EUROPEAN JUDO UNION

EVENT OUTLINES

Riga European Judo Hopes Tournament

November 14th – 15th 2026



1. ORGANISER

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2. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Before Travelling

Passports must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of arrival.

- Check host country entry requirements and airline requirements (if applicable).
- Check if you need a visa, and if yes, request it from the LOC according to the details in the **ENTERING THE HOST COUNTRY** section.

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.mfa.gov.lv/en/information-travellers-latvia-provisions-preventing-spread-covid-19

Insurance

It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any pandemic related costs, including repatriation. The LOC of the event and the EJU accept no liability for any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to any pandemic or medical costs for any illness that may affect them during the event.

3. COMPETITION PLACE

Sport hall: Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
Address: Kojusalas iela 9, Latgales priekšpilsēta, Rīga, LV-1003; https://sportamaneza.riga.lv

4. AGE

U16:14 and 15 years old (born in 2012 and 2011)
U14: 13 years old (born ONLY in 2013)

5. PARTICIPATION

European Judo Hopes Tournament and Technical Seminar 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 a different nationality than the NF registering them.
The athletes are required to attend both competition and technical sessions.

6. CATEGORIES & DURATION

U16:
Boys: -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg (9 categories)
Girls: -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg (9 categories)
Duration: 3 minutes. Golden score – no time limit.
U14:
Boys: -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, +73kg (9 categories)
Girls: -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, +63kg (9 categories)
Duration: 3 minutes. Golden score – 1 minute and after that the referee gives the decisión.

7. ENTRY FEE

Participation fee of **50 €** per athlete must be paid to the organiser (see Par. 20 "Payment").

8. DEADLINES

Visa form:	Friday, 09th October 2026
Hotel Reservation:	Friday, 16th October 2026
Hotel payment:	Monday, 02nd November 2026
Event Registration:	**Friday, 30th October 2026**
Travel details:	Monday, 02nd November 2026

9. PROGRAM

Attention: The schedule may be modified according to total number of entries and circumstances of competition.`* The start time will be confirmed once the final number of athletes is known. Depending on the number of the registered participants, it can be decided to start at the same time the both groups scheduled for these competition days.
Only athletes with accreditation will be able to take part in the Technical Session with Kodokan Experts. Athletes should bring their accreditation to the training session.

Friday, November 13th 2026		
10:00 – 16:00	Accreditation	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
17:00 – 18:30	Technical Session Seminar (G1, G2, G3, G4) + Coach meeting (obligatory in white judogi on the mat)	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
18:30 – 18:45	Unofficial weigh-in G1 U16 and G4 U14	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
18:45 – 19:15	Official weigh-in G1 U16 U16 Girls: -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg U16 Boys: -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
19:15-19:45	Official weigh-in G4 U14 U14 Boys: -55 kg,-60kg, -66kg, -73kg, +73kg U14 Girls: -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, +63kg	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
20:30	Draw G1 U16 & G4 U14	**Online**
Saturday, November 14th 2026		
08:30 – 09:00	Coach meeting (obligatory): 30 min.	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
09:00	Eliminations/Repechage/Semi finals G4 U14	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
10:00 – 12:00	Technical Session Seminar G2 U16 and G3 U14	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
TBD	Final Block: Bronze Medal Contests, Finals G4 U14	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
TBD	Eliminations/Repechage/Semi finals G1 U16	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
16:00-18:00	Technical Session Seminar (G2 U16 and G3 U14)	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
TBD afternoon	Final Block: Bronze Medal Contests, Finals G1 U16	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
18:00 – 18:30	Unofficial weigh-in G2 U16 & G3 U14	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
18:30 – 19:00	Official weigh-in G2 U16 U16 Girls: 57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg U16 Boys: -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
19:00-19:30	Official weigh-in G3 U14 U14 Boys: -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, U14 Girls: -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, 48kg	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza

20:30	Only Tecnical Draw G2 U16 & G3 U14 Online	Technical Draw
Sunday, November 15th 2026		
09:00	Eliminations/Repechage/Semi finals G3 U14	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
10:00-12:00	Technical Session Seminar (G1 U16 and G4 U14)	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
After	Final Block: Bronze Medal Contests, Finals G3 U14	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
TBD afternoon	Eliminations/Repechage/Semi finals G2 U16	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza
After	Final Block: Bronze Medal Contests, Finals G2 U16	Rīgas Nacionala sporta maneza

Groups division:

- **GROUP 1** **U16 boys: -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg**
  U16 girls: -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg
- **GROUP 2** **U16 boys: -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg**
  U16 girls: -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg
- **GROUP 3** **U14 boys: -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg**
  U14 girls: -32kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg
- **GROUP 4** **U14 boys -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, +73 kg**
  U14 girls: -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, +63 kg

10. EVENT REGISTRATION

All participants and delegates must be registered for this event in JudoManager registration system (https://admin.judomanager.com).
Existing JudoManager users (club administrators) can log into the system using their current account (either guest or club account).
To request a new account, please visit https://admin.judomanager.com/guest and complete the form to gain access. Once your account is confirmed, you will be able to register athletes/coaches.
Deadline for Registration is **Friday, October 30th 2026.**
Those who miss the registration date can be added to the competition as late entry but the penalty of 60 € (additionally to 50 € of participation fee) has to be paid on spot**.**
Please proceed with the registration, ensuring that the deadlines specified in the outlines are respected. After these deadlines, registration may be closed if the number of participants exceeds the venue's capacity, in order to ensure a well-organized and safe event.
The results and video footage will be archived.
Link for draw / streaming / contest order can be found here: https://portal.judomanager.com

11. ACCREDITATION & CONTROL OF NATIONALITY

At least one delegate from the club (and not more than 2) must attend the accreditation on **Friday from 10:00 – 16:00** on time in order to confirm the entries of all athletes and officials with his signature on the delegation confirmation list. A delayed appearance or no-show may result in the exclusion of all participants from the draw and the event. In case of unforeseen delay of arrival, the club must immediately contact both the organiser and the EJU (headoffice@eju.net). Passports or photocopies of passports from all competitors must be available on request (national ID Card showing nationality, picture and date of birth or a copy is also accepted). The competitors must not be present at the nationality control.

12. COMPETITION MODE

Competition systems according to number of participants:

- 6 and more entries: Double Repechage

- If there are one (1) to five (5) Round Robin.

13. DRAW

The draw will be held ONLINE.

14. WEIGH-IN

Official weigh-in for each weight category is held the evening before the competition day (see program).
At the EJU Judo Hopes Tournament, weight management practices such as "making weight", "cutting weight", or "running off weight" are not acceptable and should not be encouraged. Judoka should compete in the weight category in which they naturally fall at the time of the weigh-in. Test scales will not be provided at these events to reinforce this approach, ensuring young athletes do not engage in unhealthy practices that could negatively affect their growth and development."
Athletes are NOT allowed to remove their underclothing (boys – underpants, girls – underpants and bra); to compensate an additional 200 g will be allowed i .e., for the category -44 kg the limit will be -44 .2 kg **Athletes must present their EJU accreditation card and their passport** (National ID Cards showing nationality, picture and date of birth are also accepted).
Filming and taking photos is strictly prohibited during weigh-in

15. RANDOM WEIGH-IN

No Random Weigh-In will be organised for this age group.

16. REFEREEING

Each federation may register 3 referees. In case National Federation wants to inscribe more Referees, the reasonable application has to be applied to the EJU Referee Commission. The organizing federation may enter as many referees as required for the realization of the tournament but giving priority to their own Continental/International referees first and then their national referees with the highest national license with at least 2 years of experience.
Head responsable referee for this event is: **Mr. Vilnis Milenbergs.**
Event registration deadline for referees: Friday, 30th October 2026.
The bow:

- The contestants must not shake hands BEFORE the start of the contest.
- When the athletes are leaving the mat they must wear judogi in proper way and are not allowed to take out any part of the judogi or the belt before leaving the field of play.

NO SHIME-WAZA, NO KANSETSU-WAZA are allowed.

17. COACHING

All coaches must fully adhere to the Code of Conduct for Judo Coaches.

Dress Code	Elimination rounds:	National track suit with trousers reaching down to shoes or jacket suit with tie
	Final block:	National track suit with trousers reaching down to shoes or jacket suit with tie

18. TRANSPORT

Official Airports: Riga International airport
Train Station: Riga International Railway station
Bus Station: Riga International Bus station
The organizer will provide, on request, transfers between the airport and the official hotels.
Transportation free of charge and is offered only to those participants who are accommodated in the official hotels, and only if they were booked via organiser.

19. ACCOMMODATION

Participants are not obliged to stay in the oficial hotel and can book any hotel on their choice.
The organiser proposes the following official hotels if the participants want to book via organiser:

Tallink Hotel Riga
Address: Elizabetes street 24, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1050; https://hotels.tallink.com/lv/tallink-hotel-riga
check-in time: 15:00; check-out time: 12:00
Distance to the airports: 11 km; distance to the sports hall: 3 km

Prices per person/per night	B&B	Lunch in the hotel	Lunch in the hall	Dinner
Single room	85 €	n/a	25 €	35 €
Double room	80 €			

Ibis Riga Centre Hotel
Address: Marijas iela 5, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1050, Latvija;
https://all.accor.com/hotel/A016/index.en.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&utm_medium=seo+maps&utm_source=google+Maps
check-in time: 15:00; check-out time: 12:00
Distance to the airports: 7 km; distance to the sports hall: 4 km

Prices per person/per night	B&B	Lunch in the hotel	Lunch in the hall	Dinner
Single room	75 €	n/a	25 €	35 €
Double room	70 €			

To book the oficial hotel, please,contact Mrs. Jūlija Ļeščinska; info@judo.org.lv;

+ 37128353012

Hotel reservation deadline: Friday, 16th October 2026
Hotel payment deadline: Monday, 02nd November 2026
Cash payment upon arrival is not allowed. All payments have to be done in advance per bank transfer.

In case of tournament cancellation by the local authorities full payment will be refunded.

Important: Injuries, visa problems or sickness are not valid reasons for cancellation of rooms.

In case of any damage to hotel property or competition venue caused by members of a delegation, their clubs will be charged by the organizing committee.

20. PAYMENT

To confirm your entry, kindly complete the payment for accommodation and entry fee according to the deadlines specified above.

Bank Name:	AS SWEDBANK
Bank Address:	Balasta dambis 15, Riga, LV – 1048, Latvia
Name of account holder:	Latvijas Dzudo federacija
IBAN:	LV56HABA0551047438605
SWIFT:	HABALV22
Payment reference	"Country" Judo Hopes Tournament Riga 2026

All bank fees and money transfer costs must be paid by the sender federation.
In general, no cash payments are allowed (in exceptional cases it can be agreed on bilateral basis between LOC and NF). Credit cards can not be accepted on spot.

You will find every data for transferring on your invoice. When transferring, please indicate the proof of payment number of the invoice.

Be careful with the fraudulent emails!!! Make sure that the invoices are received from the email address that appears in the official outlines.

21. JUDOGI

Judogi must only comply with the Sokuteiki rules (no labels obligatory, IJF label recommended).

Backnumber: recommended (If non-official backnumbers are used, EJU reserves the right to ask for removal, if the material is not up to regular standards).

Competition and technical sesión will be held only in white judogis.

Official Backnumber. Official backnumber can be ordered from sponsors of the European Judo Union: Judo Backnumber (https://judobcknmbr.com/), mybacknumber (https://www.mybacknumber.com) or Official Backnumber (https://www.officialbacknumber.com) and others IJF suppliers are allowed (see https://www.ijf.org/supplier-list)
(Attention: production and delivery may take around 4 weeks).
The SPONSOR part (if needed) will be given to the head of delegation during registration, and the athletes can stick it themselves using the special glue on the back number.

22. RESPONSIBILITY OF CLUBS and FEDERATIONS

The competitors will compete under the full responsibility of their clubs & federations.
Insurance: Club/national federation is responsible for insuring its competitors against "injury and third part risk (public liability)" during the period of the event. The European Judo Union and the organizer decline all responsibility.

Consent for Photography/Videos/Filming
Delegates inscribed by their National Federations for EJU events consent to the EJU 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 National Federations and EJU. It will also be acquired by the EJU and its media partners from in and around all EJU event venues. Media could be used in print and digital media formats including print publications, websites, e-marketing, posters banners, advertising, film, broadcast, social media, education purposes and other purposes. The National Federation 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 National Federation must inform the European Judo Union by writing to headoffice@eju.net.

23. MEDIA

Journalists can apply for Media accreditation online using the following link: https://www.eju.net/media/.

24. VISA

If you need visa to enter Latvia, please send the request to the organiser Ms. Mariia Krizhanovskai; info@judo.org.lv not later than **Friday, 09th October 2026**. The LOC will assist with visas where possible but having the correct visa is the responsibility of each participant. Visa applications will only be accepted for people who are inscribed in judomanager for the event.

25. PRE-EVENT TRAINING

Tatami for pre-event training will be available in the **Judo Olimpic centre** on Friday, November 13th from 10:00 till 17:00.
Pre-event training sessions – no booking required.