



# EUROPEAN JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS OPEN PRISTINA 2023

Pristina - Kosovo

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# COMPETITION RULES



## WORDS OF WELCOME

Dear Judo Family and Friends,

Let me welcome you to Pristina, where one of the most unique events is going to take place in a few weeks, which is something the judo-loving nation takes a great deal of pride in, and understandably so. The European Judo Championships Open will give an excellent occasion for every attending judoka to show their skills and fight for the grand prize as well.

All of you who participate in this competition have come this far through a lot of training, self-discipline, patience, and perseverance. This is a milestone for many of you, as the results achieved here reflect the hard work you have put in, the diligent effort of the coaches as well as the technical team, and the supportive love and encouragement of your family. You will soon step onto the tatami to show your skills, and finally, the continent's most successful judoka will receive the deserved recognition and the coveted title of the Open European Champion.

With all that in mind, I wish all the participants and their coaches an unforgettable and joyful experience that will become a great platform for their future success. I am also wishing the best to all the officials, volunteers, staff, and everyone involved in the event. I would also like to express my sincerest appreciation for everyone who made this possible, so we can make history in Kosovo.

Yours in judo.



Dr. László TÓTH  
President  
European Judo Union

Dear friends of our beloved sport of Judo,

It is with immense pride and excitement that I address you today on this historic occasion. For the very first time, our Federation and our country have been granted the opportunity to organize a magnificent event that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact. This is truly a moment of great significance for all of us.

We are thrilled to offer our Judo fans the chance to witness the exceptional skills and talent of the finest European Judokas, as well as our esteemed athletes, in live action. The thrill of seeing these remarkable individuals competing will undoubtedly create unforgettable memories for all who attend.

I extend an open-hearted invitation to all European countries to join us in this exceptional event. It is an occasion that promises to be unique, not only because of the incredible display of Judo skills but also due to the generous prize of 300,000€ awaiting the victorious Judokas. It is an honor and a privilege to welcome you all to our new and ambitious country, and we sincerely hope that your stay will be enjoyable.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation for the trust bestowed upon us by the European Judo Union (EJU). To President Dr. Laszlo Toth, I offer my heartfelt thanks for his support and guidance throughout this endeavor.

Furthermore, I am grateful to the Ministry of Culture, Youth, and Sport, and in particular, Minister Mr. Hajrullah Çeku, for their unwavering support and for making this extraordinary project, named "Kosova Judo Nation", a reality.

To all the Judokas participating, I extend my warmest wishes for great success. May your dedication, hard work, and sportsmanship shine brightly during this event, and may you inspire generations to come.

Once again, I welcome you all to this momentous occasion and express my deepest gratitude to everyone involved in making this event possible.

With utmost respect



Agron KUKA  
President Kosovo  
Judo Federation



## 1. 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.
- Upload individual Liability Release Waiver to my.ijf.org. The form can be found at: [covid.ijf.org](https://www.ijf.org/covid) or on EJU homepage in the Calendar section of the event.

### 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. Passport or Identity card and visa only for required countries. Entry rules may be subject to change, the current information can be found here: <https://ambasadat.net/en>. See also Annex 1 and Annex 2 published on EJU homepage.

### 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.

## 2. PROGRAM

Local time	PROGRAM	Place
<b>Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup></b>		
09:00 - 14:00	Accreditation, Organiser financials	Swiss Diamond Hotel Prishtina
16:00	Draw	<b>Online</b>
17:00	Meeting of the Referees	<b>Swiss Diamond Hotel</b>
17:00 - 17:30	Unofficial weigh-in	Swiss Diamond Hotel Prishtina
17:30 - 18:00	Official weigh-in	Swiss Diamond Hotel Prishtina
<b>Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup></b>		
Women -57 kg; Men -73 kg		
<b>10:30</b>	Elimination rounds, Repechage, Semifinals	Palace of Youth and Sports
17:00	Final Block: Medal Contests	Palace of Youth and Sports
after	Awarding Ceremony	Palace of Youth and Sports
<b>Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup></b>		
All day	Departure of the participants	Swiss Diamond Hotel Prishtina

Attention: The program is provisional. The schedule of the contests may be modified according to the total number of entries or TV requirements.



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## 3. COMPETITION PLACE

Palace of Youth and Sports

Str. "Luan Haradinaj", nr 35, 10 000 Prishtinë Kosova

[www.pallatirinise.com](http://www.pallatirinise.com)



## 4. ORGANISER

**Kosova Judo Federation**

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## 5. PARTICIPATION

### Nationality

These European Championships are open for all Member Federations of the European Judo Union (EJU). The athletes must be of the same nationality as the National Federation for which they have been entered for the competition. Persons appointed by EJU shall verify the citizenship of the athletes. The evidence of citizenship shall be the production of a valid passport issued by the represented country. Competitors who have multiple nationality can only represent 1 country.

### Change of Nationality

After having represented a country in

- Olympic Games
- World Championships (Seniors, Juniors, Cadets)
- Continental Championships (Seniors, Juniors, Cadets)
- Regional Games and multi-sport Games (such as African Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, European Games, Francophone Games, Islamic Games, Mediterranean Games, Pan American Games, Youth Olympic Games)
- International tournaments organised by the IJF (Grand Prix, Grand Slam, Masters, etc.) or under its auspices (Continental Open and Cup events)
- All competitions in the IJF calendar except Veterans, Kata, Military, and Club championships\*

and who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality may represent his new country provided that at least three years have passed since the athlete last represented his former country.

If the two (2) National Federations (current country and new country) concerned agree, they may request the IJF to shorten the period of three years or even to cancel the duration completely (see Olympic Charter, Rule 41 and the Byelaw to Rule 41). Thus, the IJF can't shorten the three years' period without written agreement from both National Federations concerned and the athlete having a valid passport for the new country. (see IJF SOR, chapter 1.7)

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

### Age

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

## 6. INSCRIPTION

### JUDOBASE Registration

All participants and delegates must be in possession of an IJF ID Card and registered for this event in the IJF Registration System (JUDOBASE): <https://admin.judobase.org/> by **December 04<sup>th</sup> 2023**. After the deadline further registrations (late entries, replacements) are exclusively handled during accreditation according to the following rules:



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	NO IJF Official ID Card	Late entry IJF Official ID Card: YES	Replacement IJF Official ID Card: YES
Athletes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ENTRY NOT POSSIBLE</li><li>• REPLACEMENT NOT POSSIBLE</li></ul>	letter + 60€	letter + 0€
Other delegates (Head of delegation, Coaches, ...)		letter + 0€	letter + 0€

Please note:

- After the inscription deadline, replacements or additions can only be made on spot during accreditation, presenting a signed and stamped permission letter of the National Federation.
- Persons, who are banned by their Federation, cannot be entered as late entry or replacement.
- Persons without IJF ID Card can only be entered on spot, if IJF ID Card will be ordered until end of Accreditation.
- Above mentioned late entry fee has to be paid in cash on spot.

## 7. ENTRY FEE

The federations must pay an entry fee of **100 Euro** per participating competitor (according to their numerical entry) to the following bank account by **December 01<sup>st</sup> 2023**

European Judo Union (EJU)  
Address: Wehlstrasse 29/1/111, 1200 Vienna, Austria  
OTP Bank, Hungary  
ACCOUNT NR: 11763945-03959886  
IBAN NR: HU84117639450395988600000000 (EURO)  
SWIFT: OTPVHUHB

## 8. DEADLINES

Payment entry fee: December 01<sup>st</sup> 2023  
Visa Application: November 01<sup>st</sup> 2023  
Hotel Reservation: December 01<sup>st</sup> 2023  
Hotel Payment: December 01<sup>st</sup> 2023  
Travel details: December 01<sup>st</sup> 2023  
Rooming List: December 01<sup>st</sup> 2023  
JUDOBASE Registration: December 04<sup>th</sup> 2023

## 9. ACCREDITATION

The times and place for check-in and accreditation are specified in the program. Federations must arrive and check-in within the time limits provided. A maximum of 2 representatives per National Federation are allowed in the accreditation room.

### Accreditation

A list of all the inscribed competitors is generated by the JUDOBASE system, which is confirmed by the head of delegation that it is the final list, with the correct names, the correct categories and the correct IJF World Ranking List positions. The list of entries is confirmed with the EJU official. No inscription will be accepted after the end of the nation control.

### Control of Nationality

Each competitor's **PASSPORT** or copy of the passport (in case the competitors are still travelling) or official identification document with photo will be requested by the EJU official to check nationality and age of the competitors. The competitors must not be present at the nationality control.

### 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 to the EJU. In order to take part at the competition the national federation must have fulfilled the necessary payments to the organizer and the EJU. In case there was overpayment, or athletes did not arrive for valid reasons, EJU Treasury shall transfer this difference to the Federation's account.



### Organizer finances

All finances must be settled beforehand. Payment in cash money upon arrival is not allowed due to safety reasons. The delegations' departure date, time, number of people and travel details must be confirmed beforehand. Any changes will be settled by email or by phone. Contact name and number for each delegation should be provided beforehand.

### Flag and Anthem Control

The head of delegation confirms the flag and the anthem which will be used for the medal ceremony.

Accreditation cards are handed over to teams as the last step of accreditation. The EJU accreditation cards for the European Championships must be worn all the times, presented at the official weigh-in and before each contest.

## 10. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### 10.1 COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION

Each delegation may enter a maximum of 1 athlete in total for men and 1 athlete in total for women, host federation can enter maximum 2 athletes per each category.

### 10.2 COMPETITION FORMULA

The Competition will be held using **Quarter Final Repechage System**.

### 10.3 WEIGHT CATEGORIES

**Women:** -57 kg

**Men:** -73 kg

### 10.4 DURATION OF CONTEST

Duration men's & women's contests: **4 minutes** and **Golden Score without time limit**.

### 10.5 WEIGH-IN

The weigh-in will be carried out in accordance with the IJF SOR section 7. The athlete's official weigh-in will be scheduled the day before the competition.

- Unofficial weigh-in: 17:00 to 17:30
- Official weigh-in: 17:30 to 18:00

The place for weigh-in can be found in the program.

**Athletes must present their EJU accreditation card and their passport** (National ID Cards showing nationality and date of birth are also accepted).

### 10.6 RANDOM WEIGH-IN

Random weight checks for athletes can be organised in the morning before the start of the competition.

Random weigh-in will open one hour before the start of the competition each day. The time limit to arrive to the random weigh-in is 30 minutes or 6 contests before the athlete's first contest at the latest.

The athletes must bring their accreditation for identification. The weight of the athlete cannot be more than 5 % higher than the official maximum weight limit of the category concerned.

### 10.7 DRAW

The draw will take place before the first day of contests after the accreditation. Time and place are stated in the program.

Before the draw the lists of each category are hung in the corridor outside the draw room. Each Head of Delegation is responsible to check that all inscribed competitors are on these lists and that they are under the right category and with the correct IJF World Ranking List position. No corrections can be made after the draw.

At least one delegate from each participating National Federation must attend the draw. After the completion of the draw, two sets of the draw lists will be provided to each delegation.

**Seeding:** The top 8 athletes will be seeded according with combine WRL of the categories -48kg, -52 and -57kg for the women, and -60kg, -66kg & -73kg for the men.

### 10.8 AWARDS

The organizer shall provide medals, given at the medal ceremony:

- First place: Gold medal



- Second place: Silver medal
- Two Third places: Bronze medals

### Prize money:

- First place: 55 000 Euro
- Second place: 35 000 Euro
- Two Third places: 20 000 Euro each
- Two fifth places: 10 000 Euro each

70% of the prize money is for the athlete and 30% is for the coach.

## 10.9 ANTI-DOPING

Doping tests will be performed according to IJF Antidoping Rules (IJF SOR). Two (2) tests for the male and two (2) tests for the female will be performed. One (1) gold medal winner and one (1) other medal winner; the choice of the other medal winner is made by draw (four (4) tests in total).

Competitors must report to the Doping Control Station immediately after signing the Notification form. Pursuant to WADA ISTI Art. 5.4.4, prior to doping control, athletes can take part in the awarding ceremony and fulfil their press commitments or receive medical treatment if needed. The selected competitors will be constantly accompanied by an official chaperone (appointed by the organizing committee) from the time of notification until arriving at the Doping Control Station. A person of the athlete's choice (team doctor, coach, trainer, delegation head etc.) may accompany them.

IJF/EJU keep the right to test any participating athlete beyond the above selection during an event. All additional tests are deemed in-competition tests.

## 11. OFFICIAL HOTEL

All participants and delegates have to book their accommodation via the organisers. ALL participants must stay in official hotels. A minimum stay of 2 nights is obligatory.

### Hotel for delegations:

#### Swiss Diamond Hotel Prishtina (Category A)

Address: Square "Mother Teresa", Prishtina, Kosovo; <https://www.sdhprishtina.com/>

Distance to the Airport: 20 km. Distance to the Sports Hall: 1 km

Check-in time: 16:00; check-out time: 11:00

prices are per person per night	B&B	HB	FB
Single room	135 EUR	160 EUR	185 EUR
Double room	95 EUR	120 EUR	145 EUR

Hotel reservation must be done by the email to Mustafa Veseli: [sankaku.kos@gmail.com](mailto:sankaku.kos@gmail.com). The **binding hotel reservation** must be sent to the organizer by **December 01<sup>st</sup> 2023**. Reservations will be processed strictly according to the date of booking. Reservations can be confirmed only after receiving 100 % of the total accommodation cost that must be sent to organiser's bank account before **December 01<sup>st</sup> 2023**, otherwise accommodation cannot be guaranteed for your delegation.

In case a federation does not send the hotel reservation to the organizers before **December 01<sup>st</sup> 2023**, a **10% surcharge** can be added to the expenses (in case of bank transfer and in case of cash payment!).

### Cancellation policy

Before November 16<sup>th</sup> - full refund

From November 16<sup>th</sup> till December 01<sup>st</sup> - 50% refund

After December 01<sup>st</sup> - no refund

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

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



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## Account details:

Name of bank: NLB Banka sh.a  
Bank address: Kosta Novakovic pn, Prishtine, Kosova  
Account No: 1701001010695594  
IBAN: XK05 1701001010695594  
SWIFT address: NLPR XK PR  
Purpose of payment: "European Judo Championships Open"

**All bank fees and money transfer costs must be paid by the sending federation.**

Payment in cash money upon arrival is not allowed. Credit cards can be accepted on spot.

The person attending accreditation must bring proof of the bank transfer.

Please, always check the bank details and email addresses specified in the outlines before making any payments to avoid fraud.

In case of any extra costs arising from the hotel stay, damages to property of hotel or competition venue caused by members of a delegation, the responsible National Federation will be charged by the Organizing Committee.

## **12. TRANSPORT**

**NEAREST AIRPORTS:** Prishtina International Airport "Adem Jashari"

**NEAREST BUS STATION:** Prishtina Bus Station

**NEAREST RAILWAY STATION:** Pristina Railway Station

The organizer will take care of the transportation from the above-mentioned airport, bus station, railway station to the official competition hotels, competition venue and other competition facilities during the competition. The transfers are only offered on the days when the delegations are booked in an official hotel through the organisers. All transfer requests must be done to the email of Fatos Tabaku: fatostabaku85@gmail.com.

## **13. TRAINING**

Tatami for training will be available in Youth and Sports Palace on December 14-16, 2023

Times of training sessions are from 08:00 till 21:00.

Booking of training sessions can be done at the welcome desk at the hotels.

Training on competition days in the sports hall, warm up arena is NOT ALLOWED due to Covid19 restrictions. Training on competition days in the sports hall, warm up area is allowed only for those athletes who compete in this day.

## **14. VISA**

The organisers will help with obtaining entry visas for competitors and officials. Please refer to the Annex 1 and Annex 2. In case you will need a visa to visit Kosovo, please, contact Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kosovo by the email: [mfa@rks-gov.net](mailto:mfa@rks-gov.net) and specify all information that is needed in the invitation letters latest November 01<sup>st</sup> 2023.

## **15. MEDIA**

Official or EJU recognized media can apply online for a Media accreditation <https://www.eju.net/media/> not later than December 01<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

## **16. JUDOGI CONTROL**

### **Approved Judogi**

All Judoka must compete in IJF Approved Judogi (only red label allowed). 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. Each of the competition clothing articles (jacket, trousers and belt) must have the official IJF label, which will be controlled with an optical lamp (coloured belts do not have to have the IJF label).

The jacket and the trousers must be of the same brand (belt can be of a different brand).

### 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 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 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 (see IJF SOR Appendix C).

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.

## 17. 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 2022 ranking lists.

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**. Hotel reservation and travel will be arranged by EJU.

### 18.2 REFEREE MEETING

A referee meeting on the mat is scheduled on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December at 17:00 in Palace of Youth and Sports after the Draw. Attendance in White Judogi with the Black belt. 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. 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.



## 18. COACHING

Coaches nominated by their National Federations should respect IJF SOR point 7.1. Any coaches not adhering to these rules could be subject to disciplinary action.

## 19. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERATIONS

### Medical Certificate

The sex certificate and the medical certificate of the competitors are not required. The competitors will compete under the full responsibility of the federations.

### Insurance

Each federation is responsible for insuring its competitors against 'injury and third part risk (public liability)' during the period of the championships. The European Judo Union declines all responsibility.

### Attitude of Competitors

The federations are responsible vis-à-vis the EJU concerning the general attitude of their competitors.

### Image of Athletes

The federations are responsible to have obtained the rights for the EJU to use the competitor's image in whichever way it considers it necessary for the promotion of the sport.

Neither the organizer of the event, nor the European Judo Union (nor any of its officials or members) will be liable or responsible for any personal injury nor for any loss or damage to your property arising out of your participation and travelling in connection with these events.

### 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).

## 20. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE

All National Federations, officials, coaches and athletes 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.

## 21. AWARDING CEREMONIES

All competitors having won a medal have to attend the ceremony to receive their medal in person. If a competitor is absent during the awarding ceremony for no valid reason, he/she 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 and so is wearing a cap or any other head cover.

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