



Athlete Eligibility

1. The Saskatchewan Games are open to Saskatchewan residents who are Canadian citizens or who have landed immigrant status for a minimum period of one year prior to the Games.
2. Each District team shall be comprised of eligible athletes whose Saskatchewan domicile or actual residence for at least six months prior to the Games, was located within the recognized boundaries of the District they are representing. In the event that an athlete moves from one District to another less than six months prior to the start of the Games, a special request may be made to the Saskatchewan Games Council to determine eligibility.
3. Students enrolled and attending secondary or post-secondary school on a full-time basis outside their District residence may elect to compete in a District play down in either their home District or the academic resident District, but not both.

Students attending a secondary school outside their home District must be enrolled in a minimum of 60% of the eligible credits to be considered a full-time student.

Students attending a post-secondary school outside their home District must be enrolled in a minimum of the equivalent 3 full time classes per year to be considered a full-time student.

4. First Nation athletes who reside and attend school in one District but are members of a First Nation in another District may elect to participate in either District, but not both. If they try out for one District and are not selected for that team, they are not permitted to try out for that sport in another District.
5. Athletes who have shared custody in a split marriage must participate in the District in which they currently attend school. If an athlete is transferring schools to live with the other parent or guardian in another District in the year of the Games, then the school that the athlete previously attended will be the District they participate in.
6. Athletes residing outside Saskatchewan:

Individual Sports:

Athletes residing at an address outside Saskatchewan are eligible to participate in the Saskatchewan Games if they meet the following conditions:

- They reside near the Saskatchewan border and attend school on a full-time basis in a recognized Saskatchewan education system;
- In the year of the Saskatchewan Games they must be a registered member of the appropriate Saskatchewan Provincial Organization (PSO) and not be a member of another province;
- They are eligible for membership with a PSO in Saskatchewan.

Team Sports:

If a team has members from outside the Province of Saskatchewan, the team will be eligible if these criteria are met:

- The majority of the team resides in Saskatchewan or attends school on a full-time basis in a Saskatchewan based education system, and the others live within reasonable commuting distance;
- In the year of the Saskatchewan Games they must be a registered member of the appropriate Saskatchewan PSO and not be a member of another province;
- They are eligible for membership with a PSO in Saskatchewan.

7. District Team Eligibility**Sports using Club Team selection**

When a team roster is comprised of athletes residing in different Districts, the following criteria will determine which District the team will represent:

- In the year of the Saskatchewan Games they must be a registered member of the appropriate Saskatchewan PSO;
- Where a team has members from two or more Districts, and is registered in a recognized league, it shall compete in the District where the majority of the players reside. Teams in this position may have members living in adjacent Districts within reasonable commuting distance.

8. The Games are open to amateur athletes recognized as such by the applicable PSO.
9. For each Games an athlete may participate in one sport only in each half; however, an athlete may elect to try out for different sports in the District team selection process. Upon acceptance of selection to a District team in that half of the Games, the athlete must remain with that team until the completion of the Games and is not eligible to try out for another sport.
10. Coaches, managers and athletes may participate in more than one sport, but they may only participate in one sport in each half of the Games.
11. The age classification for participation in the Saskatchewan Games is based on the LTAD model for each sport. Recognizing the Multi-sport environment that athletes are exposed to at the Games, each sport should consider the maturity level of the athlete when establishing its age classification.
12. Eligibility of athletes for the Saskatchewan Games program must be clearly identified by the PSO in the Sport Technical package.
13. Prior to the Games, the eligibility of any athlete not clearly established by these rules will be determined by the Saskatchewan Games Council. During the Games, the eligibility will be determined by the Games Jury.
14. Coaches, managers and athletes of the District team must stay in the Athletes' Village during the Games.



JUDO TECHNICAL PACKAGE

2026 SASKATCHEWAN WINTER GAMES
February 15 – 21, 2026
Flying Dust First Nation and Meadow Lake

1.0 SPORT

- 1.1 Competition Site: Jonas Sampson Middle Years School
 - 1.2 Competition Dates: February 18-21, 2026
 - 1.3 Sanction: Judo Saskatchewan
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2.0 PARTICIPANTS

- 2.1 Number of Competitors per District: 6 Male and 4 Female
- 2.2 Coaches and Managers per District: 1 Coach and 1 Manager

Note: Sports that have both male and female competitors must ensure that at least one coach/manager is of the opposite gender.

3.0 CLASSIFICATION

- 3.1 Athletes are 11 – 15 Years of Age
 - 3.2 Year of Birth: 2011 - 2014
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4.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Athletes: All athletes must be registered with Judo Saskatchewan and be a member in good standing. Each athlete must have attained the rank of yellow belt.
- 4.2 Coaches: All Coaches must be certified NCCP Level 1 or Dojo Assistant certification.

As a coach or manager of a District team you will be volunteering with children, who are vulnerable members of our society. As per the policy of the Saskatchewan Games Council, all coaches and managers are required to undergo a Criminal Record Check and a Vulnerable Sector Check.

As per the mandatory requirements for all sports in Saskatchewan the “Respect in Sport” online training program must be taken by all coaches. It is strongly recommended that managers take the online training to ensure that as youth leaders they recognize, understand and respond to issues of abuse, bullying and harassment.

- 4.3 Exclusions: Any athlete that has previously won a medal at National Championships will not be allowed to compete.

5.0 PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION

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7.0 COMPETITION

7.1 Type of Competition: **Individual competition (Day 1)**

Male: -40 kg, -45 kg, -50 kg, -55 kg, -60 kg, + 60 kg
Female: -40 kg, -46 kg, -53 kg, +53 kg

1-person division: the person can apply to the Provincial Technical Liaison to fight up one division. Decisions will be made in the best interest of the athlete.

2-person division: double round robin – if after the first two matches the athletes are tied with one victory each the deciding match will occur during the medal rounds

3-person division: double round robin – medal round 2 vs. 3 and winner vs. 1

4-person division: single round robin – medal round 1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3 and winners for gold and bronze medalists compete for District points.

5-person division: single round robin – medal round 1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3 and winner for gold and bronze medalists compete for District points.

6-person division: two pools of three double round robin – medal round A1 vs. B2 and B1 vs. A2, and then winners for gold and bronze medalists compete for District points.

7-person division: one pool of three double round robin and one pool of four single round robin – medal round A1 vs. B2 and B1 vs. A2, and then winners for gold and bronze medalists compete for District points.

8-person division: two pools of four single round robin – medal round A1 vs. B2 and B1 vs. A2, and then winners for gold and bronze medalists compete for District points.

Team Competition (Day 1)

There will be no medals or flag points for this event. Each District may enter both a men's team and a women's team and a District must have at least 3 athletes to enter the Team competition. There will be the same weight divisions as the individual competition for both male and female teams with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 weight divisions used for points to advance. Example: if District A has a team of 6 boys and District B has only 5 boys. The team match would match the District A 5 boys vs. District B 5 boys (matching weight division). This would give everyone the opportunity to compete in the team competition. The Provincial Technical Liaison will work with the draw master to ensure fairness.

An eight team draw sheet will be used and a single elimination format will be used to determine 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. If there are less than four (4) teams entered each team will compete against the other team once. Medals will be provided for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Newaza Competition (Day 2)

Male: -40 kg, -45 kg, -50 kg, -55 kg, -60 kg, + 60 kg

Female: -40 kg, -46 kg, -53 kg, +53 kg

1-person division: the person can apply to the Provincial Technical Liaison to fight up one division if their District does not have a person in the next division. This athlete will get a medal and points in their original division and cannot collect points or medals in the higher division. Decisions will be made in the best interest of the athlete.

2-person division: double round robin – if after the first two matches the athletes are tied with one victory each the deciding match will occur during the medal rounds

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Team Newaza Competition (Day 2)

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Kata Competition (Day 3)

This will be mandatory for all athletes entered in the individual competition. Each district may enter up to 5 teams **and must have a team in each set before entering a second team in a set.** (if they have 2 athletes, 1 team; 4 athletes, 2 teams; 6 athletes, 3 teams; 8 athletes, 4 teams; 10 athletes, 5 teams). The pairs may be any combination of two people. There are no gendered divisions.

- Kodomo no kata #3
- Kodomo no kata #4
- Kodomo no kata #5

RULES

Three judges will independently judge each performance following the modified IJF Kata Competition Rules:

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 and the pair with the third highest score will be awarded with the bronze medal. Each pair will only be eligible to be awarded one medal and that will be in the kata that they placed the highest.

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.

7.2 Events: Both individual and team

7.3 Playoff Format: Medal rounds according to the draw sheet. 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3 with winners advancing to gold medal match

8.0 RESULTS

8.1 Sport Scoring: There will be 8 points for 1st, 7 points for 2nd, 6 points for 3rd 5 points for 4th, 4 points for 5th, 3 points for 6th, 2 points for 7th and one point for 8th. This will apply to both the individual and Newaza competition.

8.2 There will be no Sask Games Flag points awarded for Kata event or the team events.

9.0 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

1st – Look at points; 2nd – By winner of the bout between the tied competitors; 3rd – Re-flight round robin

10.0 SPORT PROTEST PROCEDURE

All protests must be submitted to the Tournament Technical Director in writing.

11.0 EQUIPMENT

Each competitor is required to have 2 – White Judo gis and 2 – Blue Judo gis. There is a requirement for a mat area 8 meters X 8 meters with a 3-meter safety area plus a similar area for warm up. Judo Saskatchewan can supply the mats. There is a requirement for an accurate weigh scales, 4 stop watches, two sets of flags and an electronic score board.

12.0 SPORT JURY

Off mat issues will be referred to the Tournament Director for resolution and any issues arising from on mat issues will be referred to the Head Official.

13.0 OFFICIALS REQUIRED

13.1 Major Officials – A total of six referees one of which will be Head Referee. As required Judo Saskatchewan, will select the head referee and then the head referee and the Sport Technical Director will select the remaining five referees. At least one Provincial A referee per team.

13.2 Minor Officials – one person to do the draws, two timekeepers and two scorekeepers.

14.0 MEDICAL SERVICES

Certified Nurse or physician and Sport Physiotherapist.

15.0 MEDALS

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Female individual	4	4	8
Male individual	6	6	12
Female Newaza	4	4	8
Male Newaza	6	6	12
Kata	6	6	6
Total	26	26	46

16.0 DISTRICT TEAMS SELECTION CRITERIA

Each District Sport Contact will be asked to hold play downs for their District to select a team. All District play downs will be scheduled to occur between January 5 and January 16, 2026, however, the District Contact may request to Judo Saskatchewan to move that date up to one week earlier or later than this period. There will be a round robin format with the top two athletes in each weight division competing in a best two out of three for the final.

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