

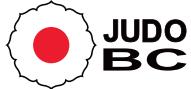


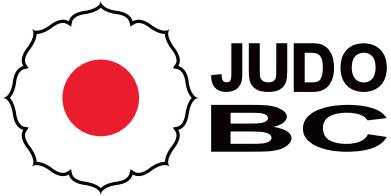
2023



**MATSURU**  
**PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL**  
*Judo Championships*

MARCH 13-15 | RICHMOND | BC | CANADA





## **Judo BC and Matsuru Canada are excited to invite judokas from across Canada and the World to participate in the 2026 Pacific International Judo Tournament.**

This competition is part of Judo Canada's THE GIANT SHERWOOD FORD CANADIAN CIRCUIT, is a A level Sanction Tournament, B level Kata Competitions and a Judo Canada Points Tournament. This is also a selection tournament for BC athletes wishing to participant in the 2026 Canadian Open National Championships.

### **WHAT'S NEW**

- Matsuru as the Title Sponsor and co-host
- Returning to the Richmond Olympic Oval for the first time since 2019
- 5 mat areas
- Ne Waza is back

### **TOURNAMENT LOCATION**

**Richmond Olympic Oval**  
6111 River Rd, Richmond, BC, Canada

### **TOURNAMENT CONTACTS**

**Tournament Director:** Rick Pollon

**Registration and Fees:** Irene Goh ([registrar@judobc.ca](mailto:registrar@judobc.ca))

**Rules, Eligibility, Schedule, Weigh-in:** Jeremy Le Bris ([sdd@judobc.ca](mailto:sdd@judobc.ca))

**Head Referee:** Graham Magnusson ([referee@judobc.ca](mailto:referee@judobc.ca))

**Head Kata Judge:** John Morris ([kata@judobc.ca](mailto:kata@judobc.ca))

**Judo Canada Chief Official:** Christian Royer ([judoroyer@gmail.com](mailto:judoroyer@gmail.com))

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# 01 SCHEDULES\*

## COMPETITION, REFEREES & KATA JUDGES

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

Executive Vancouver Airport Hotel  
7311 Westminster Hwy, Richmond, BC

7:00 pm	Referee & Coaches Meeting
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### SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

Richmond Olympic Oval  
6111 River Rd, Richmond, BC

7:30 am - 8:00 am	Warmup
8:00 am	Timekeepers, Scorekeepers & Referees at tables
8:15 am	Opening Ceremony
8:30 am	U14 & Ne Waza starts, followed by U21 & Veterans, followed by U18
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Kata Judges Meeting
5:00 pm	Kata Competition
~7:00pm-10:00pm	Coaches & Officials Social (Must be 19+ Years of Age)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

Richmond Olympic Oval  
6111 River Rd, Richmond, BC

7:30 am - 8:00 am	Referee Meeting
8:30 am	Competition starts for U16, U16 Novice, followed by Senior & Senior Novice

## WEIGH-IN & CHECK-IN

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

Executive Vancouver Airport Hotel  
7311 Westminster Hwy, Richmond, BC

4:00 pm	Accreditation Pick-up
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Official Weigh-in** U14 & U18
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Official Weigh-in** U21, Veteran & Ne-waza
8:00 pm	End of Official Weigh-in
Remote Weigh-in	Official and unofficial for U14 and Novice & Intermediate Divisions for U18, U21 & Senior – Locations & TBA

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

Richmond Olympic Oval  
6111 River Rd, Richmond, BC

1:00 pm	Accreditation Pick-up
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Official Weigh-in** for U16
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Official Weigh-in** for Senior
4:00 pm	End of Official Weigh-in

\* Preliminary schedule, subject to change. The final schedule will be confirmed shortly after the regular registration deadline of February 13, 2026. The schedule will likely remain like what is listed above, with the most likely changes being a later or earlier start time based on the number of entries.

\*\* Official scales will be available for unofficial weigh-in, 1 hour prior to official weigh-in.

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## 02 ELIGIBILITY

All participants must be a member of a provincial judo association, of Judo Canada or of an association recognized by the International Judo Federation.

Proof of valid membership must be provided at the time of registration and photo ID will be required at weigh-in for all U16 & U18 (secondary school) and older aged athletes.

Minimum coaching requirements:

- Provincial Coaches - NCCP Competition Development Trained & completed the Respect in Sport module for Activity Leaders
- Assistant Coaches and Club Coaches - NCCP Dojo Instructor Trained & have completed the NCCP Safe Sport Module

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## 03 ENTRY FEES & ENTRY DEADLINES

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>REGULAR FEE February 13, 2026</b>	<b>LATE FEE February 27, 2026*</b>
Kata – Per Person	\$40	\$50
Kata – Additional Division	\$30	\$50
U14, U16, U18, U21, Seniors, Veterans & Ne Waza	\$80	\$100
Additional Division Entered	\$60	\$100

Competitor failure to make weight at the official weigh-in will result a weight category change and a penalty fee: U16 and older - \$40

\*Last day to change weight category without penalty. Changes must be submitted to [sdd@judobc.ca](mailto:sdd@judobc.ca) & made before Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 6pm (PST).

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## 04 REGISTRATION

All participants must pre-register and pay by the deadlines for this tournament. This includes coaches, referees, kata judges, athletes, and chaperones.

<https://registration.judocanada.org/event/2026PacificInternational>

No refunds will be issued after February 27, 2026, unless the competition is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

# 05 DIVISION INFORMATION & ELIGIBILITY

All participants must be a member of a provincial judo association, of Judo Canada or of an association recognized by the IJF. Proof of valid membership must be provided at the time of registration and photo ID will be required at weigh-in for all secondary school and older aged athletes.

**Note: except U18 Advanced, U21 Advanced & Senior Advanced, all other weight divisions may be combined. No athlete is allowed to compete in three different age divisions in this tournament. However, the Ne-waza and Kata event are not included in this restriction.**

<b>U14</b>	<b>BORN IN 2013 &amp; 2014 (EARLY BLOOMER 2015)</b> Novice: Yellow/Orange   Advanced: Green Belt Minimum <b>Male:</b> -32 kg, -35 kg, -38 kg, -42 kg, -46 kg, -50 kg, -55 kg, -60 kg, -66 kg, +66 kg <b>Female:</b> -30 kg, -33 kg, -36 kg, -40 kg, -44 kg, -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg, -63 kg, +63 kg
<b>U16</b>	<b>BORN IN 2012 &amp; 2011 (EARLY BLOOMER 2013)</b> Novice: Yellow, Orange   Advanced: Green Belt Minimum <b>Male:</b> -38 kg, -42 kg, -46 kg, -50 kg, -55 kg, -60 kg, -66 kg, -73 kg, +73 kg <b>Female:</b> -36 kg, -40 kg, -44 kg, -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg, -63 kg, -70 kg, +70 kg
<b>U18</b>	<b>BORN IN 2009 - 2011 (EARLY BLOOMER 2012)</b> Novice: Yellow, Orange   Advanced: Green Belt Minimum <b>Male:</b> -50 kg, -55 kg, -60 kg, -66 kg, -73 kg, -81 kg, -90 kg, +90 kg <b>Female:</b> -40 kg, -44 kg, -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg, -63 kg, -70 kg, +70 kg
<b>U21</b>	<b>BORN IN 2006 - 2011 (EARLY BLOOMER 2012)</b> Novice: Yellow, Orange, Green   Advanced: Blue Belt Minimum <b>Male:</b> -60 kg, -66 kg, -73 kg, -81 kg, -90 kg, -100 kg, +100 kg <b>Female:</b> -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg, -63 kg, -70 kg, -78 kg, +78 kg
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>BORN IN 2011 AND EARLIER (EARLY BLOOMER 2012)</b> Novice: Yellow, Orange   Intermediate: Green & Blue   Advanced: Brown & Black <b>Male:</b> -60 kg, -66 kg, -73 kg, -81 kg, -90 kg, -100 kg, +100 kg <b>Female:</b> -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg, -63 kg, -70 kg, -78 kg, +78 kg
<b>VETERAN</b>	<b>BORN IN 1996 AND EARLIER*</b> Novice: Yellow, Orange   Intermediate: Green   Advanced: Blue, Brown & Black <b>Male:</b> -60 kg, -66 kg, -73 kg, -81 kg, -90 kg, -100 kg, +100 kg <b>Female:</b> -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg, -63 kg, -70 kg, -78 kg, +78 kg <small>*The combination of the age and weight categories will be based on the number of participants registered.</small>
<b>NE-WAZA</b>	<b>BORN IN 2011 AND EARLIER</b> Green Belt Minimum <b>Male:</b> -66 kg, -81 kg, +81 kg <b>Female:</b> -52 kg, -63 kg, +63 kg

# 05 DIVISION INFORMATION & ELIGIBILITY

	<p><b>NAGE-NO KATA (3 sets – U16 Only), NAGE-NO-KATA (5 sets), KATAME-NO KATA, JUNO KATA, GOSHIN JUTSU-NO KATA, KIME-NO-KATA</b></p> <p><b>Advanced</b></p> <p>Senior Division: Minimum Rank Brown Belt for Tori and Blue Belt for Uke. U21 Division: Minimum Rank Green Belt for Tori and Orange for Uke. U18 Division: Minimum Rank Green Belt for Tori and Orange for Uke. U16 Division: Minimum Rank Orange Belt for Tori and Yellow for Uke.</p> <p><b>Novice</b></p> <p>Senior Division: Yellow Belt To Blue Belt for Tori And Yellow Belt and up for Uke. U21 Division: Yellow Belt To Orange Belt for Tori And Yellow Belt and up for Uke. U18 Division: Yellow Belt To Orange Belt for Tori And Yellow Belt and up for Uke. U16 Division: Yellow Belt For Tori and Yellow and up for Uke.</p> <p><b>ITSUTSU-NO-KATA, KOSHIKI-NO-KATA</b></p> <p><b>U18 and up only</b></p> <p>Senior Division: Minimum Rank Shodan for Tori and Uke. U21 Division: Minimum Rank Shodan for Tori and Uke U18 Division: Minimum Rank Shodan for Tori and Uke</p>
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# 06 RULES

Format of all age divisions as per current Judo Canada Sanctioning Policy & Tournament Standards unless specified below. Any modification to the recommended format must be approved by Judo Canada in advance.

- All issues/cases(s) that are unexpected or deemed exceptional circumstances will be solved by decisions taken by the Tournament Director in cooperation with JC Chief Official.
- 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 and Kodokan Goshin-jutsu for the Senior, U21, U18 and U21 age divisions. Koshiki-no-Kata and Itsutsu-no-Kata is only for U18 and up. 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.
- Each athlete is required to present identification with photo at the weigh-in.
- There will be no paper copies of the draw.

# 06 RULES

## COMPETITION FORMAT

- The modified double elimination format will be used.
- In weight categories with seven (7) or fewer competitors, the pool system format will be used. In weight categories with five (5) or fewer competitors, the round-robin format will be used.

## UNIFORMS

- White judogi is mandatory for U14, Novice divisions, Veterans & Intermediate. Blue judogi is optional.
- White & blue judogis are mandatory for U16 & older.
- For KATA: White Judogi only. No red & white belts.

## REMOTE WEIGH-IN

- Remote weigh-in will be permitted for **U14, U18 Novice, U21 Novice divisions ONLY – NO EXCEPTIONS**, at predetermined locations between 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm on Friday, March 13, 2026. More details will be sent to all athletes that are eligible for remote weigh-in mid-February.
- An official scale will be available for any weigh-in challenges presented to the Tournament Director by a coach regarding an athlete who completed a remote weigh-in. In such cases, the athlete will be required to undergo an in-person weigh-in on the official scale witnessed by accredited weigh-in officials.
- As per the Judo Canada Tournament Standards for National A level tournaments athletes competing in the U16, U18, U21, Senior, Veterans & Ne Waza divisions are **not permitted** to weigh-in remotely. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## REMOTE WEIGH-IN REQUIREMENTS

- Learn the Judo Canada Weigh-in Process
- Ensure all your club weigh in volunteers complete the Judo BC volunteer registration - <https://registration.judocanada.org/event/JudoBCVolunteer>
- Prior to registering to be a volunteer, volunteers must complete the following:
  - » NCCP Safe Sport Module – free, online, on demand, approx. 60 mins
  - » NCCP Rule of Two Module – free online, on demand, approx. 10 mins
  - » Complete a criminal record check – free for volunteers, clubs to provide link and access code to their volunteers.
- If a volunteer completed these requirements in 2024-25, they do not have to redo them and they are still eligible to assist with weigh-in for the 2025-26 season
- Apply here no later than January 31st to have your club approved for Pacific International Remote Weigh-in: <https://registration.judocanada.org/event/2026PACWeighin>

Remote Weigh-in locations, dates and times will be published on registration Main Page Registration Page in Trackie in February.

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## 07 EARLY BLOOMER

If an athlete would like to compete in an age division above their standard age division, Early Bloomer waiver must be submitted during the registration & they must apply to Judo Canada for approval. Early Bloomer waiver must be signed by both a parent and a coach. Early Bloomer waiver and the link to apply for Judo Canada approval is available on the main page of the Trackie registration.

- **Birth Year of 2015** must complete and upload an earlier bloomer waiver to fight in **U14**.
- **Birth Years of 2013** must complete and upload an earlier bloomer waiver to fight in **U16**.
- **Birth Year of 2012** must complete and upload an earlier bloomer waiver to fight in **U18, U21 or Senior**

Judo Canada Early Bloomer approval application: <https://forms.gle/suzkvn6PKHkE7jnS8>

Judo Canada approval is required by the February 13, 2026 registration deadline.

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## 08 WEIGH-IN/CHECK-IN

**Please note:**

- Athletes are only required to weigh-in once.
- Athletes who are fighting 2 days will need to weigh-in at the designated time for the first day competition.
- New Judo Canada weigh-in rule - **Athletes 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.**
- For the second day of competition, athletes will be considered "checked-in" for their second day competition, unless notification is given by the athlete, parent, or coach to the tournament management that they are unable to compete. Please notify us no later than 30 minutes after the end of the competition on Saturday, March 14, 2026

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## 09 DOPING CONTROL

Each participant in the Pacific International in the Advanced U16, U18, U21 and Advanced Senior categories are subject to a doping control according to regulations by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES). Athletes and coaches must be familiar with these regulations. You can access the CCES Policy at: [www.cces.ca](http://www.cces.ca).

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## 10 REFEREE & KATA JUDGES

**Referee Eligibility U14, U16, U18, U21, Senior & Veterans:** National C and higher

**Kata Judges Eligibility:** Certified National and higher, in the kata that they are judging.

**Please pre-register to referee and/or judge the kata competition:**

**<https://registration.judocanada.org/event/2026PacificInternational>**

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## 11 AWARDS

Medals will be awarded for first, second and third place. All medal winners must win at least one match. Medals will be awarded after the division is completed. Medal winners must be in white judogi for award ceremony.

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## 12 DRAWS, RESULTS & WEBCASTING

Draw sheets and competition results will be on: **[www.judocanada.live](http://www.judocanada.live)**

Live webcast will be available at: **[www.judocanada.tv](http://www.judocanada.tv)**

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## 13 SOCIAL EVENT

The Social Event for coaches, officials, referees, judges will be hosted by Judo BC and is a free event. Attendees must be 19+ years of age.

**Location:** Executive Vancouver Airport Hotel, 7311 Westminster Hwy, Richmond, BC V6X 3K3

**Event Description:** Snacks & Beverages

**Date:** Saturday, March 14, 2026

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Cost:** Free

**Attendees:** Referees, Coaches, Officials, Organizing Committee, Sponsors & Special Guests

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## 14 HOST HOTEL

**Executive Vancouver Airport Hotel**  
**7311 Westminster Hwy, Richmond, BC**

ROOM TYPE	RATE
Courtyard Standard room -Ground Floor (1 x Queen or Two DBL Bed)	\$169
Courtyard Junior Suite (1 Queen Bed+1 Sofa Bed)	\$169
Plaza Room 1 x Queen or Two DBL Bed	\$169
Tower Two-Bedroom Condo Suite (1 Queen Bed+ 1 Sofa Bed)	\$199
Tower Two-Bedroom Condo Suite (1 Queen Bed+1 Single Bed+1 Sofa Bed)	\$239

These special rates include:

- Overnight Parking
- High-speed Internet /WIFI in the guestroom
- Free Local Calls
- Free Airport Transfer during 6:00 am – 10:30 pm

The rates above do not include local, provincial and federal taxes and fees. Booking deadline for these rates is February 12, 2026.

### RESERVATIONS

Guests will be responsible for calling the hotel and making their reservations. Guests may call locally at 604-278-5555 or Toll-free at 1-800-663-2878. Please quote "Judo Pacific International" and guarantee their reservation with a valid credit card, as well as payment of room & tax and their incidental charges.

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## 15 TRAVEL PROMO CODE

Judo Canada has partnered with WestJet to offer a travel promotional code of 5% off Econo\* and 10% off EconoFlex and Premium fares for travel within Canada and between Canada & US.

No discount will apply to Ultra Basic or Business class bookings. To take advantage of this offer, you will need the discount code listed. Please visit [www.westjet.com](http://www.westjet.com) to make a booking online.

For more detailed information and discount code, please visit:

<https://judocanada.org/westjetcode/>