



EJU Kata Tournament

Laon

France

COMPETITION OUTLINES



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Dear judokas and judo enthusiasts,

It is with great pleasure that I address you today to talk about the European Kata tournament organized by France Judo, which will take place in Laon on April 15th. As the president of the French Judo Federation, I am delighted to see this prestigious event taking place on our territory and I would like to congratulate all the participants who have worked hard to get there.

Kata is an essential aspect of judo and a martial art in its own right. It is a demanding discipline that requires a lot of rigor and concentration, but also brings many satisfactions and great pride. That is why I want to salute all the competitors who have chosen to take up this challenge and participate in this tournament.

I am convinced that this event will be a unique opportunity for all judokas across Europe to meet, exchange, and share their passion for Kata. I wish you all an excellent tournament and I am sure that you will proudly represent your respective countries.

Good luck to everyone and may the best win!

Sincerely,

Stéphane Nomis
Président of the French Judo Federation



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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
- The form can be found at: 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: <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/>

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.

1.1 DATE

The competition will be held on: **Saturday 15th of April 2023.**

1.2 AGE & GRADE

Competitors are to be 16 years of age during 2023, YOB 2007 and before and a minimum of 1st 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:

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

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.

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 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



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authorize his entry for the new nationality and this is accepted by the IJF (According to the IJF SOR 1.9)

Important: Entry for the new country is only possible after approval of IJF!

a. 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.

b. 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.**

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

Deadline for the JUDOBASE registration is Monday, April 10th 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: <https://forms.office.com/e/cWNFXfbAGL>. The pairs' entry closes on **8th April 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 for seniors. it has to be paid before **7th April 2023** to the:

ASSOCIATION JUDO CLUB DU LAONNOIS

IBAN: FR76 1020 6000 1698 7393 4933 881

BIC: AGRIFRPP802

PAYMENT NOTES: family name and first name of Tori and Uke + name kata

Send a copy of payment at LaonKataET2023@ffjudo.com

All payments entered after the registration deadline will be 75 Euro per participating pair. Once the registrations 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 or <http://www.ijfbacknumber.com/>

The delivery can take up to 4 weeks.



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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 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.

- **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 3rd after the above mentioned criteria, the kata will be repeated in order to assign the medal.



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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

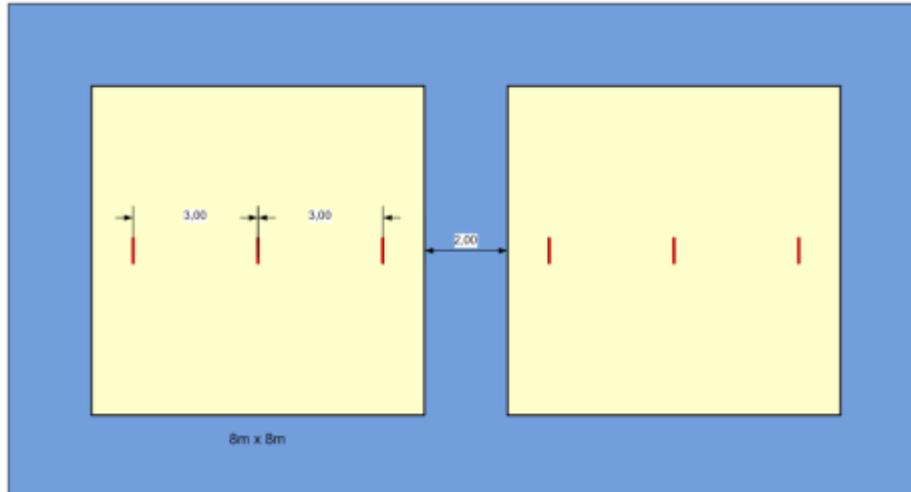
The draw for the sequence of each pair in competition will be done the day before the competition.

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.

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

2.6 SITUATIONS NOT COVERED BY THE RULES

When any situation arises which is not covered by these rules, it shall be dealt with and a decision will be given by the EJU Kata Commission.

3. LOCAL INFORMATION

3.1 HALL

The Tournament will be held at:
Palais des Sports de Laon
Address : 205-987 rue Marcel Levindrey 02000 Laon.

3.2 NEAREST AIRPORT

Roissy Charles De Gaulle Airport

3.3 NEAREST TRAIN STATION

Laon train station
Champagne-Ardenne TGV train station

3.4 TRANSPORTATION

The organizers will provide transfers from the airport and the train stations to the hotel and hotel/sports hall and back according to the travel details previously submitted by the participating teams.

Transport requests must be signed on Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/DtpWWm2rSL>

Price: € 15,00 per person for each transfer from/to Champagne-Ardenne train station transfer

Price: € 30,00 per person for each transfer from/to Roissy Charles De Gaulle airport transfer



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3.5 OFFICIAL HOTEL

The local organizer offers the following official hotel:

Hôtel Kyriad Laon

111, Avenue Charles de Gaulle
02000 LAON - France
Tél: +33 23 23 42 43
manager.laon@kyriad.fr

Prices/person/night	Bed and breakfast
Single room	70€
Twin room	40€

Hotel has to be booked by the organizer via online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/L19AjZVeeM>

3.5 VISA

For nations who need visa to enter France, Form 1 must be submitted latest by March 27th 2023. A scanned copy of the first page of the passport is also required.

3.6 DEADLINES

Visa Application Form:	Monday, March 27 th 2023
Payments (hotel & entry fee):	Friday, April 7 th 2023
Pairs inscription:	Friday, April 7 th 2023
Hotel booking:	Friday, April 7 th 2023
Travel schedule:	Friday, April 7 th 2023
Judobase Registration:	Monday, April 10 th 2023

4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF THE TOURNAMENT

Time		Place
Friday 14nd April		
From 18:00	Accreditation & Organizers Financials	Official Hotel
Saturday 15th April		
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8:00	Accreditation & Organizers Financials	Sport hall
9:00	Draw for EJU Kata Tournament	Sport hall
10.00	Kata – Préliminaires Nage-no-Kata, Katame-no-Kata, Ju-no-Kata Kime-no-Kata, Kodokan Goshin-Jutsu	Sport hall
14.00	Kata - Finals Nage-no-Kata, Katame-no-Kata, Ju-no-Kata Kime-no-Kata, Kodokan Goshin-Jutsu	Sport hall
16.30	Awards	Sport hall