

Judo Alberta Tournament Sanction Policy

Introduction

This Policy is supplemental to Judo Canada's Sanction Policy and is provided as an addendum to that document.

The purpose of this document is to:

- establish the requirements for sanction by the provincial sports governing body for judo.
- standardize the operation of tournaments in the Province of Alberta.
- ensure that the event is conducted in accordance with a specific set of rules.
- ensure that the event will be of high standard and safe.
- ensure that the referees are qualified and in good standing.
- comply with the current Judo Canada Sanction Policy and Standards.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE FAILURE TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN WITHDRAWAL OF SANCTION AT THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDO ALBERTA SANCTION COMMITTEE.

Clubs proposing to sponsor a tournament must be members of Judo Alberta and should be aware that if the event is not sanctioned:

- it will not be valid for the calculation of points toward grading.
- it will not be valid for selection purposes.
- no grants of funds will be available.
- no technical support will be available.
- referees and other officials who are members of Judo Alberta will not be allowed to participate.

General Requirements

1. *Applications for sanction are to be forwarded to the Sanction Chairman 8 weeks prior to the event. The tournament invitation is to be forwarded prior to distribution to the invited clubs. In addition, the event organizers must contact the Chairman of the Referees Committee at least 4 weeks prior to request the appointment of a Chief Referee. The Sanction Officer will forward the approved invitation to Judo Alberta for posting on Judo Alberta's website. Once a sanction number has been generated, the LOC can distribute the package to their contacts.*
2. *Removal of Clothing/Age related tolerance:
The athletes of age U14 and older shall weigh in wearing only underclothing (men/boys – underpants and optional t-shirt, women/girls – underpants and bra and optional t-shirt). Any socks, jewelry or body piercings must be removed.
For these age groups, a tolerance of 0,2 kg is applied to accommodate for the weight of the underclothing and optional T-shirt. Athletes of these age divisions are NOT allowed to remove their underclothing.*

All athletes of the age group U12 and younger shall weigh in with judogi pants and t-shirts, no exceptions, and no weight tolerance is granted.

Unless noted otherwise in this document or in the tournament technical package, no weight tolerance is accepted.

Athlete's weight must be within the lower and upper limits of the category for which they are registered.

In case two weight categories are combined according to the technical package, the athlete must weigh within the lower limit of the lower weight class and the upper limit of the higher weight class.

3. *Males and females may not compete against each other in shiai except for the U10 & U12 divisions. This rule does not apply to Kata competitions.*
4. *All contestants and participants must be registered members in good standing with Judo Alberta, Judo Canada, a provincial/territorial association recognized by Judo Canada or an IJF recognized association. Proof of membership and date of birth must be produced upon request.*
5. *An opening ceremony prior to the commencement of the tournament shall include, in addition to any other matters desired by the tournament sponsors, an introduction of Judo Alberta Executive members present, an introduction of referees (if time permits) and a formal bow in. A formal closing may follow.*
6. *The date of the event is subject to approval of Judo Alberta's Sanction Chairperson.*

Event Categories

Local ~ City only (Judo Alberta Sanction)

Regional ~ City, including an adjacent Zone (Judo Alberta Sanction)

Provincial ~ including north and south (Judo Alberta Sanction)

Interprovincial (Judo Alberta and Judo Canada Sanction)

International (Judo Alberta and Judo Canada Sanction)

For Provincial, Local, and Regional events, variations in the belt, age and weight divisions will be permitted at the discretion of the Sanction Chairperson.

Age/Weight/Belt Divisions

Age/Weight/Belt divisions are as set by current Judo Canada Sanction Policy and Standards.

All divisions must be a minimum of Gokyu.

Clubs may host a Demonstration where white/white-yellow belts may demonstrate with other white/white-yellow belts provided that each and every white/white-yellow belt can satisfactorily perform ukemi.

Team Competition

A team consists of 5 to 7 contestants/team. Team contestants must compete in their own weight category or in the next division higher.

Weight categories should be selected within the weight categories for the specific age divisions. Some weight categories may be merged (usually the lighter weights and the heavier weights) to obtain the correct number of weight categories for the event. Each bout in a team event must determine a winner. Either golden score rule or decision rule must be applied according to the age specific rules.

The highest total number of bouts won (regardless of the scores) in the match determines the winning team. In case of a tie in wins, a random draw will be made of one category, and one pair will have a golden score contest to decide the winning team.

Kata Competition

As Kata is part of the judo syllabus, it should be included, where appropriate, as part of the competition in a tournament. Kata shall be included as part of the competition in the Provincial Championship and include as many of Nage-no-Kata, Katame-no-Kata, Goshinjitsu-no-Kata, Ju-no-Kata and Kime-no-Kata as are possible. In the event that only one team is available, the kata should be demonstrated.

Match Elimination and Duration

Individual competition is to be determined by the Tournament Chair.

2 contestants—best of three matches.

3 contestants—single round robin

At the discretion of the Tournament Chairperson, single round robin competition can be used for divisions of up to 5 competitors only.

Match times are set according to Judo Canada Sanction Policy.

Team competition - single elimination of team.

Awards

For divisions U14 and up – medals, trophies or ribbons are to be awarded for first, second and third place. The awards are to be consistent and equal regardless of the division.

For divisions U10 and U12 – awards must be given to all contestants.

Contestants should be in judogi or provincial team uniform to accept an award. Where the competitor has refereed at the tournament after competing (usually in Kata or Masters divisions), a standard Referees' uniform is acceptable apparel for receiving an award.

Contest Rules

IJF Contest Rules (with Judo Canada modifications) apply to Provincial, Interprovincial and International tournaments. Where any variations from IJF standard rules are to be used, they must be stated.

For Provincial Championships, blue judogis are mandatory for Senior Men in the brown and black belt divisions and for Senior Women of blue belt and up. It should be noted in any invitation if the blue judogi is mandatory or not for any divisions.

Medical

Judo Canada's Sanction Policy outlines all required medical coverage.

Legal

The proper completion of a properly drafted Release form is essential in view of the potential for lawsuits. The forms attached to this Sanction Policy are to be used in all sanctioned tournaments in the province. A competitor who does not have a properly completed form will not be allowed to compete. This form must be signed as instructed on the appropriate age form.

The Tournament cannot shift a competitor into a different age, belt, or weight division or arrange exhibition matches without legally acceptable permission (as in the case of tournaments where there may not be enough competitors in a specific grouping). If the competitor is of legal age of majority, they may agree or disagree themselves. If the competitor is a minor, they may be shifted to a new category only if their parent(s) or guardian(s) agrees to the change. If minors come to the tournament without authorization to change categories, the liability waiver is interpreted as being specific to the weight division in which they originally qualify.

The required minor's waiver form may have additional wording incorporated which would allow the tournament director to combine adjacent age, belt, and/or weight categories or arrange exhibition contests. Potential combining options must be clearly identified in the tournament package and referenced in the waiver. Judo Alberta must approve the waiver additions and combining guidelines, as well as any other waiver additions.

Post Tournament Reporting

A list of all award winners is to be forwarded to Judo Alberta's office and Provincial Coach within 2 weeks. Upon request, copies of the draw sheets are to be forwarded to the Provincial Coach.

Supplied by Judo Alberta

1. The Chief Referee and all supporting referees and judges.
2. Designated Sanction Advisor.
3. Awards for Provincial Championships.

Sanction Committee

At any sanctioned tournament in the Province, the Sanction Committee shall consist of the Sanction Chairperson (or designate), the Chief Referee and either a member of the Executive Committee or the Technical Committee.

The Sanction Committee may meet for the purpose of determining whether the tournament meets the requirements of the Sanction Rules. The Tournament Director may make representations at this meeting. The sanction for a particular tournament may be withdrawn only if approved by a majority of the Sanction Committee.

Sanction Fee

The applicable sanction fee will be invoiced by the Judo Alberta treasurer. It is not required to accompany a sanction application submission.

Grand Champion

Grand Champion is only held at the Senior Provincial Championship. Each contestant in the Grand Champion must be 18 years of age or older and placed 1st in their weight division. If the winner of a particular weight division is under the age of 18 years, there will be no contestant in that weight division. Matches are to be 3 minutes, single elimination.

For men, the Grand Champion is for Yudansha ranked ikkyu only. Men in the -60 kg, -66 kg and -73 kg weights compete as a group and the -81 kg, -90 kg, -100 kg and +100 kg men compete as a group. The two group winners will compete for the title of "Grand Champion".

Where a female Grand Champion is to be held, the women will be ranked gokyu and higher. Women in the -48 kg, -52 kg and -57 kg categories will compete as a group and the winners of the -63 kg, -70 kg, -78 kg and +78 kg categories will compete as a group. The two group winners will compete for the title of "Grand Champion".

MINOR
(Under 18 years old)

RELEASE, INDEMNITY, WARRANTY, REGISTRATION AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

In consideration of the acceptance of the entry of _____ (hereinafter referred to as "the said child") to compete in and/or being permitted to participate in the _____ (hereinafter referred to as "This event"), I/we for myself/ourselves and for and behalf of the said child hereby release, remise, and forever discharge and agree to indemnify and save harmless the Alberta Kodokan Black Belt Association ,

_____, their respective organizers, officers, executives, directors, officials, agents, servants, sponsors and representatives (hereinafter referred to as "the releasees") from and against all claims, actions, costs, expenses, and demands in respect of death, injury, loss, or damage to the person or property of said child, or myself/ourselves, however caused, arising out of or in connection with the said child competing, or participating in this event and notwithstanding that the same may have been caused by, contributed to or occasioned by the negligence , breach of contract, breach of a common duty of care as an occupier of premises or otherwise, of or by the releases or any of them.

I/We agree to assume all risks, both known and unknown, and all consequences thereof, for me/us and for and on behalf of the said child, arising out of or in connection with said child competing or participating in this event.

I/we agree for myself/ourselves and for and on behalf of the said child to adhere to all rules, regulations and conditions of this event, including tournament package information.

I/we hereby register the said child as a competitor or participant in this event and I/we certify that:
The said child is in good physical condition and has no injury, disease or disability that would impair his or her performance or physical condition or increase the likelihood of injury in competing or participating in this event.

No physician, nurse, therapist trainer, coach, manager, or other person has advised me/us not to allow the said child to compete or participate in a body contact sport or in this event.

I/we am/are familiar with the sport of judo and the nature of a judo contest. I/we am/are aware that there is a risk of injury by the very nature of the sport. We are the father and mother of the said child or the guardian(s) of the said child and the only person(s) lawfully entitled to act for and on behalf of the said child. This document shall be binding upon the said child, me/us, the heirs, executors, administrators, assignees and personal representatives of each of us and the said child.

I/we have read this document and I/we agree that the said child and I/we are bound by its terms. I/we further understand that it is compulsory and mandatory that this document be fully completed and signed as a condition precedent to the said child competing or participating in this event.

DATE _____

SIGNATURES _____

(FATHER/GUARDIAN)

(MOTHER/GUARDIAN)

(PRINT NAME)

(PRINT NAME)

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is to be completed for all persons under the age of 18 years by the following person(s):

- both natural parents of the child if living together, if separated and no court order for custody has been granted, if divorced and a court grants joint custody and if the natural parent and the adopting parent of the child is married and if an adoption order has been granted.
- both adopting parents of the child if an adoption order has been granted.
- either the natural mother or natural father of the child if divorced or separated and being the parent who has sole custody of the child by court order.
- all guardians of the child whether appointed by court order or who are guardians by law.
- the natural mother of the child if the child is illegitimate and no court order has been granted giving custody to anyone else.

ADULT
(18 years and older)

NOTICE: This is a legal document, which must be properly completed and signed or your entry will not be accepted. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. It affects your rights. If you do not understand it, obtain legal advice before signing.

RELEASE, INDEMNITY, WARRANTY, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

IN CONSIDERATION OF the acceptance of my entry to compete and/or my being permitted to participate in the

(hereinafter referred to as "this event"), I hereby release, remise and forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and save harmless The Alberta Kodokan Black Belt Association,

_____, the organizers of this event, their respective officers, executives, directors, officials, agents, servants, sponsors and representatives (hereinafter referred to as " the Releasees") from and against all claims, actions, costs, expenses and demands in respect of death, injury, loss or damage to my person or property, however caused, arising out of or in connection with my competing or participating in this event and not withstanding that the same may have been caused by, contributed to or occasioned by the negligence, breach of contract, breach of common duty of care as an occupier of premises, or otherwise, of or by the Releasees or any of them.

I agree to assume all risks, both known and unknown, and all consequences thereof, arising out of or in connection with my competing or participating in this event. I agree to adhere to all rules, regulations and conditions of this event.

I CERTIFY THAT:

- I am in good physical condition and I have no injury, disease or disability nor have I injected or ingested anything that would impair my performance or physical condition or increase the likelihood of injury in competing or participating in this event.
- No physician, nurse, therapist, trainer, coach, manager or other person has advised me not to compete or participate in a body contact sport or this event.
- I am familiar with the sport of Judo and the nature of a Judo contest. I am aware that there is a high risk of injury by the very nature of the sport.

THIS DOCUMENT SHALL BE BINDING UPON ME, MY HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNS AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

I have read this document and I understand it fully.

SIGNED _____

DATE

PRINT NAME _____