

*VIRTUAL KATA CHAMPIONSHIP*

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Judo Saskatchewan is proud to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virtual Kata Championship enabling kata competitors to take part at provincial event through a virtual format.

This document outlines the rules established by Judo Saskatchewan for this event. They may evolve based on Judo Saskatchewan better understanding the appropriate format to implement this kind of event.

*This document was established based on information from the EJU, IJF and JC for kata online competitions.*

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### **REGISTRATION**

Open to members in good standing with their respective provincial associations and register online @ Trackie: [2022 Judo Sask Virtual Kata Championships](#) (one form/kata team) & upload videos to: [Video Submission Entry](#)

#### REGISTRATION FEE:

One kata team member will register all pertinent team information and submit registration fee.

- \$20 per team/per set for Kodomo no kata
- \$40 per team/per kata U16, U23, Senior

Pairs can register for an unlimited number of kata. Multiple entries with different partners are permitted with payment of a separate entry fee.

#### Dates:

- Registration deadline: 23h59 on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022
- Video deadline: 23h59 on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Draw: November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Announcement of results: week of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 on social media.

Participants must submit one video for each Kata entered after registering through Trackie. [Video Submission Entry](#) Please see "Recording Requirements" below for video requirements.

All participants agree that their pictures and videos may be used for kata promotion as well as for education purposes during seminars by Judo Saskatchewan.

*NOTE: Virtual kata performance is not eligible for Saskatchewan grading purposes.*

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### **DIVISIONS**

To take part in a division, both tori and uke must meet the requirements of that age division in season 2022/2023. *A competitor may participate in an older division with a partner who qualifies for that older division. An older competitor may not compete in a younger division.*

- U14: children born in 2010 and later.
  - U16: children born in in 2008-2010.
  - U23: athletes born in, 2001 and 2007.
  - Senior: athletes born in 2007 and earlier.
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- A pair can participate in an older division if a kata is not offered in their age division.
  - Participants will have the opportunity to perform in more than one kata as either uke or tori. However, the same pair can only enter a particular kata once per age division.
  - The pairs may be any combination of two people. There are no gendered divisions.
  - All participants in [Kodomo no Kata](#) will be rewarded with medals. *The intention of this format of event is to introduce children to a more formal event environment and expose them to competitive experience that allows for extended learning.*
  - A participant that enters and successfully completes all 7 sets of Kodomo no Kata will be presented with a custom Provincial Championship GOLD medal!
  - [KODOKAN Official YouTube Channel-Kodomo-no-Kata playlist](#)

Kata allowed in the competition:

- U14 & U16:
  - [Kodomo no Kata: 7<sup>th</sup> set](#)
  - [Kodomo no Kata: 6<sup>th</sup> set](#)
  - [Kodomo no Kata: 5<sup>th</sup> set](#)
  - [Kodomo no Kata: 4<sup>th</sup> set](#)
  - [Kodomo no Kata: 3<sup>rd</sup> set](#)
  - [Kodomo no Kata: 2<sup>nd</sup> set](#)
  - [Kodomo no Kata: 1<sup>st</sup> set](#)
- U16:
  - Nage-no-Kata: first 3 sets
  - Ju-no-Kata: first set
  - Katame-no-Kata: first set
- U23:
  - Nage-no-Kata: 3 & 5 sets
  - Ju-no-Kata: 1 & 3 sets
  - Katame-no-Kata: 1 & 3 sets
- Senior:
  - Nage-no-Kata: 3 & 5 sets
  - Katame-no-Kata
  - Ju-no-Kata
  - Kime-no-Kata
  - Kodokan Goshin-jutsu

*\*\* The organizers reserve the right to modify/combine divisions in case of an inadequate number of participants.*

### **INSURANCE**

Judo Saskatchewan (or any of its officials or members) will not be liable or responsible for any personal injury resulting from participation in connection with the VKC.

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### **COMPETITION FORMAT**

- The “competition area” can be a dojo, inside a house or any open space the kata can be performed so long as the other requirements set out in this document are respected.
- Participants must wear a white judogi and a black belt or coloured belt.
- The use of mask during the performance will not be penalized.
- Each entered pair must send one video of each kata for which they registered. This video will have to be produced specifically for the VKC, and therefore cannot be a past kata performance. If a pair decides to register for more than one kata, they will need to send separate video for each kata.
- Only one video per pair and kata may be shared for the VKC evaluation by the judges. In cases where more than one video for the same kata is shared, only the first video submitted will be considered.

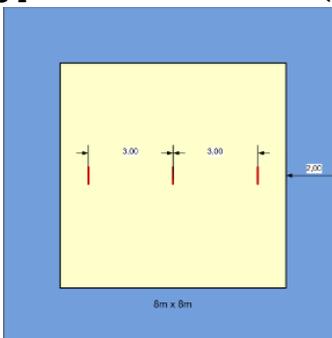
### **RECORDING REQUIREMENTS**

The video sent for evaluation in the VKC will have to respect the following requirements. Failing to respect them will automatically disqualify the pair:

- Format: MP4
- File name: VKC – Kata name – Tori’s last name & Uke’s last name
- Resolution: 720p or 1080p landscape
- File Size: 1 GB max
- Audio: All kata must be filmed with sound

Competition area:

- The recorded competition area must be well lit and it is recommended to be covered by tatami or similar material.
- The area must have dimensions of 6 x 6 meters (minimum) or 8 x 8 meters (maximum).
- The competition area must be fixed to a resilient floor.
- A strip of adhesive tape of a clearly visible color, about 5 cm wide, should be placed in the center of the tatami and 50 cm long. Two strips of the same size and color must also be placed to indicate the starting position of tori and uke (at 6 meters).



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- The video camera must be positioned at the middle of the tatami, thus perpendicular to the central tape on the tatami. It will have to be placed on the side where the centre judge is normally seated.
- The frame will have to reflect as closely as possible the view of a seated judge. The video camera will have to be mounted on a tripod at a height of about 1.5 meters from the ground and must not be moved during the entire kata performance (ratio height screen vs judokas 45% to 55%).
- You may not edit the video or alter it in anyway. Video edits will not be admitted, and suspicious videos will be rejected.

If a problem arises when submitting the video, please contact [kata@judosask.ca](mailto:kata@judosask.ca)

### **RULES**

The IJF Kata Competition Rules will be modified for this virtual competition in the following ways:

- For Kime-no-kata and Kodokan Goshin-Jutsu, the laying down and picking-up of weapons will not be evaluated.
- Mask usage will not be penalized by judges.

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### **Mistakes definition:**

- **Forgotten technique/Major Mistake:** the score is equal to zero and the total kata score is halved. If the number of forgotten techniques/major mistakes is more than one, the score will be equal to zero for the forgotten technique, but the total score will not be halved again. If the final score is not a whole number, then the score will be rounded up.
- **Big mistake:** when a technical principle of the technique being performed is not correct, 5 points will be deducted. This mistake is allowed only once per technique.
- **Medium mistake:** when one or more elements of the technique are not applied in the right way, 3 points will be deducted. This mistake is allowed only once per technique.
- **Small mistake:** when the technique is performed with an imperfection, 1 point will be deducted. This mistake is allowed up to 2 times per technique.
- The total score for each technique may be increased or diminished by 0,5 points adding in the column "correction value" a "+" or a "-" or nothing.

Each video performance will only be viewed once.

The draw for the sequence of each pair in the competition will be made November 26<sup>th</sup> , 2022.

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.

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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.

### **JUDGES**

Judges will need to have a minimum of National kata judge certification.

A judge may not be a participant.

The kata rules to follow are the ones published by the IJF ([IJF KATA EVALUATION Jan 2022](#)) as modified by this technical package.

### **MEDAL CEREMONY**

- Kodomo no Kata pairs: Medals for all competitors
- U16, U23, Senior pairs: custom medals for 1st, 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup>
- A participant that enters and successfully completes all 7 sets of Kodomo no Kata will be presented with a custom Championship GOLD medal!

Winning pairs will be announced on social media via Facebook the week following the event. The awards will be sent to all winning pairs.

In categories where 5 or more pairs took part, Matsuru will present gifts to the finishing teams:

- [Matsuru Comp Bags](#) will be awarded to the winning pairs
- 50\$ gift certificate will be awarded to the runner-up pairs
- 25\$ gift certificate will be awarded to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place pairs



### **CONTACT**

For further information, please contact Judo Saskatchewan Kata Committee: [kata@judosask.ca](mailto:kata@judosask.ca)

