



## MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL JUDO OPEN

Broadmeadows Aquatic and Leisure Centre

41 - 85 Tanderrum Way,  
Broadmeadows, Victoria 3047

SHIAI  KATA  VETERANS  ADAPTIVE JUDO

### Melbourne International Open

#### Friday 10 April 2026:

- Kata
- Weigh in (for Saturday)

#### Saturday 11 April 2026:

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

#### Sunday 12 April 2026:

- U11 Boys, U11 Girls
- U13 Boys, U13 Girls
- U15 Boys, U15 Girls
- Kyu's
- Veterans

Adaptive Judo will be contested in appropriate weight divisions and take place during mainstream divisions



#### Key dates:

- Competitor entries close – **21 March 2026**
- Competitor late entries close – **03 April 2026**

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## Welcome

Judo VIC invites you to the 2026 Melbourne International Open to be held **10 April to 12 April 2026**.

## Venue

Broadmeadows Aquatic and Leisure Centre, 41 – 85 Tanderrum BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047

## 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 \(2025\)](#).
- The IJF Refereeing Rules will be applied.
- 2025 Junior Rules for Junior Boys and Girls (U11 and U15's).

**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 of the competition please note conditions listed on pages 5 & 6
- Under 11's and Veterans – draw systems as for U13's and U15's
- Senior Kyu Division: minimum grade requirement is Yellow Belt. If a Yellow/Orange division cannot be formed, competitors may be placed in another weight class or may be placed into the Senior Kyu division and compete alongside all other Kyu-grade athletes.

## Judogi Control

- Blue and white Judogis shall be worn 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 will be conducted on the day prior to competition.

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** If there is only one entry in a weight division, the player will be entered and compete in the next weight division (if the heavier weight division has no entry, an expression of interest for an Open/Friendly division may be formed with player/coach agreement).

### Entry Details

Standard entry closes midnight **Friday 21 March 2026**.

Late entry closes (with late fee) midnight **Thursday 3 April 2026**.

**Online entry only. No late entries accepted at weigh-in.**

### How to Enter via JudoManager:

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

- [Under 15, Under 13, Under 11 Boys & Girls](#)
- [Cadet Women, Cadet Men, Junior Women, Junior Men, Senior Women, Senior Men, Veterans, Senior kyu's](#)

### Kata Entries

- Kata ([via smoothcomp](#))

### Entry Fees

Category	Fee
Under 11, under 13 and Under 15 Boys & Girls	\$45
Cadets & Junior Men & Women	\$65
Senior & Veteran Men & Women	\$65
Senior Male & Female Kyu	\$65
Kata full day (\$50 per person per kata ie Tori \$50, Uke \$50)	\$50
Adaptive Judo as per categories above	
Late entry fee - additional fee per entry	\$60
Spectators	As advertised

### Entry Fee Refund Policy

**Full refund for competitors if the event is cancelled.**

**Withdrawals notified to [office@judovictoria.com.au](mailto:office@judovictoria.com.au) by 28 March 2026 and accompanied by a medical certificate.**

**Any withdrawals after 28 March 2026 will not be refunded.**



## Competition Program

Date	Time	Activity
<b>Friday</b> 10 April 2026	5.00 – 6.30pm tbc	Referee Seminar
	tbc	Kata Competition
<b>Saturday</b> 11 April 2026	08.30am	Cadet Women/Men medal ceremonies Junior Women/Men medal ceremonies Senior Women/Men medal ceremonies
<b>Sunday</b> 12 April 2026	08.30am	Under 11 Boys/Girls Under 13 Boys/Girls Under 15 Boys/Girls Veterans Senior Men & Female Kyu's medal ceremonies

**Adaptive Judo will be contested in appropriate weight divisions and during mainstream divisions**

### Weigh-In Rules & Conditions

- For weigh-ins taking place **the day prior** to competition, weight category changes can be made at the weigh-in.
- Athletes may request in writing to [office@judovictoria.com.au](mailto:office@judovictoria.com.au) to weigh-in on the day of competition, 0730h – 0800h, Broadmeadows Aquatic and 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 the 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.

### Weigh-In times

Date	Who	Where
<b>Friday</b> 10 April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adaptive Judo (cadets and above)</li> <li>• Cadet Women/Men</li> <li>• Junior Women/Men</li> <li>• Senior Women/Men</li> </ul>	<b>Trial Weigh-In (at Venue)</b> <b>Time: 3pm – 5pm</b>  <b>Official Weigh-In (at Venue)</b> <b>Time: 5pm – 6pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 11 April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U11, U13, U15 Boys &amp; Girls</li> <li>• Adaptive Judo Boys &amp; Girls</li> <li>• Veterans</li> <li>• Senior Men &amp; Female Kyu (green, blue, brown belt division)</li> <li>• Senior Men &amp; Female Kyu (yellow and orange belt division)</li> </ul>	<b>Trial Weigh-In (at Venue)</b> <b>Time: 12pm – 2pm</b>  <b>Official Weigh-In (at Venue)</b> <b>Time: 2pm – 3pm</b>



## Ticketing and Spectators

Entry to the venue is **tbc** for spectators.

### NOTE:

Spectators are permitted only in designated seating areas and are not allowed access to the competition or warm-up zones. Only official members are authorised to enter the area behind the barriers. If you need assistance from an official, Marshalls will be available to help.

## 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. The organiser of the event accepts no liability for any claims relating to the cancellation of the event.

## 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, please bring some form of ID to the weigh-in.



## Photos and Filming

A representative of Judo VIC 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.

## Referee and Coach meeting

A referee briefing may be held at the Venue Friday 10 April 2026 from 5pm to 6.30pm (tbc).

## Dress Code

Coaches entering the field of play (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, provide evidence to the JA Sports Director that the athlete is medically cleared prior to competing at the 2026 Melbourne International.

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.

## Live Streaming

There may be live streaming of the event, links will be provided on [JudoManager](#) portal.