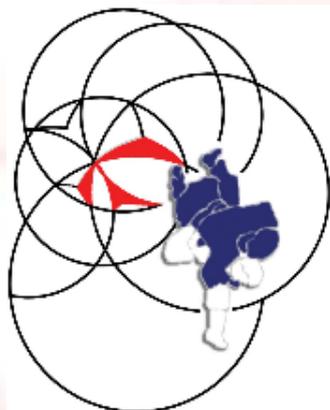


Malta International Judo Open & Zuzu Judo Festival 2026 Outlines



28-29 March 2026

1. Organiser

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2. Important Information

Malta forms part of Schengen area, however it is recommended that one carries one's passport.

Entering host country

Each participant is responsible to ensure they follow the entry rules (passport validity, visas, entry permission letter, etc.) for the host country. Entry rules may be subject to change, current rules can be found under the link:

<https://www.maltairport.com/passenger/security-passport-control/passport-control/>

Insurance

It is the responsibility of every individual / club / national federation participating at this event to make sure they are covered by a comprehensive insurance.

The LOC of the Malta International Judo Open and the Malta Judo Federation accept no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising from the travelling to and the participation in this event nor any claims relating to the cancellation of the event or medical costs related to illness that may affect a participant during the event.

3. Venue

Malta Judo National Dojo, Alamein Road, Pembroke, Malta.

4. Participation

The Malta Open is open for Clubs from all EJU/IJF Member Federations. The participants compete for their club (not for the Federation) and are entered by the club. IJF nationality rule does not apply. The participants may be of different nationality than the NF registering them. There is no limit in the number of participants for each weight category.

Athletes are encouraged to attend the training camp after the competition. See Section 21.

5. Age Groups

U12:	Athletes born in 2015 & 2016
U14:	Athletes born in 2013 & 2015
U16:	Athletes born in 2011 & 2013
U18:	Athletes born in 2009 – 2011
U21:	Athletes born in 2006 – 2011
Seniors:	Athletes born in 2011 and before
Ne-Waza:	Athletes born in 2011 and before

6. Categories

U12:	*Boys	-27kg, -30kg, -34kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, +60kg
	*Girls	-25kg, -28kg, -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, +57kg
U14:	* Boys	-34kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, +66kg
	* Girls	-32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, +63kg

* Categories used as guidelines which may be joined, upon approval of club coaches. Athletes weighing more will be matched, depending on other entries.

U16:	** Boys	-38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, +73kg
	** Girls	-36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg
U18:	**Men	-50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg
	**Women	-40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg
U21, Seniors & Ne-Waza:	** Men	-60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100; +100kg
	** Women	-48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg

** Categories used as guidelines which may be joined, upon approval of club coaches.

7. Rules & Contest Duration

Age Category	Rules: IJF SOR with the following exceptions (the following are PROHIBITED)	Duration	Golden Score
U12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Makikomi Waza, Sutemi Waza, Kansetsu Waza & Shime Waza. 2) Neck or lapel grip beyond the collarbone. 3) Put both knees on tatami for the execution of a throw. 4) Execution on the opposite side to which one is grappling except for Ippon Seoi Nage. <p>NOTE: 1st infringement – verbal warning and explanation. Further offences of same infringement will result in normal infringement procedure. Same applies in golden score.</p>	2 minutes	1 minute *
U14	Strangles and arm locks	3 minutes	2 minutes *
U16	Strangles and arm locks	3 minutes	No limit
U18		4 minutes	No limit
U21		4 minutes	No limit
Seniors		4 minutes	No limit
Ne Waza		4 minutes	No limit

8. Competition System

Competition systems according to number of participants:

- If there are six (6) or more entries, the “Double Repechage System” will be used. 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze medals will be awarded.
- If there are five (5), four (4) or three (3) entries, the “Round Robin System” will be used. 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze medals will be awarded.
- If there are two (2) entries, the “Best of Three System” will be used. Only the Gold medal will be awarded unless the second placed athlete registers a win, in which case, 1 Gold and 1 Silver medals will be awarded.

9. Weigh-in

Official weigh-in for each weight category is held the evening before the competition day (see programme).

Athletes must present proof of membership with their federation, and an official identity card with picture and date of birth.

Official scales will be available for un-official weigh-in from 17:00 to 18:00 on Friday and from 15:00 to 16:00 on Saturday (except during official weigh-in from 18:00 to 18:30 on Friday and from 16:00 to 16:30 on Saturday).

10. Random Weigh-in

Athletes may be called for Random Weigh-in on their respective competition days.

11. Draw

The draw will be held after the weigh-in. Coaches are welcome to stay.

12. Judogi

Competition will be held in white judogis (white and red belts used). Athletes called second onto the tatami may use a blue Judogi, using their own grade belt, however podium finishes must wear a white judogi.

13. Refereeing

Each club may register 2 referees. In case a club wants to inscribe more Referees, the request has to be made by email to the Malta Judo Federation (events@maltajudo.com). The organizing federation may enter as many referees as required for the realization of the tournament.

Event registration deadline for referees: Tuesday, 31st March 2025.

The IJF SOR will be followed.

14. Coaching

Clubs may register a maximum of two team officials and 2 coaches. All coaches must fully adhere to the Code of Conduct for Judo Coaches.

15. Entry Fee

Participation fee: €30

A €5 fee applies for each additional age category contested.

A €5 fee applies for late Registrations.

Payment should be by bank transfer upon receipt of invoice. All bank fees and money transfer costs must be paid by the sender. The person attending accreditation must bring proof of the bank transfer. Please, be careful with the fraudulent emails. Always check the bank details from the invoice.

16. Deadline & Registration

Registration must be made via Judomanager (<https://admin.judomanager.com/login>) by not later than Friday, 13th March 2026.

If you do not have a Judomanager account, please request a guest account on:

<https://admin.judomanager.com/guest> (select competition: Malta International Judo Open 2026)

Late entries might be accepted upon an extra charge of €20 (additional to the registration fees).

17. Competition Programme

Note: The programme may be updated according to total number of entries.

Friday 27 th March		
17:00 – 18:00	Unofficial Weigh in: Ne-Waza; U12; U14 ; U16	Malta Judo Complex
18:00 – 18:30	Official Weigh in Ne-Waza; U12; U14 ; U16	Malta Judo Complex
Saturday 28 th March		
10:00	Competition: Ne-Waza; U12; U14 ; U16	Malta Judo Main Dojo
15:00 – 16:00	Unofficial Weigh in: U18; U21; Senior	Malta Judo Main Dojo
16:00 – 16:30	Official Weigh in: U18; U21; Senior	Malta Judo Main Dojo
Sunday 29 th March		
09:30	Zuzu Judo Festival (Athletes under 10 years)	Malta Judo Main Dojo
11:00	Competition: U18; U21; Senior	Malta Judo Main Dojo

18. Accommodation and Transport

No official accommodation and transportation are offered. However, the Malta Judo Federation may assist you with contact details of a transport company or suggest hotels nearby.

19. Consent for Photography/Videos/Filming

Delegates inscribed by their Clubs/National Federations consent to the MJF and its media partners to use content of them, including data, live results, photographs and/or video recordings (hereafter referred to as Media). This media may be obtained from Clubs/National Federations. It will also be acquired by the MJF and its media partners. Media could be used in print and digital media formats including print publications, websites, eMarketing, posters banners, advertising, film, broadcast, social media, education purposes and other purposes. The Clubs/National Federations must ensure that they have the permission of each delegate or in the case of a minor the permission of the parent/guardian. If a delegate does not give consent, then the Club/National Federation must inform the MJF by writing to info@maltajudo.com.

20. Live results

Live results will be available via portal.judomanager.com.

21. Training Camp

A Training Camp will be held between the 30th March and 1st April 2026.

Training Camp Participation fee: €20

22. Training Camp Programme

Monday 30th March		
10:00 – 12:00	Session 1	Malta Judo Main Dojo
18:00 – 20:00	Session 2	Malta Judo Main Dojo
Tuesday 31st March		
10:00 – 12:00	Session 3	Malta Judo Main Dojo
18:00 – 20:00	Session 4	Malta Judo Main Dojo
Wednesday 1st April		
10:00 – 12:00	Session 5	Malta Judo Main Dojo
	Departures	Malta Judo Main Dojo