



Japan Veterans International Judo Championships

2026 Japan Veterans International Judo Championships The 20th Japan Masters Judo Championships

1. **Date**

June 20 (Sat) and 21 (Sun), 2026

2. **Venue**

Repro Budokan

4-1877, Hinode, Ageo-city, Saitama 362-0032, Japan

3. **Organizer**

All Japan Judo Federation

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4. **Program**

June 20th (Sat)	8:00-9:00	Accreditation & Payment-Kata Competition	Repro Budokan
	9:30-9:40	Opening Ceremony	
	9:40-12:00	Kata Competition	
	10:00-11:00	Accreditation for Team Competition	
	13:00-17:00	Team Competition	
	15:00-17:00	Accreditation and Weight in for Individual	
	19:00-21:00	Party (Organized by Japan Masters Judo Association) <u>This Party is not mandatory (optional).</u> (Only those who wish to attend the party) Party fee: men ¥9,000 women ¥6,000	Shimizuen 2-204-1, Azumacho, Omiya-ku, Saitama, 330-0841, Japan
June 21th (Sun)	9:00-12:00	Individual Competition M7-M12, F1-F12	Repro Budokan
	12:00-17:55	Individual Competition M1-M6	
		Closing Ceremony	

*Above schedule may be changed due to the number of entries.

5. **Participation Rules**

Any participant is eligible to inscribe in the competition provided he/she is:

- Not under a disciplinary suspension.
- Not under suspension for anti-doping rule violation.

In addition to the above athletes must:

- Not be under medical suspension.
- Be healthy and fit for competition.
- Born in 1996 (30 years as of December 31, 2026) or before.
- Hold a National Federation's membership currently affiliated to the IJF.
- Hold minimum 1st Kyu
- Athletes must not have represented a National Team in a competition at international senior level at any time in the twelve months period before the start date of this Japan Veteran International Judo Championships.



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6. Participation Fee

Kata: ¥6,000

Individual, Team: ¥6,000

If a participant enters both Individual and Team, the participation fee is ¥6,000 in total.

7. Payment

The payment for participation fee must be settled in cash (Japanese Yen) on the spot at accreditation on June 20th.

8. Deadline

The Deadline for entry of the event is **April 28th (TUE) 2026**.

- Entry (Online)
- Pledge (Upload online)
- Passport copy (Upload online)
- Invitation Request Form (If you need Visa to enter Japan)

Note: Participants can change weight category until June 8th(12:00 JST).

It is not possible to change the weight category after June 9th.

9. Online Entry

All Participants must make **online entries** and upload Pledge and Passport copy.

Online Entry URL

<https://form.run/@JapanVeteransEntry2026>



10. VISA (Request for Invitation document)

Invitation requests (for visa) must be applied through your National Federation.

National Federations must submit "Invitation Request Form" via email to ajjf@judo.or.jp before the deadline (April 28).

11. Judogi and back number

Athletes must compete in White Judogi (Blue Judogi is not permitted).

Athletes must have a backnumber (with name and country) sewn on the back of Judogi.

The size of back number should be 30cm – 35cm (Horizontal) / 25cm – 30cm (Vertical).

IJF Backnumbers will be accepted.

Judogi size must be compliant with the IJF rules. Judogi control with Sokuteki will be conducted.

Female athletes must wear a white plain t-shirt under the Judogi.

Long hair has to be bounded with an elastic band. Wearing Make-up or accessories is prohibited. The nails have to be cut short.

12. Accreditation / Weight-In for individual

All Participants must attend Accreditation.

Athletes who compete in Individual must attend Weight-in.

Accreditation and Weight-In will be conducted as below.



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Kata	June 20 th (Sat) 8:00-9:00 at Venue
Teams	June 20 th (Sat) 10:00-11:00 at Venue
Individual (Weight-In)	June 20 th (Sat) 15:00-17:00 at Venue

Athletes who fail to pass weight-in will be disqualified.

(It is not possible to compete in other weight categories.)

As mentioned in "8. Deadline", Participants can change their weight categories before June 8th (12:00 JST). It is not possible to change weight categories after June 9th.

13. Competition Rules

Kata

Competition will be carried out according to the IJF Kata regulation.

- Nage no Kata
- Katame no Kata
- Kime no Kata
- Ju no Kata
- Kodokan Goshinjutsu
- Itsutsu no Kata
- Koshiki no Kata

Athletes can compete in only one of above katas.

The organizer will provide weapons for Kime no Kata and Kodokan Goshinjutsu.

Individuals

Contest time:

- M1/F1 to M6/F6: 3 minutes (180 seconds)
- M7/F7 to M8/F8: 2.5 minutes (150 seconds)
- M9/F9 to M12/F12: 2 minutes (120 seconds)

Flag Decision (Hantei) for Individuals:

The winner will be decided by below.

1. Athlete who scores Ippon (or Opponent receives "Hansoku Make").
 2. Athlete who has high score at the end of contest.
 3. If there is no difference between two athletes at the end of the contest, the one with less Shido will be the winner.
 4. If there was no difference in Shido, the winner will be decided by flag decision.
- There is NO GOLDEN SCORE for this competition.

Teams

Contest time for Men

- For Competitors aged 30s – 60s: 2.5 minutes (150 seconds)
- For Competitors aged 70 and above: 2 minutes (120 seconds)

Contest time for Women

- For all Matches: 2.5 minutes (150 seconds)

Team Composition:

- Men (Men team consists of 5 competitors):
One competitor from each age group: 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, and 70s
(no weight categories in each age group).
- Women (Women team consists of 3 competitors):



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No weight or age categories. Competitors are ordered from youngest to oldest.

Non competitor in certain Age Category (Men team competition):

- If a team lacks a competitor for a specific age group, the opponent wins by "Fusen-gachi", or the next oldest available competitor may replace it. If no competitor is available for the 70s category, the opponent wins by "Fusen-gachi".

Changing team members:

- Changing team members are allowed if he/she is competing in individuals and is not already part of another team.
- Member changes must be made at least 5 days before the match (by June 15th, Mon).

Criteria for deciding "The Winning Team":

- The team with more wins, will be awarded as the winning team.
- If the number of wins is tied, the decision will be based on the number of "Ippon" wins, then the number of "Waza-ari" wins, then "Yuko" wins.
- If still tied, each team will select one competitor for "Representative Match".

Representative Match will last lasting 2 minutes (120 seconds).

Representative Match is conducted under standard match rules, not Golden Score. Therefore, "Waza-ari", "Yuko" or "Shido" will not end the match immediately.

At the end of Representative Match, if both athletes are still tied, the winner will be determined by a flag decision.

Hantei (winning decision) for each contest in Teams competition:

1. If the competitor has more score than the opponent, "Yusei-gachi" is awarded.
- 2-1 If both competitors have equal scores, and the number of the Shido is 2-0, the competitor with no Shido will be declared the winner by "Kinsa".
- 2-2 If the penalty difference is one, or equal, the match will end in a draw ("Hikiwake").

Age category and Duration:

Female	Male	Age	YOB	Duration
F1	M1	30 – 34	1996 – 1992	3
F2	M2	35 – 39	1991 – 1987	3
F3	M3	40 – 44	1986 – 1982	3
F4	M4	45 – 49	1981 – 1977	3
F5	M5	50 – 54	1976 – 1972	3
F6	M6	55 – 59	1971 – 1967	3
F7	M7	60 – 64	1966 – 1962	2.5
F8	M8	65 – 69	1961 – 1957	2.5
F9	M9	70 – 74	1956 – 1952	2
F10	M10	75 – 79	1951 – 1947	2
F11	M11	80 – 84	1946 – 1942	2
F12	M12	85 – Over	-1941	2

Weight category

Female : -48 kg / -52 kg / -57 kg / -63 kg / -70 kg / -78 kg / +78 kg

Male : -60 kg / -66 kg / -73 kg / -81 kg / -90 kg / -100 kg / +100 kg

The organizer may combine two or more categories depending on the number of athletes.



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14. Accommodation and Transportation

Participants must arrange their accommodation and transportation on their own.

15. Insurance

Athletes themselves, athletes and team officials, must assume all responsibility for accident and health insurance as well as the civil liabilities (third party cover). They must have insurance either held personally in the form of specific insurance cover or travel cover (which includes participating in judo competition) or as part of their National Federation insurance arrangements. All Japan Judo Federation will not be responsible of any claims of illness, Injury and death, of any participants/officials.

16. Handling of Personal Information and Portrait Rights

1. The personal information provided in the application form may be published in the tournament program and on the tournament website. Additionally, it may be disclosed to media outlets such as newspapers, magazines, television, and related websites.
2. The portrait rights for photos or videos taken during matches, kata competitions, and award ceremonies belong entirely to the tournament organizers. Please be aware that such photos or videos may be posted on our association's website and other promotional materials for the tournament.
3. The submitted personal information will not be used for any purposes other than those stated above.

17. Other

- All medalists must attend the medal ceremony with White Judogi.
- All competitors must be ready to compete at least 45 minutes prior to the estimated start time.

- Japan Masters Judo Association will hold a party as below.
Place: "Shimizuen"
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