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To: Judo Alberta Clubs and Members
From: Judo Alberta Grading Committee
Date: January 14, 2022
Subject: Judo Alberta Technical Stream & Competitive Stream Grading Update

To Judo Alberta Members,

The Judo Alberta Grading Committee is proposing changes to the Technical Stream & Competitive Stream Grading scheduled for February 12. The change will better protect our judoka by having greater physical distancing and safety measures.

1. Dividing the Technical Stream grading into two regions

Location: Tokugawa Dojo, 9647 62 Avenue NW, Edmonton

Date: Saturday, February 12, 2022

Time: 8:30 am dojo available for warm up
9:00 Grading begins

Location: Lethbridge Kyodokan Dojo, 2775 - 28 Avenue South, Lethbridge

Date: Saturday, February 12, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm dojo available for warm up
1:30 Grading begins

For Shodan candidates, in lieu of a written test, a Kahoot session will be held on Friday February 11 at 9 pm (no longer than 30 minutes) to test your knowledge. The instructions will be emailed separately to all Shodan candidates in advance.

2. Separate Competitive Stream grading

Location: Hiro's Dojo, 1919 27 Avenue NE, Calgary (based on competitive stream candidates, a virtual session would be considered from Edmonton)

Date: Sunday, February 13, 2022

Time: 9:00 am Clinic begins

Competitive stream candidates will not do a traditional formal Dan grading examination. Instead, there are two components to your grading. First, there will be a kata clinic (as stipulated in the National Grading Syllabus). Based on current applications, it will be a Nage no Kata clinic on February 13.





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Second, there will be a Tachi-waza / Ne-waza session where you will demonstrate your favourite Nage / Katame / Shime / Kansetsu technique. Then everyone will have time to practice.

3. **Virtual Assisted Gradings** will be conducted through the Zoom platform from each of the locations. Candidates will attend in-person at the grading dojo and be tested in front of a camera connected to the internet. Grading Committee evaluators will be remote.
4. **Covid-19 Precautions**
 - a) Vaccinations under the Restriction Exemption Program (including kata and demonstration partners). This includes proof of vaccination, documentation of a medical exemption or proof of privately-paid negative rapid test result taken after Feb 10th.
 - b) Masking at all times unless you are demonstrating a kata
 - c) Physical Distancing and Separation
 - d) Once we confirm attendees, then possibly staggered start times
 - e) Hand Sanitizing, etc
 - f) If you have any condition eg. fever, cough and difficulty breathing, do not attend the grading

All Judoka must have their Grading application to Judo Canada for approval no later than **January 28, 2022**. Candidates must have current Judo Alberta membership.

All yudansha candidates (applied or intending to) are to send an email to Gord Okamura at gyokamura@gmail.com (do not reply-all) with the following information before January 28:

1. Confirmation of your attendance and at which location and which stream. Candidates who have submitted their application but wish to defer are asked to reply as well.
2. Who will be your partner, and which kata you will demonstrate and whether you are uke or tori.
3. Proof of vaccination. Note: We will require proof of vaccination for those at the Edmonton dojo; negative rapid test result or medical exemption is not accepted.

National Grading Syllabus:

<https://www.judocanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/National-Grading-Syllabus-1-January-2021-EN-1.pdf>





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Judo Canada Online Technical Grading Registration form:

<https://judocanada.org/technical-stream/>

Judo Canada Online Competitive Grading Registration form:

<https://judocanada.org/competitive-stream/>

Please contact Judo Alberta Grading Committee Chair for further details:

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Sincerely

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