



# Abu Dhabi World Championships Veterans 2023

United Arab Emirates

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## RULES FOR VETERANS

### CLEAN JUDO - <https://www.ijf.org/cleanjudo>

We work hard to preserve the integrity of the IJF, and it is responsibility of us all to do this. At each event we have one person responsible for observing everything to ensure the rules are not broken. On the clean judo web page, we have a lot of useful information. If you suspect someone is doping, manipulating competitions (i.e., match-fixing, betting) or guilty of harassment it can be reported on the clean judo web page.

### PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR YOUR CONTESTS!

Athletes you are responsible to be on the tatami on time, we will not wait.

#### IJF SOR 8.3

For the first contests of the day the athlete must be at the judogi control **fifteen (15) minutes** before the official start time. If they do not arrive at the appointed time their coach will not be allowed to enter the field of play. For the next rounds athletes must pass judogi control and be on time for their contests. If they do not arrive on time the 30 second rule will be applied (see IJF Sport and Organisation Rules, Appendix D, Article 19). Athletes arriving during the 30 second countdown will not be allowed to have their coach accompany them onto field of play.

#### Article 19 - Default and Withdrawal

The decision of fusen-gachi shall be given to any contestant whose opponent does not appear for his contest according to the 30 seconds rules.

#### IJF Warm-Up Rules

- Warm up tatami must have the same rules as a dojo.
- It is a shared space for all athletes to use.
- It must be kept tidy – nothing on the warm-up part of the tatami except the competing athletes.
- Each athlete may come with only one warm-up partner
- If you are not needed in the warm-up area, please go in the tribune.
- Once athletes finish their competition, they should leave the warm-up area, taking their belongings, and ensure that the used area remains clean.
- Coaches are responsible for their delegation and must educate their athletes.
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- If a delegation does not follow the rules ALL coaches from that delegation will have their accreditation removed for that day and if found coaching from the tribune will be subject to a disciplinary sanction.

#### Participation Rules

All participating delegates must have a valid IJF card and be inscribed in judobase ([www.judobase.org](http://www.judobase.org)) by their National Federation.

Any delegate is eligible to inscribe in a competition provided he/she is:

- Not under a disciplinary suspension.
- Not under suspension for anti-doping rule violation.
- Not under medical suspension.
- Healthy and fit for competition.
- Do not carry any communicable diseases that may risk other delegates' health.
- Hold a current and valid licence (membership) issued by a National Federation currently affiliated to the IJF.
- Pay the appropriate entry fees in full before the deadline set in the event outlines.
- Check in at accreditation (see schedule of accreditation in the event outlines).
- Meet the specific weigh-in requirements.
- Provide photographic proof of their identity and date of birth using a valid current passport or a current national identity card.
- All players must have obtained the minimum grade of first kyu.
- Sufficient technical knowledge (know the terminology and can execute all the techniques in the IJF Sport and Organisation Rules, Appendix H) and understand fully the IJF sport and refereeing rules.
- Participants must also satisfy all regulations in the IJF COVID-19 Protocol and COVID-19 local protocol.





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Athletes MUST upload their medical certificate to compete, issued (not older than one (1) year before the start of, and valid for the full length of the championships) by an authorised body of the country they represent to [my.ijf.org](http://my.ijf.org) (for help contact [medical@ijf.org](mailto:medical@ijf.org)). Athletes might be asked to present the hard copy of their certificate upon request. Certificates must be issued in or translated to one of IJF's official languages (English, French, Spanish).

The minimum age for participation in the World Veterans is to be 30 years or over in the year of the event. This defines the age at which players first become eligible to compete. Once a player has become eligible, they will be allocated into their appropriate five-year age category i.e., M1/F1 will consist of athletes who have their 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd or 34th birthday and the M2/F2 will consist of players who have their 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th or 39th birthday at any date during the year of the world championships.

The nationality of athletes will be taken as that which is indicated in their current passport or current national identity card.

**JUDOGI AND OFFICIAL IJF BACKNUMBER** For further information on judogi rules please refer to the IJF SOR.

Athletes must compete wearing an IJF approved judogi (white and blue) from one of the following official suppliers can be found here: <https://www.ijf.org/supplier-list>

For further information on the judogi rules please refer to the IJF Sport and Organisation Rules ([www.ijf.org/ijf/documents/21](http://www.ijf.org/ijf/documents/21)).

The organiser has the right to charge for any sewing service that is deemed larger than a small repair.

#### COMPETITION RULES FOR VETERANS

The IJF competition rules will apply with except for modifications made to age divisions (IJF SOR section A1.4), category combining (IJF SOR section A1.7), contest and golden score duration (IJF SOR section A1.6). A registered competitor can use their athlete accreditation to coach. An additional coach accreditation is not required. Any athletes who choose also to coach their colleagues and then don't follow IJF SOR section 7.1 Coaches' Code of Conduct risk being removed from the competition (i.e., no longer allowed to compete if applicable).

#### AGE DIVISIONS FOR VETERANS

Players will be allocated an age division based on:

- a) Meeting the entrance criteria of a minimum of 30 years of age within the year of the event and,
- b) Their date of birth in line with a five-year age range:

Age division	Actual age (in the year of the event)
F1/M1	30-34
F2/M2	35-39
F3/M3	40-44
F4/M4	45-49
F5/M5	50-54
F6/M6	55-59
F7/M7	60 – 64 (no shime-waza)
F8/M8	65 – 69 (no shime-waza)
F9/M9	70+ (no shime-waza)

In order to facilitate the best possible application of the category combining policy (see below) in situations of potentially a small number of entries and all the female categories will be held on the same day.





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## WEIGHT CATEGORIES FOR VETERANS

Men: -60 kg, -66 kg, -73 kg, -81 kg, -90 kg, -100 kg, +100 kg

Women: -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg, -63 kg, -70 kg, -78 kg, +78 kg

## TIME DURATION OF CONTESTS FOR VETERANS

Duration (minutes) for individual events will be as follows:

- M1/F1 to M6/F6: three (3) minutes.
- M7/F7 and over: two and a half (2.5) minutes.

Age range	Age Division	Contest Duration	Golden Score
30-59	M1/F1 to/including M6/F6	3 minutes	No limit
60+	M7/F7 to/including M9/F9	2.5 minutes	1 minute*

\*If a tie exists at the end of the 1 minute golden score time, the referee, in consultation with the table jury will determine the winner without calling hantei.

## CATEGORY COMBINING FOR VETERANS

A technical official from the IJF will delegate responsibility to a suitable individual, representing the Host Organisation, who will be responsible for operating the category combining policy. This policy applies to all weight categories within all age divisions. Category combining may only be applied to categories where there are less than three entrants. If category combining cannot be achieved safely and according to the guidelines, then a pool of two elimination system may be considered. The best of three contests between the two players, if the result is 2-0 then the third contest will not be fought.

- Combining within the same age division - athletes should remain within their age division if possible.
- Combining using weight categories – athletes should only be combined with other athletes who are no more than one weight category lighter or one weight category heavier. Special consideration should be given to the actual weight differences when dealing with the lightest and the heaviest female and male categories (as a guideline a maximum of 10 kg actual difference when combining the lightest weight category and a maximum of 20 kg actual difference when combining the heaviest weight category should be considered as a limit unless there are other compensatory factors such as experience etc.). Weight should be the primary consideration when moving players about within their own age division or combining them with other age divisions in accordance with the guidelines below.

## Age divisions:

- Athletes in age divisions M7 or F7 and above (M8/F8 and M9/F9) may only be combined with other athletes who are no more than one age division higher or more than one age division lower i.e., athletes in M7/F7 may only be combined with athletes from M6/F6 or M8/F8.
- Athletes in divisions M6 or F6 may be combined with athletes no more than one age division higher or two age divisions lower. i.e., M7/F7, M5/F5 and M4/F4.
- Athletes in divisions M5 or F5 may be combined with athletes no more than one age division above or two age divisions below i.e., M6/F6, M4/F4 and M3/F3.
- Athletes in divisions M4 or F4 may be combined with athletes no more than two age divisions above or two age divisions below i.e., M5/F5, M6/F6, M3/F3 and M2/F2.
- Athletes in divisions M3 or F3 may be combined with athletes no more than two age divisions above or two age divisions below i.e., M4/F4, M5/F5, M1/F1 and M2/F2.
- Athletes in age divisions M2 or F2 may only be combined with athletes two age divisions above and one age division below i.e., M3/F3, M4/F4 and M1/F1.
- Athletes in age divisions M1 or F1 may only be combined with athletes in two age divisions above i.e., M2/F2 and M3/F3.





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Age division	Higher age division	Lower age division
F1/M1	F2/M2, F3/M3	Not applicable
F2/M2	F3/M3, F4/M4	F1/M1
F3/M3	F4/M4, F5/M5	F1/M1, F2/M2
F4/M4	F5/M5, F6/M6	F2/M2, F3/M3
F5/M5	F6/M6	F3/M3, F4/M4
F6/M6	F7/M7	F4/M4, F5/M5
F7/M7	F8/M8	F6/M6
F8/M8	F9/M9	F7/M7
F9/M9	Not applicable	F8/M8

## ACCREDITATION

The purpose of accreditation is to identify people and their roles at events and allow them necessary access to perform their roles. Accreditation cards may be picked up from the accreditation room. An accredited person should never wear another person's accreditation card. The accreditation card remains the property of the IJF and can be withdrawn, with immediate effect, at the IJF's sole discretion. The accreditation card is valid for the duration of the competition and is the personal identity document of the participant for all security and access controls. This card contains: last (family) name, first (given) name, country, IJF ID number, media status (writer, photographer) and a picture. Replacement of lost or forgotten accreditation will be charged at 50 US\$ to be paid to the IJF.

## DRAW FOR VETERANS

The draw for the individual weight categories will take place after the accreditation on the day before the competition. Information on the exact location of the individual weight category draws will be displayed on the event official notice board.

A complete list of athletes who have successfully fulfilled the weight requirements will be displayed outside the room where the official draw will take place a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the draw starting.

Team officials from each country (or individual athletes) must check this list to ensure that all their athletes are on the list in the correct age division and weight category. The IJF Veterans Commission take no responsibility for someone who is not included in the draw because they were missing from the list, and no one from the delegation checked.

## SEEDING FOR VETERANS

In the veterans' event, there is no seeding, because athletes move into a new age category every five years and therefore enter in a new group of athletes.

## WEIGH-IN

The weigh-in will take place the day before the competition as indicated in the outlines. There is no random weigh-in for veterans.

## COMPETITION SYSTEM FOR VETERANS

The type of competitions system to be applied in the competition will depend on the number of entries as follows:

Competition systems according to number of participants:

- 6 and more entries: double repechage
- 3, 4, 5 entries: round robin
- 2 entries: best of 2 contests, if 1-1 the third contest will decide.





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In case the number of participants in a category is not sufficient, (age and/or weight) categories will be combine according to IJF SOR. All the contests in any one age division will be held on the same day.

## COACHING

All coaches should respect the IJF Code of Ethics and IJF SOR. Any coaches not adhering to these rules could be subject to disciplinary action. One coach, in possession of an official coach card (accreditation), is allowed within the competition area. The coach must stay at the edge of the contest area during the match, seated on a designated coach chair.

**Behaviour in the tribunes:** coaches and non-competing athletes who are watching from the tribunes, should be careful with their behaviour, it must be in the spirit and follow the values of judo. If an accredited coach communicates from the tribunes, his accreditation will be withdrawn, and he will be excluded from the sport hall.

## AWARDING CEREMONY FOR VETERANS

Each athlete who has won a medal must be present at the ceremony to receive their medal personally. Any athlete who is absent from the awards ceremony without a good reason may forfeit the medal. Athletes must attend the medal ceremony barefoot, without any hat, cap or any similar head covering and wearing their IJF approved white judogi that conforms to the IJF judogi rules with special attention being paid to the publicity rule. If it is not clean, then they must wear a reserve judogi. It is strictly prohibited for athletes on the podium to have national flags or similar items other than those on their judogi. Any demonstration with religious, political, personal or commercial connotation is prohibited. Medals will only be awarded to athletes who have actually fought in the category. The number of players competing determines the eventual medal allocation.

The medal distribution rule is as follows:

- One player - no medal will be awarded (the competitor will receive a participation medal from IJF. There will be no flag, national anthem during this awarding ceremony)
- Two players – two medals awarded only if the second placed player has won at least one contest. In the case of no contest won there will only be one medal awarded.
- Three players – three medals will be awarded only if the third-place player has won at least one contest. In the case of no contest won there will only be two medals awarded
- Four players – three medals awarded
- Five players – three medals awarded
- Six or more players – four medals awarded

If a category has been combined the only medals awarded will be the one set of medals for the athletes in that combined category.

Awards for the recognition of exemplary behaviour that promotes the spirit of judo and/or fair play may be awarded at the discretion of the IJF Veterans Commission.

At the request of our President Mr Marius Vizer, please show your respect for our medallists by staying until the end of all medal ceremonies. Thank you!

