**

**Address:** Baku-Quba-Russia highway, 17th km, AZ0116, Baku, Azerbaijan.;

<https://www.instagram.com/absheron.oik/?hl=en>

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

Distance to the airport: 48 km; distance to the sports hall: hotel is in the sports complex

| <b>Prices per person/per night</b> | <b>B&amp;B</b> | <b>Lunch in the hotel</b> | <b>Dinner</b> |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Single room                        | 90 €           | 20 €                      | 20 €          |
| Double room                        | 60 €           |                           |               |
| Triple room                        | 50 €           |                           |               |

Accommodation contact: Ms. Farida İsmayılova; [accommodation@judo.az](mailto:accommodation@judo.az); +994 70 401 60 84

**Hotel reservation deadline:** Monday, 06<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Hotel payment deadline:** Monday, 06<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Cash payment upon arrival is not allowed. All payments have to be done in advance per bank transfer.**

**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 clubs will be charged by the organizing committee.

## 20. PAYMENT

To confirm your entry, kindly complete the payment of participation fee and accommodation (if booked by the organiser) as specified in the deadlines to organiser's bank account.

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Bank Address:           | Inshaatchilar ave., 14, 533 Baku, Azerbaijan  |
| Bank Name:              | "International Bank of Azerbaijan<br>Yasamal branch<br>IBAZAZ2X"                                    |
| Name of account holder: | Azerbaijan Judo Federation Public Union<br>TAX ID: 2001048461                                       |
| IBAN:                   | EUR AZ64IBAZ40190019789330374216  |
| SWIFT:                  | Correspondent Bank: Commerzbank AG, Frankfurt am Main<br>400 88 66030 01 EUR<br>SWIFT: COBADEFFXXX. |
| Payment reference       | European Hopes Baku 2026 + Club and Federation name   |

All bank fees and money transfer costs must be paid by the sender federation.

In general, no cash payments are allowed (in exceptional cases it can be agreed on bilateral basis between LOC and NF). Credit cards can not be accepted on spot.

**\*Be careful with the fraudulent emails!!! Make sure that the invoices are received from the email address that appears in the official outlines.**



## 21. JUDOGI

Judogi must only comply with the Sokuteiki rules (no labels obligatory, IJF label recommended).

Backnumber: recommended (If non-official backnumbers are used, EJU reserves the right to ask for removal, if the material is not up to regular standards).

Competition and technical sesión will be held only in white judogis.

**Official Backnumber.** Official 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.

## 22. RESPONSIBILITY OF CLUBS and FEDERATIONS

The competitors will compete under the full responsibility of their clubs & federations.

Insurance: Club/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 organizer 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](mailto:headoffice@eju.net).

## 23. MEDIA

Journalists can apply for Media accreditation online using the following link:

<https://www.eju.net/media/>.

## 24. VISA

If you need visa to enter Azerbaijan, please send the request to the organiser Kamran Yahyayev. Email: [visa@judo.az](mailto:visa@judo.az) not later than **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. 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 judomanager for the event.

## 25. PRE-EVENT TRAINING

Tatami for pre-event training will be available in the Absheron Olympic Sport Complex on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, exact time will be communicated later on.

Pre-event training sessions can be booked via LOC desks at hotel and competition venue or email to [training@judo.az](mailto:training@judo.az).