



IBSA JUDO REGULATIONS (IBR)

(for IBSA Sanctioned competitions & World Cups)

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The IBSA judo generally follow the IJF rules and regulations according to the Sport and Organization Rules (SOR) and the Event Organization Guide (EOG).

However the Ibsa Judo, covered by blind and visually impaired judokas, prepares some special regulations for its activity.

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DRAW AND SEEDING

DRAW

The draw is the responsibility of the IBSA Judo leadership.

DRAW REGULATIONS

For all IBSA Judo championships, and other tournaments for qualifications to the Paralympic Games the draw will take place at 14:00 the day before the competition. For other events such as the Paralympic Games and other Multi Sport events the date and time of the draw will be agreed by the IBSA Judo leadership.

The eye classification has been indicated on the entering list, the drawing list and on the competition sheets as well.

The competition format is depend of the number of the entered athletes. In the case of until 5 athletes there will be round robin system, in case of 6 and more than 6 athletes will be full double repechage.

After the closing of accreditation and before the start of the draw the lists of athletes by category will be posted outside the draw room and will be read out during the draw. Any errors or omissions should be reported to the IBSA Judo IT teams before the start of the draw.

A maximum of two team officials from each delegation can attend the draw along with an interpreter, if it is needed. All attendees must respect the formal dress code, which is a suit and tie.

The draw will be carried out by computer with the use of the IJF software (or other software if IJF authorized) under the direction of the IJF Sport Director assisted by the IJF IT Team. After finishing the proper weight category, no complaints only cancellation in the case of weigh-in problem (e.g. overweight) or non-appearance.

The Organizing Committee shall distribute copies of the draw to each participating delegation no later than 30 minutes after the draw is finished.

SEEDING

For the championships and other tournaments for qualifications to the Paralympic Games the top four athletes among the entered athletes in each weight category will be placed according to the IBSA Judo WRL. For the rest of the draw separation by nations will be respected.

The seeding for the World or Continental Championship Teams will take into consideration the medallists (and if necessary the results) from last Team World or Continental Championships. Up to four teams will be seeded.

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DRESS CODE AND BEHAVIOR

Dress Code

Draw: jacket suit with tie.

Coaches:

Elimination rounds: national track suit with trousers reaching down to shoes.

For the final block program: (TV time): jacket suit with tie.

The following are forbidden at any time: shorter trousers, undressed upper body, any kind of head caps and cover, jeans, sweaters or similar sports unrelated dress, flip-flops.

Medicals: national track suit with trousers reaching down to shoes.

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Code of Conduct for Coaches and behavior

The coach is responsible for his athlete's conduct from entering the competition venue until leaving it, before and after each contest. Coach can communicate with athlete, tactical advice, encouragements, instructions in unexpected situations such as injury, etc. The coach will remain seated on his chair throughout the contest.

Forbidden behavior of a coach

Any comments on or criticism of the referees' verdicts. Demanding correction of the referees' decisions. Any abusive gesture toward referees, officials or public. Touching, hitting, and kicking, etc. the advertising panels or any equipment. Any kind of behavior showing disrespect to the opponent, referees, opponent coach, his own athlete, the public, etc.

Penalizing

Any coach who infringes upon these rules will be disqualified from accompanying his athletes into competition zone and taking up coach's chair until the end of event (not only for the particular day).

Officials authorized to penalize coaches:

- Sports director / Refereeing Jury

Judokas

Dress code:

Medal ceremony: The judoka must wear white judo-gi.

Behavior of judoka for ceremony:

It is strictly prohibited for athletes while on the podium to have national flags or the like other than the ones fixed on their judogi. Any demonstration with religious, political, personal or commercial connotation is prohibited as well as to bear a cap or any similar covers on the head.

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ESCORT AND BOWING PROCEDURE

The bowing and escorting protocol is formal and precise.

These procedures are for adjudicating an IBSA Judo contest utilizing a single Center Referee, and two judges at mat-side on the table care system.

Escorting Position

Every athlete in an IBSA Judo contest, regardless of their degree of visual impairment (B1, B2, or B3), is escorted to and from the tatami by escorts from the organizing committee, or their coach.

1. Go into the mat

At the beginning of a contest, the Center Referee goes to the mat entry point of the athletes on the respective side of the competition area opposite the Joseki. The Center Referee should be at the edge of the tatami, between the places where the two athletes will be brought, and centered to the contest area.

The escorts will bring their players to the side of the tatami, opposite the Joseki, and side by side within one meter of each another. Each athlete should be placed by his/her escort proximal to the Center Referee's side, where the Center Referee will acquire the arms of both athletes simultaneously.

It is helpful if the escorts alert the Center Referee as to whether the athletes they are escorting have a red circle (indicating B-1 status) or a yellow circle (indicating deaf status).

When the two athletes are presented by their personal escorts, or coach, the Center Referee is to take the arms of both athletes to be escorted, simultaneously, while on the outer side of the competition area.

The athletes will step onto the tatami, and bow with the center Referee. All three bow at the same time when they are in position, and the referee has ensured the technical staff is ready for the match to start.

Whenever the Center Referee has appropriately secured the escort position, it is rather easy for the athletes to bow simultaneously with him/her. The Center Referee's arms are tucked firmly into their own side, and securely grasping the two athlete's hands, this position acts mechanically as power steering, to guide the athlete's actions.

Once bowing onto the tatami the Center Referee will then escort the two athletes forward, simultaneously from the mat-side, to their respective bowing location within the center of the contest area. The Center Referee will turn the athletes to face one another, and turn him/her self if necessary, to face Joseki.

The two athletes will be positioned one meter apart, facing each other, and the Center Referee will then position him or herself, facing Joseki, such that blue (Ao) is to their left arm, and white (Shiro) is to their right arm, as the visually impaired athlete's

respective orientation on the tatami must be maintained for tactical and reference purposes.

2. Movement on the mat

The Center Referee will then instruct the players to bow with the verbal command to 'Rei', will bring the players into proximity, and instruct them to take neutral grips in natural posture with the verbal command of "Kumi-kata". The Center Referee will then announce 'Hajime' to begin the contest, immediately as the players are positioned correctly.

When competitive action is halted with 'Matte', the Center Referee must reacquire both players serially, the most visually impaired first, then escort both athletes, back to the center, simultaneously, with blue (Ao) on their left arm, and white (Shiro) on their right arm, reorienting the visually impaired athlete's to Joseki respectively.

The Center Referee must always start the action in the contest while facing Joseki, on the same side with respect to the athletes, with blue (Ao) standing to their left, and white (Shiro) standing to their right.

If an athlete has the yellow circle, indicating deaf status, the Center Referee escorting them must assist the bow at the beginning mutual 'Rei'. One hand is placed on the deaf athlete's stomach and the other on the upper back and shape the torso to assist the bow. At the conclusion of the bow, the Center Referee then immediately brings the players into proximity for Kumikata.

At the conclusion of the contest, the athletes are reoriented to one another in the center of the contest area, one meter apart. The Center Referee will then award the contest by indicated the winner using a straight arm and open palm, while simultaneously announcing the winner's Gi color blue (Ao) with their left arm, and white (Shiro) with their right arm, respectively.

Immediately after the decision has been rendered by the referee. The Center Referee gives the command to 'Rei'. If an athlete has the yellow circle, indicating deaf status, the Center Referee must assist the bow at the concluding Rei. Athletes are encouraged to congratulate each other, and may need gentle assistance to reach an offered hand for a shake.

3. Go out from the mat

After which, the Center Referee must immediately approach, simultaneously reacquire both athletes, on the correct arm, and guide them to their respective escorts waiting off the mat.

The athletes, once secured, are escorted by the Center Referee, walking forwards to the edge of the contest area, where again when both athletes are turned, the Center Referee turns in place, and the Center Referee and athletes bow simultaneously, facing the contest area.

At this point the athletes are turned back over to their coaches or personal escorts. The center referee exits the contest area, and exchanges with the next contest's Center Referee and judging team.

Respect must be given, and care must be taken not to do disrespectful things such as grabbing, pulling, shoving, or holding the athlete's arm or hand in an improper form. The correct position for escorting is to respectfully place your arm from the outside, OVER the athlete's arm, gently but firmly closing your hand around the athlete's fingertips, and using your bent elbow to create enough body contact for the athlete to be able to follow your bowing and movement cues.

All bows, commands, awards, penalties, and orders to begin the contest must be done with the Referee oriented to face Joseki, and the two players facing one another, also oriented respectively to Joseki, with white (Shiro) to the Referee's right, and blue (AO) to the Referee's left.

Please refer to the IBSA rules page 3 and page 6 to see the proper escort hold. Please be cautious when guiding the athlete, at the close of the contest, as it is more difficult to maneuver, maintain balance, and escort the visually impaired athlete when they are fatigued.

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WEIGH-IN REGULATIONS

LOCATION OF THE WEIGH-IN

The weight control can take place in one location, in the competition venue or in the official hotels allocated by organizers for participating delegations. Organizers should provide separate rooms for men and women and a sufficient number of calibrated electronic scales showing only one decimal place i.e. 51.9 kg, 154.6 kg.

WEIGH-IN RULES

For IBSA Judo events the official weigh-in for seniors and juniors will be organized the day before the competition at 20:00

For youth the weigh-in will take place in the morning on the same day of the competition. There should be a minimum of 2 hours from the end of weigh-in to the start of competition.

For team competitions the weigh-in is organized one day before the competition. There will be a 2 kg tolerance for athletes who competed in the individual Championships and NO tolerance for athletes who are only inscribed for the team competition.

The official weigh-in control period shall be between 30 – 60 minutes.

Control scales should be available in all official hotels between 08:00 – 22:00 for athletes to check their weight.

Athletes shall be allowed to check their weight on the official weigh-in scales (that will be used for the official weigh-in) from one hour before the official weigh-in commences.

There is no limit to the number of times each athlete may check his weight during the time of the unofficial weigh in.

RANDOM WEIGH-IN

Random weight checks for junior and senior athletes (not for youth) can be organized before the first contests in the morning of the competition. The rules will be the same as those of the official weigh-in with the exception that the athletes do not need to bring their passports, as their accreditation is sufficient for identification. The weight of the athlete cannot be more than 5 % higher (without judogi) than the official maximum weight limit of the category.

Weight Category - Men

+ 5 % Tolerance

TEAM EVENTS ONLY

**Tolerance + 2 kg allowance
for athletes that have
participated in the
preceding individual event**

- up to and including 60 kg	63 kg	-
- over 60 kg up to and including 66 kg	69.3 kg	71.3 kg
- over 66 kg up to and including 73 kg	76.7 kg	78.7 kg
- over 73 kg up to and including 81 kg	85.1 kg	87.1 kg
- over 81 kg up to and including 90 kg	94.5 kg	96.5 kg
- over 90 kg up to and including 100 kg	105 kg	-
- over 100 kg	-	-

Weight Category - Women

+ 5 % Tolerance

TEAM EVENTS ONLY

Tolerance + 2 kg allowance for athletes that have participated in the preceding individual event

- up to and including 48 kg	50.4 kg	-
- over 48 kg up to and including 52 kg	54.6 kg	56.6 kg
- over 52 kg up to and including 57 kg	59.9 kg	61.9 kg
- over 57 kg up to and including 63 kg	66.2 kg	68.2 kg
- over 63 kg up to and including 70 kg	73.5 kg	75.5 kg
- over 70 kg up to and including 78 kg	81.9 kg	-
- over 78 kg	-	-

Team competition	
male: B1, B2, B3	male B1
-66 kg,	-66 kg
-73 kg,	
-81 kg	-81 kg
-90 kg,	
+90 kg	+ 81 kg
female: B1, B2, B3	female: B1
-52 kg	-52 kg
-57-kg	-57-kg
-63 kg	-63 kg

OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE

The Organizers of the Championships shall make available a minimum of two national referees/officials per each official scale. One to check the passport and weight of the athlete and one to record the exact weight on the official weigh in list. An additional official/volunteer should also be available to control the flow of athletes. To protect the privacy of the athletes, officials supervising the weigh-in must be of the same sex as the athletes.

The IJF IT team in charge of the event shall make available one copy of the weigh-in list for each weight category for the organizer and one copy for the members of the Sport Commission conducting the weigh-in before the scheduled start of the official weigh-in period.

Photography or filming is not permitted in the weigh-in area. This includes the use of mobile phones and all other devices.

All coaches have a chance to stay in the weigh-in room, however about 3 meters far from the scale on the official weigh-in.

- Each athlete shall bring to the weigh-in his accreditation card issued for the Championships and his passport or an official identification document with photo. The athlete shall present both documents to the official, who will verify the identity of the athlete.
- The athlete shall weigh-in wearing only underclothing (men/boys – underpants, women/girls – underpants and bra), under the supervision of a weigh-in official; the athlete are allowed to remove their underclothing to ensure they reach the minimum weight limit of the weight category in which they are entered. In the cadets age category athletes are NOT allowed to remove their underclothing (boys – underpants, girls – underpants and bra) to compensate an additional 100 grams will be allowed i.e. for the category 44 kg the limit will be 44.1 kg.
- Any socks, jewellery or body piercings must be removed.
- The official supervising the weigh-in shall note and record the athlete's weight in kilograms (accurate to one decimal point of a kilogram).
- The athlete is allowed to stand on the scales only once during the official weigh-in period.

Failure to appear for weigh-in control

Should an athlete fail to appear for weigh-in during the official weigh-in period, this shall be noted beside his name on the official weigh-in list. A weigh-in official and the IBSA Judo delegate shall sign the notation. The athlete will be excluded from competing in that weight category.

Failure to weigh-in within the prescribed limits of a category

Should an athlete weigh either above or below the prescribed limits for the category in which he is entered the exact weight shall be recorded in the normal manner. The weight shall be circled and signed by a weigh-in official, and a member of the Sport Commission and by the athlete himself or a member of his delegation. The athlete shall be excluded from competing in that weight category.

Failure to comply with official directions or with requirements of the IJF SOR

If at any stage during the weigh-in period, a athletes fails to comply with the directions of any weigh-in official or an IBSA Judo delegate, or fails to comply with the requirements of the IJF SOR, the athlete shall be prevented from participating in the weigh-in and the nature of the infraction brought immediately to the attention of the Sport Director of the IBSA Judo.

RANDOM WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE

The random weigh-in takes place in the morning each day of the competition.

Draw of the athletes

The responsible IBSA Judo delegate will perform the draw of the athletes by means of software on a laptop, one (1) hour before the start of the preliminaries of the competition each day and should last max. 15 minutes. This will be done at the place of the IBSA Judo IT person running the competition. Minimum one athlete and additional one athlete after 10 athletes per weight category, but max. 4 athletes (except + 70 kg and +100 kg) will be drawn.

Collecting the athlete

The list of named athletes drawn for the weigh-in, will be immediately posted in the warm up area.

Weigh-in procedure

Four volunteers (two men and two women) will operate the weigh-in. Two volunteers will identify the athletes and the two others will proceed with the weigh-in in two separate private rooms, one hour (1) before the start of the preliminaries each day. The weigh-in will close 15 minutes before the start of the competition to allow any changes to be made by the IBSA Judo IT Team.

After weigh-in procedure

If an athlete's weight is 5 % higher than the official maximum weight limit of the category the Sport Director should be immediately informed and the overweight athlete will be excluded from the competition. The opponent of the overweight athlete should go on the mat and bow (they will be declared the winner by fusen gachi).

INFORMATION ABOUT JUDO-GI

Subject: judo-gi

Measurements, materials and back numbers

IBSA Judo follows the current IJF regulations regarding judo-gi back numbers, measurements and materials.

Judoka must wear proper judo-gi when competing in the high level IBSA judo events: IBSA Games, World Championships, Continental championships, World Cups. (Please check the IJF website for full details).

You should ask offer from the official producers. It can be asked suggestion from the able bodied judo federation of your country.

The backnumber should include the name of the judoka and the NOC abbreviation of the country. It should be ordered in an adequate time before the competition. Please see: <http://www.ijfbacknumber.com/>

Lack of proper judo-gi and back number the athlete will be disqualified from the competition.

Sewing the signal of blindness (red circle) and deafness (yellow circle) on the judo-gi is the responsibility of the participating countries.

The local organizers should provide red and yellow stickers for the reserve judo-gis (sticker).

Also wearing back number on jacket is obligatory. Ordering of back number and fix it on the back of the jacket is the responsibility of the participating countries.

Without back number and signal of blindness, or deafness the athlete will be automatically excluded from the competition.

Note: besides the above mentioned high level competitions the IJF regulated judo-gi is not obligatory, however suggested. But it should follow the measurements.

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