



SANCTIONING POLICY & TOURNAMENT STANDARDS

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PREAMBLE:

MISSION

The purpose of this document is to standardize the operation of judo tournaments and other judo events in Canada; and to challenge the Organizing Committee of a Judo tournament to host a first-class event that will showcase judo to the parents, the public, the media and the membership of Judo Canada.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER:

A) Entertainment

One of the goals of hosting a judo tournament is to win the support of the general public and media. Attention must be placed on non-technical aspects. The presentation of the competition should be approached from an entertainment perspective. Analyze the competition from the spectator's point of view. Pay attention to presentation of the venue; the schedule and communication of it to the public; the quality of announcements.

B) Volunteers

Regardless of the size of the event one of the keys to hosting a successful Judo tournament is a well structured Organizing Committee. Each individual must have a clear understanding of roles and areas of responsibility before committing to the project. At the time that volunteers are being recruited it is essential that they are presented with a detailed job description, understand the reporting structure, know how their position fits into the overall organization, and most importantly, are able to commit to the number of hours of service required. Detailed Job descriptions with an estimated time commitment are available from Judo Canada.

C) Leadership

Depending on the size and a scope of the event, the leadership may be as small as a Technical Director of the dojo for a small club tournament, to as large as an Executive Committee of an independent corporation run by a professional staff for a large scale International Events. The leadership of the organizing committee must keep the project on task and within budget. A detailed task list, with established deadlines and priorities, will ensure that the tasks are completed on time and remain coordinated between the various subcommittees. It is essential that volunteers are able to deliver on schedule. When a task is not completed as required the volunteer must be made aware of his / her responsibility to the other members of the committee and the problem must be rectified as quickly and efficiently as possible.

- Number of Volunteers and defined roles: To host a successful competition takes a large number of volunteers. Use the proposed Judo Canada job descriptions and stick to it. One volunteer – one job. Do not overload volunteers with a variety of tasks. You will lose them and their job will not be done well.
- If one of the goals of hosting an event is to popularize judo, the presentation of the event must appeal to today's sporting industry consumer. Enlist the support of non-judo

- volunteers, parents, service clubs who may bring a different perspective and expertise.
- An opening ceremony should take no more than ten minutes. The shorter it is the better.
 - Medal ceremony should be integrated into the final order of matches and not left to the end of the competitions when often there are no spectators left.
 - The competition site cannot be disassembled until the last medal ceremonies are concluded.

DEFINITION OF A TOURNAMENT (SHIAI)

Any Judo event in Canada that has an objective to determine a winner and/or to award prizes, is considered a tournament and should be organized in accordance with the standards outlined in this document. For practical reasons events are classified into the following categories:

CLASSIFICATION OF SHIAI

1. **International** events organized in Canada under the jurisdiction of the International Judo Federation will be organized according to the IJF Sport Organization Rules (available at the <http://www.ijf.org/>).
2. **International-National** events organized in Canada, under jurisdiction of Judo Canada will be organized according to the Judo Canada “Tournament Standard and Sanctions” policy.
3. **International-Provincial, Regional and Club** events organized in Canada, under jurisdiction of any Provincial/Territorial judo association, will be organized according to the Judo Canada “Tournament Standard and Sanctions policy”. The standards outlined in this policy must be respected, but they may be modified and made more but not less restrictive by specific regulations approved by a Provincial/Territorial Judo Association.

SANCTIONING POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SANCTION LEVELS

It is in the best interest of Judo in Canada to ensure that judo tournaments that are held in Canada meet standards that will ensure the success of the event and the safety of the participants. To promote the improvement of tournament standards and the prestige Judo Canada will issue two different levels of sanctions:

A) Sanction level A:

For **International** tournaments that are sanctioned by the IJF; and **National** tournaments that are approved by Judo Canada after formal bidding process was followed. Judo Canada's staff, if required, will be involved in organization of such events.

B) Sanction level B

For tournaments that are sanctioned by a provincial judo association, Judo Canada will automatically provide sanctions at the "B" Level. The respective provincial judo associations are charged with ensuring that the event complies with their own standards and complies with the standards of this Policy. Judo Canada will not be involved in the organization or operation of "B" sanctioned competitions.

PROCEDURE:

1. SANCTION LEVEL

- 1.1 The Organizer planning to run an "A" level sanction event will receive this sanction from Judo Canada upon the acceptance of the bid.
- 1.2 The Organizer planning to run a "B" level event, must apply for sanctions to their respective P/T Tournament Commission (or equivalent)

2. THE DATE OF THE TOURNAMENT

- 2.1 The Date of the Tournament must be approved by the Tournament Commission (or P/T equivalent), to fit into the yearly competition calendar with the goal to benefit the development of the athlete in accordance with the Long Term Athlete Development Model.

3. THE NAME OF THE EVENT

- 3.1 The **name of the event** must not be misleading, must not compromise another organisation's rights nor express an authority that is beyond that of the organising committee (i.e. the IJF has the expressed rights to "World" level events, Judo Canada has the expressed rights to "National" level events, etc.).

4. MECHANISM FOR CHECKING JUDOKA MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 The organizers of an event must ensure that they have a mechanism in place to ensure that all participants in any tournament or other event taking place in Canada are **members in good standing** of Judo Canada and their respective P/T associations; or members in good standing of another National Federation recognized by the IJF.

APPLICATION FORM for the SANCTION of an EVENT:

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact person: _____ Telephone: _____
Club: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Province: _____
Postal Code: _____

Please attach to this form the Technical Package (draft Technical Package).

Are all the regulations included in this Technical Package consistent with the regulations of the Judo Canada Tournament Standards?

YES NO

If NO, which of the standards are you planning to change and why:

2. VENUE

FACILITY NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

Does the facility allow an event set-up consistent with Judo Canada's Tournament Standards?

YES NO

If NO, which of the standards cannot be met.

TOURNAMENT AND VENUE REGULATIONS

All the regulations listed below are in addition to or they are modifications of, and clarifications of the Sport Organization Rules of the IJF. Since the IJF is responsible only for the sanctioning of the World level events, a number of areas are outside of their jurisdiction and thus require modifications addressing various age groups and capacities.

1. **Membership in Good Standing:**

Participants in any judo event in Canada, must be members in good standing of Judo Canada or members of another judo association recognized by the IJF. The responsibility of the Organizing Committee of any event taking place in Canada, is to ensure that each entered athlete is a member in good standing of his or her respective Provincial/Territorial organization. The onus of proof of a membership in good standing is on the athlete or the designated Provincial/Country representative.
2. **Code of Conduct:**

Judo Canada Code of Conduct, Discipline Procedure and Coaching Code of Ethics will be enforced in all shiais.
3. **Dress Code:**
 - 3.1. Competitors must wear shoes or sandals while not on the mat.
 - 3.2. Athletes who wish to access the competition area and/or warm up area of a shiai-jo must wear a tracksuit or a judogi.
4. **Medal winners:**
 - 4.1. Medal winners must attend the medal ceremony in their judogi or an official sport uniform.
 - 4.2. Medal winners that refuse to participate in the ceremony will be removed from the result list and will not place. (Carding points may be removed)
5. **Coaching:**
 - 5.1 Dress
 - 5.1.1 Coaches will be allowed in the vicinity of the mat.
 - 5.1.2. For events under the **IJF** jurisdiction as per the IJF rules;
 - 5.1.3. For events under **Judo Canada** and **Provincial/Territorial Association** jurisdiction coaches are required to wear appropriate track suits.
 - 5.1.4. For **all other events** coaches must be dressed appropriately.
 - 5.1.5. **No head covering** of any kind is allowed when coaching.
 - 5.2 Certification
 - 5.2.1 At the **National** Championships, the **Provincial coaches** must be certified Level III.
 - 5.2.2. **Assistant coaches** must be certified Level II or Dojo Instructor.
 - 5.3.1. At **Provincial** level events, the minimum recommended level for a **head coaches** is Level II or Dojo Instructor.
 - 5.3.2. **Assistant coaches** are recommended to be certified Level I or Dojo Assistant.
6. **Anti-Doping Policy:**

Although the focus of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) is on the athlete competing at the International and National levels, all judo events in Canada are subject to the

Canada's Anti-doping Policy and are therefore subject to unannounced doping control. To learn more about this policy please visit <http://www.cces.ca/pdfs/CCES-PUB-AthleteGuideDopingControl-E.pdf>

8. **Head coverings:**

No head covering of any kind is allowed on athletes in judo competition.

For more specific policy see the following link http://www.judocanada.org/system/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Head-Covering-Policy-_EN.pdf

9. **Actions against the spirit of Judo:**

The tournament Chair has the right to revoke the accreditation of anyone showing blatant disrespect for the rules and procedures for the competition as established by the Organizing Committee.

10. **Zero-tolerance Alcohol Policy:**

There is a zero-tolerance alcohol policy in effect which will result in an automatic revocation of accreditation for all athletes of the age of minority who consume alcohol during the event (from the moment of arrival to the moment of departure).

11. **Combat Surface—Size:**

11.1.1. For all International and National level events organized in Canada, the IJF mat combat surface regulations apply.

11.1.2. The **recommended size** of the competition area is 8m x 8m with a three (3) meter outside safety zone and **four (4) meters** between adjacent combat areas.

11.1.3. At a **minimum size** of the competition area is 7m x 7m with a three meter outside safety zone and **three (3) meters** between adjacent combat areas.

11.2. For competition of children **U15** and younger, the combat area may be reduced to 6m X 6m. The safety zone remains **three (3) meters** all around.

11.3. For competition of children **U13** and younger, the minimum combat area may be reduced to 5m X 5m. The safety zone around is **three (3) meters**.

11.4. The **safety zone** may be reduced to two (2) meters providing that the rules are adapted to make the event safe--for example skill competitions for children or Ne Waza competitions.

12. **Tournament records:**

12.1. Tournament records including draw sheets must be preserved.

12.2. All records of **Nationally "A"** sanctioned events must be communicated to Judo Canada within 4 weeks of the event.

12.2. All records of **Provincial Events** should be kept at the office of the host Province and made available to Judo Canada upon request.

CHIEF OFFICIAL

13. **APPOINTMENT:**

- 13.1. The Chief Official for each shiai will be appointed by the appropriate institution of the provincial association.
- 13.2. The Chief Official whenever possible should not be a member of the hosting club, nor have any interest in the host club.

14. ROLE DESCRIPTION:

- 14.1. The Chief Official shall provide a site inspection to ensure that it is safe and that it complies with the sanctioning document. The Shiai Director shall correct any deficiencies prior to the start of the Shiai.
 - 14.2.1. A check list will be completed and signed by the Chief Official prior to the event.
 - 14.2.2. A check list noting the deficiencies arising from the running of the shiai and the corrections made will be completed and signed by the Chief Official after the event.
- 14.3. Will continue to monitor the Shiai for safety issues.
- 14.4. Will see that the Shiai is conducted according to the NSO and PSO rules.
- 14.4. Will see that all athletes participating in the event present their proof of membership at the time of registration.
- 14.5. Will oversee the proper storage of the mats for transport at the shiai's completion.

15. AUTHORITY:

- 15.1. The Chief Official has the authority to shut down an event that does not comply with the safety standards as laid down in the NSO/PSO rules.
- 15.2. The Chief Official has the authority to shut down an event at any time during the event if the safety of the athletes is in question.
- 15.3. The event will only be allowed to continue once the deficiencies have been addressed to the Chief Official's satisfaction.
- 15.4. The Chief Official may examine the draw sheets at any time.

16. ACCOUNTABILITY:

- 20.1. The Chief Official for each event is accountable to the provincial organization.

CHIEF REFEREE:

17. APPOINTMENT:

- 17.1. The Chief Referee for a Shiai will be appointed by the Chief Referee of the national/provincial organization.

SHIAI DIRECTOR

18. ROLE DESCRIPTION & RESPONSIBILITIES:

18.1. The Shiai Director is responsible for the operation of the Shiai.

18.2. The Shiai Director is responsible for, but not limited to:

- the preparation of the technical package,
- obtaining and paying for the sanction,
- the registration of athletes,
- checking the athlete's for membership in good standing,
- filing a post event report.

18.3. The Shiai Director shall have a copy of National Sports Organization document, Judo Canada: Tournament Policy—Standards and Sanctions, available, for the Chief Official.

18.4. The Shiai Director shall have a copy of Provincial Sports Organization document regarding sanctions available for the Chief Official.

19. RESTRICTION:

19.1. The **Shiai Director CANNOT** act in the roles of: **Chief Referee** or **Chief Official** in events beyond club level.

COMPETITION RULES ADDITIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

The rules below are in addition to, and are clarifications of the IJF rules. These rules fall under six broad categories: Competition, Techniques, Scoring, Dress, Medical and Legal.

COMPETITION:

1. Early Bloomer:

- 1.1. Judo Canada, applies the following “*early bloomer*” clause for the **National Championships**--subject to approval on a case-by-case basis by the Judo Canada designated Committee in order to allow a young but exceptionally mature athlete to gain an enhanced competitive experience:
“An athlete who wins a medal at the U17 National Championships can enter a National Championship in an older age group (U20, Senior) in that and in the following year despite the fact that he/she still is U17.”
- 1.2. “AS WELL, an athlete who wins a medal at the U15 National Championships can enter a National Championship in age group (of U17 and U20) in the following year despite the fact that he/she still is U15.”
- 1.3. Athletes competing in **regional events** and falling under the “early bloomer” clause based on the same principle as is specified above, can compete in two age events during one tournament, providing that these two events do not take place on the same day--subject to approval on a case-by-case basis by Judo Canada or provincially designated Committee.

2. Visually Impaired:

- 2.1. In case a Visually Impaired judoka enters judo tournaments for able body athletes, and he/she does not consent to compete as per the able judo regulations, the regulations for a Visually Impaired Judo will automatically apply.
- 2.2. If the Able-bodied judoka does not wish to consent to compete against the Visually Impaired judoka according to the modified regulations, the Visually Impaired judoka wins by *fusen gachi*.
- 2.3. Tournaments used for selection should be excluded from this regulation.

3. One division per day & Exceptions:

- 3.1. Competitors of any age group **except Masters** are allowed to compete only in one Individual Shiai division per day, except if the open category is contested at that same Shiai.
- 3.2. In a “B” sanctioned events, when the number of competitors in a division is one or two, participants in that event are allowed to compete in another division taking place on the same day – at discretion of the tournament director.

4. Call to Mat:

- 4.1. Any competitor not on the mat area after having been called three (3) times, at 1-minute intervals, will automatically lose the bout.

5. Rest Periods:

5.1. Rest between bouts will be at a minimum a double time of the maximum length of the bout for a given age group.

6. **Hygiene:**

- 6.1 The judogi shall be clean, dry and without unpleasant odor.
- 6.2 The nails of the feet and hands shall be cut short.
- 6.3 Long hair has to be bound with an elastic band (no metal).
- 6.4 Spectacles, watches and jewelry, etc. are prohibited.
- 9.5 Make up and strong scents is not allowed.

TECHNIQUE:

7 **Kansetsu Waza and Shime Waza Restrictions:**

- 7.1. No Kansetsu Waza or Shime Waza are allowed in any competition for a novice judoka – Orange Belt and below (**all ages**);
- 7.2. **U17:** No Kansetsu Waza are allowed in any competition for a judoka under the age of 17.
- 7.3. **U 15:** No Shime Waza are allowed in any competition for a judoka under the age of 15.

8. **Use of Sankaku gatame:**

- 8.1. The U15 and younger are not allowed to use Sankaku gatame for it is impossible to determine whether it is applied as a Katame or a Shime Waza.

9. **White belts:**

- 9.1. All white belt beginner judoka of U11 age group and older are allowed to enter into competition in *Ne Waza*.

SCORING:

10. **Hansoku make:**

- 10.1. Any competitor disqualified by direct hansoku-make for an action dangerous to the opponent **or** an action contradictory to the spirit of judo **will not be eligible** for repechage and will lose his/her standing.
- 10.2. A competitor disqualified by direct hansoku-make for any other reason, loses the match but **can continue** in the repechage round.

11. **Kiken-gachi:**

- 11.1. Any competitor submitting by kiken-gachi (injury) will not be allowed to resume competition without permission from the medical officer appointed by the tournament organizing committee.

DRESS:

12. **White and a Blue judogi:**

- 12.1. White and a Blue judogi are required at all **IJF** sanctioned International level events.
- 12.2. All **National Championships** in Canada require two-colour judogi.
- 12.3.1. At **all other events** in Canada, the choice of one- or two-colour judogi is at the discretion of the Organizing Committees of events.

12.3.2. If one-colour judogi is the preferred option, it must be white.

13. Judogi & T-shirts:

13.1. All judoka entering the tournament must have an immediate access to judogi conforming with the IJF regulations.

13.2. All female judoka entering the tournament must have an immediate access to a second white T-shirt.

MEDICAL:

14. Loss of consciousness:

14.1. Any U17 (or younger), competitor who loses consciousness as a result of a Shime Waza, is not allowed to continue in the tournament and will not be eligible for repechage due to a medical withdrawal.

15. Concussion:

15.1. Any competitor diagnosed during an event with symptoms of concussion, shall be withdrawn from the competition.

16. Medical examinations:

16.1. Two, one-minute medical examinations/competitor/match will be allowed for **U17** and **U15** divisions and younger.

16.2. A third medical examination will result in kiken-gachi for the opponent.

16.3. Blood situations and minor injuries will be dealt with in accordance with the current IJF rules.

17. Asthma medications:

17.1. Asthma medications can be used only as prescribed by the physician. They are included on the list of prohibited performance enhancing substances and their use in excess or without prescription, will result in an anti-doping rules violation.

18. "Blood Free" Environment:

18.1. Each venue hosting judo competition must provide a "blood free" environment. To remove any blood contamination from the combat zone a chlorine solvent must be available for cleaning.

18.2. A judogi contaminated with blood, must be changed.

LEGAL:

19. Alcohol & Drugs:

19.1. No alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs are permitted on the premises of a judo tournament.

MEDICAL COVERAGE

1. The appropriate medical / therapy supervision and care at competitions is a fundamental aspect of hosting any competition.
2. At events under the **IJF** jurisdiction, only Medical Doctors accredited by the IJF will have access to the competition area. At these events the medical personnel accredited by the team, will have a priority over the domestic medical staff, for the care of athletes of their team
3. At **National Championships** Judo Canada will appoint a chief medical officer who will be in charge of the medical staff designated by the Local Organizing Committee.
4. **Medical Officer Professional Standards:**
 - 4.1. For any judo competition in Canada, a medical officer must be appointed and must meet one of the following professional standards:
 - Medical Doctor (preferably experienced in service of judo events)
 - Certified athletic therapist
 - Physiotherapist with a valid first responder certificate
 - Emergency Response Nurse
 - Certified Paramedic
5. **Emergency Action Plan:**
 - 5.1. Each venue hosting judo competitions must have an Emergency Action Plan.
6. **First Aid Kit:**
 - 6.1. Each venue hosting judo competitions must be equipped with a basic First Aid Kit, Pocket mask, oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal airways and splinting equipment.
7. **AED (automatic external defibrillator):**
 - 7.1. In addition to the above, each organizing committee hosting judo competitions for Master athletes, and/or Kata competitions must offer access to an AED (automatic external defibrillator).
 - 7.2. In addition, Judo Canada strongly recommends to each organizing committee, hosting judo competitions for Master Athletes to offer access to oxygen tank and non-re-breather oxygen masks.

TOURNAMENT FORMATS AND DRAW SYSTEM

FORMATS

The tournament format must be announced in advance of the event; the latest being at the time of the sanctioning application.

A) World Ranking events under the IJF Jurisdiction and Continental Championships, regardless of the number of participants in a weight category, the following formats may be used:

1. Straight elimination without repechage for a Grand Slam, Grand Prix and Masters events. Losers of the semifinal receive bronze medals.
2. Straight elimination with a quarterfinal (last 8 competitors) repechage at the World Championships, Continental Championships and World Cup events.

B) Other events taking place in Canada the following formats may be used:

1. For Weight categories with eight (8) or more entrants:

- 1.1. Double repechage system – international events under **IJF** jurisdiction other than the World ranking events.
- 1.2. Modified double elimination system – used at the **Senior; U20; U17 and U15 National Championships**.
- 1.3. True double elimination system.
- 1.4. Multiple pool elimination systems

2. Weight categories fielding seven (7) or fewer entrants:

- 2.1. Two (2) pool system for six (6) and seven (7) entrants – used at all National Championships.
- 2.2. One pool system (Round Robin) for five (5) and fewer entrants – used at all National Championships.
- 2.3. Modified double elimination.
- 2.4. True double elimination.

FORMAT– details

1. Double Repchage system:

- 1.1. Participants in each weight category are drawn into two tables, "A" and "B". Each table is subdivided into two (A1, A2, B1, B2).
- 1.2. Straight elimination until the finalists are determined for each subgroup. Repechage competition begins after winners of the A1, A2, B1 and B2 subdivisions are determined.

- 1.3. Winner A1 meets winner A2 and winner B1 meets winner B2 to determine the winners of tables A and B, respectively.
- 1.4. Winners of table A and table B compete to determine first and second place, while the losers compete for third place against the winners of the repechage from the opposite table.
- 1.5. For the national team selection purpose the two bronze medalists will meet to determine third and fourth place ranking (unless they met in an earlier round of the tournament).

2. Modified Double Elimination system.

- 2.1. The winner of each match advances to the next round until only 1 undefeated athlete remains in championship tables A and B. These athletes will meet to determine the gold and silver medals.
- 2.2. After a first loss in the championship tables A or B, the losing athlete is moved to the corresponding repechage table according to the bout number just fought. Bout numbers in the championship table, a1, a2, a3 and so on, have a corresponding match in the repechage tables which indicates the next position for the loser of the bout.
- 2.3. A loss in the repechage table eliminates the athlete from further competition.
- 2.4. **Note that in this tournament format, some athletes may meet twice during the competition – first time in the preliminaries and again in the repechage.**

3. True Double Elimination system.

- 3.1. As above, except the competition continues until each of the athletes, with the exception of the winner, loses twice. In this system, an athlete who loses one bout, can still win the competition.
- 3.2. The winners of pool A and B fight and the loser of that bout waits for the winner of the repechage.

4. Pools system

- 4.1. Preliminaries will consist of pools of three (3), four (4), or five (5) competitors as necessary.
 - 4.1.1 Two (2) competitors will be selected by addition of wins. In case of a tie in number of wins, the highest point score will determine the winner.
 - 4.1.2. In case of a tie in points, the competitor having won his/her fight in the pool will be declared the winner.

- 4.2. In weight categories fielding 2 entrants, the competitors will fight twice.
 - 4.2.1. In case of a tie in victories, a third fight will be held.
 - 4.2.2. For a National Championships, Judo Canada will cancel a weight category should there be less than two competitors in that weight category.
- 4.3. Competition will be by direct elimination after the pools.
 - 4.3.1. Winners of "A" will fight the second place of Pool B and the winner of pool B will fight a second place from pool A.
 - 4.3.2. Winners of these bouts will meet for a gold medal and losers will be awarded bronze medals.
- 4.4. Determination of a winner in a pool is made on the following basis: **1 point** for a win and **Judo-specific points** as per the table below (See Item 6 below). i.e.

win by ippon	recorded as 1/10
win by wazari	recorded as: 1/7
win by yuko	recorded as: 1/5

- 4.4.1. The points for wins are added and the larger points win.
- 4.4.2. In case there are equal numbers of wins accomplished by number of competitors, the small points are added and the highest total wins, etc.
- 4.4.3. In case there is a tie in both points totals, the winner is determined by who beat whom.
- 4.4.4. There is no possibility of a two way tie in a pool system. There is a probability of a triple tie.

5. Tie breaking criteria for a pool system.

Note! Pending the level of an event the breaking of the tie in a pool system may not be required. I.e. – In tournaments that do not have to determine a winner, a number of athletes may receive gold medals.

- 5.1. The tied competitors compete again in a Round Robin in a pool of three. In this situation it is at the discretion of the tournament director to use the Golden Score timing principles from the beginning of the bout.
- 5.2. In case the tie in the pool persists the following tie breaking criteria will apply. (**IMPORTANT:** *The time of each bout must be correctly recorded*).
- 5.3. The tournament director will decide whether the competition schedule allows conducting the round robin involving tied competitors for the second time. (i.e. minimum time required in pool of 3 competitors is 29 minutes for U15 and 36 minutes for Seniors).

- 5.4. In case the tie persists after the second round (or third if such was conducted), the total time of bouts won in the competition, by each of the participant, will be added. The judoka with the shortest total time will place first; the judoka with the second shortest time will place second; etc.
- 5.5. In case the tie persists after the step (2), the weight of the competitors recorded during the official weigh-in will determine their placing. The lightest will place first, second lightest second; etc.
- 5.6. In case the tie persists, the Tournament Director or a designate will make a decision on further action

NOTE: In a pool tournament format, when an athlete is withdrawn (Medical or direct Hansoku-make) from the tournament, the future opponent(s) receive points for *fusen gachi*.

6. Point system.

Call	Equivalent	Points	Abr.	Explanation
Ippon		10	IPO	Full point
Waza-Ari		7	WAZ	Not quite Ippon
Yuko		5	YUK	Not quite Waza-ari
Hansoku make Or 4 th shido	Ippon	10	HAN	Disqualification
3 rd Shido	Waza-ari	7	3SH	Penalty
2 nd Shido	Yuko	5	2SH	Penalty
Yusei gachi		1	YUS	Decision
Fusen gachi		10	FUS	Default
Kiken gachi		10	KIK	Withdrawal or Injury
Sogo gachi		10	SOG	Compound win (3shido + Waza-ari)

SEEDING

In tournaments where seeding of top athletes is used, the seeding protocol must be announced in the Technical Package of the event.

Traditional seeding protocol for four (4) seeds:

- #1 seed - position in pool A1
- #2 seed - position in pool B2
- #3 seed - position in pool B1
- #4 seed - position in pool A2

DRAW PROCEDURE

1. Draw systems:

- 1.1.1. All events under the **IJF** jurisdiction will hold the draw the day before the first day of the competitions.
- 1.1.2. These draws are final and in case athletes don't meet the weight eligibility standard, they are disqualified and their opponents will receive a *fusen gachi* win.
- 1.2.1. At the **National Championships** in Canada the draw takes place the night prior to the first day of the competition.
- 1.2.2. If an athlete fails to make weight, that athlete is eliminated.
- 1.2.3. Judo Canada reserves the right to redraw the pools if the draw becomes unbalanced.

For example: A weight class with seven athletes is drawn the night before so that Pool "A" has 4 athletes and Pool "B" has 3 athletes. If an athlete in Pool "B" does not make weight then the weight class will be redrawn. If an athlete in Pool "A" does not make weight the Pools are balanced at three athletes each and there is no need to redraw.
- 1.3.1. **All other events** in Canada may either perform the draw the night prior the first day of the event and apply the measures as described in the paragraph above; or
- 1.3.2. They perform the draw after the weigh-in has been concluded.
- 1.4. A use of a computerized tournament-management system that offers a randomized draw option is recommended.

2. Standard format of the draw meeting:

- 2.1. Welcome by Tournament Director.
- 2.2. Role Call to record provincial team leaders.
- 2.3.1. A short explanation of the draw format that will be used. A modified double elimination system is used for National level events in Canada.
- 2.3.2. Non-seeded athletes are drawn at random into the draw sheet, either by a randomized computer program, or manually, using numbered ping pong balls.
- 2.4. Review of Athlete Registration and the Draw:
 - 2.4.1 The list of entries and seeding for each weight class will be reviewed prior to the draw of that weight class.
 - 2.4.2. Team leaders are requested to verify spelling of names, weight class, rank, etc.
 - 2.4.3. Last chance for Team leaders to submit substitutions and withdrawals.
 - 2.4.4. The Result Co-ordinator / Sport Director will record changes.
 - 2.4.5. The draw is conducted and accepted.
 - 2.4.6. The draw is posted and distributed as soon as possible.

- 2.5. When a computer is not used to randomize the starting positions of the athletes a random draw is conducted as follows:
 - 2.5.1. Tokens starting from number 1 up to the number of athletes in the weight class are prepared.
 - 2.5.2. The tokens for the seeded athletes are removed
 - 2.5.3. The remaining tokens are placed in a bag to be drawn by the athletes as they weigh-in.
 - 2.5.4. Athletes are placed on the draw sheet according to the number drawn
 - 2.5.5. In smaller regional and club events a placing of competitors may replace a draw and it should be performed by a designated, experienced official who is not in a conflict of interest.
3. During the draw/athletes placing every effort will be made to ensure athletes from the same province/region/club – depending on the level of the event, do not fight in the first round(s).
4. During the tournament, a frequent update of draws should be made available to spectators, wherever possible.

WEIGH-IN

Weigh-in procedure will be conducted according to the IJF rules unless modification is allowed as per the regulations below or noted in the competition-specific Technical Package – to be consistent with a Provincial/Territorial policy. The Tournament Director or designate attends the weigh-in to ensure order and control.

1. Official & Trial Scales:

- 1.1. A set of trial scales or access to official scales must be available to the participants of the event.
- 1.2. For events when a headquarter hotel is selected, scales must be made available at this location at least one full day before the official weigh-in.
- 1.3. If the trial scales are not the same as the official scales, these must be calibrated to read identically to the official scales.
- 1.4. If electronic scales are used, the required accuracy is up to 100 grams (the first decimal digit after kilogram reading).
- 1.5. If the display shows more digits, these must be covered by non-transparent tape.

2. Male-Female Trial Scales:

- 2.1. Trial scales for male and female athletes must be placed in separate rooms.

3. Weigh-in Room Attendants:

- 3.1. All weigh-in room attendants must be of the same gender as the athletes.

4. **Security & Availability:**
 - 4.1. For events where a multiple official weigh-in sessions occur, to avoid damage and/or to maintain calibration of the official scales, they shall remain locked in a secure room except for the weigh-ins and one hour prior to the official weigh-in.
 - 4.2. The official scales must be available to the athletes one hour prior to the start of the official weigh-in.
5. The official weigh-in must end a minimum of two hours prior to the start of competition.
6. **Shortened Time-line:**
 - 6.1. For **B sanctioned tournaments**, the weigh in may take place a day prior to the event.
 - 6.2. As well, when necessary, the minimum time between the end of the weigh-in and the beginning of the competition may be shortened, as stated in the specific Technical Package.
7. **Weight-class & Scale:**
 - 7.1. At large events to ensure an orderly procedure, each weight class is assigned to a specific scale.
 - 7.2. Contestants must weigh on the assigned scale only and cannot change.
8. **Identification:**
 - 8.1. Each Canadian athlete is required to present a Judo Canada passport (or equivalent) at the official weigh-in.
 - 8.2. All athletes attending the weigh-in must present a photo I.D.
9. **Removal of clothing:**
 - 9.1. The athletes shall weigh-in without any clothing or wearing only underclothing.
 - 9.2. Under the supervision of the weigh-in official, the athlete may be requested to remove his/her underclothing to ensure he/she reaches the minimum weight limit of the weight class in which he/she has entered.
10. **Weight Tolerance:**
 - 10.1. Unless noted otherwise in a tournament technical information package, no weight tolerance is accepted.
 - 10.2. Contestant's weight must be within the lower and upper limits of the class for which he/she is registered, with the exception of the lightweight, heavyweight and Open weight events.
11. **Checking Weight:**
 - 11.1. Each athlete is allowed to step on the scale only once for no more than 60 seconds or as instructed by the official. i.e. A brief step-down from the scale to remove clothing or to cut hair is allowed.
12. **Recording Weights:**
 - 12.1. The exact weight of the contestants, including heavy weights, must be entered on the weigh-in sheet, together with the signatures and initials of the weigh-in official.

- 12.2. For events where entries are made to a specific weight division, in case the athlete does not meet the weight standards, the weight must be duly recorded and confirmed with a signature of the weigh-in official and a witness.
13. **Post Weigh-in groupings:**
- 13.1. In events where grouping of categories is determined only after all participants go through the weigh-in, an exact weight of each entrant must be recorded.
14. **Pre-registration, Weight Disqualification & Refunds:**
- 14.1. At events where athletes are pre-registered, any athlete who does not show up at the weigh-in, or who does not meet the weight requirements, may be disqualified.
- 14.2. No refunds will be made for not meeting the weight requirements.
15. **Masters combined divisions:**
- 15.1. For Masters age divisions, in case two weight classes are combined, the contestant must weigh within the lower limit of the lower weight class and the upper limit of the higher weight class.

AGE AND WEIGHT DIVISION STANDARDS

& SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

As per the IJF regulations,
Age refers to **THE AGE AS OF DECEMBER 31st**
However, for events taking place in Canada in the first four months of the season (September through December), the age is calculated as of December 31st, of the second calendar year of the season.

For Example:

For the season starting on Sept 1, 2011 and ending on Aug 31, 2012, the age will be calculated as per the age of the member on December 31, 2012.

U 7

Children younger than 7 years old

1. No Shiai competition is allowed for this age group.
2. Skill demonstration is allowed and should include:
 - 2.1 fundamental movement skills;
 - 2.2 breakfalls in all direction and to the left and right side;
 - 2.3 Ne waza techniques and
 - 2.4 escapes in at least two directions;
3. During the demonstration of throwing techniques, the grip is allowed only at the front of the judogi, except when a hip throwing technique is demonstrated.
4. Demonstrations may include randori for judoka who earned at least a yellow belt. This randori is not judged, but is a part of the demonstration.
5. All participants should be awarded a prize at the end of the presentation.

NOTE: If randori is a part of the demonstration, participants must be matched by size; genders may be mixed. The randori demonstration does not require a tournament size tatami.
6. The grip is allowed only at the front of the judogi.
7. The following actions are not allowed:
 - 7.1 Kansetsu and Shime Waza.
 - 7.2 Head locking with a grip over or around the neck.
 - 7.3 All drop down techniques, which start on one or both knees.
 - 7.4 Tani otoshi.
 - 7.5 Makikomi waza
 - 7.6 Sutemi waza.

U 9

Mixed Gender Events are allowed

Age Minimum 7 years Age Maximum 8 years

Rank Minimum 5th kyu (yellow)

Time Duration 2 minutes; fixed time of the bout **or** up to 3 ippons. No golden score.

Up to and including 20kg

+20 kg up to and including 23 kg

+23 kg up to and including 26 kg

+26 kg up to and including 29 kg

+29 kg up to and including 32 kg

+32 kg up to and including 35 kg

+35 kg up to and including 38 kg

+38 kg up to and including 41 kg

+41 kg up to and including 44 kg

or if other arrangements are needed to accommodate participants, competition among children whose body weights does not differ more than 15% of the weight of the lightest participant in a designated event.

1. The randori demonstration does not require a tournament size tatami.
- 2.1 Skill demonstration must be a part of the competition for the more advanced judoka. For this age group skill demonstrations may be performed in a group setting under direction of the instructor.
- 2.2 **White belts of this age group** must be involved in Skill demonstration only and not in randori or shiai.
- 3.1 A shiai tournament format for this age group must allow all participants to have a minimum competitive experience of a few minutes of fighting as oppose to a few seconds which is usually the case when a regular judo regulations are applied.
- 3.2 The recommended format is Round Robin in which each judoka is having three to four two-minute bouts.
- 3.3 Only in cases when one of the competitors dominates by scoring three ippon's in a row, the judge will halt this bout.
- 3.4 Grip is allowed only at the front of the judogi.
- 3.5 The shiai may be judged by one judge only based on the following:
 - 3.5.1 Technical proficiency (chosen directions, ability to destabilize the opponent, control, usage of left and/or right-handed techniques) up to 10 points;
 - 3.5.2 desire to compete up to 10 points;
 - 3.5.3 fair play up to 10 points

The total number of points is added for all bouts for each child and this is his/her score for which he or she gets a prize.

4. The following actions/techniques are not allowed:

- 4.1 Kansetsu and shime waza.
- 4.2 Head locking with a grip over or around the neck.
- 4.3 All drop down techniques, which start on one or both knees.
- 4.4 Tani otoshi.
- 4.5 Makikomi waza and sutemi waza.

U 11

Mixed Gender Events are allowed.

Age Minimum	9 years
Age Maximum	10 years

Rank Minimum	5 th kyu (yellow)
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Time Duration	2 minutes; fixed time of the bout or up to 3 ippons. No golden score.
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Up to and including 23kg
+23 kg up to and including 25 kg
+25 kg up to and including 27 kg
+27 kg up to and including 30 kg
+30 kg up to and including 33 kg
+33 kg up to and including 36 kg
+36 kg up to and including 39 kg
+39 kg up to and including 42 kg
+42 kg up to and including 45 kg
and over 45kg

or if other arrangements are needed to accommodate participants, competition among children whose body weights does not differ more than 15% of the weigh of the lightest participant in a designated event.

1. Mixed gender competition is allowed.
2. The competition should provide the participant with a minimum of three bouts in a Round Robin format. The goal is to deliver a positive and meaningful competitive experience.
- 3.1 The recommended format is Round Robin in which each judoka has three to four two minute bouts.
- 3.2 Only in cases when one of the competitors dominates by scoring three ippons in a row, the judge will break this bout.
- 3.3 The grip is allowed only at the front of the judogi.
- 3.4 The shiai is judged by one judge only based on the following:
 - 3.4.1 Technical proficiency (chosen directions, ability to destabilize the opponent, control, usage of left and/or right-handed techniques) up to 10 points;
 - 3.4.2 desire to compete up to 10 points;
 - 3.4.3 fair play up to 10 points
4. The total number of points is added for all bouts for each child and this is his/her score for which he or she gets a prize.
- 5.1 **White belts of this age groups** must be involved in Skill demonstration **only** and not in standing randori or shiai.
- 5.2 **However, they can be involved in ne waza competition.**
6. The following actions and techniques are not allowed and will be penalized by a shido after a second attempt (The first attempt is not penalized and the judge will explain to the judoka that such an action is not allowed):
 - 6.1 Kansetsu and shime waza.
 - 6.2 Head locking with a grip over or around the neck.
 - 6.3 All drop down techniques, which start on one or both knees.
 - 6.4 Tani otoshi or makikomi waza and sutemi waza.

U13

<u>Male</u>		U 13	<u>Female</u>	
Age Minimum	11 years		Age Minimum	11 years
Age Maximum	12 years		Age Maximum	12 years
Rank Minimum	5 th kyu - (Yellow)		Rank Minimum	5 th kyu - (Yellow)
Time Duration	2 minutes. No GS		Time Duration	2 minutes. No GS
Up to and including 30 kg			Up to and including 28 kg	
+30 kg up to and including 34 kg			+28 kg up to and including 32 kg	
+34 kg up to and including 38 kg			+32 kg up to and including 36 kg	
+38 kg up to and including 42 kg			+36 kg up to and including 40 kg	
+42 kg up to and including 46 kg			+40 kg up to and including 44 kg	
+46 kg up to and including 50 kg			+44 kg up to and including 48 kg	
+50 kg up to and including 55 kg			+48 kg up to and including 52 kg	
+55 kg up to and including 60 kg			+52 kg up to and including 57 kg	
more than 60 kg			more than 57 kg	

1. Alternatively, if other arrangements are needed to accommodate participants, competition among children is allowed whose body weights do not differ more than 15% of the weight of the lightest participant in a designated event.
2. Preferred tournament format: Round Robin; Pool system or Modified Double Elimination.
3. The grip is allowed only at the front of the judogi.
4. The following actions and techniques are not allowed and will be penalized by a shido:
 - 4.1 Kansetsu and shime waza.
 - 4.2 Head locking with a grip over or around the neck
 - 4.3 All drop down techniques, which start on one or both knees.
 - 4.4 Tani otoshi
 - 4.5 makikomi waza

Notice that this is the youngest age group where the Sutemi Waza is allowed.

U15

JUVENILE MALE		U 15	JUVENILE FEMALE	
Age Minimum	13 years		Age Minimum	13 years
Age Maximum	14 years		Age Maximum	14 years
Rank Minimum: -			Rank Minimum	
For Regional level events	5 th kyu (yellow)		For Regional level events	5 th kyu (yellow)
For National level events	3 rd kyu (Green)		For National level events	3 rd kyu (Green)
Time Duration	Maximum 3 minutes. No GS		Time Duration	Maximum 3 minutes. No GS
	up to 34 kg more than 34 kg and up to 38 kg more than 38 kg and up to 42 kg more than 42 kg and up to 46 kg more than 46 kg and up to 50 kg more than 50 kg and up to 55 kg more than 55 kg and up to 60 kg more than 60 kg and up to 66 kg more than 66 kg			up to 32 kg more than 32 kg and up to 36 kg more than 36 kg and up to 40 kg more than 40 kg and up to 44 kg more than 44 kg and up to 48 kg more than 48 kg and up to 52 kg more than 52 kg and up to 57 kg more than 57 kg and up to 63 kg more than 63 kg

1. IJF regulations; NO Kansetsu or Shime waza are allowed.
2. Sankaku gatame or sankaku roll-over are interpreted as attempts on a Shime Waza and therefore are not allowed.
3. Format as designated by the Tournament Organizing Committee.
4. There is no “Early Bloomer” clause for the U15 age group at the National.

U17

<u>CADET MALE</u>		U 17	<u>CADET FEMALE</u>	
Age Minimum	15 years		Age Minimum	15 years
Age Maximum	16 years and younger as per the Early bloomer clause* See page 10, Item 1.		Age Maximum	16 years and younger as per the Early bloomer clause * See page 10, Item 1.
Rank Minimum:			Rank Minimum	
For Regional level events	5 th kyu (yellow)		For Regional level events	5 th kyu (yellow)
For National level events	3 rd kyu (Green)		For National level events	3 rd kyu (Green)
Time Duration	Maximum 4 minutes. GS 2 min.		Time Duration	Maximum 4 minutes. GS 2 min.
	up to 46 kg more than 46 kg and up to 50 kg more than 50 kg and up to 55 kg more than 55 kg and up to 60 kg more than 60 kg and up to 66 kg more than 66 kg and up to 73 kg more than 73 kg and up to 81 kg more than 81 kg and up to 90 kg more than 90 kg			up to 40 kg more than 40 kg and up to 44 kg more than 44 kg and up to 48 kg more than 48 kg and up to 52 kg more than 52 kg and up to 57 kg more than 57 kg and up to 63 kg more than 63 kg and up to 70 kg more than 70 kg

1. IJF regulations; NO Kansetsu waza are allowed.
2. Format as designated by the Tournament Organizing Committee.

<u>JUNIOR MALE</u>		U20	<u>JUNIOR FEMALE</u>	
Age Minimum	16 years		Age Minimum	16 years
Age Maximum	19 years		Age Maximum	19 years
Rank Minimum			Rank Minimum	
For Regional level events	5 th kyu (yellow)		For Regional level events	5 th kyu (yellow)
For National level events	2 nd kyu (Blue)		For National level events	2 nd kyu (Blue)
Time Duration	Maximum 4 minutes GS 2 min.		Time Duration	Maximum 4 minutes GS 2 min.
up to 55 kg (not an IJF weight division) more than 55 kg and up to 60 kg more than 60 kg and up to 66 kg more than 66 kg and up to 73 kg more than 73 kg and up to 81 kg more than 81 kg and up to 90 kg more than 90 kg and up to 100 kg more than 100 kg			up to 44 kg (not an IJF weight division) more than 44 kg and up to 48 kg more than 48 kg and up to 52 kg more than 52 kg and up to 57 kg more than 57 kg and up to 63 kg more than 63 kg and up to 70 kg more than 70 kg and up to 78 kg more than 78 kg	

1. IJF regulations;
2. Format as designated by the Tournament Organizing Committee.

<u>SENIOR MALE</u>	SR	<u>SENIOR FEMALE</u>
Age Minimum 16 years		Age Minimum 16 years
Rank Minimum For Regional level events 5 th kyu (yellow) For National level events 1 st kyu (Brown)		Rank Minimum For Regional level events 5 th kyu (yellow) For National level events 2 nd kyu (Blue)
Time Duration Maximum 5 minutes GS 3min.		Time Duration Maximum 5 minutes GS 3 min.
up to 55 kg (not an IJF weight division) more than 55 kg and up to 60 kg more than 60 kg and up to 66 kg more than 66 kg and up to 73 kg more than 73 kg and up to 81 kg more than 81 kg and up to 90 kg more than 90 kg and up to 100 kg more than 100 kg OPEN weight division		up to 44 kg (not an IJF weight division) more than 44 kg and up to 48 kg more than 48 kg and up to 52 kg more than 52 kg and up to 57 kg more than 57 kg and up to 63 kg more than 63 kg and up to 70 kg more than 70 kg and up to 78 kg more than 78 kg OPEN weight division

1. IJF regulations.
2. Format as designated by the Tournament Organizing Committee.

TEAM EVENTS

1. **The Team event model described below is consistent with the IJF standards for senior competitors. Parallel principles should be used when team events for younger age groups are conducted.**
2. Each team will consist of 5 (five) competitors (for Men as well as for Women).
Note: the masculine gender used in relation to any physical person shall, unless there is a specific provision to the contrary, be understood as including the feminine gender.
3. Weight Categories:
 - 3.1 Women
 - up to and including 52 Kg
 - over 52 Kg up to and including 57 Kg
 - over 57 Kg up to and including 63 Kg
 - over 63 Kg up to and including 70 Kg
 - over 70 Kg
 - 3.2 Men
 - up to and including 66Kg
 - over 66 Kg up to and including 73 Kg
 - over 73 Kg up to and including 81 Kg
 - over 81 Kg up to and including 90 Kg
 - over 90 Kg
4. The team contests will be fought in the order above. Each competitor is entitled to fight in his own weight category or in the next higher category. A reserve is allowed for each weight category. A team consists of 5 (five) competitors and has the possibility to have up to 5 (five) reserves. A team has to consist of minimum 3 (three) competitors.

COMPOSITION OF THE TEAMS

5. Before each round the team leader must present to the Sports Director the composition of his team.
6. At each round he has the right to replace one or several competitors by other(s) competitors of the corresponding weight category or of the next lower category.

NOTE! – NEW in team events:

If at the end of the contest there is not at least a difference of a Yuko between the two competitors, the contest will continue according to Golden Score rule. The referees must take an obligatory decision in each contest. With this modification the tie may occur in a very unlikely event of both teams not contesting in the same weight division(s). In such a case one more match will be conducted to determine the winner of the bout. The weight division to determine the outcome of the dual meet, will be drawn randomly from within the previously contested bouts (not bouts determined by a fusen gachi).

If a team event is conducted for competitors of an age group where the golden score is not allowed, referees must declare a winner at the end of the regular time.

MASTERS (Grand Masters)

AGE DIVISIONS:

<u>Gender</u>	<u>Age Categories</u>
M1/F1	30-34 years
M2/F2	35-39 years
M3/F3	40-44 years
M4/F4	45-49 years
M5/F5	50-54 years
M6/F6	55-59 years
M7/F7	60 -64 years
M8/F8	65-69 years
M9/F9	70 - 74 years
M10/F10	75+

1. NOTE: Weight Divisions:

<u>MASTERS MEN</u>	<u>MASTERS WOMEN</u>
<p>Time Duration</p> <p>3 minutes for age divisions 1 through 6</p> <p>2 minutes for age division 7 and older</p> <p>Golden score 1 minute.</p> <p>Minimum Rank for a national level event is a blue belt.</p>	
<p>up to 60 kg</p> <p>more than 60 kg and up to 66 kg</p> <p>more than 66 kg and up to 73 kg</p> <p>more than 73 kg and up to 81 kg</p> <p>more than 81 kg and up to 90 kg</p> <p>more than 90 kg and up to 100 kg</p> <p>more than 100 kg</p> <p>OPEN weight division</p>	<p>up to 48 kg</p> <p>more than 48 kg and up to 52 kg</p> <p>more than 52 kg and up to 57 kg</p> <p>more than 57 kg and up to 63 kg</p> <p>more than 63 kg and up to 70 kg</p> <p>more than 70 kg and up to 78 kg</p> <p>more than 78 kg</p> <p>OPEN weight division</p>

2. For a level “**B**” sanctioned events, tournament directors may decide to include master events for intermediate judoka defined as a maximum green belt.
- 3.1 A major difference between Masters (grand masters) judo and senior judo is the potential variance with respect to numbers of competitors per category.
- 3.2 In Masters judo, there are eleven (11) age categories and 7 weight categories per gender.
- 3.3 It may often be the case that, due to lack of participants, categories and/or age groupings be combined in certain Masters events. Therefore, there may be some variance with respect to categories contested from tournament to tournament.

3.3.1 For example, the 2009 National Championships featured:

a. Three age categories:

- under 40 years; 40 to 50 years; over 50 years of age

b. Three weight categories for each gender:

- Males -66 kg; -81 kg; 81+kg;
- Females -57kg; -70kg; 70+kg.

4. Category combining – procedures (consistent with the IJF)

4.1 The Director will delegate the authority to determine Category combining.

4.2 Only weight categories with three or fewer entries may be subject to Category combining.

5. Category Combining

5.1 A Technical Official will supervise the Category Combining. This policy applies only to individual competitors.

5.2 Only weight categories with three or less entries may be subject to Category Combining.

5.3 However in the case of only three entries if it is not possible to achieve Category Combining safely and according to the Guidelines then a pool of three elimination system will be considered.

- A) Combining within the same age division
Players should remain within their age division if possible.
- B) Combining using weight categories.

6. Weight category:

6.1 Competitors may only be combined with other competitors who are no more than one weight category lighter or one weight category heavier.

6.2 Special consideration should be given to the actual weight differences when dealing with the lightest and the heaviest female and male categories (as a guideline a maximum of 10kg actual difference when combining the lightest weight category and a maximum of 20kg actual difference when combining the heaviest weight category should be considered as a limit unless there are other compensatory factors such as experience etc).

6.3 Weight should be the primary consideration when moving players about within their own age division or combining them with other age divisions in accordance with the age division guidelines below.

9. **Age divisions:**

- 9.1 Competitors in age divisions M7 or F7 and above (for example M8/F8. M9/F9 etc) may only be combined with other competitors who are no more than one age division higher or more than one age division lower. i.e. Competitors in M7/F7 may only be combined with competitors from M6/F6 or M8/F8.
- 9.2 Competitors in divisions M6 or F6 may be combined with competitors no more than one age division higher or two age divisions lower. i.e. M7/F7, and M5/F5, M4/F4
- 9.3 Competitors in divisions M5 or F5 may be combined with competitors no more than one age division above or two age divisions below i.e. M6/F6, and M4/F4, M3/F3.
- 9.4 Competitors in divisions M4 or F4 may be combined with competitors no more than two age divisions above or two age divisions below i.e. M6/F6, M5/F5, and M3/F3, M2/F2.
- 9.5 Competitors in divisions M3 or F3 may be combined with competitors no more than two age divisions above or two age divisions below i.e. M5/F5, M4/F4, and M2/F2 M1/F1.
- 9.6 Competitors in age divisions M2 or F2 may only be combined with competitors two age divisions above and one age division below i.e. M4/F4, M3/F3 and M1/F1.
- 9.7 Competitors in age divisions M1 or F1 may only be combined with competitors in two age divisions above i.e. M2/F2 and M3/F3

Medals

1. At “**A**” sanctioned events medals are only awarded if contests have been fought and the contestant won a minimum one bout. The allocation is determined by the number of competitors competing in a category as follows:
 - 1.1 One competitor – no medal
 - 1.2 Two competitors – 2 medals – providing that both won a bout
 - 1.3 Three competitors – 3 medals – providing that three won at least one bout
 - 1.4 Four competitors – 3 medals
 - 1.5 Five competitors – 3 medals
 - 1.6 Six and more competitors – 4 medals
2. At “**B**” sanctioned events the distribution of medals is at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
3. If a competitor competes in a combined category only one set of medals will be allocated amongst competitors in that category and not at the same time for the uncontested category.
4. Certificate of Participation will be distributed to all participants from registration.

KATA

1. Kata competition in Canada will not have gender specific divisions. All female, all male or mixed pairs are accepted.
2. There is no age limit in Kata competition.
- 3.1 For “**A**” sanctioned events, the minimum rank is Ikkyu.
- 3.2 For other events the minimum rank is at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
4. Competitions must be judged by designated and certified Judo Canada/ Province Kata judges.
5. The following kata are demonstrated in a contest format in Canada at the National Championships:
 - 5.1 Nage-No-Kata
 - 5.2 Katame-No-Kata
 - 5.3 Ju-No-Kata
 - 5.4 Kime-No-Kata
 - 5.5 Kododan Goshin-Jutsu
6. A competitor may only participate once in a Kata either as Tori or Uke.
7. There will be no musical Katas
8. All competitors must wear a “WHITE” judogi and follow IJF regulations.
9. No patches are to be worn on the back.
10. Female competitors must wear under the judo jacket a white t-shirt with short sleeves, neckline, and long enough to be worn inside the trousers.

Definitions:

- Grip at the Front of the judogi: Tori while facing uke and applying a traditional Kumi-kata, the hand cannot fully pass above the collar bone of Uke.
- *Headlock:*
 - a. “hugging the neck of the Uke”OR
 - b. *Tori’s arm is behind the neck or back of the head of Uke and toris hand passes uke’s far shoulder.*

NOTE!

1. *Since many throws cannot be stopped in mid-action we consider a “headlock” as any time tori’s hand passes uke’s far shoulder.*
- 2.1 *Referees are to call, “Matte,” as soon as tori’s hand does so.*
- 2.2 *The judoka is given a warning on the first infraction and is penalized on subsequent infractions.*

APPENDICES
“A” - PRE-SHIAI CHECK-LIST

Responsible Official for the day: _____ (print legibly)

Event: _____

Location: _____

Date: _____

		Inspected
1.	Number of fighting surfaces conforms with sanctioning document:	
2.	Fighting surfaces	No open cracks between mats
3.	Safety area	a. .5 m open space beyond the mats all around
		b. Outside safety area (min. 3m)
		c. Between fighting surfaces (for 7m x.7m, a 3m separation) (for 8m x 8m, a 3m separation)
		d. No open cracks between mats
4.	Mat tables	Clear separation from the mat for safety (.5m)
	Medical staff	Adequate for the size of the shiai
		Prepared to record type & number of injuries
5.	Emergency action plan	In place
6.	Change rooms & Weigh-in area	Adequate for the size of the shiai
		Adequate for the size of the shiai
7.	Wash rooms	Adequate for the size of the shiai
8.	Officials' room	Adequate for the size of the shiai
9.	Spectator area	Clear separation from mats
10.	Warm-up area	Adequate for the size of the shiai
		Safety zone exists on all sides.

Signed by: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

This document will be returned to the office of the sanctioning jurisdiction (National or Provincial) within 4 weeks of the event taking place.

