

# 2026 SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL OPEN



## EVENT GUIDE

Whitlam Leisure Centre, 90A Memorial Drive, LIVERPOOL

SHIAI | KATA | VETERANS | ADAPTIVE JUDO

**ROUND 2**  
**Judo National Event Series**  
20-22 February, 2026  
Liverpool

### Friday 20th February 2026:

- Kata
- Weigh-In (for Saturday)

### Saturday 21st February 2026:

- Cadet Women/Men
- Junior Women/Men
- Senior Women/Men
- Weigh-In (for Sunday)

### Sunday 22nd February 2026:

- U11 Boys, U11 Girls
- U13 Boys, U13 Girls
- U15 Boys, U15 Girls
- Veterans
- Kyu Grades



### Key dates:

**Competitor entries close (early bird)  
and Late Fees apply after 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

**Competitor late entries close 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Enquiries: Judo NSW ([office@judonsw.com.au](mailto:office@judonsw.com.au))**

## Welcome

Judo NSW invites you to the 2026 Sydney International Open to be held from Friday February 20<sup>th</sup> through to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.

## Venue

Whitlam Leisure Centre, 90A Memorial Drive, Liverpool, NSW.

## Eligibility

All Australian players must be financial members of a Judo Australia (JA) member State or Territory.

All International players must be International Judo Federation (IJF) affiliated and are required to organise their own visas.

## Rules

- The Tournament will be run in accordance with the JA Sporting Code (2023).
- The IJF Refereeing Rules will be applied.
- 2019 Rules Amendments for Boys and Girls (U11).
- Adaptive Judo Sporting Rules (2025)

**Approved exceptions** to the JA Sporting Code for this Tournament include:

- Minimum grade levels. A minimum grade of 4th kyu (Orange Belt) is required.
- Weigh-ins will take place on the day before competition commences. (Friday 20th February and Saturday 21st February)

## Judogi Control

- All competitors are required to have a Blue and a White Judogi to compete in all divisions.
- Cadet, Junior, and Senior competitors are to ensure that their Judogi complies with the Judogi rules as per attachment 11 in the JA Sporting Code.

## Draw

The draw for all divisions will be conducted on completion of the official weigh-ins that were conducted on the day prior to competition. (Please see conditions of weigh-in on Page 5).

Subject to entries, Event Management may choose to combine divisions, not run divisions, or use a pools system to give as many judoka as possible the opportunity to compete.

**NOTE:** The Australian National Points Table will be used to seed the Cadet, Junior, and Senior competitors. Maximum separation by State and Clubs will be applied to the Boys and Girls divisions where possible.

The draws will be available on the tournament's official portal: [JudoManager](#).

## Weight Divisions

Division	Age in 2026	Weight Categories
Under 11 Boys & Girls	9 & 10 years	No weight classes will be observed. Players grouped by closest weight.
Under 13 Boys & Girls	11 & 12 years	Girls: -32, -35, -38, -41, -45, -50, 56, +56 Boys: -32, -35, -38, -41, -45, -49, -54, -60, -66, +66.
Under 15 Boys & Girls	13 & 14 years	Girls: -36, -40, -44, -48, -52, -57, -63, +63 Boys: -36, -40, -45, -50, -55, -60, -66, -73, -81, +81
Cadet Men & Women	15, 16 & 17 years	Women: -40, -44, -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, +70 Men: -50, -55, -60, -66, -73, -81, -90, +90
Junior Men & Women	15, 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20 years	Women: -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, +78 Men: -60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, +100
Senior Men & Women	15 years & older	Women: -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, +78 Men: -60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, +100
Veterans Men & Women	30 years & older	Women: -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, +78 Men: -60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, +100
Senior Men & Women Kyu Grades	15 years & older	Women: -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, +78 Men: -60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, +100
Adaptive Judo	All Age Categories	Depending on entries, set on the day





## Entry Details

Standard entry closes midnight **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**.

Late entry closes **(with late fee of \$60 in addition to entry fee)** midnight Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Online entry only. No late entries accepted at weigh-in. How to Enter via Judo Manager:**

(Click through to your division, then “Apply Judoka” to enter your competitor).

### ENTER NOW AT THE FOLLOWING LINKS

- Under 11 Boys & Girls
- Under 15, Under 13 Boys & Girls
- Cadet Women, Cadet Men, Junior Women, Junior Men, Senior Women, Senior Men
- Veterans
- Kyu Grade
- Kata (via SmoothComp)

## Entry Fees

Category	Fee
Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 Boys & Girls	\$60
Cadets & Junior Men & Women	\$80
Senior & Veteran Men & Women	\$80
Senior Men & Women Kyu Grade	\$80
Kata (\$60 per person per kata ie Tori \$60, Uke \$60)	\$60
Junior Nage-no-Kata (\$40 per person)	\$40
Adaptive Judo as per categories above	
Late Fee – Additional Fee per Entry AFTER 21 <sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY	\$60

## Entry Fee Refund Policy

Full refund for competitors if the event is cancelled.

Withdrawals must be notified to [office@judonsw.com.au](mailto:office@judonsw.com.au) by midnight 17th February 2026 and accompanied by a medical certificate to be eligible for a refund.

**Any withdrawals after 17th February 2026 will not be refunded.**

Any athlete who cannot be provided with a fight in a division will be refunded for entry into that division only.

## Competition Schedule

Date	Time	Event	Category and Age
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	11.00am - 1.00pm	Kata Judges Training, Certification & Briefing	Kata Judges
	2:00pm	Kata	Preliminary Rounds Begin, Final Round begins immediately afterwards
	From 1.00pm	Trial Weigh In	Cadet Men and Women, Junior Men and Women, Senior Men and Women
	3.00pm – 3.40pm	Official Weigh-in	Cadet Men and Women (15, 16 & 17yo)
	3.40pm – 4.20pm	Official Weigh-in	Junior Men and Women (18, 19 & 20yo)
	4.20pm – 5.00pm	Official Weigh-in	Senior Men and Women (15 years & older)
	PLEASE NOTE PROCESS FOR EXEMPTIONS ON PAGE 5		
	ASAP After Weigh-In	Draws	Cadet Men and Women, Junior Men and Women, Senior Men and Women
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Prior to commencement	Briefing	Referees & Table Volunteers
	8.30am	1 <sup>st</sup> Session Shiai	Cadet Men and Women
	Completion of previous session	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session Shiai	Junior Men and Women
	Completion of previous session	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session Shiai	Senior Men and Women
	From 1.00pm	Trial Weigh In	U11, U13 & U15 Boys and Girls
	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Official Weigh-in	U11, U13 & U15 Boys and Girls
	From 3.00pm	Trial Weigh In	Veterans, Senior Kyu Grade, Adaptive Judo
	4.00pm – 5pm	Official Weigh-in	Veterans, Senior Kyu Grade
	ASAP After Weigh-In	Draws	U11, U13 & U15 Boys and Girls Veterans, Senior Kyu Grade
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	From 8.30am		U11 Boys and Girls U13 Boys and Girls U15 Boys and Girls Senior Kyu Grade Veterans Men and Women

## Weigh-In Rules & Conditions

### Official Weigh-In for Cadets, Junior and Senior Men and Women – Friday 20th February '26

Whitlam Leisure Centre,  
90A Memorial Drive, LIVERPOOL

**Time: 3:00pm - 5:00pm**

Trial weigh-in will be available from 2:00pm.

A reminder that athletes from Cadet and above (turning 15 or older in 2026) **MUST** bring official photo ID to the weigh-in (e.g., student card, drivers license, passport).

### Weigh-In Rules & Conditions

- For weigh-ins taking place the day prior to competition, weight category changes can be made at the weigh-in.
- **A request for late weigh-in on Friday for Cadets, Junior Women/Men, and Senior Women/Men Competitors may be made in writing to [office@judonsw.com.au](mailto:office@judonsw.com.au) BY 5PM THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY if:**
  - Your flight does not allow you to arrive in time for the Sydney official weigh-in. The request must include a copy of your flight itinerary with arrival details and if approved, you **must** complete your weigh-in prior to 7:00 PM on Friday, 20 February 2026
  - If, due to Ramadan observations, you are unable to weigh-in during the official times on Friday and will not be able to refuel/rehydrate if weighing-in on the day of competition (Saturday).
- **Athletes may request in writing to [office@judonsw.com.au](mailto:office@judonsw.com.au) BY 5PM THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY to weigh-in on the day of competition, 0730h – 0800h, Whitlam Leisure Centre.**
  - Weigh-ins on the morning of competition require the athlete to make weight as entered to be eligible to compete. (For example: if the athlete is entered in the 60kg division in senior men's and weighs in at the official weigh in at 60.2kg, he will be excluded from competition).
  - There will be no redraws if an athlete misses weight on the day of competition. The other athlete in the draw will be awarded fusen-gachi.
- Random weigh-ins for cadets and above, on the day of competition may take place and selected athletes cannot weigh-in more than 5% of the official maximum weight limit of their category and division.
- Kyu, Adaptive Judo and Veterans who have competed on Saturday in the cadets, junior women/men, senior women/men will not need to re weigh-in on Saturday, their weigh-in from Friday will be carried over to the veterans and kyu divisions.

### Official Weigh-In for U11, U13 & U15 Boys and Girls - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February '26

Whitlam Leisure Centre,  
90A Memorial Drive, LIVERPOOL

**Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm**

Trial weigh-in will be available from 1:00pm.

### Official Weigh-In for Veterans, Senior Kyu Grades (not fighting on Saturday) - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February '26

Whitlam Leisure Centre,  
90A Memorial Drive, LIVERPOOL

**Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Trial weigh-in will be available from 3:00pm (NO ACCESS PRIOR to 3PM)

## Insurance

**Membership of State Associations is compulsory to ensure all competitors are covered by insurance.**

All JA State and Territory associations are responsible for ensuring that their competitors, officials, and volunteers are covered by all relevant insurances through JA or other appropriate insurance arrangements as sanctioned by JA. All international competitors and officials must also ensure they hold appropriate insurance coverage for the event.

It is the responsibility of the individual to ensure that in addition to the normal insurance, they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any events.

Judo NSW accepts no liability for any claims relating to cancellation of the event for circumstances outside of its control.

## Medical

By entering, each competitor must ensure that they comply with a series of medical and health matters as outlined in the JA Sporting Code and IJF Refereeing Rules.

Individuals (competitors, spectators, volunteers, and officials) are not to attend the competition if they **are unwell**; or **have respiratory illness symptoms**.

## Athlete accreditation

There will be no athlete accreditations, however, athletes from Cadet and above (turning 15 or older in 2026) **MUST bring official photo ID to the weigh-in** (e.g., student card, drivers license, passport).

Athletes who do not provide ID may be withdrawn from the event.

## Coach accreditation

Clubs have a maximum of four coaching accreditations for the competition. Coaches are required to register at the following link <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/judonsw/events/329340>

Coaches can collect their wrist band to allow access to the competition area at the venue.

## Photos and Filming

Official photographers authorized by Judo NSW will be photographing and/or filming athletes during the competition. Your entry gives consent to the use of these images for promotion, on the internet and/or social media channels.

Unauthorised photographers are not permitted to enter the competition area.

## Referee and Coach meeting

A referee briefing will be held at the Whitlam Centre Liverpool on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February with details to be provided by JA or JA Referee Chair.

## Dress Code

Coaches entering the competition area must respect the following dress code:

- formal or smart casual attire (eg. - blazer, blouse, collared shirt, jacket, long pants, skirt)
- State tracksuit with long pants.
- official State short sleeved or long-sleeved shirts or polo shirts
- covered footwear.

The following are forbidden:

- short trousers
- singlet tops
- undressed upper body
- any kind of head cover (such as caps, hats or hoodies), unless for religious reasons
- sunglasses
- flip-flops or similar footwear

## Concussion

Any athlete who has suffered concussion must adhere to the [JA Concussion Management Policy](#) and if within the guidelines to return to play, must provide evidence to the JA Sports Director that the athlete is medically cleared prior to competing at the 2026 Sydney International Open.

Any athlete suffering a third concussion within 12 months should seek specialist advice, not compete for 12 months, and return to play only after medical clearance by a specialist.