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## EVENT OUTLINES

# European Open Men & Women

**Sofia – Bulgaria**

**February, 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 2023**



**IJF World Ranking Event**

## 1. ORGANIZER

### Bulgarian Judo Federation

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## 2. IMPORTANT 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** section.

- Send travel information (arrival and departures) to the LOC.
- Book accommodation with the LOC.
- Send a signed individual Liability Release Waiver to [headoffice@eju.net](mailto:headoffice@eju.net)
- The form can be found at: [covid.ijf.org](https://covid.ijf.org).

### 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: <https://www.mfa.bg/en/customnews/main/24737>

### 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](https://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 via email: [bfjudo-events@abv.bg](mailto:bfjudo-events@abv.bg)  
With any COVID-related questions pre-event, please contact: [headoffice@eju.net](mailto:headoffice@eju.net).

## 3. COMPETITION PLACE

Asics Arena  
Address: 35 Manastirska str., 1111 Geo Milev, Sofia

## 4. AGE

15 years old and over (born in 2008 and before)

## 5. PARTICIPATION

This European Judo Open is open for all EJU/IJF Member Federations. **There is no limit** in the number of participation for each weight category for every federation. The competitors must be of the same nationality as the National Federation, which enters them.

## 6. CATEGORIES & DURATION

Male: -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg  
Female: -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg  
Duration: 4 minutes Golden Score: No time limit

## 7. DEADLINES

Visa Application:	Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Hotel Reservation:	Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Hotel Payment:	Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Travel details:	Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
Rooming List:	Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
<b>JUDOBASE Registration:</b>	<b>Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>

## 8. PROGRAM

Attention: The schedule may be modified according to total number of entries and circumstances of competition.

<b>Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 2023</b>		
10:00 – 17:00	Accreditation	Park Hotel Moskva
18:00 – 18:30	Unofficial weigh-in	Park Hotel Moskva & Hotel Zoo
18:30 – 19:30	Official weigh-in <b>Women: -48, -52, -57, -63 kg</b> <b>Men: -60, -66, -73 kg</b>	Park Hotel Moskva & Hotel Zoo
19:00	Draw	online
<b>Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 2023</b> <b>Women: -48, -52, -57, -63, kg</b> <b>Men: -60, -66, -73 kg</b>		
08:00	Referee Meeting	Asics Arena
09:00	Eliminations/Repechage/Semi finals	Asics Arena
After	Final Block: Bronze Medal Contests, Finals	Asics Arena
18:00 – 18:30	Unofficial weigh-in	Park Hotel Moskva & Hotel Zoo
18:30 – 19:30	Official weigh-in <b>Women: -70, -78, +78 kg</b> <b>Men: -81, -90, -100, +100 kg</b>	Park Hotel Moskva & Hotel Zoo
<b>Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2023</b> <b>Women: -70, -78, +78 kg</b> <b>Men: -81, -90, -100, +100 kg</b>		
09:00	Eliminations/Repechage/Semi finals	Asics Arena
After	Final Block: Bronze Medal Contests, Finals	Asics Arena

## 9. JUDOBASE REGISTRATION

All participants and delegates must be registered for this event in the IJF Registration System (**JUDOBASE**): <https://admin.judobase.org/> .

Deadline for JUDOBASE Registration is **Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 2023**

	<b>NO IJF Official ID Card</b>	<b>Late entry IJF Official ID Card: YES</b>	<b>Replacement IJF Official ID Card: YES</b>
<b>Athletes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ENTRY NOT POSSIBLE</li> <li>• REPLACEMENT NOT POSSIBLE</li> </ul>	Late entry not possible	0€
<b>Other delegates (Head of delegation, Coaches, Physios, Doctors, ...)</b>			0€

**Please note:**

- **Late entries are NOT POSSIBLE, only replacements 1:1.**
- Persons, who are banned by their Federation or IJF cannot be entered as late entry or replacement.

## 10. ENTRY FEE

The EJU entry fee of **20€** per athlete must be paid.

## 11. ACCREDITATION & CONTROL OF NATIONALITY

At least one team delegate (and not more than 2) must attend the accreditation/team list confirmation on **Friday from 10:00 – 17:00** on time in order to confirm the entries of all athletes and officials with his signature on the delegation confirmation list. A delayed appearance or no-show may result in the exclusion of all participants from the draw and the event. In case of unforeseen delay of arrival, the National Federation must immediately contact both the organiser and the EJU ([headoffice@eju.net](mailto:headoffice@eju.net)). Passports or photocopies of passports from all competitors must be available on request (national ID Card showing nationality, picture and date of birth or a copy is also accepted). The competitors must not be present at the nationality control.

**Very important:** Each National Federation must be represented by a team leader or coach responsible for registration of **ALL athletes from the respective National Federation**, regardless club or other membership. **Every National Federation will be accepted for accreditation only once**, when all entries and payments can be confirmed at the same time.

## 12. COMPETITION MODE

Competition system: Elimination (KO) system with the quarterfinal (last 8) repechage.

The competition will be carried out according to the rules and sporting codes of the IJF and EJU.

## 13. DRAW

The draw will be held ONLINE.

Seeding: the top eight (8) from the entered competitors in each weight category will be seeded according to the current IJF World Ranking List.

## 14. WEIGH-IN

Official weigh-in for each weight category is held the evening before the competition day (see program). **Athletes must present their EJU accreditation card and their passport** (National ID Cards showing nationality, picture and date of birth are also accepted).

Official scales or test scales will be available for test weigh-in on Friday and Saturday from 08:00 – 22:00 (except during official weigh-in from 18:30-19:30).

## 15. REFEREEING

Each National Federation may enter 2 referees with at least continental license. Only referees who have a FINAL ranking of at least 6,5 in the 2022 ranking list are allowed to referee in European Open. The referees with a lower ranking can only referee at European Cups. The control if a referee fulfils

the requirement of ranking, will be checked at the moment of inscription in Judobase by EJU Head Office. However, when a referee got classified with at least 6,5 in an European Cup in 2023, he/she can go to the next European Opens. The organizing federation may enter a maximum of 2 referees with required classification

**JUDOBASE registration deadline for referees: Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**The bow:**

- The contestants must not shake hands BEFORE the start of the contest.
- When the athletes are leaving the mat they must wear judogi in proper way and are not allowed to take out any part of the judogi or the belt before leaving the field of play.

## 16. COACHING

All coaches must fully adhere to the Code of Conduct for Judo Coaches.

Dress Code: Elimination rounds: National track suit with trousers reaching down to shoes or jacket suit with tie  
Final block: Jacket suit with tie

## 17. TRANSPORT

Airport: Sofia International Airport

The organizer will provide transfers between the airport and official hotels, between the official hotels and competition venue, draw, accreditation and official weigh-in places.

## 18. ACCOMMODATION

All delegations, who inscribe for an EJU event should reserve their accommodation in the official hotels published in the event outlines. The reservation must be made with the local organising committee (not directly with the hotel).

The organiser proposes the following official hotels.

### Hotel ZOO (Cat. A)

Address: 6, Simeonovsko shose, blvd. 1700 Sofia, Bulgaria; <https://hotelzoosofia.com/contacts.php>

Check-in time: 14:00; check-out time: 12:00

Distance to the airport: 11,5 km; distance to the sports hall: 5,2 km

Prices per person/per night	B&B	Lunch box in the venue	Lunch in the hotel	Dinner
Single room	<b>145 €</b>	<b>16 €</b>	<b>20 €</b>	<b>20 €</b>
Double room	<b>125 €</b>			

### Park Hotel Moskva (Cat. B)

Address: 25 Nezabravka Str., Sofia 1113; <https://www.parkhotelmoskva.net/?lang=en>

Check-in time: 14:00; check-out time: 12:00

Distance to the airport: 10 km; distance to the sports hall: 2,5 km

Prices per person/per night	B&B	Lunch box	Lunch in the hotel	Dinner
Single room	<b>125 €</b>	<b>16 €</b>	<b>20 €</b>	<b>20 €</b>
Double room	<b>110 €</b>			

**Hotel booking and transfers have to be made directly with the organiser:** Ms Rose-Mary Marinova; bfjudo-events@abv.bg

**Obligatory minimum stay in the official hotel is 2 nights.**

Participants are allowed to book their own accommodation. In this case for every accredited person a service fee of **200 €** applies to be paid to the organizer. **In case when participants book accommodation on their own and pay service fee – they can use official transfers hotel-venue-hotel but have to book this transfer informing the organizer well in advance that the organizer have enough capacity.**

**Hotel reservation deadline:** Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Hotel payment deadline:** Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Cash payment upon arrival is not allowed. All payments have to be done in advance per bank transfer.**

**Deadlines and cancellation policy:**

Hotel deadline is 30 days before the accreditation day. The reservation sent by then is binding. For reservations sent after the hotel deadline, the organizer can charge an **extra surcharge of 30%**. However, in this case the organizer is not obliged to provide accommodation and can just charge the service fee.

Replacements must be free of charge.

Cancellations 29 to 15 days before the Accreditation Day: 50% refund.

Cancellations within 14 or less days of before the Accreditation Day: no refund

**In case of tournament cancellation by the local authorities full payment will be refunded.**

Important: Injuries, visa problems or sickness are not valid reasons for cancellation of rooms.

In case of any damage to hotel property or competition venue caused by members of a delegation, their national federation will be charged by the organizing committee.

## 19. PAYMENT

Kindly complete the payment for accommodation and entry fee to our bank account:

Name of bank: DSK BANK  
Bank Address: 19, Moskovska street, Sofia 1036, Bulgaria  
IBAN: BG84 STSA 9300 0023 3024 40  
SWIFT address: STSABGSF  
Payment reference: Sofia EO 2023 (Country)

All bank fees and money transfer costs must be paid by the sender federation. The person attending accreditation must bring proof of the bank transfer.

## 20. JUDO GI CONTROL

### Approved Judogi

All Judoka must compete in IJF Approved Judogi (only red label allowed) and Judogis from all IJF suppliers are allowed (see [www.ijf.org](http://www.ijf.org) → Official Supplier List).

### Judogi Control

It will be operated with a Sokuteiki prior to the fight. Judogi must have an IJF Official Label "APPROVED JUDO GI" 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 (both EJU and IJF are allowed) bearing his surname and his National Olympic Committee abbreviation. The backnumber can be ordered from [www.mybacknumber.com](http://www.mybacknumber.com) or [www.officialbacknumber.com](http://www.officialbacknumber.com) (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 own sponsors of the Federation or Judoka or EJU Suppliers, **BUT not for any other Judogi supplier.**

The space on the **right chest** (5cm x 10cm) can be used by the Judoka for his/her own sponsor. The logo of a Judogi brand can only be used, if it corresponds with the brand of the Judogi itself and if it is an EJU Supplier. Further, no logo of a competing brand of the advertising reserved for the Federation can be used (unless approval granted by the Federation).

**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 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>.

### Important:

- If an athlete does not respect the Judogi rules, the athlete will not be permitted to pass the Judogi Control, and the coach who is responsible for the athlete will be suspended for the rest of the competition day.
- The organiser is not obliged to provide reserve Judogi at Judogi Control, but the athlete is allowed to present himself in another IJF Approved Judogi, complying with the Sokuteiki rule (and without backnumber) - in this case no coach can go with this athlete to the mat!
- In the case of a repeated offence the coach will be suspended for the rest of the competition.

## 21. RESPONSIBILITY OF FEDERATIONS

The competitors will compete under the full responsibility of their federations. Insurance: Each national federation is responsible for insuring its competitors against "injury and third part risk (public liability)" during the period of the event. The European Judo Union and the organiser decline all responsibility.

### 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](mailto:headoffice@eju.net).

## 22. ANTI-DOPING

Doping control will be executed according to the **IJF MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING HANDBOOK (IJF SOR – Appendix E)**.

## 23. MEDIA

Journalists can apply for Media accreditation online using the following link: [www.eju.net/accreditation](http://www.eju.net/accreditation)  
Due to the Covid-19 situation the restrictions for Media attendance may apply.

## 24. VISA

For nations who need VISA to enter Bulgaria, please send the enclosed "Visa Application Form" fully filled not later than Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and submit to Ms. Diana Maximova; [bfjudo-events@abv.bg](mailto:bfjudo-events@abv.bg).

## 25. TRAINING

Tatami for training will be available at the NSC Diana.

Thursday-Saturday, February 09<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 2023: from 09:00 till 19:00

Booking of training sessions must be done by the organiser in advance by the email: [eok\\_sofia@abv.bg](mailto:eok_sofia@abv.bg).

Training on competition days in the sports hall warm up arena can be allowed only after 14:00.