



EUROPEAN JUDO UNION

EUROPEAN JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS VETERANS RIGA 2025 and Ne-Waza Competition

Riga – Latvia

Individual: 22 - 24 May 2025

Teams: 25 May 2025



COMPETITION RULES



WORDS OF WELCOME



Dr. László TÓTH
President
European Judo Union

Dear Judo Family, Friends and Honoured Guests,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the European Judo Championships Veterans 2025 in Riga, Latvia. This event showcases dedication, perseverance, and the lifelong passion that our veteran judokas bring to our sport.

The Veterans Championships serve as a testament to the unwavering spirit of judo, where athletes from across Europe come together to demonstrate their skills and embody the core values of respect, discipline, and camaraderie. It is always inspiring to witness the commitment and determination of our veteran practitioners, proving that judo is truly a sport for life. I trust that over this four-day-long event, we are going to witness memorable contests and remarkable displays of skill.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Latvian Judo Federation for their outstanding efforts and the local authorities for their valuable support in organising this esteemed tournament. Riga is the ideal city and it provides the perfect setting for this year's championships.

I extend my best wishes to all judokas, coaches, referees, volunteers, and organisers. May these championships be filled with great competition, sportsmanship, and memorable moments. I wish you all good health, success, and an unforgettable experience in Riga!

Yours in judo,



**Vsevolods
ZELONIJS**
President Latvia
Judo Federation

Dear Judo Friends,

On behalf of the Latvian Judo Federation and personally, I warmly welcome you to Riga for the European Judo Championships Veterans

The European Judo Union does an incredible job in developing judo across various sectors, including the important sphere of judo for veterans. Since last year, the European Veteran Cups have been introduced, along with the addition of the ne-waza judo discipline, and it is truly an honor for us to be part of this program.

Last year, we hosted the first European Veteran Cup in Riga, and today, we are organizing the European Championships for you. We can see how multifaceted and popular judo is across Europe. For many, veteran judo is a great source of motivation, both for achieving personal goals and for staying connected to the judo family.

I would like to extend my gratitude and best wishes to the EJU team and all participants of the European Judo Championships for Veterans here in Riga.

Good luck, and may this championship be a memorable experience for everyone involved!



1. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Communication during the event will be done through dedicated Telegram Channel “EJU Veteran Tour”. Please, join the channel using the link: <https://t.me/+AJ46hrmxmmQ3ZTQ0>

Or scan the QR Code:



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 if book an official hotel.
- Book accommodation either on your own or by the organiser.
- Upload medical certificate to my.ijf.org well in advance

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, current rules can be found under the link:

<https://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/entry-latvia>

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.



2. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Time	PROGRAMME	Place
Wednesday, 21 st May		
10:00 - 16:30	EJU Accreditation/Entry Fee/Media accreditation	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
10:00 - 16:30	Official accommodation and transfers - Organiser financials	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
17:00 - 17:30	Unofficial weigh-in: M5, M6, M7, M8, M9	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
17:30 - 19:00	Official weigh-in: M5, M6, M7, M8, M9	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
20:00	Technical Draw: M5, M6, M7, M8, M9	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
Thursday, 22 nd May - M5, M6, M7, M8, M9		
One hour before competition starts	Referees Meeting	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
TBC	Preliminaries & Repechage	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
10:00 - 16:30	Official accommodation and transfers - Organiser financials	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
13:00 - 16:30	EJU Accreditation/Entry Fee/Media accreditation	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
TBC	Finals	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
17:00 - 17:30	Unofficial weigh-in: M3, M4 Ne-waza M1-3; F1-3	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
17:30 - 19:00	Official weigh-in: M3, M4 Ne-waza M1-3; F1-3	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
20:00	Technical draw: M3, M4 Ne-waza M1-3; F1-3	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
Friday, 23 rd May - M3, M4 Ne-waza M1-3; F1-3		
TBC	Preliminaries & Repechage	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
12:00 - 16:30	Official accommodation and transfers - Organiser financials	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
13:00 - 16:30	EJU Accreditation/Entry Fee/Media accreditation	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
TBC	Opening Ceremony	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
TBC	Finals	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
17:00 - 17:30	Unofficial weigh-in: F1-F9; M1, M2	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
17:30 - 19:00	Official weigh-in: F1-F9; M1, M2	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
20:00	Technical draw: F1-F9; M1, M2	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
Saturday, 24 th May - F1-F9; M1, M2		
TBC	Preliminaries & Repechage	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
12:00 - 16:30	Official accommodation and transfers - Organiser financials	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
13:00 - 16:30	EJU Accreditation/Entry Fee/Media accreditation	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
TBC	Finals	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
	Unofficial weigh-in: Team event Ne-waza M4-6; F4-6; M7-9; F7-9	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
17:30 - 19:00	Official weigh-in (for athletes who did not compete in individual competition) Ne-waza M4-6; F4-6; M7-9; F7-9	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
20:00	Technical Draw Mixed team and Ne-waza M4-6; F4-6; M7-9; F7-9	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
Sunday, 25 th May - Teams Women (30, 50) Teams Men (30, 50) Mixed Team (40) Ne-waza M4-6; F4-6; M7-9; F7-9:		
TBC	Preliminaries & Repechage	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
TBC	Handover of the flag	International Exhibition Centre BT 1
TBC	Finals	International Exhibition Centre BT 1

Attention: The programme is provisional. The schedule of the contests may be modified according to the total number of entries.



3. COMPETITION VENUE

International Exhibition Centre BT 1

Address: Kļipsalas street 8, Kurzemes rajons, Riga, LV-1048

Website: <https://www.rigaexpo.lv/RE2017/index.php?lng=lv&evt=2>

4. ORGANISER

Latvian Judo Federation

Address: E.Birznieka-Upisa street no.21E, LV-1011, Riga

Email: info@judo.org.lv

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Emergency contacts:

General matters:	Ms. Julija Lescinska;	+37128353012;	info@judo.org.lv
Accommodation:	Ms. Julija Lescinska;	+37128353012;	rigaveterans@gmail.com
Transfers:	Mr. Kārlis Švampe;	+37126461647;	karlis@mrcar.lv

5. PARTICIPATION

To participate in the 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.
- Hold a current and valid license (membership) issued by a national federation currently affiliated to the IJF.
- Pay the appropriate entry fees in full before the deadline set in the event outlines.
- Check in at accreditation (see schedule of accreditation in the event outlines).
- Meet the weigh-in requirements.
- Provide photographic proof of their identity and date of birth. Accepted documents are a valid current passport or a valid national identity card showing the same nationality as the country of issue. The document presented must be the same nationality that the athlete is representing in the competition. A travel document which can resemble a passport will not be accepted. Athletes who have permission to take part in IJF events under rule 1.7.2 who do not have a valid passport issued by the represented country must present either a photographic identity or refugee travel document and the IJF authorisation letter.
- All athletes must have obtained the minimum grade of first kyu.
- 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.

IJF nationality rules (IJF SOR, section 1.7) must be respected and athletes must be of the same nationality as the national federation for which they have been entered for the competition. The evidence of nationality shall be the production of a valid passport issued by the represented country.

For special cases (athletes who do not have the Passport of the country they want to represent for but living in this country) see SOR 1.7.2.4 "Veterans Immigrants"

During the registration, athletes must present their medical certificate to compete, issued by an authorised body of the country they represent.

Certificates must be issued in or translated to English.

The minimum age for participation in the European Judo Championships Veterans is to be 30 years or over in the year of the event. This defines the age at which players first become eligible to compete. Once a player has become eligible, they will be allocated into their appropriate five-year age category i.e. M1/F1 will consist of competitors who have their 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd or 34th birthday and the M2/F2 will consist of players who have their 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th or 39th birthday at any date during the year of the European Championships.



MEDICAL CERTIFICATES

To compete, athletes must have a [medical certificate](#) issued by an authorised body of the country they represent. It must be valid for the day(s) of participation in the competition, not older than one (1) year and can be easily read if hand-written.

Certificates must be issued in or translated to English, bilingual documents are also accepted.

The medical certificate must be uploaded to my.ijf.org by the athlete's national judo federation. Athletes may be asked to present the hard copy of their certificate upon request.

For information about the medical certificate contact headoffice@eju.net.

Individual

Each National Federation affiliated with the European Judo Union may enter as many competitors as it desires. Each athlete competes only in one weight category, the one in which they are enrolled.

Team

The team name can only be the country name and in case of more teams in one age group from one country it must be Country name plus number, for instance Great Britain 1, Great Britain 2, etc.

Team Women (30, 50), Team Men (30, 50)

The team should consist of 5 competitors, one in every official weight category. Substitutes are authorised in weight categories; a team can consist of maximum 10 competitors. In order to be represented, the team must be composed of at least 3 competitors who can take part in 3 different weight categories. **A team can have one team member from another country.**

Mixed Team event (From 40 to 49 years old)

The team should consist of 6 competitors, one in every official weight category. Substitutes are authorised in weight categories; a team can consist of maximum 12 competitors. In order to be represented, the team must be composed of at least 4 competitors who can take part in 4 different weight categories. A team can have two team members from one or two different countries (substitutes included) except if the team is composed of 4 competitors, then only one foreign athlete is allowed (rule of the majority). In all the cases the name of the team will be that of the country whose fighters are in the majority.

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/>. This registration should be made through the National Federation by **12th May 2025**. For assistance please contact registration@ijf.org or headoffice@eju.net before the end of the deadline. After the deadline, further registrations (late entries, replacements) are exclusively handled during accreditation according to the following rules:

	NO IJF Official ID Card	Late entry IJF Official ID Card: YES	Replacement (within one delegation/club) IJF Official ID Card: YES	Please note: - Late entry fee must be paid at accreditation additionally to participation fee. - Persons without IJF ID Card can only be entered on spot, if IJF ID Card will be ordered before the end of Accreditation. - Persons, who are banned by their Federation, cannot be entered as a late entry or replacement.
Competitors	ENTRY NOT POSSIBLE	60€	No Charge	
Other delegates (HoD, Coaches, ...)	REPLACEMENT NOT POSSIBLE	No Charge	No Charge	



7. ENTRY FEE

All participants have to pay entry fee as follows:

Those taking part in one event (either regular Tachi-Waza Championships or Ne-Waza Competition)

- 150 € until 40 days before event (till April 11th)
- from 39-14 days (from April 12 till May 08) before event: 200 €
- 13 days - accr. day (from May 09): 250 €

Those taking part in two events (both regular Tachi-Waza Championships and Ne-Waza Competition)

- 170 € until 40 days before event (till April 11th)
- from 39-14 days (from April 12 till May 08) before event: 220 €
- 13 days - accr. day (from May 09): 270 €

Till May 09 entry fee in the amounts as mentioned above should be transferred to the following bank account:

Beneficiary	Latvijas Dzudo federacija
Name of the bank	AS SWEDBANK
Adress of the bank	Balasta dambis 15, Riga, LV – 1048, Latvia
IBAN	LV56HABA0551047438605
SWIFT:	HABALV22
Purpose of payment	Name+Country ECH Veterans Riga 2025

Please note:

All bank expenses have to be paid by the PAYER. Making a payment, please, be sure that the organiser receives the entry fee in full amount.

While making the payment, please, specify the name of the participant and the country

8. DEADLINES

Visa Application (Form 3):	Friday, April 11 th , 2025
Hotel Reservation:	Friday, April 18 th , 2025
Hotel Payment:	Monday, May 05 th , 2025
Travel details:	Monday, 20 th May 2024
Payment entry fee:	to the bank details of the organiser till May 08 th 2025 or cash during accreditation
JUDOBASE Registration:	Monday, 12 th May 2025

9. ACCREDITATION

The times and place for check-in and accreditation are specified in the programme. Participants must arrive and check-in within the time limits provided. For each competitor, passport or national ID card (indicating nationality and date of birth) or a copy of one of these documents must be presented to the EJU official. Name and category, as registered in JUDOBASE, must be confirmed with the EJU official. No inscription will be accepted after the end of the accreditation (see programme).

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 (either in advance per bank transfer or in cash at accreditation).

Organiser finances

For participants, booked with the organiser, the organiser checks that all payments for hotel accommodation have been settled. Any pending invoices with the organiser should be settled here. The delegations' departure date, time, number of people and travel details are also confirmed at this stage. A contact name and number for each delegation should be given.



Accreditation cards are handed over after finishing the whole accreditation process. The EJU accreditation cards for the European Championships must be presented at the official weigh-in and before each contest.

10. DURATION OF CONTEST

M1/F1 to/including M6/F6: 3 minutes and Golden Score without a limit.

M7/F7 and over: 2,5 minutes and Golden Score of max. 1 minute. *If a tie exists at the end of the one (1) minute golden score time, the referee, in consultation with the table jury will determine the winner without calling hantei.

Team: 3 minutes and Golden Score without a limit.

11. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

11.1 AGE CATEGORIES

Individual

Athletes will be allocated an age division based on:

- Meeting the entrance criteria of a minimum of 30 years of age within the year of the event and,
- Their date of birth in line with the following age ranges:

		Age division		Female	Male
Age from	Age to	YOB from	YOB to	Category	Category
30	34	1995	1991	F1	M1
35	39	1990	1986	F2	M2
40	44	1985	1981	F3	M3
45	49	1980	1976	F4	M4
50	54	1975	1971	F5	M5
55	59	1970	1966	F6	M6
60	64	1965	1961	F7	M7 (no shime-waza)
65	69	1960	1956	F8	M8 (no shime-waza)
70+	70+	1955		F9	M9 (no shime-waza)

Ne-waza competition

Rules are published as separate document "European Ne-waza Judo Competition Rules":

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

Athletes participating only in Ne-waza competition are allowed to take part in the team competition.

Team Women or Team Men

The age category of the competitors is determined by their year of birth according to the table below (**no exceptions possible**):

		Age division		Female	Male
Age from	Age to	YOB from	YOB to	Category	Category
30	39	1995	1986	TF30	TM30
50	64	1975	1961	TF50	TM50

Mixed Team TFM 40

		Age division		Category
Age from	Age to	YOB from	YOB to	(Male & Female)
40	49	1985	1975	TFM40



11.2 WEIGHT CATEGORIES

Individual

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

Team (Women TF30/TF50; Men TM30/TM50)

Women: -52 kg, -57 kg, -63 kg, -70 kg, +70 kg

Men: -66 kg, -73 kg, -81 kg, -90 kg, +90 kg

Mixed Team (TFM40)

Official team: -57 kg, -73 kg, -70 kg, -90 kg, +70 kg, +90 kg

11.3 COMPETITION FORMULA

Individual

The type of competitions system to be applied in the competition will depend on the number of entries as follows:

Competition systems according to number of participants:

- 6 and more entries: double repechage
- 3, 4, 5 entries: round robin
- 2 entries: best of 2 contests, if 1-1 the third contest will decide.

In case the number of participants in a category is not sufficient, (age and/or weight) categories will be combined according to IJF SOR.

Category combining may only be applied to categories where there are less than three entrants. If category combining cannot be achieved safely and according to the guidelines, then a pool of two (2) elimination system may be considered. The best of three contests between the two (2) athletes, if the result is 2-0 then the third contest will not be fought.

- Combining within the same age division - athletes should remain within their age division if possible.
- Combining using weight categories - athletes should only be combined with other athletes who are no more than one weight category lighter or one weight category heavier. Special consideration should be given to the actual weight differences when dealing with the lightest and the heaviest female and male categories (as a guideline a maximum of 10 kg actual difference when combining the lightest weight category and a maximum of 20 kg actual difference when combining the heaviest weight category should be considered as a limit unless there are other compensatory factors such as experience etc.). Weight should be the primary consideration when moving athletes about within their own age division or combining them with other age divisions in accordance with the guidelines below.

Age divisions:

- Athletes in age divisions M7 or F7 and above (M8/F8 and M9/F9) may only be combined with other athletes who are no more than one age division higher or more than one age division lower i.e., athletes in M7/F7 may only be combined with athletes from M6/F6 or M8/F8.
- Athletes in divisions M6 or F6 may be combined with athletes no more than one age division higher or two age divisions lower. i.e., M7/F7, M5/F5 and M4/F4.
- Athletes in divisions M5 or F5 may be combined with athletes no more than one age division above or two age divisions below i.e., M6/F6, M4/F4 and M3/F3.
- Athletes in divisions M4 or F4 may be combined with athletes no more than two age divisions above or two age divisions below i.e., M5/F5, M6/F6, M3/F3 and M2/F2.
- Athletes in divisions M3 or F3 may be combined with athletes no more than two age divisions above or two age divisions below i.e., M4/F4, M5/F5, M1/F1 and M2/F2.
- Athletes in age divisions M2 or F2 may only be combined with athletes two age divisions above and one age division below i.e., M3/F3, M4/F4 and M1/F1.
- Athletes in age divisions M1 or F1 may only be combined with athletes in two age divisions above i.e., M2/F2 and M3/F3.



Age Division	Higher Age Division	Lower Age Division	Age Span
F1/M1	F2/M2, F3/M3	Not applicable	30-44
F2/M2	F3/M3, F4/M4	F1/M1	30-49
F3/M3	F4/M4, F5/M5	F1/M1, F2/M2	30-54
F4/M4	F5/M5, F6/M6	F2/M2, F3/M3	35-59
F5/M5	F6/M6	F3/M3, F4/M4	40-59
F6/M6	F7/M7	F4/M4, F5/M5	45-64
F7/M7	F8/M8	F6/M6	55-69
F8/M8	F9/M9	F7/M7	60-70+
F9/M9	Not applicable	F8/M8	65-70+

All the contests in any one age division will be held on the same day.

Team

The competitions will be arranged on a double repechage system.

The competitions will be held from lightest to heaviest weight category (according to 10.2).

Before each round the team leader must present the line-up of the team to the EJU Official. At each round he/she has the right to replace one or several competitors by other competitors of the corresponding weight category or from the next lower category.

If at the end of the contest there is not at least a difference of a Waza-ari between the two competitors, the contest will continue according to Golden Score rule.

The number of contests won will decide the winning team. In the case of equal number of contests won and total of winning scores, one category will be drawn for immediate golden score.

Scores will be given as follows: **Ippon Gachi**/Sogo Gachi/Fusen Gachi/Kiken Gachi: **10** points, **Waza-ari**: **1** point.

11.4 WEIGH-IN

Individual

The official weigh-in takes place the day before the competition for the age division concerned. The official scales are available the whole day for unofficial weight control.

Exact times and place for weigh-in can be found in the programme. The weight of the competitors must fall within the category in which they are enrolled. The competitors

- presenting themselves after the closing of the weigh-in, cannot participate at the competition.
- can present themselves only one time on the scales during the official weigh-in.
- must present their EJU Accreditation and Passport (or national ID card indicating nationality and date of birth) at the official weigh-in.
- There is no random weigh-in for veterans.

Team

Competitors who successfully completed their weigh-in and competed in the Individual Veteran European Championships do not need to weigh in again. The same weight category will be used.

11.5 DRAW

The draw for the individual weight categories will take place at 20.00 hours on the day before the competition. Information on the exact location of the individual weight category draws will be displayed on the event official notice board.



A complete list of athletes who have successfully fulfilled the weight requirements will be displayed outside the room where the official draw will take place a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the draw starting.

Team officials from each country (or individual athletes) must check this list to ensure that all their athletes are on the list in the correct age division and weight category.

The EJU Veterans Commission takes no responsibility for someone who is not included in the draw because they were missing from the list, and no one from the delegation checked.

11.6 SEEDING

The seeding will be done according to EJU Veteran Ranking Rules: <https://www.eju.net/eju/documents/>

12. AWARDS

Individual

Medals will only be awarded to athletes who fought in the category. The number of athletes competing determines the eventual medal allocation.

The medal distribution rule is as follows:

- One athlete - no medal will be awarded (the athlete will receive a participation medal from EJU. There will be no flag, national anthem during this awarding ceremony)
- Two athletes - two medals awarded.
- Three athletes - three medals will be awarded
- Four athletes - four medals awarded
- Five athletes - four medals awarded
- Six or more athletes - four medals awarded

If a category has been combined the only medals awarded will be the one set of medals for the athletes in that combined category.

Awards for the recognition of exemplary behaviour that promotes the spirit of judo and/or fair play may be awarded at the discretion of the EJU Veterans Commission.

Team

Team Women / Team Men	Mixed Team
The organiser shall provide medals for all team members & one coach:	The organiser shall provide medals for all team members & two coaches:
• First place: max. 11 Gold medals • Second place: max. 11 Silver medals • Two Third places: max. 22 Bronze medals	• First place: max. 14 Gold medals • Second place: max. 14 Silver medals • Two Third places: max. 28 Bronze medals

13. OFFICIAL HOTEL

The participants may book accommodation and catering of their choice (no obligation to book official hotels!).

The official hotels offered by organiser are:

Park Inn by Radisson Riga Valdemara (Cat. A)

Address: Krogus street 1, Riga, LV-1048; https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/park-inn-riga-valdemara?gclid=CjwKCAiAtYy9BhBcEiwANWQQL_yuulj6giV1qxG5AekUdWAZMCSM4nb_XWSY3c6hZadqeoQPWOGuqRoCnfoQAvD_BwE

check-in time: 15:00; check-out time: 12:00

Distance to the airport: 10 km; distance to the sports hall: 1 km

Prices per person	B&B	Lunch	Dinner
Single room	125 €	30 €	30 €
Double room	115 €		



Bellevue Park Hotel Riga (Cat. B)

Address: Slokas street 1-1, Riga, LV-1048; <http://hotelbellevue.lv>

check-in time: 15:00; check-out time: 12:00

Distance to the airport: 7 km; distance to the sports hall: 5 km

Prices per person	B&B	Lunch	Dinner
Single room	105 €	30 €	30 €
Double room	85 €		

Cancellation Policy

- Before May 05th - 100% refund
- After May 05th - no refund

Accommodation contact: Ms. Julija Lescinska; +37128353012; info@judo.org.lv.

14. TRANSPORT

AIRPORT: Riga

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 for those participants who booked the official hotel via organiser.

15. VISA

The EJU is not authorised to intervene in visa application processes. The decision to grant a visa rests solely with the relevant immigration authorities. Athletes and officials are responsible for ensuring compliance with the visa requirements of the host country and should apply well in advance to allow sufficient processing time. The LOC can provide official documentation such as letters of invitation or confirmation of participation to support your application. Visa application requests will only be accepted for people who are inscribed in Judobase for the event. LOC documents must only be used for visa application for the concerned 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.

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 **Visa Form** and a scanned copy of the first page of the passports by 11th April 2025 to Ms. Marija Krizanovska: info@judo.org.lv.

16. MEDIA

Official or EJU recognized media can apply online for a Media accreditation (<https://www.eju.net/media/>). Time and place for Media Check-in are stated in the programme.

17. JUDOGI CONTROL

Approved Judogi

All Judoka must compete in IJF Approved Judogi (only red and green label allowed). In particular sponsors of the European Judo Union: Danrho Kwon KG (www.kwon.com), Essimo (www.essimo.nl), Ippon Gear (www.ippone-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 EJU Suppliers or for own sponsors of the Federation or Judoka, **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 or club emblems are not allowed).

All other markings on the Judogi, like Judogi brand logos, name of Judoka, etc. have to comply with the IJF Judogi Rules. Detailed information is available on <http://www.eju.net/statutes>.

18. REFEREEING

18.1 SELECTION & REGISTRATION OF REFEREES

The EJU Refereeing Commission will select the referees for these Championships by name, based on the results of the 2024 ranking lists. The federations will get the information in time. After the nomination of the referees, the federation must confirm the participation to EJU Head Office by the deadline stipulated in the letter. Further, the referee must be entered by his/her federation like every other delegate in JUDOBASE.

18.2 REFEREE MEETING

A referee meeting is scheduled one hour before the start of the first competition day. Time and place are stated in the program. The attendance to the Referee meeting is strictly compulsory.

18.3 REFEREEING RULES

The competition will be carried out according to the rules and sporting codes of the IJF and EJU. In case of direct Hansoku Make against the spirit of judo, a joint decision would be taken by the EJU Sports Commission and the EJU Refereeing Commission. In this case, the Judoka would receive no medal and no ranking points for that tournament. Note: A competitor who has been declared as a loser by injury can continue the competition, as well as after Hansoku Make for the technical mistake. A competitor, who has got a direct Hansoku Make as the penalty against the spirit of our sport, will not be authorised to continue the competition.

19. COACHING

Code of behaviour of coaches as defined in the IJF Sports and Organization Rules, Section 7 will be strictly observed. Any coach not adhering to these rules could be subject to disciplinary action. One coach is allowed within the competition area.

A registered athlete can use their athlete accreditation to coach. An additional coach accreditation is not required. Any athletes that chooses also to coach their colleagues and then don't follow Coaches' Code of Conduct risk being removed from the competition (i.e., no longer allowed to compete if applicable).

Dress code during preliminaries and Final Block: track suit or suit & tie.

Coaches are not allowed to give indications to the competitors while they are fighting.



Only during the pause time (after matte), will coaches be permitted to give indications to their athletes.

After the pause is finished, and the fight continues (hajime), coaches must keep silent.

If a coach doesn't follow these rules, she/he can be expelled from the competition area.

If coaches persist with such behaviour the EJU Accreditation will be taken away for the day. If the coach persists with this behaviour from outside the competition area, she/he could be penalised further.

20. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERATIONS

Medical Certificate

Each athlete who wants to compete must present the Medical Certificate which can be issued by any medical doctor authorised to issue such document that certifies that the participant is fit for entering the competition. This document must be valid for the day(s) of participation in the competition and not older than one (1) year. Certificates must be issued in or translated to English, bilingual documents are also accepted.

The medical certificate must be uploaded to my.ijf.org by the athlete's national judo federation. Athletes may be asked to present the hard copy of their certificate upon request.

For information about the medical certificate contact headoffice@eju.net

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 EJU events for everyone under their charge.

National Federations are responsible to provide insurance guarantees to their delegates during any EJU event. The organiser of the event and the EJU will not be responsible in the absence of insurance.

The entity contractually bound to the EJU for the organisation of the event shall take all necessary actions to provide insurance coverage against civil liability for the entire duration.

The LOC of the event and the EJU have no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising from the travelling to and the participation in this event.

Attitude of Competitors

The federations are responsible to the EJU concerning the general attitude of their competitors.

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 competitors 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

All competitors having won a medal must attend the ceremony to receive their medal in person. For the medal ceremony the athletes must wear white Judogi and black belt (or brown). If a competitor is absent during the awarding ceremony for no valid reason, they will lose the right to have the medal.



It is strictly forbidden for competitors on the podium to bring national flags or the similar identification other than the one represented in the regular manner on their equipment. Any demonstration of religious, political, personal or commercial sign is prohibited.

The wearing of a cap or other head cover is also prohibited both on the mat and on the medal podium.

23. TRAINING

Tatami for training will be available at Sports Hall International Exhibition Centre BT 1 starting from May 21 till May 24.

Times: from 12:00 till 17:00.

Booking of training sessions are not needed.

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