

PRESENTATION

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JUDO

WORLD KATA CHAMPIONSHIPS
Amsterdam, 2015







Marius L. VIZER
IJF President

This is the seventh time that the International Judo Federation is organising the Kata World Championships.

This edition is being staged in Amsterdam, Netherlands, by the Dutch Judo Federation who showed a great ambition to bring the world's leading kata exponents to the country.

Every year we see an increase in entry figures as the world's top kata event grows in stature year-on-year. This can be attributed to the high level of organising teams who have staged this event with great desire and the national federations which continue to appreciate the value and role of kata in our sport.

Kata is a vital element in the history of our sport, but it is not just history. They also correspond to the aspiration of many judoka who, more than 130 years after the inception of judo, continue to perpetuate its spirit. Judo conveys strong values that are well illustrated by the practice of kata.

I encourage all judoka to follow the competition and whatever your level I am sure that you will learn something to improve your judo or understanding of judo.

I would like to thank the Dutch Judo Federation for all the tireless work undertaken so far to organise this renowned event which will command the attention of judoka around the world. I wish good luck to all the participants and officials involved in Amsterdam.



Mr. Willem Jan Stegeman
President Dutch Judo Federation

We are very proud that the judo world championships kata and veterans will take place in the city of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The International Judo Federation (IJF) has awarded this great event to the Dutch Judo Federation (JBN). We are grateful that the IJF trust in us to provide all participants, referees and guests with well-organised championships.

Judo has always been an important sport within the Netherlands. Once every four years millions of people see Dutch judoka fighting for Olympic success. Meanwhile, in every village young children start to practice judo. And they will benefit from it throughout their lives.

Judo is a perfect sport to practice for your whole life. More and more the JBN succeeds to further promote judo as a sport for veterans and kata. We believe the organisation of the world championships will once more stimulate everyone to become involved in judo (again).

We are confident that we will provide an excellent tournament for every judoka, coach, referee and official. Enjoy your stay with us!

1. PROGRAM

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE
Wednesday 16 September		ARRIVAL IJFKata Commission Candidates for the examination	
Thursday 17 September	02:00 pm-03:30 pm 03:30 pm-06:30pm 04:00pm- 07:00pm	ARRIVAL Registration of the candidates for IJF Judge examination Registration of the Judges, participants, Judogi Control Judges Examination	Official hotel
Friday 18 September	09,00am – 12,00am 02,00pm-03,00pm 04:00pm- 05:30pm 09:00am-05:00pm 02:00pm-06:00pm 06:00 pm	Judges examination Results of the examinations Judges Meeting Registration of the participants Judogi Control, Warm up Draw	
COMPETITION Saturday 19 September	09:00 am 02:30 pm 03:00 pm	Preliminary: Nage no Kata Katame no Kata Ju no Kata Opening Ceremony Finals	Sport Hall
COMPETITION Sunday 20 September	09:00 am 02:30 pm	Preliminary: Kime no Kata Kodokan Goshin- Jutsu Finals	Sport Hall
Monday 21 September	09,00am-12,00am 03,00pm-06,00pm	Kata Training Camp	Sport Hall
Tuesday 22 September	09,00am – 12,00am	Kata Training Camp Departure	Sport Hall
Wednesday 23 September		Departure	

Information: Awarding ceremony after the Finals.



2. ORGANIZERS

Dutch Judo Federation

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Registrations: Laura Goudriaan – telephone number: +31(0)30 707 3643.

Please send all questions regarding the WC Kata 2015 to wckata@jbn.nl

3. COMPETITION PLACE

Sporthallen Zuid

Burgerweeshuispad 54
1076 EP Amsterdam

<http://www.amsterdam.nl/sport/sport-amsterdam/gemeentelijke/sporthallen-zuid/>





4. OFFICIAL HOTELS

For the IJF Judo World Championships for Kata and Veterans we offer two official hotels where all countries can make their hotel booking. Please note that IJF and JBN are not responsible for your hotel booking and are not part of any agreement between the federation and the official hotel. Please read all information carefully and use the designated hotel reservation forms to make your reservation. Reservation and cancellation rules of the official hotel apply.

Novotel Amsterdam City ****

Novotel Amsterdam City is one of the 4-star hotels in the heart of the business district of Amsterdam, near the RAI conference center and the WTC. The RAI train station is just a short walk away and offers frequent connections to Amsterdam city center and Schiphol Airport. The hotel has a restaurant, sauna and fitness room. The hotel offers free wireless internet and also has a bar/lounge available.

Distance from venue: 4 km Distance from Schiphol airport: 12,5 km

Costs per night/person

Single room: € 130 Double room: € 150 Triple room: € 170

Breakfast included, city tax (5%) excluded

IBIS Amsterdam Airport Hotel ***

This hotel is ideally situated between the city of Amsterdam and Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. The modern IBIS Schiphol Amsterdam Airport hotel offers a bar, restaurants, free wireless internet, a buffet breakfast from 4AM to noon and a fitness center. We recommend this hotel to competitors who will arrive by airplane at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. Guests of the IBIS hotel can make use of the free Airport Shuttle service, which runs between 5 AM and 1 AM.

Distance from venue: 10,5 km Distance from Schiphol airport: 5 km

Costs per night/person

Single room: € 101 Double room: € 118 Triple room: € 170

Breakfast included, city tax (6%) excluded

Hotel booking

Please use the hotel reservation forms to make your booking with one of the official hotels. There are a limited number of rooms available! It is highly recommended to make your booking as soon as possible.

Booking information

1. Hotel reservations can ONLY be made with the official hotel reservation booking forms on a first come first served basis.
2. The rooms can be reserved, based upon availability. The absolute deadline for hotel reservation is August 17th 2015. It is highly recommended to book well in advance of this deadline!
3. IJF and JBN are not responsible for your hotel booking and are not part of any agreement participants or participating federations make with the official hotel.
4. Hotel check-in times of the hotel in which the delegation/participant is staying apply.
5. Extra services (mini-bar, telephone calls, internet, laundry services, taxi etc.) will be charged on the guest's account. In no circumstance these costs will be paid by organizer.
6. Any broken object or damage of the hotel or its rooms, the venue or any other official location for these championships will be charged to the federation or person responsible.
7. The official hotels will offer a diner buffet within the online booking tool. It is optional.
8. To the delegates that have booked in one of the official hotels will be provided transport to and from the venue to all official hotels on competition days.



5. TRANSPORT

The organizer will provide free of charge transportation for all delegations, only if they have made a booking, with the online booking tool, to stay in one of the official hotels.

Transport will be provided: To and from the venue to all official hotels on competition days.

For Novotel: Schiphol airport train station has a direct connection with Amsterdam RAI train station (10 minutes, leaves Schiphol Airport every 15 minutes). Information about how to get to the official hotel will be published online.

For IBIS hotel: Guests of the IBIS hotel can make use of the free Airport Shuttle service, which runs between 5 AM and 1 AM, to get to their hotel.



6. INSURANCE

Each National Federation is responsible for its competitors (the control of non-pregnancy as well as the gender control are placed under the responsibility of the National Federations) and must assume all responsibility for accident and health insurance as well as the civil liabilities for their competitors and officials, during the World Kata Championship.

The organizer of the World Kata Championship and the IJF will not be responsible for any insurance related to the above mentioned matters. Nevertheless the National Judo Federation staging the World Kata Championship shall take all necessary actions to provide insurance coverage against civil liability for the entire duration.

The organizer of the World Kata Championship and the IJF has no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising out of the participation and traveling in connection with these events.



7. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Each Nation can enter a maximum of 7 pairs with maximum 2 pairs for each Kata: the competitors can only participate in one Kata.

The competitors must be of the same nationality as the country, which enters them.

Competitors who have double nationality can only represent only 1 participating Nation.

When a competitor changes nationality, he 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 Olympic charter Art. 42).

Competitors are to be 18 years of age on 1ST January 2015 (born on or before 1996) and a minimum of 1st Dan.

Couples can be composed of either 2 males, 2 females, or a male and a female.



8. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

Hotel reservation & payment:	August 17th 2015
Tournament entry & entry fee:	August 28th 2015
Inscription of the judges:	August 28th 2015
Visa request (supply details):	September 1st 2015

Inscription of the Judges: 28th August 2015

Final Entry (entry by names): The registration must be done through the Organizer until 28th August 2015 23:59 CET!

An inscription form is enclosed as Form 1.

Nations missing the registration deadline will not be allowed to start.
No exceptions will be made!

All competitors, coaches and officials must be entered in time. After the deadline no additional persons can be added.

NOTE: It will be allowed to replace already registered coaches or officials; competitors only in the case of an injury.



9. CONTROL OF ENTRIES & ACCREDITATION

THE NEW IJF REGISTRATION SYSTEM "JUDOBASE"

WILL BE USED TO GENERATE THE LIST OF INSCRIBED COMPETITORS.

The control of entries and issuing of accreditation cards will take place at the Novotel Amsterdam City official hotel.

on 17th of September from 04:30 PM to 07:30 PM
18th of September from 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM

At least one team official must attend in time to confirm the entries of all athletes and officials with his/her signature. A delayed appearance or no-show at control of entries may result in the exclusion of all participants from the draw and the event. In case of unforeseen delay of arrival the Federation must contact immediately the organizer. An accreditation card will be issued to competitors, officials, judges and media. This accreditation card should be carried at all times. Passports or photocopy of passports from all competitors must be available on request.

Number of accreditations for officials:

- a) 1 – 3 Pairs : 5 officials
- b) 4 – 7 Pairs : 10 officials

10. PARTICIPATION FEE

Participation Fee is 110,00 Euro per Competitor
Fee is due to be paid at **August 28th**.



11. COMPETITION RULES

The official Kata competition recognised for these championships, will be five:

- Nage-no-kata
- Katame-no-kata
- Ju-no-kata
- Kime-no-kata
- Kodokan-Goshin Jutsu;

The IJF Kata Competition Rules will be used to judge the Kata with reference also to the official Kodokan Kata video.

COMPETITION FORMULA

Each Kata will be divided in two groups: the top three couples with the maximum points from each group (that is 6 pairs for each Kata) will compete in the finals.

Three or Four mats will be used for the preliminary round and three mats for the final.

If the Number of pairs is less than 10, there will be only one group: the top 6 couples of the group will compete in the final. For each Kata the couple with the maximum points will be awarded the gold medal, the couple with the second least points will be awarded the silver medal; and the third, the Bronze medal.

In each of the five Kata the couple with the highest score will be awarded the gold medal, the couple with the next highest score will be awarded the silver medal and finally the couple with the next lowest score will be awarded the bronze medal.

The other finalists will be awarded with a certificate.

POINT SYSTEM

The Judges are five and will award points on the official IJF scoring sheet. For each technique the total score of three Judges will be totalled to produce the final score: the maximum score and the minimum score for each technique will be cancelled. The total score of the whole Kata will be the sum of the score totalled by the five Judges.

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

An omitted technique will score zero and in addition the total final score of the Kata couple will be halved. If more than one technique are forgotten the score for that technique will also be zero but the total final score for the couple will not be halved again. Finally, if the halved total final score is not a whole number then 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).

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

In the Nage no Kata, right and left techniques will be evaluated comprehensively (only one score). 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 8 m or 10 m distance depending on the dimensions of the mat (bow to the mat). Any behaviour of Tori or Uke inside the Competition area that is contrary to the spirit of Kata will reduce the score of the ceremony.

In case of equal score between pairs, the following criteria will be applied considering the scoring sheets of five 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. Wins the pair who has a better score.

If two pairs, both placing 3rd in the eliminatory (or 6th place in case of only 1 group) are still equal after all the above mentioned criteria, both pairs will qualify for the final.

If two pairs placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd during the final are still equal after the above mentioned criteria, the Kata will be repeated so that the medal can be assigned.

SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Each Kata shall be evaluated by five judges under the supervision of the IJF Kata Commission. The five judges will be positioned on the Shomen side and they will seat at about 1 m distance apart from.

The rule of neutrality will be applied: cannot be judged a pair of the same Nation.

The position of the five judges will be the same for all the competition. If one judge is temporary replaced, he will take place in the same original position when he re-enters the competition. 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 couple enters and leaves the competition area at the opposite side of shomen:

The judge in the centre at shomen side gets up and, with tense arms and palms of the hands turned upward, invites the couple to enter the competition area.

The start and the end of Kata (opening and closing ceremony) is at 8 m or 10 m distance (bow to the mat). Any behaviour of Tori or Uke inside the competition area that is contrary to the spirit of Kata will reduce the score of the ceremony.

COMPETITION AREA

The Competition area has dimensions Minimum 8 x 8 or Maximum 10 x 10 metres 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 minimum 2 meters is necessary

A strip of visible colour adhesive tape, approximately 10 cm. wide and 50 cm. long, shall be fixed on the centre of the competition area 6 m. apart, to indicate the starting position of Tori and Uke. The centre of the Competition area shall be indicated with a strip adhesive tape of the same colour.



12. JUDGES

The competition will be judged by IJF qualified Kata Judges. Kata rules to be followed are as published by the IJF. The number of judges per federation is limited to: Participating countries may enter 4 Judges. Non participating countries may enter 2 Judges.

The IJF KATA COMMISSION may decide on the number of Judges according to the entries. Each participating Federation having IJF Judges has to enter at least one judge.

Only the judges entered by their Federation can judge. The participation in a meeting organised on Friday 18th of September 2015 at 04.00 PM will be a mandatory to confirm the participation as judges in these Championships. Only judges are to attend this seminar.

The costs for travelling, board and lodging of the judges are at the costs of the member Federation. Inscriptions of the Judges have to be sent to the Organizer until the 28th of August 2015. An inscription form is enclosed as Form 2.



13. DRAW

The draw to establish the groups and the sort of each group will be done the day before the Competition at the Novotel Amsterdam City official hotel: the pairs medallist of the World Championship 2014 will be considered head of series and will be shared in the two groups. The pair that is head of series will be the last pair of the group that shows the Kata. The draw for sort of the final will be done in the Sport Hall after the eliminatory.



14. JUDOGI CONTROL

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

Approved judogi: Competitors should wear an IJF approved judogi with blue or red label supplied by one of the following manufacturers: Greenhill, SFJAM NORIS, DANRHO, MIZUNO, Double D Adidas, HAYAKAWA, Fighting Film, Budo Sport AG, ESSIMO, MATSURU B.V., Kappa. 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. The jacket and the trousers must have the same label color: the belt can have a different color from that used for jacket and trousers.

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 The delivery can take up to 4 weeks.

Advertising: Competitors should carry on the back of their jacket the IJF and organizer dedicated sponsors of the event. 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 100cm².

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.



15. PARTICULAR RULES FOR WOMEN

Female contestants shall wear under the jacket either, a plain white or off-white tee-shirt, with short sleeves, rather strong, long enough to be worn inside the trousers, or a plain white or off-white leotard with short sleeves. All other regulations must be adhered to.



16. COACHING

No coach admitted.



17. ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

There is no anti-doping control for this Competition



18. VISA

The organizer is happy to help any federation or athletes with obtaining visa. For delegations/participants, who need visa to enter the Netherlands, please fill in the visa application form as soon as possible (latest September 1st 2015) and provide the organizer with all necessary information, such as full names, passport numbers, date of birth and function (athlete, coach, official, doctor etc.). The form must be sent to wckata@jbn.nl



21. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE

All National Federations, officials, coaches and athletes participating in the World Kata Championship have to respect and accept the authority of the IJF officials, the Statutes, the Sports and Organization Rules, the Refereeing Rules of the International Judo Federation, according to the IJF Rules and SOR Provisions (point 23.8), individuals deemed to have acted against the IJF, its principles or purposes shall be subject to suspension or expulsion from the event and/or cancellation of their accreditation cards.



22. AWARD CEREMONY

The competitors wearing their white judogi (no shoes) will stand behind the podium according to the following order 2,1,3. Every competitor having won a medal has to attend the ceremony and receive his medal in person. If a competitor is absent during the awarding ceremony for no valid reasons he will lose the right for 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 and so is wearing a cap or any other head cover.

IJF Kata Judges Examination 2015

Date	17th – 18th of September 2015
Participants	<p>The examination will be held the 17st of September. The candidature is opened for new IJF Kata Judges or to extend the number of Kata licences for the Judges that have not license for all Kata.</p> <p>Each National Federation can enter up maximum 3 candidates having Continental License for the Kata they ask to do the examination.</p> <p>Minimum Age = 30 years old - Minimum grade = 4th dan</p> <p>Each Candidate can be examined by the IJF Kata Commission for the Kata recognized in the IJF competitions for a maximum of 5 Kata. The examination will be written and oral and it will be based on the knowledge of the principles of kata and IJF competition rules.</p>
VISA	<p>The organizer is happy to help any federation or athletes with obtaining visa. For delegations/participants, who need visa to enter the Netherlands, please fill in the visa application form as soon as possible (latest September 1st 2015) and provide the organizer with all necessary information, such as full names, passport numbers, date of birth and function (athlete, coach, official, doctor etc.).</p> <p>The form must be sent to wckata@jbn.nl.</p>
Deadlines and fee	The Nominal inscriptions need to be sent to the Organizer no later than the 28th of August 2015.
Hotel & Transports	Please refer to the Rules and Forms of the World Kata Championship.
IJF General Secretariat contact details	<p>Address: IJF General Secretariat 21-25 Avenue de la Porte de Châtillon F-75 680 Paris Cedex 14 FRANCE</p> <p>Tel Number: +33 1 40 52 16 35 Email: gs@ijf.org</p>

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