



**EJU Kata Tournament**  
**Marcel CLAUSE 2023**  
**Louvain-La-Neuve**  
**Belgium**

***COMPETITION OUTLINES***

## Message from Host Federation President

Dear Judo friends,

On behalf of the Fédération Francophone Belge de Judo I would like to congratulate all participants for their contribution on this Kata Tournament.

The importance of Katas is not to be demonstrated anymore, they remain emblems of tradition and perfection in the practice of judo.

This tournament is particularly important for our Federation with time and high Level competitors participations it became one of most interesting in Europe with Italy and France after European Championship.

I wish all competitors, the judges and all the officials an enjoyable stay in Belgium and of course a successful contest.



Frédéric TREUTTENS  
President  
Fédération Francophone Belge de Judo



## 1. TECHNICAL 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

- Send travel information (arrival and departures) to the LOC.
- Book accommodation with the LOC.
- Upload a signed individual IJF Liability Release Waiver 2023 to [my.ijf.org](http://my.ijf.org)
- The form can be found at: [covid.ijf.org](http://covid.ijf.org) or at the EJU homepage at the respective Calendar section.

### Entering host country

Each individual is responsible to ensure they follow the entry rules (passport validity, visas, entry permission letter, COVID-19 etc.) for the host country. Entry rules may be subject to change, the current information can be found here: [Home | Coronavirus COVID-19 \(info-coronavirus.be\)](http://Home | Coronavirus COVID-19 (info-coronavirus.be)).

### 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 COVID-19 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 COVID-19 or medical costs for any COVID-19 related illness that may affect them during the event.

### Before and during the event

- Follow the host country's Government COVID-19 measures (see **ENTERING THE HOST COUNTRY** section).
- Follow the IJF COVID-19 Protocol rules ([covid.ijf.org](http://covid.ijf.org)).
- Wash/sanitise your hands regularly.
- Report to the EJU or LOC COVID-19 Manager and submit yourself to contactless temperature measurement and/or COVID-19 testing in case of COVID-19 infection suspicion.
- The LOC Government measures may be stricter than those detailed in the IJF COVID-19 protocol or vice versa, the stricter rules MUST be followed.

### Mask wearing

Mask wearing is optional\*, unless it is mandated by the host country's government with the exceptions of competing/refereeing/coaching/awarding ceremony, on/at the field of play tatami, on the warm-up tatami whilst warming up or on the training tatami whilst training, or while eating in designated dining areas.

\*The EJU Medical Commission still recommend the wearing of masks in areas where social distancing is not possible.

### Exit tests

Exit tests, if required, may be booked with the LOC in advance via hotel & travel form.

With any COVID-related questions pre-event, please contact: [headoffice@eju.net](mailto:headoffice@eju.net)

### 1.1 DATE

The competition will be held on:

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 for juniors.**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 for seniors**



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## 1.2 AGE & GRADE

### For Juniors:

Competitors are to be 14 years of age during 2023, YOB 2009 and before and a minimum of 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyu (see age division by kata here below).

### For seniors:

Competitors are to be 16 years of age during 2023, YOB 2007 and before and a minimum of 1<sup>st</sup> Dan.

Couples may be formed of either 2 males, 2 females, or a male and a female.

## 1.3 KATA

The Kata recognized for this tournament, will be five for seniors:

- Nage-no-Kata
- Katame-no-Kata
- Ju-no-Kata
- Kime-no-Kata
- Kodokan Goshin-jutsu

There will be four categories recognized for this Juniors tournament:

- Nage-no-Kata - Cat 1 (3 first sets – Te Waza, Koshi Waza, Ashi Waza)
- Nage-no-Kata - Cat 2 (5 sets – All Kata)
- Katame-no-Kata (3 sets – All Kata)
- Ju-no-Kata (2 first sets)

The up-to-date version of "IJF Criteria for Kata Evaluation 2022" will be used to judge the Kata with reference also to the official Kodokan edition of Textbook.

### **NAGE-NO-KATA JUNIOR**

For Cat 1 participants are to be 14 years of age during 2023 (born in 2009 or before) and 18 years of age maximum during 2023 (born in 2005).

For Cat 2 participants are to be 16 years of age during 2023 (born in 2007 or before) and 23 years of age maximum during 2023 (born in 2000).

Couples may be formed of either 2 males, 2 females, or a male and a female.

Age Division (Tori & Uke)		Age			
Age from	Age To	YOB from	YOB to	Category	
14	18	2009	2005	Cat 1	Nage-no-Kata (3 first sets)
16	23	2007	2000	Cat 2	Nage-no-Kata (5 sets)

### **KATAME-NO-KATA & JU-NO-KATA JUNIOR**

Participants are to be 16 years of age during 2023 (born in 2007 or before) and 23 years of age maximum during 2023 (born in 2000). They shall have a minimum of 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyu.

Couples may be formed of either 2 males, 2 females, or a male and a female.



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## 1.4 BACK NUMBERS

The official EJU/IJF back number is required.

Please order your official EJU/IJF back number on <http://www.mybacknumber.com> or <http://ijfbacknumber.com/>

## 1.5 PARTICIPATION

The competitors can only participate in one Kata per competition day.

Juniors who meet age and dan grade can participate in seniors the second day.

The competitors must be of the same nationality as the country, which enters them. Competitors who have double nationality can only represent 1 participating country. When a competitor changes nationality, he/she must wait 3 years before he can represent the new country, unless the two countries concerned (the old country and the new country) agree to authorize his entry for the new nationality and this is accepted by the IJF (According to the IJF SOR 1.9)

### a. Medical certificate

**For the FFBJ participants** medical certificate is required. For other participants the gender certificate and the medical certificate are not required.

**The participants will compete under their full responsibility.**

### b. Insurance

Each National Federation is responsible for insuring its competitors against «injury and third part risk (public liability) during the period of the tournament. The organizer declines all responsibility.

### c. Attitude of the competitors

The member Federations are responsible for the behavior and attitude of their competitors at the Tournament.

## 1.6 REGISTRATION

The participants need to have agreement of their National Federation. **All participants have to possess valid IJF ID card except those who are younger than 15 years (born later than 2008).**

The nominal registrations must be entered via your Federation into **JUDOBASE**. All participants of the Senior Kata Tournament and delegates must be registered for this event in the IJF Registration System (**JUDOBASE**): <https://admin.judobase.org/>. For Juniors only registration per organiser is necessary.

**Deadline for the JUDOBASE registration is Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 2023.**

Keep an eye on the registration deadline!

The pair's registrations must be entered via the online form or electronic form that is referring below. The pairs' entry closes 15 days before the tournament, **20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

**By subscribing to EJU Kata Tournament all participants and delegations agree that their pictures or videos could be used for Kata promotions and as tool for education and for seminars.**

### Entry fee

The registration fee is 50,00 EURO per participating pair on Saturday 4th of March 2023.

The registration fee is 60,00 EURO per participating pair on Sunday 5th of March 2023.

it has to be paid before **18th February 2023** to the:

### Fédération Francophone Belge de Judo (FFBJ)

Centre Sportif du Blocry  
Place des Sports 1  
1348 Louvain-La-Neuve  
BELGIUM



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Tél. +32 10 244 401

[info@ffbjudo.be](mailto:info@ffbjudo.be)

Bank Name: BNP PARIBAS FORTIS  
Account IBAN: BE83 2500 0678 3015  
BIC GEBABEBB

**Payment note:**

Family Name and First Name of Tori and Uke + name of the presented kata

**Registration Form (Mandatory):**

<https://forms.gle/4KnZ7N3Uj9dkRqUN9>

Please answer this form before the **18<sup>th</sup> February 2023**.

All payments entered after the registration deadline will be **75 Euro** per participating pair. Once the registration fee is paid it will not be refundable if the competitors fail to participate in the competition (for any reason).

## 1.7 CONTROL

### Control of Entries

Identity: Nationality and age of the participants. (Each athlete's passport has to be presented to the organizer)

## 1.8 CLOTHING

### Judogi

The competitions will be held in white judogi and black belt.

**Backnumber:** Each competitor is obliged to have sewn on the back of his judogi a backnumber bearing his surname and his National Olympic Committee abbreviation.

The backnumbers must be fixed horizontally and centered on the back of the judogi. They must be placed at a distance of 3cm from the bottom of the collar.

The backnumber can be ordered from [www.mybacknumber.com](http://www.mybacknumber.com) or <http://www.ijfbacknumber.com/>

The delivery can take up to 4 weeks.

**Advertising:** Competitors should carry on the back of their jacket the organizer dedicated sponsors of the event if there is one.

**Advertising** on the judogi must be in compliance with the IJF regulations. Refer to Guidance of Judogi Control Document.

**National Emblem:** Athletes can have their national emblem on the left front part of the jacket within a space of 100cm<sup>2</sup>.

The Judogi Control will be done at the Registration of the Participants.

**N.B** It is the responsibility of the judoka to comply with the IJF regulation rules.

- **Hygiene**

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

## 1.9 COMPETITION FORMULA

The top three pairs with the maximum points in each Kata will be awarded. The pair with the maximum points/less mistakes will be awarded the gold medal. The couple with the second least points/less mistakes will be awarded the silver medal; and the third - the bronze medal.



## 1.10 POINT SYSTEM

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

### Definition of mistakes:

**Forgotten technique/Major Mistake:** – score is Zero and the total score of the Kata is halved. If the Forgotten technique/Major Mistake is more than one, zero score will be given to the technique but the total score will be not halved again. If the halved total value is not a whole number, the score will be rounded up.

**Big mistake:** when the execution of the principle is incorrect (5 points are deducted and the maximum number of crosses is 1)

**Medium Mistake:** when one or more elements of the principle are not applied in the correct way (3 points are deducted and the maximum number of crosses is 1).

**Small mistake:** imperfection in the application of the technique (1 point is deducted and the maximum number of crosses is 2).

The total score for each technique can be increased or decreased by 0,5 point adding in the column of the "correction value" a " + " or a " - " or nothing.

For every technique without a big mistake the minimum score has to be 4,5.

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

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

- Total value of big mistakes - wins who makes less mistakes;
- If still equal, total value of medium mistakes will be considered. - wins the pair who makes less mistakes;
- If still equal, total value of small mistakes will be considered - wins the pair who makes less mistakes;
- If still equal, the average score (evaluated until the second decimal place) of the whole Kata will decide. Win the pair who has a better score.

If two pairs both placed 3<sup>rd</sup> after the above mentioned criteria, the kata will be repeated in order to assign the medal.

## 1.11 FINAL

Till 6 participants direct final.

From 7 and up to 11 participants 1 preliminary and 4 best results to final.

From 12 participants and more 2 preliminaries and 3 best results of each to final.

## 2. JUDGES

### 2.1 LEVEL OF THE JUDGES

The contests will be judged by IJF/EJU or National qualified Kata Judges. Kata rules to be followed are as published by the EJU/IJF ([IJF KATA EVALUATION Jan 2022](#)). The Judges will evaluate these Kata on the basis of the official Kodokan Kata standard according and with reference to the official KDK edition of Textbook (official amendment only should be considered if any).

## 2.2 SYSTEM OF JUDGING

The Judges are five and will be positioned on the shomen side. They will award points on the official EJU scoring sheet. For each technique the total score of three Judges will be totaled to produce the final score: the maximum score and the minimum score for each technique will be cancelled. The final score of the whole kata will be the sum of the scores for each technique. A Judge cannot be a competitor.

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

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

The couple enters and leaves the competition area at the opposite side of shomen: the start and end of Kata (opening and closing ceremony) is at 10 m or 8 m distance (bow to the mat). Any behavior of Tori or Uke inside the Competition area that is contrary to the spirit of Kata will reduce the score of the ceremony.

## 2.3 DRAW

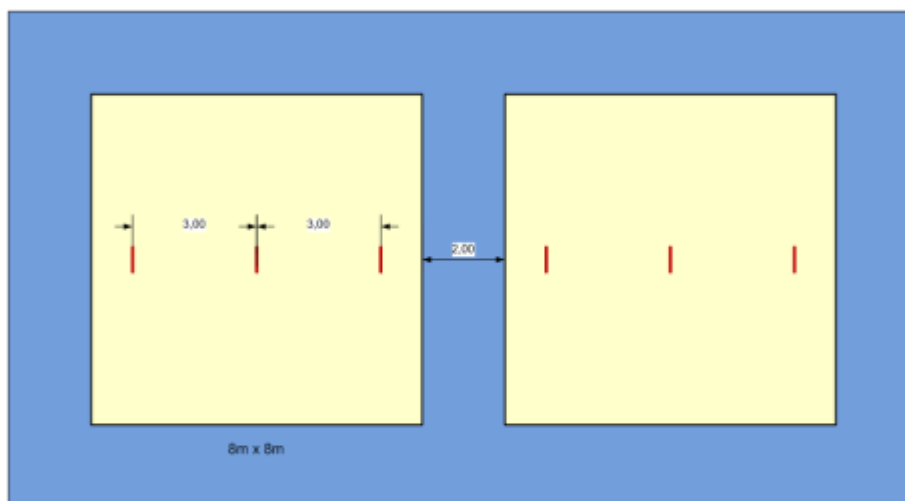
The draw for the sequence of each pair in competition will be done the day before the competition.

## 2.4 COMPETITION AREA

The Competition area has dimensions 8 x 8 meters (minimum) or 10 x 10 meters (maximum) and shall be covered by Tatami or similar acceptable material.

The Competition area must be fixed to a resilient floor. When more adjoining competition areas are used, a common safety area of 2 meters is necessary.

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



## 2.5 INJURY, ILLNESS and ACCIDENT

When Tori or Uke is unable to continue because of injury, illness or accident during the execution of the Kata, the couple will be considered out of competition.

In case of Minor injury like bloody wound, broken nail or a problem with contact lenses, according to the decision of the judges, the Kata execution will be stopped and the athlete will be assisted by a Doctor out of the competition area.

The competition will continue and the couple will repeat entirely the Kata soon after the last called couple. In case a new Minor injury happens at the same athletes during the second execution of Kata, the couple will be considered out of competition.





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In the case that Minor injury happens after a forgotten/major mistake, the couple will be considered out of competition.

## 3. LOCAL INFORMATION

### 3.1 HALL

The Tournament will be held at:

Le Blocry - Place des Sports 1  
B 1348 Louvain-La-Neuve  
BELGIUM

[click here to see the map](#)

### 3.2 NEAREST AIRPORT

[Brussels Airport](#)  
[Brussels South Charleroi Airport](#)

### 3.3 NEAREST TRAIN STATION

Louvain-La-Neuve station

### 3.4 TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be organized **Friday 03/3, Saturday 04/3 and Sunday 05/3 only:**

- from airports to the official hotel below,
  - from the competition hall to the airports.
- for others arrival or departure days please contact us.

**Price: € 25,00 per person**

NB. Transportation from the official hotel to the competition hall is not necessary (7' on foot)

## 4. ORGANIZER'S INFORMATION

<b>Organizer:</b>	<b>Fédération Francophone Belge de Judo (FFBJ)</b> Centre Sportif du Blocry Place des Sports 1 1348 Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium Tél. +32 10 244 401 <a href="mailto:info@ffbjudo.be">info@ffbjudo.be</a>
<b>Competition hall:</b>	Centre Sportif du Blocry Place des Sports 1 1348 Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium Tél. +32 10 244 401 <a href="mailto:info@ffbjudo.be">info@ffbjudo.be</a>
<b>Hotel information:</b>	<b>IBIS STYLE HOTEL &amp; EVENTS</b> <b>Boulevard de Lauzelle 61</b> <b>B 1348 Louvain-La-Neuve</b> <b>+32 10 48 38 73</b>  <b>The reservation for the following hotels must be done individually; the FFBJ will NOT make any reservation. Please take directly contact with the hotel for reservation and payment.</b>
<b>Disclaimer of Liability</b>	If for any reason, due to a pandemic situation or a government decision we are not able to organize the event, the FFBJ will not be held responsible for the consequences.



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## 5. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF THE TOURNAMENT

### **Friday 03/03/2023**

**15.00**

Arrival of JUNIOR delegations

**16.00 – 17.30**

Accreditation at IBIS STYLE HOTEL

**19.30**

Draw at IBIS STYLE HOTEL

### **Saturday 04/03/2023**

**12.00**

Arrival of JUNIOR delegations

**13.00 – 13.30**

Accreditation, control of licenses and control of payments

**14.00**

JUNIOR Preliminaries & Finals (see above point n° 8)

- Nage-no-Kata - Cat 1 (3 first sets – Te Waza, Koshi Waza, Ashi Waza)
- Nage-no-Kata - Cat 2 (5 sets – All Kata)
- Katame-no-Kata (3 sets – All Kata)
- Ju-no-Kata (2 first sets)

**17.00**

Awards

**17.30**

Departure of the JUNIOR delegations

**\* This schedule will be adapted following the number of participants.**

### **Saturday 04/03/2023**

**16.00**

Arrival of SENIOR delegations

**17.00 – 18.30**

Accreditation at IBIS STYLE HOTEL

**20.00**

Draw at IBIS STYLE HOTEL

### **Sunday 05/03/2023**

**08.00**

Arrival of SENIOR delegations

**08.00 – 08.30**

Registration, control of licenses and control of payments

**09.00**

Preliminaries

- Nage-no-Kata
- Ju-no-Kata
- Katame-no-Kata
- Kodokan-Goshin-jutsu
- Kime-no-Kata

**14.30**

Finals (see above point n° 8)

**17.30**

Awards

**18.00**

Departure of all delegations

**\* This schedule will be adapted following the number of participants.**