



KODOMO NO KATA -- MAKING YOUR TEAMS:

The following information will assist coaches in preparing their teams for the Sask Winter Games- Kodomo no kata competition.

The pairs may be any combination of two people. There are no gendered divisions.

- Each athlete should ONLY enter 1 kata (Kodomo 5 or Kodomo 4 or Kodomo 3). *They will not be required to enter all 3.*
- If a district has an 'odd' number of athletes, this may allow an athlete to enter a 2nd kata, to allow the odd judoka to participate.
- If a district has only 1 team to enter, they can choose which kata to enter (Kodomo 5, Kodomo 4, Kodomo 3)
- If a district has 3 teams, the intent is to have 1 team in each of the 3 kata divisions (ex: Team 1 presents Kodomo 5, Team 2 presents Kodomo 4; Team 3 presents Kodomo 3)
- If a team has more than 3 teams, they can enter up to 2 teams in each kata division.

This format allows for equal distribution & presentation for all 3 kata divisions.

Notes: *Kodomo 5 is the 'simplest' of the skills. Best for the more novice judoka. Kodomo 4 builds on the skills from the previous set. Kodomo 3 increases the level of skills required.*

RULES:

Three judges will independently judge each performance following the modified IJF Kata Competition. The kata result for one pair is the sum of the score for each technique.

POINT SYSTEM:

Teams will earn points per technique in the kata. Maximum score for each technique is 10 points. Zero is only applied to a forgotten technique.

- Each row indicates a scorable criteria.
- Possible scores per criteria from 0-10 (0=forgotten, 10=perfect).
- Each criteria covers both left and right techniques (left and right are not considered separate).
- Judges give deductions based on 4 mistake types (small, medium, big, forgotten).
- Judges look for things like crispness, timing, coordination, realism, confidence, posture and accordance with principles of Judo like showing kuzushi.

Examples:

- ✓ Small mistake-imperfection of the technique (timing, hesitation, spacing, etc)
- ✓ Medium mistake (head on mat during ukemi, legs crossed, lack of kuzushi, etc)
- ✓ Big mistake (execution of the principal is incorrect or needs significant improvement)
- ✓ Forgotten Technique (missed it all together)

WINNERS:

- In a kata the pair with the highest score (minimum number of mistakes) will be awarded with the gold medal.
- The pair with the second highest score will be awarded the silver medal.
- The pair with the third highest score will be awarded with the bronze medal.
- In case of equal score between pairs, the following criteria will be applied:
 - Total count of big mistakes, the pair with the fewer mistakes wins.
 - If the score is still equal, the total number of medium mistakes will be considered – the pair with fewer mistakes wins.
 - If the score is still equal, the total number of small mistakes will be considered – the pair with fewer mistakes wins.
 - If the score is still equal, the average score will be counted (evaluated up to the second decimal place) of the entire kata. The pair with the better score wins.
 - If two couples still have the same score, they will be considered of equal merit.

Kodomo No Kata Resources:

- Please see [SWG Judo Technical Package](#) for full details.
- [British Judo Kodomo-No-Kata Resource Sheet](#)
- [Kodokan Kodomo No Kata playlist](#)

