

Borderland Judo Winter Classic Tournament 2026

**Technical Package
January 16 & 17, 2026**



Borderland Judo Winter Classic Information Package

Fort Frances, Ontario
Saturday, January 17, 2026
Refereeing Clinic: Friday, January 16, 2026

Welcome Letter

Dear Participants,

Borderland Judo Club of Fort Frances is pleased to invite you to the first **Borderland Judo Winter Classic Judo Tournament** in Fort Frances, Ontario on **Saturday, January 17, 2026**, with a **refereeing clinic** taking place the night before on **Friday, January 16, 2026**.

Be sure to take note of the event information and details that follow in this package. Volunteers, referees, coaches, supporters, spectators, and competitors are valued beyond words. Thank you in advance for your support in our shared passion for Judo.

Please take note of the deadlines for registration and event details.

Randy Ball – Dojoshu
Borderland Judo Club, Fort Frances

Organizing Committee

Role	Name
Tournament Director	Randy Ball
Chief Official	Gordon Witherspoon
Draw Master	Travis Wood
Chief Referee	Chuck MacDonald
Medical Officer	Donna Heyens
Emergency/Questions	Gordon Witherspoon 807-482-3211 Randy Ball 807-276-0263

Sanctioned by Judo Ontario
**THIS CONTEST IS SANCTIONED BY AN ORGANIZATION OFFICIALLY
RECOGNIZED BY THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.**

Tournament Venue

Fort Frances High School

440 McIrvine Rd, Fort Frances, ON P9A 3T8

The recreation facility will also be open for concessions, washrooms, and changing areas.

Eligibility

- Athletes must be full members in good standing with a valid Judo Canada membership.
 - Introductory members are **not eligible**.
 - The registering club/coach is responsible for ensuring athlete eligibility, medical forms, and waivers.
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Weigh-ins

1. Friday evening **6:00pm - 9:00pm** and Saturday morning, **8:00am – 9:30am** at the tournament site.
 2. Conducted in an open area.
 - Athletes **must wear** judogi pants **and a T-shirt**.
 - No stripping of clothes.
 3. **Clothing allowance:**
 - **U10–U14:** 600 g
 - **U16–U21:** 800 g
 - **Senior:** 1 kg
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Registration

THIS IS A PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY TOURNAMENT.

Deadline: **Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

Registration Link: <https://registration.judocanada.org/event/borderlandjudowinterclassic>

- No late entries - All registrations must be in by Wednesday, Jan 14, 2026
- Second entries, and changes are allowed until **6:00pm, Friday January 16, 2025**.
- **No Judo Ontario registration at the venue.**

Shiai Divisions

U10

- Birth Years: **2017-2018**
- Belts: yellow & orange
- **2-minute non-stop**, no Golden Score
- Mixed gender
- Grouped by closest weight (round robin, ideally 3–4 athletes)

U12

- Birth Years: **2015-2016**
- Same format as U10
- Mixed gender

U14

- Birth Years: **2013–2014**
- Match Time: **3 minutes**
- **Female:** -30, -33, -36, -40, -44, -48, -52, -57, -63, +63
- **Male:** -32, -35, -38, -42, -46, -50, -55, -60, -66, +66

U16

- Birth Years: **2011–2012**
- Match Time: **4 minutes**
- **Female:** -36, -40, -44, -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, +70
- **Male:** -38, -42, -46, -50, -55, -60, -66, -73, +73

U18 (Cadet)

- Birth Years: **2009 - 2011**
- Match Time: **4 minutes**
- **Female:** -40, -44, -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, +70
- **Male:** -50, -55, -60, -66, -73, -81, -90, +90

U21 (Junior)

- Birth Years: **2006 - 2011**
- Match Time: **4 minutes**
- **Female:** -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, +78
- **Male:** -60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, +100

Senior

- Born **2011 and earlier**
- Match Time: **4 minutes**
- **Female:** -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, +78
- **Male:** -60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, +100

Competition Format

1. Competitors must bring Judo Ontario membership card/receipt.
2. Fair Play not used for U10 and U12.
3. U10–U14 divisions may be combined as per NSO/PSO rules.
4. Round robin for U10, U12.
5. True double elimination for U14–Senior with 6+ competitors.
6. Uniform Requirements:
 - o Properly fitted **white judogi** required
 - o Blue judogi allowed for blue side
 - o Reversible judogis allowed
 - o **Two blue judogis cannot compete**

Tournament Director decisions are final in exceptional circumstances.

Fees

- **\$50** – Shiai (Saturday)
 - **\$20** – Additional divisions
 - **No Late Registrations** – All registrations must be in by Wednesday, Jan 14, 2026
 - **\$5 Judo Ontario referee development fee** per athlete
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Medal Ceremony

- Competitors must wear a **judogi**.
 - No promotional items (flags, shirts, socks, etc.) permitted on podium.
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Insurance

Judo Canada, Judo Ontario, and their officials/members are not liable for injuries or property damage related to participation or travel associated with this event.

Additional Information

- Tournament Director may revoke accreditation for misconduct.
- Modified double elimination system will be used.
- NSO/PSO rules apply (see judoontario.ca).
- Minimum two competitors per weight category required.
- Teams are responsible for their own accommodations.
- No body/hair dyes allowed; damages caused may result in disqualification and charges to the provincial association.

For questions, contact:

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Spectator admission is free!

Food concession: CASH ONLY