



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Tournament Name: Asahi Open Judo Tournament and Canada Winter Games Qualifier

Date: Saturday September 26th, 2026

Location: RIM Park Sports Complex - 2001 University Ave E., Waterloo, Ontario, N2K 4K4

Mat Areas: 4 Mat Areas

TOURNAMENT CONTACTS

Tournament Director: Reid Irving

Chief Official: Steve Sheffield

Chief Referee: Patrick Lam

REGISTRATION DATES

Registration Opens: September 1st, 2026

Registration Closes: September 24th, 2026. PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY

Registration Link: <https://registration.judocanada.org/event/asahi-open-2026/1004792/>

ENTRY FEE

U10, U12, U14: \$60.00

U16, U18, U21: \$70.00

Senior and Veterans: \$70.00

Open Weight: \$70.00

Family Rate (3 or more): \$130.00

A \$5.00 referee fee is added to the entry fee of your first division (\$15.00 for the family rate)

Late fee of \$10.00 applied after September 20th

Each additional division will cost \$30.00 per person

No refunds after September 26th 2026

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Opening Ceremony: 10:00am

Schedule for Weigh-in will be posted September 25th

WEIGH-IN SCHEDULE

Weigh-in will open 2 hours prior to the scheduled start of a division. **Competitors must have completed their weigh-in by 1 hour prior to the schedule start of their division.**

 REFEREE ELIGIBILITY	 WEIGHT ALLOWANCE
All referees must be paid-up members of Judo Ontario or other provincial/territorial associations, or IJF-recognized associations. Referees must present themselves to the Chief Referee for roll call on Saturday morning at https://registration.judocanada.org/event/2026-asahi-open-referee-registration/1004800/?admin=1 Pre-register using the provided link before the event.	U10 – U12: Club Sensei is responsible to verify the submitted weights of their athletes on the platform and report by the late registration date. U10 may be mixed gender. Groups will be comprised of 4 judoka (max. 5) or less. Submitting incorrect weights may eliminate a judoka from participating with no refund. Weights may be randomly spot checked on the day of the competition. Clothing allowance at weigh-in: ➤ U10-U14: 600 grams ➤ U16-U21: 800 grams ➤ Senior and Veterans: 1kg

GENERAL INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING

1. All competitors must be members of Judo Ontario and come to the official weigh-in with their current Judo Canada Membership Card or registration receipt.
2. All athletes must weigh-in wearing their judo gi pants and a t-shirt no exceptions. No stripping of clothing will be allowed.
3. Competitors must supply their own white and blue belts unless a white and blue gi is required.
4. The Tournament Director with the approval of the Chief Official reserves the right to delete, combine, or alter any category or division, if necessary, for the successful running of this tournament.
5. U10, U12, U14 & Veteran divisions may be combined in accordance with NSO/PSO regulations. U16, U18, U21 & Senior divisions will adhere to current NSO/PSO tournament standards.

TOURNAMENT RULES & SYSTEMS

1. Modified IJF Rules and Judo Ontario/Judo Canada Tournament Regulations will be applied.
2. U10, U12, U14: Judo Canada Tournament Standards applied.
3. U16 (Green Belt and Up): Chokes permitted. NO armlocks.
4. U18 (Green Belt and Up): Chokes and armlocks permitted.
5. A minimum rest period equal to two (2) times the maximum match time will be allowed between matches.
6. Golden Score will be applied in all divisions except U10, U12, U14.
7. White and Blue judogis are mandatory for U16, U18, U21 and Seniors
8. U12, U14 and Senior Novice must have white judogi with their properly fitted belt with their current rank.
9. First name called wears white gi.
10. Second name called blue gi.
11. Females must have a white t-shirt.
12. Uniforms (Judogis) MUST comply with Judo Canada and IJF size regulations.
13. The competition area will conform to the IJF standard 8m x 8m combat surface.
14. 2 competitors will use a best of three system.
15. 5 or fewer competitors will use a round robin system
16. 6 competitors or more will use a modified double elimination system or pools.

DIVISIONS

U10



Born: 2018, 2019

Yellow Belt and up

No chokes or armlocks.

Genders may be mixed in accordance with NSO/PSO tournament standards, with parental agreement.

Fair Play (two Ippons) will be used for U10

Modified Medical Rules. See Below

Duration: 2-minute matches. No Golden Score

Round Robin Divisions of 2-5 athletes will be compiled after weigh-in completed

U12



Born: 2016, 2017

Yellow Belt and up

Male and Female Divisions

No chokes or armlocks. Modified Medical Rules. See Below

Duration: 2-minute matches. No Golden Score

Round Robin Divisions of 2-5 athletes will be compiled after weigh-in completed

U14



Born: 2014, 2015

Ranks: Yellow and Orange / Green and up

No chokes or armlocks. Modified Medical Rules. See Below

Duration: 3-minute matches. No Golden Score

Male: -32kg, -35kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, +66kg

Female: -30kg, -33kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, +63kg

U16



Born: 2012, 2013, 2014*

Ranks: Yellow and Orange / Green and up

*Early Bloomer Athletes Approved by JC

Green and up Chokes permitted. No armlocks. Modified Medical Rules. See Below

Duration: 3-minute matches. Golden Score is applied.

Male: -38kg, -42kg, 46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, +73kg

Female: -36kg, -40kg, 44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg

U18



Born: 2010-2012, 2013*

Ranks: Yellow and Orange / Green and up

*Early Bloomer Athletes Approved by JC

Green and up Chokes and armlocks permitted. Modified Medical Rules.
See below

Duration: 4-minute matches. Golden Score is applied.

Male: -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg

Female: -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg

U21



Born: 2007-2011, 2012*

Ranks: Yellow and Orange / Green and up

*Early Bloomer Athletes Approved by JC

Green and up Chokes and armlocks permitted

Duration: 4-minute matches. Golden Score is applied.

Male: -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg

Female: -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg

SENIOR



Born: 2012 or earlier

Ranks: Brown and up (Advanced) & Green and Blue (Intermediate) &
Yellow and Orange (Novice)

Chokes and armlocks not permitted for Senior Novice

Duration: 4-minute matches. Golden Score is applied.

Male: -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg

Female: -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg

VETERAN



Born: 1997 or earlier

Ranks: Blue and up Chokes and armlocks permitted.

Duration: Up to M6/F6 3-minute matches. Golden Score is applied
(M7/F7 2min match, 1 minute Golden Score, no chokes allowed)

Male: Lightweight, Middleweight, Heavyweight

Female: Lightweight, Middleweight, Heavyweight

Note: Age and weight categories will be combined after weigh-in
according to the number of registrations

Canada Winter Games Qualifier



Eligibility: Must be a paid-up member of Judo Ontario in good standing. Athletes must be Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents

Born: 2012 – 2009 Inclusive*

*Judo Canada will apply the early bloomer clause in the case when Provincial/Territorial associations nominate athletes younger than born in 2012, see the [2027 CWG Judo Technical Package](#) for more details.

Ranks: Green and up

Duration: 4-minute matches. Golden Score is applied.

Male: -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, - 66kg, -73kg, -81kg, +81kg

Female: -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg

MODIFIED MEDICAL RULES

All U14, U16 and U18 contestants will be allowed two one-minute free medical examinations per competitor per match (does not include treatments for bleeding) without penalty. A third examination for the same injury to the same competitor in the same match will result in their opponent being awarded the win by “Kikengachi”. All incidents of bleeding in these two age categories will be dealt with in accordance with current IJF Competition Rules, Article 29 (Bleeding Injuries).

QUICK FACTS



Bring Judo Canada Card



White & Blue Gi Required (U16+)



Bring White & Blue Belts



Medical Staff on Site



Spectator Friendly Event

TOURNAMENT VENUE

RIM Park Manulife Sports Complex 2001 University Ave E, Waterloo, ON

By car – from highway 401

- Exit 278 from Toronto
- Exit 278 from London
- From Niagara Falls, follow the Queen Elizabeth Way in the "Toronto" direction to highway 403 WEST (1 hour); follow 403 WEST to highway 6 NORTH; follow 6 North to highway 401 WEST; follow 401 West to exit 278

From Toronto Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/HmWkeyAUr6QijG5L8>

From London Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/YMfCkqhqsMzuUDo8>

HOTEL INFORMATION

Tournament Hotel

Courtyard by Marriott, St Jacobs

50 Benjamin Road East, Waterloo, ON N2V 2J9

519-884-9295

Reference “Asahi Open Judo Tournament” prior to Sept. 11, 2026

Staybridge Suites

10 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo, ON N2V 2J9

Hampton Inn and Suites

55 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo, ON N2V 0C6

Holiday Inn Express and Suites Waterloo – St Jacobs Area

14 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo, ON N2V 2J9

Waterloo Suites Hotel by Wyndham

547 King St N, Waterloo, ON N2L 5Z7