INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION

EVENT OUTLINES

JUDO

Baku Grand Slam, Azerbaijan

16 - 18 February 2024

#JudoBaku

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IJF WORLD JUDO TOUR

@MariusVizer

Dear judo family,

Welcome back to Baku!

Occupying a new place on the calendar, Baku is our first stop on the World Judo Tour after the Paris Grand Slam. This is significant as our next Parisian arrival will be for the Olympic Games this summer. The curtain has come down on all dress rehearsals in France and so we now rely on the experience and excellence of our friends and partners all over the world to do the fine tuning required ahead of the flagship event of this cycle.

Baku brings us a very experienced team which always delivers the highest level of organisation, hospitality and professionalism, welcoming judoka from every corner of the globe for their annual World Judo Tour event. Azerbaijan is a country of friendship and guarantees the best conditions for all judoka; we are in no doubt that we will be looked after.

Baku is an important step on the 2024 schedule with essential world ranking points on offer and the chance to maintain or enhance positions, perhaps climbing into the seedings at the best moment.

I wish all participants and organisers a successful stay in Baku and thank our national federations for their continued hard work throughout this unprecedented 3 year cycle.

Yours in judo,

Marius L. VIZER
President
International Judo Federation

Dear judo family,
Dear friends,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Welcome to Baku for the esteemed grand slam tournament, hosted by the Azerbaijan Judo Federation. Our vibrant capital sets the stage for this event and we are grateful for the support of His Excellency President Mr Ilham Aliyev, whose commitment has elevated Azerbaijan to become a leading judo nation.

A clear example of this is the National Team Training Center, which was launched in October 2023 with his direct support and participation, showcasing a commitment to the continuous growth and development of judo in the country.

As we approach the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, I extend heartfelt wishes to the judoka. Earning Olympic qualification points demands dedication and excellence. May this tournament be a crucial step towards realising Olympic dreams.

We extend a pecial thanks to Mr Marius Vizer, President of the International Judo Federation, for his unwavering trust and support. Together, we make events like the grand slam in Baku a reality, a true testament to the unity of the judo family.

Thank you and here's to the success of the grand slam tournament in Baku 2024!

Rashad NABIYEV
President
Azerbaijan Judo Federation

EVENTS DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND HERE: https://www.ijf.org/competition/2658

1. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

All event participants participating in the event described in these outlines must respect and accept the authority of the International Judo Federation (IJF) officials, the IJF Statutes, the IJF Sport and Organisation Rules **SOR** and the IJF Anti- Doping Rules (**https://www.ijf.org/cleanjudo/133**). Individuals deemed to have acted against the IJF, its principles or purposes should be subject to suspension or expulsion from the event and/or cancellation of their accreditation cards.

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2. DEADLINES FOR DELEGATIONS

PLEASE RESPECT ALL DEADLINES AND RULES DETAILED IN THESE OUTLINES.

Days before Competition day 1	Deadline	Action
20	27 January 2024	Hotel first reservation
20	27 January 2024	Visa application (with passport photocopies)*
11	05 February 2024	Hotel final reservation and full payment
11	05 February 2024	Arrival and departure information uploaded to **my.ijf.org**
8	08 February 2024 (23:59 CET)	Full refund in case of hotel cancellation
8	08 February 2024	Event inscription (**Judobase**)

*Entry letters and visa applications will only be accepted for people who are inscribed in **judobase**.

Event Inscription

In case of unforeseen delay of arrival or if someone has to be cancelled from the event you must inform both the IJF (**registration@ijf.org**) and the LOC (**office@judo.az**).

Whenever possible, cancellations should be made before accreditation. Any cancellation of an athlete during accreditation without replacement will result in the following penalty:

- If registered athletes are cancelled during accreditation without previous notification to IJF, a penalty of 100 USD per athlete will apply. This penalty will be charged by the IJF to the national federation.

3. PARTICIPATION RULES

To participate in an IJF WJT event each participant is responsible to follow:

- The rules to enter the host country and the local government health measures.

Any participant is eligible to inscribe in the competition provided he/she is:

- Not under a disciplinary suspension.
- Not under suspension for anti-doping rule violation.
- Not carrying any communicable diseases that may risk other delegates' health.

In addition to the above athletes must:

- Not be under medical suspension.
- Be healthy and fit for competition.
- Born in 2009 (15 years in the calendar year) or before. Any national federation entering athletes that are not of the correct age will be subject to an investigation and possible disciplinary action.
- Have sufficient technical knowledge (know the terminology and can execute all the techniques in the IJF **SOR** Appendix H) and understand fully the IJF sport and refereeing rules.

All participating delegates must have a valid IJF card and be inscribed in **judobase** by their national federation.

4. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Name	Azerbaijan Judo Federation
Address/telephone number	128 Azadlig ave. Narimanov dist., AZ1106, Baku, Azerbaijan / +994558471730
Website	**www.judo.az**
Email	**office@judo.az**

5. LOC EVENT CONTACTS

Accommodation	Ms Farida Ismayılova	**accommodation@judo.az**	+994704016084
General Enquiries	Mr Kamran Talibov	**office@judo.az**	+994558471730
Transport	Mr Azer Novruzov	**transport@judo.az**	+994555906992
Training	Mr Azer Novruzov	**training@judo.az**	+994555906992
Visa	Mr Kamran Yahyayev	**visa@judo.az**	+994516331162
Emergency (24 hours, English-speaking)	Mr Kamran Talibov	**office@judo.az**	+994558471730

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

6. COMPETITION VENUE

Name	National Gymnastics Arena
Address	Heydar Aliyev Avenue 108, 1029. Passage: «Koroghlu» underground station
Website	**https://www.mga.az/en**
Seats for spectators	2,500
Tickets	TBC

7. PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Wednesday 14 February 2024	14:00 - 20:00	Accreditation	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
	16:00 - 18:30	Judogi and backnumber pre-control Open: all athletes	
Thursday 15 February 2024	09:00 - 12:00	Accreditation	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
	14:00	Draw	Online
	15:20 - 15:50	Unofficial weigh-in for day 1 athletes	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
	16:00 - 16:30	Weigh-in w: -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg; m: -60 kg, -66 kg	
	16:10 - 17:40	Judogi and backnumber pre-control Open: all athletes Obligatory: day 1 athletes (If you have not already passed the control)	
Friday 16 February 2024	**Competition day 1 - w: -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg; m: -60 kg, -66 kg**		
	TBC*	Preliminaries	National Gymnastics Arena
	15:20 - 15:50	Unofficial weigh-in for day 2 athletes	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
	16:00 - 16:30	Weigh-in w: -63 kg, -70 kg; m: -73 kg, -81 kg	
	16:10 - 17:40	Judogi and backnumber pre-control Open: all athletes Obligatory: day 2 athletes (If you have not already passed the control)	
	17:00	Final block	National Gymnastics Arena
Saturday 17 February 2024	**Competition day 2 - w: -63 kg, -70 kg; m: -73 kg, -81 kg**		
	TBC*	Preliminaries	National Gymnastics Arena
	15:20 - 15:50	Unofficial weigh-in for day 3 athletes	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
	16:00 - 16:30	Weigh-in w: -78 kg, +78 kg; m: -90 kg, -100 kg, +100 kg	
	16:10 - 17:40	Judogi and backnumber pre-control Open: all athletes Obligatory: day 3 athletes (If you have not already passed the control)	
	17:00	Final block	National Gymnastics Arena
Sunday 18 February 2024	**Competition day 3 - w: -78 kg, +78 kg; m: -90 kg, -100 kg, +100 kg**		
	TBC*	Preliminaries	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
	17:00	Final block	

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

8. ENTRY TO THE 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://evisa.gov.az/en/**

E-visa application system can be found here: **https://evisa.gov.az/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.

No invitation needed for the ones who obtained their visa from e-visa portal. All the rest need to send their passport copies along with Baku GS 2024 Form visa.

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.

Complete the form	**Baku GS 2024 Form Accommodation & visa**		
Deadline	27 January 2024		
Visa contact	Mr Kamran Yahyayev	**visa@judo.az**	+994516331162

9. TRANSPORT

The LOC will provide transportation for competing delegations during the competition. This transportation service (including airport transfers) is only offered on the days when the delegations are booked in an official hotel through the LOC. On days delegations are using an unofficial hotel or an official hotel, not reserved through the LOC, they are not allowed to use the official event transportation.

Travel information must be uploaded to **my.ijf.org** according to the hotel reservation arrival and departure dates. If the delegation misses the transport deadline and travel information is not uploaded airport, train or bus station transfers are NOT guaranteed and a fee may be charged by the LOC.

Transfers for this event will be arranged from/to:			
Airport	Heydar Aliyev International Airport (GYD)		
Deadline	05 February 2024		
Transport contact	Mr Azer Novruzov	**transport@judo.az**	+994555906992

10. PRE-EVENT TRAINING

Training during the event is the responsibility of the LOC. Planning and scheduling of training sessions will be organised taking into consideration requests made by delegations daily on a first request made first served basis. To book training contact the LOC.

Training venue 1	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard		
Address	Khagani Rustamov Street, 4C Khatai District, Baku 1010		
Training venue 2	Sport Plaza Hotel & Apartments		
Address	Building 187C, 115 Heydar Aliyev Ave, Baku 1029		
Training dates and times	Tuesday 13 February - Saturday 17 February 2024, 09:00 - 21:00		
Booking contact	Mr Azer Novruzov	**training@judo.az**	+994555906992

11. ACCOMMODATION

All delegations, who inscribe for an IJF WJT event, must reserve their accommodation in one of the official hotels published in the event outlines. The reservation must be made with the LOC (not directly with the hotel).

MAKE SURE THAT YOUR ROOM IS BOOKED ACCORDING TO YOUR TRAVEL INFORMATION (CHECK-IN IS AT 14:00).
e.g., flight arrives at 00:30hrs on the 17th February, the room should be booked from the 16th February.

Any damage to hotel property will be charged to the national federation and must be paid in full. Delegations are kindly requested not to dry clothing (including judogi) or have training sessions in the corridors of the official hotels.

Complete the form	**Baku GS 2023 Form Accommodation & visa**		
Deadline first reservation	27 January 2024		
Deadline final reservation and full payment	05 February 2024		
Accommodation contact	Ms Farida Ismayılova	**accommodation@judo.az**	+994704016084

Note: The LOC will do their best to provide your first choice of accommodation but, as rooms might be limited, this cannot be guaranteed. After the accommodation deadline, the LOC cannot promise rooms in the hotels detailed in these outlines and another official hotel may be added.

VIP HOTEL

If a national federation President is accompanying the team, he/she can be accommodated at the VIP hotel or the delegation hotel.

VIP hotel	Hyatt Regency Baku
Address	6 Izmir str., Baku
Phone	+994124901234
Website	**www.hyatt.com**
Price per person per night	Please contact the LOC (**accommodation@judo.az**)

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport	26	00:30
Sport hall	12	00:25

DELEGATION HOTELS

The following packages are available in the delegation hotels:
Bed and breakfast includes breakfast at the hotel.
Half board includes breakfast and dinner at the hotel.
Full board includes breakfast and dinner at the hotel and lunch at the hotel or sport hall*.

*LUNCH ON COMPETITION DAYS WILL BE SERVED AT THE SPORT HALL AND MUST BE RESERVED AT ACCREDITATION.

CATEGORY A - Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard	
Address	4C Khagani Rustamov str., Baku, 1010
Phone	+994123100010
Website	www.marriott.com
Check-in time	14:00
Check-out time	12:00
Early check-in	Between 07:00 - 11:00 requires 50% of the room rate Between 00:01 - 07:00 requires 100% of the room rate
Late check-out	Between 15:00 - 18:00 requires 50% of the room rate After 18:00 requires 100% of the room rate
Air-conditioning	Yes (Free)
Gym	Yes (Free)
Wi-Fi	Yes (Free)
Room service	Yes
A La Carte restaurant	Yes
Food delivery allowed	Yes

All prices are per person per night in: **euro**

CATEGORY A - Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard	Bed & breakfast	Half board	Full board
Single	210	240	270
Twin	150	180	210
Lunch at the competition venue	30		Included
Deposit required by hotel at check-in	No deposit required		

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport	25	00:30
Training venue	Same hotel	
Accreditation	Same hotel	
Draw	The draw will be held online: www.ijf.org	
Judogi pre-control and weigh in	Same hotel	
Sport hall	9.9	00:45

CATEGORY B - Wyndham Garden Baku	
Address	Mikayil Aliyev 2405, Baku, 1029
Phone	+994125261515
Website	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com
Check-in time	14:00
Check-out time	12:00
Early check-in / Late check-out	Not available
Air-conditioning	Yes (free)
Gym	Yes (free)
Wi-Fi	Yes (free)
Room service	Yes
A La Carte restaurant	Yes
Food delivery allowed	Yes

All prices are per person per night in: **euro**

CATEGORY B - Wyndham Garden Baku	Bed & breakfast	Half board	Full board
Single	135	165	195
Twin	110	140	170
Lunch at the competition venue	30		Included
Deposit required by hotel at check-in	No deposit required		

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport	19.2	00:25
Training venue	Same hotel	
Accreditation	11.8	00:30
Draw	The draw will be held online: www.ijf.org	
Judogi pre-control and weigh in	11.8	00:30
Sport hall	0.8	00:10 on foot

CATEGORY C - Sport Plaza Hotel & Apartments	
Address	Building 187C, 115 Heydar Aliyev Ave, Baku 1029
Phone	+994125650555
Website	https://www.instagram.com/sport.plaza_hotel.apartments/?hl=en
Check-in time	14:00
Check-out time	12:00
Early check-in	Between 07:00 - 11:00 requires 50% of the room rate Between 00:01 - 07:00 requires 100% of the room rate
Late check-out	Between 15:00 - 18:00 requires 50% of the room rate After 18:00 requires 100% of the room rate
Air-conditioning	Yes (Free)
Gym	No
Wi-Fi	Yes (Free)
Room service	No
A La Carte restaurant	Yes
Food delivery allowed	No

All prices are per person per night in: **euro**

CATEGORY C - Sport Plaza Hotel & Apartments	Bed & breakfast	Half board	Full board
Single	110	135	160
Twin	90	115	140
Triple / quadruple	80	105	130
Lunch at the competition venue	30		Included
Deposit required by hotel at check-in	No deposit required		

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport	16	00:20
Training venue	8.2	00:15
Accreditation	10	00:20
Draw	The draw will be held online: **www.ijf.org**	
Judogi pre-control and weigh in	10	00:20
Sport hall	1	00:15 on foot

PAYMENT

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USE ONLY THE BANK DETAILS FROM THE OFFICIAL OUTLINES.

According to the IJF rule enacted on the 2 December 2012 in Tokyo, “the organising country should not request penalties fee for participating countries who cannot make bank transfers but can pay in cash upon arrival. Those countries who cannot make bank transfers should inform the LOC well in advance that they will pay cash on arrival".

All bank fees and bank transfer costs must be paid by the participating national federation to the following bank:

Beneficiary's Name	Azerbaijan Judo Federation Public Union
Bank Name	International Bank of Azerbaijan-Yasamal branch
Tax ID	2001048461
Bank Address	Inshaatchilar ave., 14, 533 Baku, Azerbaijan
IBAN	AZ64IBAZ40190019789330374216
SWIFT	IBAZAZ2X
Correspondent Bank	Commerzbank AG, Frankfurt am Main 400 88 66030 01 EUR SWIFT: COBADEFFXXX.
Payment Reference	Baku Judo GS 2024, Country name and reason

If payment is being made by bank transfer 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.

If rooms are cancelled the LOC has the right to charge as follows:	
No refund, 100% of the hotel costs must be paid from 8 days before start of competition	08 February 2024 23:59 CET

12. MEDALS AND PRIZE MONEY

First place - gold medal and 5,000 euro (judoka: 4,000 euro and coach 1,000 euro)
Second place - silver medal and 3,000 euro (judoka: 2,400 euro and coach 600 euro)
Third places (x2) - bronze medals and 1,500 euro for each (judoka: 1,200 euro and coach 300 euro)

IMPORTANT: For prize money to be paid each medallist must bring a copy of their passport and their personal tax number to the awarding ceremony. Prize money will be given to the athletes who are then responsible to give 20% to their coach.

13. DOPING CONTROL

Join our digital notice board: **https://t.me/ijfcleanjudo**

Doping control will include: four (4) men and four (4) women.

Pursuant to WADA ISTI Art. 5.4.4, prior to doping control, athletes can take part in the awarding ceremony and fulfil their press commitments or receive medical treatment if needed.

The selected competitors will be constantly accompanied by an official chaperone (appointed by the organising committee) from the time of notification until arriving at the doping control station. A person of the athletes' choice (team doctor, coach, trainer, delegation head etc.) may accompany them. IJF keep the right to test any participating athlete beyond the above selection during an event.

All additional tests are deemed in-competition tests. At its own discretion IJF may allow Testing Authorities to conduct out-of-competition tests as well.

14. POST EVENT SURVEY

After each event a questionnaire will be sent for your constructive comments and feedback on how to improve the next edition of the event. You can also email **sport@ijf.org**

15. GENERAL INFORMATION

INSURANCE

Each national federation is directly responsible for its athletes (the control of non-pregnancy and the control of gender). It must assume all responsibility for accident and health insurance as well as civil liabilities during all IJF events for everyone under their charge.

The LOC of the event and the IJF will not be responsible in the absence of insurance.

The entity contractually bound to the IJF for the organisation of the event shall take all necessary actions to provide insurance coverage against civil liability for the entire duration. It is the responsibility of the national federation to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any SARS CoV-2 (COVID-19) or its variants or communicable disease, related costs, including repatriation.

The LOC of the event and the IJF accept no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising from the travelling to and the participation in this event nor any claims relating to the cancellation of the event or medical costs related to illness, due to SARS CoV-2 (COVID-19) or its variants or other communicable disease(s), that may affect a national federation delegation member during the event.

CONSENT FOR USE OF DATA/PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOS/FILMING

Delegates inscribed by their national federations for WJT events consent to the IJF 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 IJF. It will also be acquired by the IJF and its media partners from in and around all IJF WJT 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 for use of data, photography, videos and filming then the national federation must inform the IJF by writing to **registration@ijf.org**

ACCOMMODATION

The minimum reservation for a delegation is two (2) nights multiplied by the total number of people inscribed in **judobase**. The referee nominated by the IJF is not included in this calculation.

The national federation president and the referee nominated by the IJF is not included in this calculation.
Example:
4 people inscribed in **judobase** (no referee) = 4 x 2 nights = 8 nights or more must be reserved
17 people inscribed in **judobase** (including 1 referee) = (17-1) x 2 = 32 nights or more must be reserved
The hotel prices are not guaranteed after the reservation deadline and delegations requesting accommodation late may be subject to a price increase.

This rule does not apply to the host national federation delegates.

COMPETITION RULES

System of competition: quarter-final (last 8) repechage, duration of contests: four (4) minutes (real time).

Weight categories: Women: -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg, -63 kg, -70 kg, -78 kg, +78 kg
Men: -60 kg, -66 kg, -73 kg, -81 kg, -90 kg, -100 kg, +100 kg

INSCRIPTION OF DELEGATES

Only entries of member national judo federations will be accepted. In some exceptional cases, the IJF can, in order to protect an athlete's career, inscribe an athlete into an IJF event, under his/her national federation flag or under the IJF flag, according to the specificity of the case.

Athletes can be entered in ONLY one weight category per IJF World Ranking List (WRL) event. Each person can only be inscribed with one function (i.e. athlete, coach, referee, team official etc.) per event.

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.

Each national federation may enter:
- Up to 14 entries for women with maximum 2 athletes per category.
- Up to 14 entries for men with maximum 2 athletes per category.

The host country may enter:)
- Up to 28 entries for women with maximum 4 athletes per category.*
- Up to 28 entries for men with maximum 4 athletes per category.*

*From the host country only the best two (2) results from each category will be considered for the WRL Seniors.

Non-competing athletes or training partners can be inscribed as judoka.

After the event deadline, changes can be made one to one, like for like, due to injury or illness. For example, an injured athlete can be replaced by another athlete regardless of gender or weight category. An ill team official can be replaced by another team official etc.

ACCREDITATION

The purpose of accreditation is to identify people and their roles at events and allow them necessary access to perform their roles.
A team delegate must attend accreditation to confirm the entries of all athletes and officials with a 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.

For each official team member from a national delegation (athletes, coach, team official, doctor etc.) an accreditation card is issued by the IJF during accreditation.

A delegate should never wear another delegate's accreditation card. The accreditation card remains the property of the IJF and can be withdrawn, with immediate effect, at the IJF'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. This card contains: last (family) name, first (given) name, country, IJF ID number, a picture and for athletes their weight category and WRL position.

Quota for officials for accreditations (includes team officials, coaches, doctors and physiotherapists):
- One – four (1-4) competitors = three (3) officials.
- Five – nine (5-9) competitors = five (5) officials.
- 10 or more competitors = seven (7) officials.

The accreditations for national federation president, referee and judoka are not included in the above calculation.

The fee for additional team official(s) (who must be inscribed in **judobase**) is 100 USD per accreditation, to be paid to the LOC.

Replacement of lost or forgotten accreditation will be charged at 50 USD to be paid to the IJF.

DRAW AND SEEDING

Up to a maximum of the top eight athletes among the entered athletes in each weight category will be seeded based on their IJF WRL position. The draw will be held online: **www.ijf.org**

OFFICIAL JUDOGI

Athletes must compete wearing an IJF approved judogi (white and blue) from one of the following official suppliers can be found here: **www.ijf.org/supplier-list**. For further information on the judogi rules please refer to the IJF **SOR** (**www.ijf.org/ijf/documents/24**).

OFFICIAL IJF BACKNUMBER

Each competitor is obliged to have sewn on the back of his judogi a backnumber bearing their last (family) name and National Olympic Committee abbreviation. The last (family) name (and any part of their given (first) name) on the back number must have the same letters as that registered in **judobase** as this database provides the accreditation cards, athlete name on TV graphics and scoreboard etc. The top of the backnumber must be fixed horizontally and centrally three (3) cm from the bottom of the collar.
The backnumber can only be ordered from **www.officialbacknumber.com or www.mybacknumber.com**

JUDOGI AND BACKNUMBER PRE-CONTROL

The IJF will arrange a judogi and backnumber pre-control starting two days before the first competition day, until the day before the last competition day. For this purpose, the competitors should wear their judogi with the belt tightened.

For the backnumber pre-control, athletes must bring both judogi (white and blue), for a control regarding any worn-out areas particularly on the collar and lapel, the colour, the IJF official label (obligatory), judogi brand (obligatory), national emblem, advertising, backnumber stitching, and any visible stains.

Only if the judogi are compliant with the IJF rules will sponsor labels be given.

Athletes must show up for the backnumber pre-control. If they fail to do so, without a valid reason, the athlete will not be allowed to have a coach in the chair.

The backnumber and publicity should comply with the current IJF judogi regulations.
White judogi: IJF sponsor / Blue judogi: LOC sponsor

The official sponsor label of the event will be given provided that:
- The judogi are clean and dry.
- The backnumber, publicity and emblem are properly sewn and do not show any wear or tear.
- All previous advertising has been removed.

Guide to attaching and removing the sponsor label:
- Lay the judogi flat and attach the new sponsor label of the event on the back of the correct judogi.
- Ensure the label is firmly attached around the edges.
- Immediately after the competition and before washing remove the sponsor label.

SEWING SERVICE

The LOC will provide delegations with a sewing service. They have the right to charge for this service. The place, time and rate (if applicable) will be communicated to delegations on the event's official notice boards.

In case of non-respect of the place and persons providing this service to the delegations, the LOC, in agreement with the IJF, may refuse this service to those who were disrespectful.

JUDOGI CONTROL

Judogi control takes place on the day of the competition and will be done before each contest.

WEIGH IN

The weigh-in will be carried out in accordance with the IJF **SOR**. The official weigh-in for athletes will be scheduled the day before the competition (see programme for times).

WORLD RANKING POINTS

An athlete is in the competition only once they pass the official weigh-in.
If an athlete passes the official weigh-in and is alone in the category he/she will get the participation ranking points, if applicable.
Any athlete who does not come to the tatami for a contest will have a line put through his/her name on the draw sheet. His/her opponent must come to the tatami and bow. He/she will be declared the winner by fusen-gachi and WRL points will be given.

COACHING

Coaches nominated by their national federations should respect the IJF Code of Ethics and IJF **SOR**. Any coaches not adhering to these rules could be subject to disciplinary action.

AWARDING CEREMONY

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 awards ceremony without a good reason may forfeit the medal and prize money.

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 IJF Media Team.
After each day of competition photos will be uploaded on the IJF website: **www.ijf.org/galleries**. These photos are rights-free and can be downloaded and used by anyone: athletes, coaches, national federations, press and media etc.

INFORMATION FOR MEDIA

EVENTS DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND HERE: https://www.ijf.org/competition/2658

1. DEADLINES FOR MEDIA

PLEASE RESPECT ALL DEADLINES AND RULES DETAILED IN THESE OUTLINES.

Days before Competition day 1	Deadline	Action
20	27 January 2024	Visa application (with passport photocopies)*
11	05 February 2024	Arrival and departure information sent to: **transport@judo.az**
8	08 February 2024	**http://ijfmedia.datastat.si/**

*All media representatives must have the necessary documents to enter the host country, including a visa if necessary.

All requests are subject to approval by the IJF and the LOC, so the inscription is not a guaranty to be accredited. All accreditation requests coming after the deadline will be refused.

2. PARTICIPATION RULES

- Inscribe in the IJF media platform - **https://my.ijf.org/media/info**
- Register at open events from the event list - **https://my.ijf.org/media/events**
- If you have any problems, you can contact administrators on the form - **https://my.ijf.org/media/contact**
- Accommodation and local transport is the responsibility of each media participant.

3. GENERAL INFORMATION

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

All local and international media representatives participating in the event described in these outlines must respect and accept the authority of the IJF Officials, the IJF Statutes, the IJF Sports and Organisation Rules (**SOR**, **www.ijf.org/ijf/documents/24**) and the IJF Anti-Doping Rules (**https://www.ijf.org/cleanjudo/133**), as well as the media protocol in place on spot. Individuals deemed to have acted against the IJF, its principles or purposes should be subject to suspension or expulsion from the event and/or cancellation of their accreditation cards.

INSURANCE

Everyone is responsible for their own insurance and must assume all responsibility for accident and health insurance as well as civil liabilities during any IJF WJT event.

The LOC of the event and the IJF will not be responsible in the absence of insurance. The entity contractually bound to the IJF for the organisation of the event shall take all necessary actions to provide insurance coverage against civil liability for the entire duration. It is the responsibility of the media participant to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any SARS CoV-2 (COVID-19) or its variants or communicable disease related costs, including repatriation.

The LOC of the event and the IJF accept no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising from the travelling to and the participation in this event nor any claims relating to the cancellation of the event or medical costs related to illness, due to SARS CoV-2 (COVID-19) or its variants or other communicable disease(s), that may affect a media participant during the event.

The LOC of the event and the IJF accept no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising from the travelling to and the participation in this event nor any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to COVID-19 or medical costs for any COVID-19 related illness that may affect a media participant during the event.

COMPETITION RULES

All media matters are the responsibility of the IJF Media Director. It is expressly forbidden for all media including photographers to live stream at any time during the draw, competition or any other official IJF activity. They are not allowed to film, or photograph injured or bleeding athletes anywhere in the venue. Mobile devices must not be used for any function while mat side.

Media are not allowed to access the warm-up area unless special access has been granted from the IJF. This must be proposed and granted by the IJF at least two weeks before the competition. Any member of the media who does not follow the above risks losing their accreditation and access to the competition.

Religious, political, personal or commercial connotation is prohibited for everyone on the field of play.

ACCREDITATION

The purpose of accreditation is to identify people and their roles at events and allow them necessary access to perform their roles.

Accreditation cards may be picked up from the accreditation centre, from the welcome desk at the hotel after the draw, from the media entrance welcome desk in the sport hall, or from any other place dedicated to media which will be indicated.

An accredited person should never wear another person's accreditation card. The accreditation card remains the property of the IJF and can be withdrawn, with immediate effect, at the IJF's sole discretion.

The accreditation card is valid for the duration of the competition and is the personal identity document of the participant for all security and access controls. This card contains: last (family) name, first (given) name, country, IJF ID number, media status (writer, photographer) and a picture.

Replacement of lost or forgotten accreditation will be charged at 50 USD to be paid to the IJF.

RESPECT TOWARDS ATHLETES

Throughout the event, from arrival to departure, media representatives must observe strict respect for the athletes and their delegation. The delegations need calm to prepare and concentrate, the international media will only have access to the athletes under the conditions of the competition, at the stadium, in a mixed zone.

Any other request must be the subject of a written request to the IJF: **press@ijf.org**

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