



May 2026 Judo Festival & Ranking Tournament Outlines

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

DATE: **Sunday, 17th May 2026**

| AGE GROUPS: | Judo Festival | Athletes born in 2017 and after |
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| | 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 |
| CATEGORIES: | U12 | B: -27kg, -34kg, -42kg, -50kg, +50kg G: -25kg, -32kg, -40kg, -48kg, +48kg |
| | U14 | B: -30kg, -38kg, -46kg, -55kg, +55kg G: -28kg, -36kg, -44kg, -52kg, +52kg |
| | U16 | B: -38kg, -46kg, -55kg, -66kg, +66kg G: -36kg, -44kg, -52kg, -63kg, +63kg |
| | U18 | M: -55kg, -66kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg W: -44kg, -52kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg |
| | U21, Seniors & Ne-Waza | M: -66kg, -81kg, -100; +100kg W: -52kg, -63kg, -78kg, +78kg |

NOTE: Categories are used as guidelines. They may be joined with the approval of club coaches.

OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN: Boys U12 and U14 must weigh in with the zubon. To compensate an additional 400g will be allowed. Girls U12 and U14 must weigh in with the zubon and a tee-shirt. To compensate an additional 500g will be allowed.

U16 Boys and Girls are NOT allowed to remove their underclothing (men – underpants, women – underpants and bra), to compensate an additional 200g will be allowed.

| PROGRAMME: | Sunday 17th May 2026 | |
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| | Unofficial Weigh-in | 09:00-09:30 |
| | Official Weigh-in | All Categories 09:30-09:45 |
| | Judo Festival | 09:30 |
| | Ne-waza | 11:00 |
| | U12 | 11:00 |
| | U14 | To follow running order |
| | U16 | To follow running order |
| | U18 | To follow running order |
| | Senior | To follow running order |

JUDOJI: Competition will be held in white judogis (white and red belts used). Athletes called first onto the tatami must wear a white judogi and a white belt. Athletes called second onto the tatami may use a blue judogi, if so, they may use their own grade belt. All athletes called onto the podium must wear a white judogi.

RULES:

U12 IJF SOR except the following which are **PROHIBITED**
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.
 NOTE: 1st infringement – verbal warning and explanation. Further offences of same infringement will result in normal infringement procedure. Same applies in golden score.

U14 & U16 IJF SOR except Strangles & Arm-locks which are **PROHIBITED**

U18, U21 & Seniors IJF SOR

Ne-Waza IJF SOR & Ne-waza Rules

CONTEST DURATION & GOLDEN SCORE DURATION:

U12* Contest duration: 2 minutes - Golden Score duration: 1 minute.
 U14* Contest duration: 3 minutes - Golden Score duration: 2 minutes.

* If after Golden Score the contest remains in a draw, the contest will be decided on the least number of infringements, then on the quality of kinsa and finally on the least number of verbal warnings.

U16 Contest duration: 3 minutes - Golden Score duration: NO time limit
 U21, Seniors & Ne-Waza
 Contest duration: 4 minutes - Golden Score duration: NO time limit

REGISTRATION: Athlete registrations must be made via Judomanager (<https://admin.judomanager.com/login>).

DEADLINE: Sunday, 10th May 2026

ENTRY FEE: Single Category € 10.00
 Multiple Categories (athletes must enter their age group to be allowed to compete in higher age groups). € 12.00
 Late Registrations and/or Failing to weigh-in within the registered category and/or to weigh-in within scheduled weigh-in time slot. € 2.00

OFFICIALS: As from 2026, each club may enter 1 team official and 2 coaches.
 All clubs participating must register table officials / referees.
 Referees & table officials must NOT be registered as club team officials.
 For further information, please contact us by sending an email on info@maltajudo.com.

GRADING POINTS: Competition: Category 'G'

| 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place | 1 Contest won | Participation |
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| 15 Points | 12 Points | 10 Points | 7 Points | 5 Point |

Festival: 5 Points
 Referees: 15 Points (Start to finish including briefing and debrief meetings)
 Table Official: 10 Points (Start to finish including briefing and debrief meetings)
 Table Official Trainee: 7 Points (Start to finish including briefing and debrief meetings)
 Technical Volunteer: 8 Points (Start to finish including briefing and debrief meetings)
 Non-Technical Volunteer: 5 Points (Start to finish including briefing and debrief meetings)

NOTE: No points will be awarded to Officials registered as Club Team Officials.

CERTIFICATES: At least 2 wins are required to confirm a placing. If one contest is won, "One contest won" points will be awarded, otherwise "Participation" points will be awarded. In case of categories with 5 or less, only one 3rd place is awarded. With 6 judoka or more, two 3rd places are awarded.

KINDLY NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING RULES WILL BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED:

- The clubs must provide 2 white and 2 red belts for their athletes during competition.
- Fingernails and toenails must be cut short.
- **The Gi used for competition must be a Judogi and of the correct size.** Gis of other martial arts will NOT be allowed on the tatami and the opponent will be awarded the win by hansoku-make.
- **Female** athletes must wear a **white**, half sleeve, round neck T-shirt underneath the judogi. The **T-shirt must be all white** with no other colours (not even at the edges) and no commercial marking can appear.
- **Male** athletes **must not** enter the competition area wearing any kind of T-shirt underneath the judogi.
- **"To prepare"** athletes must be waiting on the tatami entrance area as soon as the previous bout starts.
- **Long hair** must be tied up in a bun, out of the way, and not prevent the grip of the opponent.
- **Athletes must enter and leave the field of play wearing their judogi in the proper way. It is not allowed to remove any part of the judogi or the belt or to add items of clothing or accessories (caps, sunglasses etc.) until the athlete has left both the field of play and the mixed zone.**