TECHNICAL PACKAGE

NOVEMBER 27 – NOVEMBER 29
#CANADIANCIRCUIT

National A Sanctioned Shiai

National B Sanctioned Kata

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Dear Participants,

Judo Manitoba is pleased to invite you to compete at the annual Manitoba Open in Winnipeg, Manitoba, November 27-29, 2026

Winnipeg is brimming with culture, arts, sports, and entertainment. Located in the middle of the continent, you could call us the heart of North America -- as we pride ourselves on being Canada's cultural center where live music, vibrant neighborhoods, enticing dining, shopping, fabulous festivals, and world-class attractions await to be explored.

Experience our diverse, cosmopolitan city that offers all the amenities you expect from a big city in an easy-going atmosphere. Whether you are applauding the frolicking polar bears swimming above you at Assiniboine Park Zoo's Journey to Churchill experience, marveling at the awe-inspiring Canadian Museum for Human Rights or visiting Manitoba's number one attraction, The Forks, Winnipeg has something for everyone.

Kindly refer to the event information and details that follow in this package and please assist with respecting the deadlines for registration and competition details.

Chers participants,

Judo Manitoba a le plaisir de vous inviter à participer à l'Open annuel du Manitoba à Winnipeg, au Manitoba, Novembre 27 - 29, 2026.

Winnipeg regorge de culture, d'arts, de sports et de divertissements. Situés au milieu du continent, vous pourriez nous appeler le cœur de l'Amérique du Nord, car nous sommes fiers d'être le centre culturel du Canada où de la musique live, des quartiers animés, des restaurants alléchants, des boutiques, des festivals fabuleux et des attractions de classe mondiale ne demandent qu'à être explorés.

Découvrez notre ville diversifiée et cosmopolite qui offre toutes les commodités que vous attendez d'une grande ville dans une atmosphère décontractée. Que vous applaudissiez les ours polaires qui s'ébattent au-dessus de vous lors de l'expérience « Journey to Churchill » du zoo du parc Assiniboine, que vous vous émerveillez devant l'impressionnant Musée canadien pour les droits de la personne ou que vous visitiez l'attraction numéro un du Manitoba, La Fourche, Winnipeg a quelque chose pour tout le monde.

Je vous remercie de vous référer aux informations et aux détails de l'événement qui suivent dans ce devis technique en respectant les délais d'inscription et les détails du tournoi.

Warm regards / Cordialement vôtre,

Milton Good

President Judo Manitoba

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Schedule

**** The official schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Tournament Director in consultation with the Organizing Committee ****

Friday, Nov 20, 2026		
Before 23:59	Club Coaches send an email with registered U10 and U12 athletes names & weights ***in kilograms*** to james.colp@outlook.com	
23:59	Registration Closes for MB Open	
Friday, Nov 27, 2026		
9:00 to 16:00	Katame no Kata Clinic	Provincial Training Center
17:00 to 20:00	Unofficial scale opens	RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg Hall A
17:30 to 20:00	Weigh-ins for U14, U18, U21, Veterans and Ne-Waza at the tournament site	
16:30 to 18:00	Kata Judge meeting	Radisson Hotel Room TBD
19:00 to 21:00	Referee meeting	
Saturday, Nov 28, 2026		
7:30	Kata Judge meeting	RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg Hall A
8:00	**No Changes to the Draw sheets after 8:00 AM** Kata Competition Starts	
9:00	Referee meeting	
9:45	Coaches Meeting	
10:00	Block 1 Competition Starts U10, U12, U14 and Ne-waza	
Not before 12:00	Block 2 Competition Starts U18, U21 and Veterans	
14:00 to 16:00	U16 and Senior Weigh-in	
1h after end of Shiai	Check-Out for Athletes who will not be competing in their second category on Sunday	Draw table / Joseki
Sunday, Nov 29, 2026		
8:00	**No Changes to the Draw sheets after 8:00 AM**	RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg Hall A
8:00	Referee Meeting	

8:45	Coaches Meeting	
9:00	Block 1 Competition Starts U16	
Not Before 11:00	Block 2 Competition Starts Senior	RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg Hall A

Tournament Venue

RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg

Hall A – 3rd Floor
375 York Ave,
Winnipeg, MB
R3C 3J3

Kata Clinic Venue

Provincial Training Center

439 McPhillips Street
Winnipeg, MB

Accommodation

Official hotel of the tournament:

Radisson Hotel Winnipeg Downtown

288 Portage Avenue,
Winnipeg, MB
R3C 0B8
1 (204) 956-0410
https://choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/sg69h4
MB Open Booking code: **sg69h4**

Transportation

Taxis available outside airport arrival doors
Car rentals - Car Rentals | Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport (waa.ca)

Tournament site can be accessed through indoor walkways between the Raddison and RBC Convention centre - Winnipeg Skywalk map

Registration

THIS IS A PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY TOURNAMENT:

Deadline is November 20, 2026 for all registration types

- **Athlete Registration:**
  - Online registration for all athletes:
  - https://judocanada.dokume.app/#/access/203306/events_registration/register/4206

- **Coach Registration**:
  - Minimum NCCP 2 (DI) Trained
  - Only 4 coaches per team/dojo allowed.
  - Only coaches with valid accreditation will be allowed at mat side
  - Online registration is mandatory for all coaches:
  - https://judocanada.dokume.app/#/access/203306/events_registration/register/4206

- **Referee and Kata Judges Registration:**
  - Minimum National C to referee
  - ***Exception:*** *we do welcome and encourage Provincial A level officials to attend and referee the U10, U12 divisions*
  - Kata Judges must be certified up to the National level in the Kata that they are judging
  - Online registration is mandatory for all referees and kata judges:
  - https://judocanada.dokume.app/#/access/203306/events_registration/register/4206

- **Shiai Referee Evaluation:**
  - There will be a National B and National C Grading at MB Open
  - Ensure you're signed up with the following link:
  - https://judocanada.dokume.app/#/events_registration/open/4081

Approval of early bloomer's must be received no later than November 20th, 2026.

NOTE: To athletes intending to compete in more than one age division based on the "Early Bloomer Clause" – the regulations as published in the 2026-2027 edition of the "Sanctioning policy and Tournament Standards" will apply.

Entries received after the specified above deadline are subject to an additional $40/entry. Late entries, second entries and changes to the original registration will be accepted until the end of the accreditation period for the event –18:00 on November 27th 2026.

Eligibility

- Athletes must compete for the provincial association of which they are a member in good standing and have a valid Judo Canada membership status.
- The registering entity (i.e. Country, Province, Territory, Club, Individual Coach) are/is responsible for ensuring that the athletes they register are eligible to compete. This includes the medical forms, waiver, and a confirmation of an early bloomer status where applicable.

Divisions

U10 – Born in 2018 and 2019	
Yellow Belt Minimum	
Match Time: 2 minutes non-stop time; No Golden score	
No weight classes + **Mixed Gender** Athletes are grouped with closest weight in round robin format of ideally 3-5 competitors.	
U12 – Born in 2016 and 2017	
Yellow Belt Minimum	
Match Time: 2 minutes; No Golden score	
No weight classes + **Male/Female** OR Mixed Gender – dependant on entries. Athletes are grouped with closest weight in round robin format of ideally 3-5 competitors.	
U14 – Born in 2014 and 2015, Early bloomer born in 2016*	
Novice: Yellow and Orange belt	
Advanced: Green belt minimum	
Female	-30kg; -33kg; -36kg; -40kg; -44kg; -48kg; -52kg; -57kg; -63kg; +63kg
Male	-32kg; -35kg; -38kg; -42kg; -46kg; -50kg; -55kg; -60kg; -66kg; +66kg

U16 – Born in 2012 and 2013, Early bloomer born in 2014*	
Green belt minimum	
Female	-36kg; -40kg; -44kg; -48kg; -52kg; -57kg; -63kg; -70kg; +70kg
Male	-38kg; -42kg; -46kg; -50kg; -55kg; -60kg; -66kg; -73kg; +73kg

U18 – Cadet – Born in 2010, 2011, 2012, Early bloomer born in 2013*	
Green belt minimum	
Female	-40kg; -44kg; -48kg; -52kg; -57kg; -63kg; -70kg; +70kg
Male	-50kg; -55kg; -60kg; -66kg; -73kg; -81kg; -90kg; +90kg

U21 – Junior – Born in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, Early bloomer born in 2013*	
Blue belt minimum	
Female	-48kg; -52kg; -57kg; -63kg; -70kg; -78kg; +78kg
Male	-60kg; -66kg; -73kg; -81kg; -90kg; -100kg; +100kg

Senior – Novice/Intermediate and Advanced Born in 2012 and earlier, Early bloomer born in 2013*	
Novice/Intermediate: Yellow – Blue belt	
Advanced: Brown – Black belt	
Female	-48kg; -52kg; -57kg; -63kg; -70kg; -78kg; +78kg
Male	-60kg; -66kg; -73kg; -81kg; -90kg; -100kg; +100kg

Veteran – Born in 1997 and earlier	
Blue belt minimum	
Female	-48kg; -52kg; -57kg; -63kg; -70kg; -78kg; +78kg
Male	-60kg; -66kg; -73kg; -81kg; -90kg; -100kg; +100kg

KATA – Senior Advanced – Born in 2012 and earlier
minimum rank brown belt for Tori and blue belt for Uke.
Nage-No-Kata; Kodokan Goshin-Jutsu; Katame-No-Kata; Ju-No-Kata; Kime-No-Kata

KATA – U21 Advanced – Born in 2007 – 2012
Minimum rank green belt for Tori and orange for Uke
Nage-No-Kata; Kodokan Goshin-Jutsu; Katame-No-Kata; Ju-No-Kata; Kime-No-Kata

KATA – U18 Advanced – Born in 2010, 2011, 2012
Minimum rank green belt for Tori and orange for Uke
Nage-No-Kata; Kodokan Goshin-Jutsu; Katame-No-Kata; Ju-No-Kata; Kime-No-Kata

KATA – U16 Advanced – Born in 2012 and 2015
Minimum rank orange belt for Tori and yellow Uke.
Nage-No-Kata; Kodokan Goshin-Jutsu; Katame-No-Kata; Ju-No-Kata; Kime-No-Kata

NE-WAZA – Born 2012 and earlier	
Green belt minimum	
Female	-52kg; -63kg; +63kg

Male	-66kg; -81kg; +81kg

**Younger participants are allowed to compete as per the Early Bloomer clause:*
Early Bloomer Form

*** The organizers reserve the right to modify or combine weight divisions in case of an inadequate number of participants*.

NOTE: No athlete is allowed to compete in more than one age division per day in this tournament unless otherwise approved on a case-by-case basis by the High-Performance Committee. However, the Ne-waza and Kata events are not included in this restriction.

Fees

Division	Cost
U10 / U12	$50
U14	$60
U16 / U18 / U21 / Seniors / Veterans	$90
Kata	$40
Ne-Waza	$90
Additional Division	$45
Late Fee *after (18:00 on November 27th 2026)*	$40
Weight Division change *after (18:00 on November 27th 2026)*	$30
Kata Seminar	$50

Competition Format

- **U10/U12**
  - Athletes closest in weight will be grouped together in divisions of (ideally) 3 – 5 competitors and will compete in a round robin format.
- **U14, U16, U18, Senior, Veteran, Ne-Waza**
  - In weight categories with eight (8) or more competitors, the modified double elimination format will be used.

- In weight categories with six (6) or seven (7) competitors, the double pool format will be used.
- In weight categories with five (5) or fewer competitors, the round-robin/pool format will be used.
- In the event of a triple tie in the round-robin/pool format, tied competitors compete again in a best of three or round robin/pool respectively. Each tie-breaker bout will be fought in the Golden Score format.

Tournament regulations as per Judo Canada's Sanctioning Policy and Tournament Standards – 2026-2027. https://judocanada.org/tournament-policy-ne-waza-2/

All issues/cases(s) that are unexpected or deemed exceptional circumstances will be solved by decisions taken by the tournament director in cooperation with the Judo Canada Chief Official.

Medal Ceremony

Medal winners must attend the medal ceremony in their WHITE judogi. Medal winners who refuse to participate in the ceremony will be removed from the result list and will not place (carding points may be removed).

Medals: Gold, Silver and Bronze are awarded for First, Second and Third place/s, respectively, as per the tournament standards. Medal presentations will take place shortly after the conclusion of each age division.

U10 will receive participation awards.

No promotional articles are authorized to be used/displayed on the podium (flags, T-shirt, socks or similar items).

Insurance

Judo Canada and Judo Manitoba (or any of its officials or members) will not be liable or responsible for any personal injury nor for any loss or damage to any property resulting from participation and travelling in connection with this tournament.

More information

The Tournament Director and Judo Canada reserve the right to revoke the accreditation of anyone showing blatant disrespect for the rules and procedures of the competition.

- Tournament Regulations as per Judo Canada's Sanctioning Policy and Tournament Standards 2026-2027, unless specified otherwise in this document.
- A minimum of 2 competitors must be registered in a weight category for the competition to take place.
- Medals are only awarded if an athlete has won a match and according to Judo Canada Tournament Standards protocol, i.e. two participants – only gold medal awarded unless both athletes win a match; three participants – only gold and silver awarded; etc.
- This tournament will hold Kata competitions for KATAME-NO-KATA, JU-NO-KATA, KIME-NO-KATA NAGE-NO-KATA and KODOKAN GOSHIN JUTSU. There are no gender specific

divisions, so all pairs are welcome (mixed or not). Multiple entries are accepted. The same competitor can enter only once in the same kata.

- FOR SHIAI: **White judogi is mandatory for U10, U12, U14, Novice divisions and Veterans. Blue judogi is optional.**
- FOR SHIAI: **White & blue judogis are mandatory for U16 & older. Exception: Novice and Veterans**
- FOR KATA: White judogis only. No red & white belts.
- Each team (including officials) is responsible for reserving its own accommodation according to format specified in this package.
- **Accreditation will be done at time of weigh-ins.**
- No use of bleeding dyes on the body or hair of competitors is allowed. In cases such use is undetected and results in damage to the equipment of the opponent or the tatami, the competitor will be disqualified and the Provincial Association of which that individual is a member will be charged for the damage.

For any concerns or questions, please contact Milton Good: *mgood@shaw.ca*