

2026 Arctic Open



TECHNICAL PACKAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Dates: January 30 – February 1, 2026

Location: East Three Elementary School Gymnasium – 116 Kingmingya Rd, Inuvik X0E 0T0

SANCTIONING

This tournament is sanctioned under the Judo Canada Tournament Standards and Sanctioning Policy (2025) and follows the Ne-Waza Competition Rules (2018), with some exceptions to accommodate the unique circumstances of NWT Judo.

REGISTRATION

Deadline: January 30, 2026, at 23:59 MST

Late Deadline: February 1, 2026 at 23:59 MST

Registration Link: [2026 Arctic Open Registration](#)

Eligibility:

- Open to all Canadian and international judoka registered with Judo Canada for the 2025–2026 season.
- Minimum rank: White Belt.
- Uniforms: White or blue judogi required.
- Registration fee: \$20 per athlete.
- Late Registration fee: of \$25 per athlete
- Judo Canada Membership: \$60 (for the 2025–2026 season).
- Please obtain approval from your local coach before registering.
- Contact in advance if you require equipment support (e.g. uniforms, belts).

Travel & Accommodation

Accommodations are available for booking at the Mackenzie Hotel, Capital Suites or Nova Inn. Accommodations at the East Three Gym are **available by request** only, to reserve a spot, contact Inuvik Coach Ed Hartley (ed.hartley@nwtjudoassociation.ca)

- Travel Tip: If flying, keep your judogi and valuables in your carry-on bag.
- Coordinate with your coach for travel and accommodation recommendations.
- Participants from the Dehcho region may qualify for support through the [Mackenzie Recreation Association \(MRA\)](#)

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, January 30 – ETES Gym

- **6:30 PM – 7:00 PM:** Pre Judo (age 5-7)
- **7:00 PM – 8:00 PM:** Youth Group (age 8-12)
- **8:00 PM – 9:30 PM:** Teen & Adult Group (age 13+)

Training sessions are open to all out-of-town athletes!

Saturday, January 31 – ETES Gym

- **9:00 AM – 9:30 AM:** Weigh-in (All Participants)
- **9:30 AM – 10:00 AM:** Group Warm-up
- **10:00 AM – 12:00 AM:** Competition and Medal Ceremonies begin:
Starting with Pre-Judo group, divisions proceed from youngest to oldest; medals are presented after each division.
- **12:00 PM – 12:30 PM:** Lunch Break (Pizza provided at venue)
- **12:30 PM – 5:00 PM:** Competition and Medal Ceremonies continue:
Divisions proceed from youngest to oldest; medals are presented after each division.

Sunday, February 1 – ETES Gym

- **9:00 AM – 10:30 AM:** Training Camp (All Participants)
- **10:30 AM:** Gym/Mat Cleanup

VOLUNTEERS

*The success of this event depends on the dedication of our **volunteers**.*

We encourage parents, supporters, and community members to get involved!

Volunteers are coordinated by Ed Hartley (ed.hartley@nwtjudoassociation.ca).

COMPETITION DETAILS

The tournament begins with Ne-Waza (ground techniques) matches, followed by optional Tachi-Waza (standing) matches for athletes who are able to continue.

Spectators are welcome; admission is free.

DIVISION GUIDELINES

Division	Duration & Notes
<i>PRE-Judo</i>	Games followed by Parent Challenge (or someone they choose!!)
<i>U8 / U10 / U12</i>	2 min; Max 2 Ippon (Ne-Waza only); No submissions. No penalties, however, referee will use as "teachable moment"
<i>U14</i>	3 min; No submissions. Shidos awarded.
<i>U16</i>	3 min + Golden Score; Strangulations only for advanced; No joint manipulations.
<i>U18 / U21 / Senior / Veteran</i>	4 min + Golden Score; Elbow locks & strangulations only; No submissions for White/Yellow belts or less than one year BJJ;

- ***Divisions may be combined by age, skill, or weight at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.**
- ****No leg locks or small joint manipulations are permitted at any level.**
- Win by 2 points per position up to 20 (in Ne-Waza) or Ippon.
- **Scoring and regulations follow Judo Canada's official competition policies:**
 - https://static.judocanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Sanctioning-policy-2025-2026_September2025_EN_compressed.pdf
 - https://www.judocanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Ne-waza-rules-Final_May_2018_EN.pdf

ARTICLES

['Respect for mind, body and soul' as NWT judoka return to Inuvik](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to Inuvik for the 2026 Arctic Open!

For further details, contact the organizing committee at the email address above.

