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Dear Judo Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to participate in the 2026 Canadian Open Championships in Calgary.

The leaders of Judo Canada are grateful to be able to organize this flagship event in the superb facilities of Olympic Oval of University of Calgary. We are touched by the support offered by the city of Calgary, the province of Alberta and especially by the volunteers whose dedication to our sport is inspiring.

You will find in this technical package all the information concerning the competition as well as the various registration deadlines and the rules to be respected.

We hope to see you in Calgary in May 2026, and we wish you an unforgettable experience.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna Hanson'.

Donna Hanson
Chairwoman of the Board of Directors Judo Canada

SCHEDULE*

*This document will be updated as details evolve

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13th, 2026		
Arrival of Provincial Teams and Delegates / Training		
9:00 - 15:00	Kata practical session	TBC
15:00 - 16:30	Kata judges meeting	TBC
17:00 - 18:00	Accreditation for Kata and Ne-waza competitors	Olympic Oval
THURSDAY, MAY 14th, 2026		
9:00 - 10:00	Ne-waza weigh-in	Olympic Oval
8:00 - 12:00	Kata National Championships for U16, U18, U21 and Senior	Olympic Oval
	Medal Presentations	
13:00	Referees meeting - Ne-waza	Olympic Oval
14:00 - 17:00	Ne-waza National Championships	Olympic Oval
	Medal Presentations	
15:00 - 17:00	Accreditation for Open Nationals Shiai competitors, coaches and officials	Olympic Oval
17:30 - 18:30	Unofficial weigh-in	Olympic Oval
18:00-20:00	Referees Seminar on Tatamis (Open to all, mandatory registration)	Olympic Oval
18:30 - 19:30	Official weigh-in U18 and Veteran	Olympic Oval
19:30	Deadline for Withdrawal from second division lists to logistics or Tournament Director	Olympic Oval
FRIDAY, MAY 15th, 2026		
8:00	Referee meeting at venue	Olympic Oval
8:30	National Anthem; Referee and Athletes' oath	
9:00	Preliminaries start for females U18 and all Veteran divisions	
11:00	Preliminaries start for males U18	
16:00	Opening Ceremony	
16:30	Gold medal rounds (All divisions)	
	Medal Presentations	
17:30 - 18:30	Unofficial weigh-in U16 and U21	
18:30 - 19:30	Official weigh-in U16 and U21	
19:30	Deadline for withdrawal from second divisions lists to logistics or Tournament Director	
SATURDAY, MAY 16th, 2026		
8:00	Referee meeting at venue	Olympic Oval
9:00	Preliminaries start for all U21	
13:00	Preliminaries start for all U16	
17:30	Gold medal rounds (All divisions)	
	Medal Presentations	
17:30 - 18:30	Unofficial weigh-in Senior	
18:30 - 19:30	Official weigh-in Senior	
19:30	Deadline for withdrawal from second divisions lists to logistics or Tournament Director	
SUNDAY, MAY 17th, 2026		
8:00	Referee meeting at venue	Olympic Oval
9:00	Preliminaries start for all Senior weight divisions	
	Gold medal rounds	
	Medal Presentations	
18:30	Banquet and Dance - Open Nationals participants only	Olympic Oval

WESTJET PROMOTIONAL CODE: <https://judocanada.org/westjetcode/>

Coupon Code web/Travel Agent web	4S7Z2Z0
Promo Code: Travel Agent GDS only	YBV77



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ACCOMMODATION

For Provinces / Athletes, Managers and Coaches : “Dorms University of Calgary”

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GUEST ROOM RATES

Your guest room rates, exclusive of taxes, other charges, and fees for 2025, 2026 & 2027 are:

Room Types	Single / Double Rate
Single Standard Room, International House	\$129.00/night
2-BDRM Dormitory Apartment, International House	\$129.00/night
2-BDRM Dormitory Apartment, Yamnuska Hall	\$129.00/night
3-BDRM Dormitory Apartment, Yamnuska Hall	\$168.00/night
Traditional Dormitory Single, Rundle Hall or Kananskis Hall	\$74.00/night
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CURRENT GUEST ROOM TAX, LEVY AND ROOM FEE

Room Fee 3%

Alberta Tourism Levy 4%

Goods and Services Tax 5%

Tax, Levy and Room Fee are subject to change, without notice.

Maximum room occupancies:

Standard Single Room at International House:

Maximum occupancy of 2 people. One double bed.

Two-Bedroom Dormitory Apartments at International House or Yamnuska Hall:

Maximum occupancy of 4 people (sharing double beds).

Three-Bedroom Dormitory Apartments at Yamnuska Hall:

Maximum occupancy of 6 people (sharing double beds).

Traditional Dormitory Single at Rundle or Kananaskis Hall

Maximum occupancy of 1 person. One single bed.

Traditional Dormitory Double at Rundle or Kananaskis Hall

Maximum occupancy of 2 people. Two single beds.

For Dignitaries & Referee only : Le Halt Hotel starting from 165 \$ / night

Reservations: [Details - Alt Hotel Calgary](#) [University District](#)

Contact: **Shetal (Shay) Bhalja** sbhalja@germainhotels.com

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A nominative list in alphabetical order of delegations members residing at the official hotels should be sent to the hotels by Fax or Email 30 days prior the arrival (13 April 2026) including the following informations:

- Name and surname
- Arrival and departure date and time
- Name of the person with whom sharing the room
- Special request (allergy, adapted room...)

All athletes must stay in the proposed accommodations. A fee of \$30.00 per athlete will be charged on all athletes not staying in these accommodations. This fee must be paid at registration.

TRANSPORTATION

Bus transportation from Calgary Airport can be arranged with the following service providers:

Sean Horvath

Manager of Sales and Partnerships

AM PM Limo & Party Bus | Airport Shuttle Express

info@ampmlimo.ca / ampmlimo@ampmlimo.ca

Cell: 403-475-5555

Shuttle transportation between Half Hotel and the Competition venue will be available. Schedule to be validated.

ELIGIBILITY

- Athletes must compete for the provincial association of which they are a member in good standing and have a valid Judo Canada membership card.
- Only Canadian citizens and permanent residents are allowed to participate in the competition in the U21/Senior/Veteran/Kata events.

NOTE: *in the U18 and U16 events, as well as in the Ne-waza event, athletes who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents residing in Canada with a minimum of two seasons of membership with Judo Canada are eligible to compete or athletes with approved IJF Refugees status.*

- The provinces and territories are responsible for ensuring that the athletes they register are eligible.
- Coaches must complete the “Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders” to get their accreditation. Coaches who haven’t completed the module won’t be allowed to coach during the tournament. This training is with cost. Click on the following link to access the module: <https://judo-canada-al.respectgroupinc.com/>. Training must be completed before registration deadline April 26, 2026.
- A valid course must have been completed after January 1, 2021.

REGISTRATION

- Provincial/Territorial Associations are responsible for selection and registration of their teams.
- Request for the approval of an early bloomer's have to be done here: <https://bit.ly/3JGaOO3>. *The regulations as published in the 2024-2025 edition of the JC Sanctioning policy and tournament standards will apply. Deadline for confirmation of early Bloomer status is April 18, 2025*

- All entries, including second entries, will have to be done **no later than Friday, April 23rd, 2026**, on Trackie by the PTSO with the following the links:

<https://registration.judocanada.org/event/opennationals2026> for athletes

and

<https://registration.judocanada.org/event/Opennationals2026-Coach> for coaches and officials.

- Entries received after the specified above deadline are subject to an additional \$50/entry. Late entries, second entries and changes to the original registration will be accepted until the end of the accreditation period 6pm on May 13th for Kata and ne-waza events and 5pm on May 14th for all other events.

FEES

All fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. All fees must be paid in full at the time of registration to Judo Canada.

- Entry fees:
 - Shiai - \$120.00/athlete (+\$30 for athletes not staying at the official Hotel)
 - Kata - \$120.00/Tori (+\$30 for athletes not staying at the official Hotel)
 - Additional entry (2 or more):
 - \$60.00/athlete
 - \$60.00/Tori
- Banquet tickets:
 - \$80.00/ticket
- Training Camp :
 - \$50.00/ticket
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- Late fee:
 - \$50.00/late entry or change after the deadline

IMPORTANT: No refunds permitted under any circumstances.

DIVISIONS

U16 – Born in 2011 and 2012 – Green belt and up
Men: -38kg; -42kg; -46kg; -50kg; -55kg; -60kg; -66kg; -73kg; +73kg Women: -36kg; -40kg; -44kg; -48kg; -52kg; -57kg; -63kg; -70kg; +70kg
U18 – Born in 2009, 2010 and 2011 – Green belt and up
Men: -50kg; -55kg; -60kg; -66kg; -73kg; -81kg; -90kg; +90kg Women: -40kg; -44kg; -48kg; -52kg; -57kg; -63kg; -70kg; +70kg
U21 – Born in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 – Blue belt and up
Men: -60kg; -66kg; -73kg; -81kg; -90kg; -100kg; +100kg Women: -48kg; -52kg; -57kg; -63kg; -70kg; -78kg; +78kg
SENIOR – Born in 2011 and earlier – Brown belt and up
Men: -60kg; -66kg; -73kg; -81kg; -90kg; -100kg; +100kg Women: -48kg; -52kg; -57kg; -63kg; -70kg; -78kg; +78kg
VETERAN* – Born in 1996 and earlier – Blue belt and up
– The distribution of age and combination of weight categories will be based on the number of participants present
Men: -60kg; -66kg; -73kg; -81kg; -90kg; -100kg; +100kg Women: -48kg; -52kg; -57kg; -63kg; -70kg; -78kg; +78kg

KATA – U16 – Both Tori and Uke born between 2011 and 2014 – Tori: Orange belt and up, Uke: yellow belt and up
Nage-no-kata (3 series) / Nage-no-kata (5 series) / Ju-no-kata / Kodokan Goshin-jutsu
KATA – U18 – Both Tori and Uke born between 2009 and 2011 – Tori: Green belt and up, Uke: Orange and up, Tori and Uke Shodan and up for Itsutsu-no-kata and Koshiki-no-kata
Nage-no-kata / Katame-no-kata / Kime-no-kata / Ju-no-kata / Kodokan Goshin-jutsu/Itsutsu-no-kata/Koshiki-no-kata
KATA – U21 – Both Tori and Uke born between 2006 and 2011 – Tori: Green belt and up, Uke: Orange and up, Tori and Uke Shodan and up for Itsutsu-no-kata and Koshiki-no-kata
Nage-no-kata / Katame-no-kata / Kime-no-kata / Ju-no-kata / Kodokan Goshin-jutsu/Itsutsu-no-kata/Koshiki-no-kata
KATA – SENIOR – Both Tori and Uke born in 2011 and earlier – Tori: Brown belt and up, Uke: Blue belt and up, Tori and Uke Shodan and up for Itsutsu-no-kata and Koshiki-no-kata
Nage-no-kata / Katame-no-kata / Kime-no-kata / Ju-no-kata / Kodokan Goshin-jutsu/Itsutsu-no-kata/Koshiki-no-kata

NE-WAZA* – SENIOR – Born in 2011 and earlier – Green belt and up
Men: -66kg; -81kg; +81kg Women: -52kg; -63kg; +63kg

*Judo Canada Sanctioning Policy and Tournaments Standards 2025-2026 apply for Early Bloomer Athletes.

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

NOTE: No athlete is allowed to compete in three different age divisions in this tournament unless otherwise approved on a case-by-case basis by the High-Performance Committee. However, the Ne-waza and Kata event are not included in this restriction.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL (CCES)

Each participant in the National Championship is potentially subject to a doping control by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) on a random basis in accordance with the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP). To avoid an inadvertent positive test and the consequences of an anti-doping rule violation, athletes are encouraged to take the following steps:

- Be familiar with www.cces.ca/athletezone;
- Check with DRO Global (www.globaldro.com) to determine if any prescription or over-the-counter medications or treatments that are banned by the WADA Prohibited List.
- Review medical exception requirements (www.cces.ca/medical) if you require the use of a banned medication for a legitimate medical reason.
- Do not use supplements or take precautions prior to doing so. Supplement products cannot be verified by the CCES or in the Global DRO. A lack of industry and government regulation makes it impossible to confirm their ingredients. Read more at: www.cces.ca/supplements.
- Review the steps of the doping control sample collection procedures: <https://www.cces.ca/sample-collection-procedures>;
- For additional resources and general information, please contact the CCES:
 - o Email: info@cces.ca
 - o Call toll-free: 1-800-672-7775
 - o Online: www.cces.ca/athletezone
- Please note that the USE OF CANNABIS will cause a positive anti-doping test result.

Reminder: as per the CCES policy, you must keep up-to-date with the anti-doping awareness module (<https://cces.ca/truesportclean101untracked>). For any support with the CCES online module, please contact: education@cces.ca.

COMPETITION FORMAT

- The modified double elimination format will be used.
- In weight categories with five (5) or fewer competitors, the round-robin format will be used.
- In weight categories with 6 and 7 competitors, the two-pool system will be used.
- Tournament regulations as per Judo Canada's Sanctioning Policy and Tournament Standards – 2025-2026.

At the end of Ne-waza Senior event, a Grand Championship will take place. The winners between:

- (i) the n°1 lightweight vs n°1 in middle weight and
- (ii) the n°1 heavy weight vs n° 2 in middle weight in a direct elimination format.

With winners fighting for the "Ne-waza Senior Grand Champion Belt" and \$500 bursary.

All issues/cases(s) that are unexpected or deemed exceptional circumstances will be solved by decisions taken by the Judo Canada Sport Committee in cooperation with the Organizing Committee.

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).

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

DAMAGES

No use of bleeding dyes on the body or hair of competitors is allowed. In cases such use is undetected and damage results to the equipment of the opponent or tatami, the competitor will be disqualified and the Provincial or Territorial Association of which that individual is a member will be charged for the damage.

INSURANCE

Judo Canada (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 these championships.

BANQUET AND DANCE

Banquet and dance will be held on Sunday, May 17th at 6:30pm at the **Olympic Oval**.

Banquet tickets must be ordered in advance and the payment received by **April 23rd, 2026**. Tickets are \$80 per participant.

The banquet is an alcohol-free event and subject to provincial laws.

Tickets will be handed to the person responsible for the team at the accreditations.

MORE INFORMATION

NOTE: 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.

- 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 Sanctioning Policy and Tournament Standards 2025-2026.
- This tournament will hold Kata competitions for Nage-no-kata, Katame-no-kata, Kime-no-kata, Ju-no-kata, Kodokan Goshin-jutsu, Itsutsu-no-kata and Koshiki-no-kata separately for the U16, U18, U21 and Senior age divisions. There are no gender specific divisions, so all pairs are welcome. Multiple entries are accepted. The same competitor can enter only once in the same kata.
- FOR SHIAI: Both the blue and white judogis are mandatory. Reversible judogis will be accepted.
- FOR KATA: White judogis only. No red & white belts.
- Each province (including officials) is responsible for reserving its own accommodation according to format specified in this package.
- Each athlete is required to present identification with photo at the weigh-in
- Only one representative per province shall come to the accreditations to collect the cards and event packages.
- They will be no paper copies of the draw.
- Policy on back patches and sponsors available here: <https://bit.ly/3sWl4Lv>

The Centre Organizing committee being environmentally friendly, bottles of water will not be purchased and given out inside the facility. Therefore, we kindly ask participants to bring their own water bottles. Note that water coolers are available inside the complex. On site, a “food-court” style concession may be available. Discussions are ongoing.

For any concern or question, please contact Franck Moussima: f.moussima@judocanada.org

TRAINING CAMP

The training Camp will take place from May 18 to 20 at Olympic Oval
 The camp fees will be 50\$ and payable in advance on Trackie.
 There will be no entry into Olympic Oval outside of the scheduled training hours.

MONDAY, MAY 18th, 2026		
Morning Sessions		
9:00 - 10:30	Groupe 1: U16 Men, Women U16 to Seniors	Olympic Oval
10:45 - 12:15	Groupe 2: U18 to Seniors Men	Olympic Oval
Evening Sessions		
15:15 - 17:15	Groupe 1: U16 Men, Women U16 to Seniors	Olympic Oval
17:30- 19:30	Groupe 2: U18 to Seniors Men	Olympic Oval

TUESDAY, MAY 19th, 2026		
Morning Sessions		
9:00 - 10:30	Groupe 2: U18 to Seniors Men	Olympic Oval
10:45 - 12:15	Groupe 1: U16 Men, Women U16 to Seniors	
Evening sessions		
15:15 - 17:15	Groupe 2: U18 to Seniors Men	Olympic Oval
17:30 - 19:30	Groupe 1: U16 Men, Women U16 to Seniors	

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th, 2026		
Morning Sessions		
9:00 - 10:30	Groupe 1: U16 Men, Women U16 to Seniors	Olympic Oval
10:45 - 12:00	Groupe 2: U18 to Seniors Men	