

Judo By-Laws

Section 1 - Competition Rules

The Judo competition shall operate under the IIGA Constitution, Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict with the aforesaid IIGA Rules and Regulations they shall also operate under the International Judo Federation (IJF) Rules.

Section 2 - General

2.1 Island Representation

- 2.1.1 **Individual Events** A Maximum of 2 competitors for each weight category, male and female per Member Island
- 2.1.2 **Team Event** A Maximum of 1 Team per Member Island.
- 2.1.2.1 A Team consists of a maximum of 7 competitors from 7 different weight categories and a minimum of 4 competitors from 4 different weight categories
- 2.1.3 Teams consisting of up to 7 athletes may be accompanied by 1 Official, 1 Referee, 1 Coach and 1 Doctor; unless there are both male and female athletes in the Team in which case 2 Coaches shall be acceptable.
- 2.1.4 Teams consisting of more than 7 athletes may be accompanied by 2 Officials, 2 Referees, 2 Coaches and 1 Doctor.

2.2 Age of Competitors

- 2.2.1 The minimum age limit for competitors will be 13 years on the day of the Opening Ceremony of the Games.
- 2.2.2 In respect of competitors under the age of 18 years competing Member Islands must make arrangement for them to be correctly supervised and comply with all relevant child welfare legislation of their own Island and that of the Host Island.

2.3 Officials

- 2.3.1 To be appointed by the Organising Committee
- 2.3.2 The competition will be controlled by the Tournament Referee. All Officials shall be suitably qualified.
- 2.3.3 The Timekeepers, List Writers and Recorders as well as other Technical Assistants must have a good knowledge of the Refereeing Rules. The Organising Committee must ensure that they have been thoroughly trained prior to officiating. There shall be a minimum of 2 Timekeepers; 1 to register the real contest time and 1 to specialise in "osaekomi". If possible there should be a 3rd person to supervise the 2 Timekeepers to avoid any errors due to mistakes or forgetfulness.

2.4 Events

Weight Categories

Men 60kg, 66kg, 73kg, 81kg, 90kg, 100, + 100kg

Women: 48kg, 52kg, 57kg, 63kg, 70kg, 78kg, + 78kg

2.5 Training

2.5.1 Arrangements for any Pre-Games training/practice shall be made at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

2.5.2 The Organising Committee shall provide training areas and transportation for all delegations which must correspond to the number of competitors. Training hours should be coordinated with the competing Member Islands and included in a training timetable.

2.6 Draws

The draw for the positions on the Contest System Lists must be held on the day prior to the 1st competition by the Organising Committee under the direction of the Technical Committee. The medal winners of each category of the most recent IIGA competition will be separated on the Contest System List in a way which prevents them from competing against each other before the finals of pool A and B. The seeding will take into consideration the results of the Team Individual Members present based on the previous Games.

2.7 Weigh In

2.7.1 Weigh in will take place in an area decided by the Organising Committee.

2.7.2 Unofficial weigh-in: 07.00am – 08.00am

2.7.3 Official weigh-in: 08.00am – 09.00am

2.7.4.1 Each competitor shall bring to the weigh-in his Pass so that the Tournament Referee or his delegate can verify the identity of the competitor.

2.7.4.2 The competitor shall weigh-in either naked or wearing only gymnastic underclothing under the supervision of a weigh-in official; the competitor may be requested to remove his underclothing to ensure he reaches the minimum weight limit of the weight category in which he is entered.

2.7.4.3 The official supervising the weigh-in shall note and record the athlete's weight in kilograms (accurate to one decimal point of a kilogram). No tolerance shall be allowed either above or below the weight category.

2.7.5 A weight category for the Individual Competition shall comprise a minimum of 6 entries from 4 Member Islands; otherwise it shall be cancelled subject to Operational Guideline 2.4.

2.7.6 An athlete in the Individual Competition, entered in a weight category which is to be cancelled according to the above, shall have the right to participate in the immediately heavier category, provided that his/her coach agrees and that the difference between his/her weight and the weight of the lightest participant in the heavier category is no more than 5 kilos for categories in the male competition from 60kg to 81kg inclusive and in the female category from 48kg to 63kg inclusive and 8kg in any of the heavier categories.

2.7.7 Any change of weight category must be notified by the Sport Team Manager to the Pre Technical Meeting before the draw takes place.

2.7.8 The Team Competitions are regarded as a separate event and the participating athletes shall weigh-in again on the morning of the respective day.

2.8 Venues

The competition venue shall be of a representative character and be sufficiently large to hold the required competition areas and spectators.

2.9 Equipment

The Organising Committee has to provide all the infrastructure and equipment necessary for the competition and for the holding of a good event and ceremonies.

2.10 Clothing

2.10.1 The regulation of IJF concerning clothing and advertising on clothing will apply; provided that any further regulations that may be imposed by the IIGA shall take precedence.

2.10.2 **Judogi** - Only blue and white judogi shall be used and this only in the appropriate place of the tatami. The athletes shall supply their own white and blue judogis. The judogi must be delivered to the Organiser at the Judo desk in the Sports Information Centre at the Games Office upon arrival so that the bibs of the organisation can be sewn onto them.

2.11 Medical

The Organising Committee shall provide sufficient medical treatment during the competitions. Arrangements must be made with a nearby hospital for emergency treatment.

2.12 Medals

Presentation shall take place after the conclusion of the last final of the day. Athletes dressed in their judogi shall be placed behind the podium according to the following order (2, 1, 3, 3). Only competitors are entitled a medal. All losing semi-finalists will be awarded bronze medals.

2.13 Protests and Complaints

Any protests or complaint will be investigated by the Tournament Referee and a decision made by him/her. An appeal against this decision can be made to the Jury of Appeal with a further right of appeal by any aggrieved party to the Island Games Association Court.

2.14 Banned Substances and Drug Testing

All competitors in every event shall be subject to Section 9 of the Operational Guidelines of the IIGA.

Section 3 - Technical Committee

3.1 Appointment

The Technical Committee will be appointed at each Games Post-Competition Meeting and shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 Members – a Chairman, Secretary plus up to 4 Members. Both of the future Host Islands (if applicable) should

be represented and if at all possible at least 1 of the positions should be permanent e.g. Secretary or Chairman to ensure continuity.

3.2 Meetings

- 3.2.1 The Technical Committee will meet if necessary at any time during the Games. In the period between the Games the Technical Committee will act as an advisory/consultative body on any matters arising.
- 3.2.2 The Pre-Competition Technical Meeting will include in its agenda both the Referees Meeting and the Draw for all categories.

Section 4 – Pre and Post-Competition Meetings

- 4.1 The Pre and Post-Competition Meetings shall be called and chaired by the Host Island Sports Co-ordinator and shall be attended by the Technical Committee and up to 2 representatives from each competing Member Island Team.
- 4.2 The Jury of Appeal will be appointed at the Pre-Competition Meeting. A panel of 5 Members (preferably from different competing Member Islands) plus a non-voting Secretary will be appointed. A minimum of 3 Members plus the Secretary would be required to hear an appeal. If the appeal concerns a competitor from the same Member Island as 1 of the Jury Members he/she cannot participate in any decision taken.

Section 5 - Individual Competition

- 5.1 In order for an athlete to be declared a medal winner (i.e. 1st, 2nd or 3rd place) it will be necessary for him/her to have won at least 1 real fight during the competitions in his/her category (2 competitors on the tatami-fusen gachi is not considered to be a real win, only a step entitling the present competitor to continue). A coincidental placement is not enough for a medal to be awarded.
- 5.2 If the Executive Committee agrees to a competition with less than 6 participants per weight category they shall compete according to a pool system on a round robin basis.
- 5.3 A minimum of 6 participants from 4 Member Islands per weight category shall compete according to a pool system on a round robin basis. The participants shall be divided into 2 pools A and B and at the end of the pool fights they shall participate in semi-finals and finals with the top 2 competitors in each pool going through. The winner of pool A shall fight the 2nd in pool B and the winner of pool B shall fight the 2nd in pool A. The winners shall compete for Gold and Silver with both losers being awarded a Bronze medal.
- 5.4 In the event of 2 pools a participant who ranks 2nd in his/her pool by coincidence without having achieved a real win (absence of opponent), shall be entitled to enter the finals but will receive a medal only if he/she achieves at least 1 real win at that stage.
- 5.5 If during the fights within a pool a contestant fails to present himself/herself for a fight when he/she is called upon for any reason (injury or other), whatever the order of that

fight, he/she will be regarded as not having participated from the beginning and the results of his/her fights so far shall be eliminated and shall not contribute to the rankings either for him/her or for his/her opponents

- 5.6** In the event of there being more than 6 participants in any pool the event shall be carried out on a knockout basis under the Double Repechage System accepted by the IJF with the finalists competing for the Gold and Silver medal and with the finalists from the repechage both being awarded Bronze medals.
- 5.7** In all competitions if a contestant fails to present himself/herself for 1 of his/her fights he/she shall not be permitted to participate in further fights. However in the knockout system he/she will maintain the placement he/she reached on his/her last fight.

Section 6 - Team Competitions

- 6.1** Each Team shall be entitled to enter a reserve in every weight category. An athlete can be used as a reserve in the category in which he naturally belongs and the immediately heavier one.
- 6.2** In the case of the absence of a contestant in a weight category his opponent – if any – shall receive a score of 10, and such total shall contribute to the total of the Team score (fusen gachi is valid in Team Competitions).
- 6.3** The minimum entry for the Team Competition to take place is 6 Teams subject to Operational Guideline 2.4.
- 6.4** In the event of 6 Teams being entered the competition shall take place on a pool system on a round robin basis and on the same basis as the Individual Competition. If there are more than 6 competitions then the event will take place on a knockout basis under the Double Repechage System but otherwise on the same basis as Individual Competitions.