



EVENT GUIDE

The Lights Community and Sports Centre
244-270 East Parkway, Lightsview, South Australia
22 August 2026

SHIAI • KATA • VETERANS • ADAPTIVE JUDO

SCHEDULE

Friday 21 August 2026

Weigh-in (unofficial & official): 5.30 – 7.00pm at the Venue

Saturday 22 August 2026

Event Official Opening: 8.15am

Shiai: 8.30am

Kata: 11.00am

Medal presentations: During event

Event Official Closing: 3.15pm

Note: Times are indicative and may vary

KEY DATES

Standard registration closes: Friday 14 August 2026

Late registration (with late cost) closes: Tuesday 18 August 2026

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Welcome

JudoSA invites you to the 2026 Adelaide International Open.
South Australia's premier Judo event.

Venue

The Lights Community and Sports Centre, 244-270 East Parkway, Lightsview, South Australia.

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, have their own insurance, and are required to organise their own visas.

Rules

- The Event will be run in accordance with the latest [Judo Australia Sporting Code \(February 2025\)](#) and [Judo Australia Conduct of Kata Tournaments \(Sporting Code\)](#)
- The IJF Refereeing Rules and IJF Kata Competition Criteria for the Evaluations will be applied.
- 2019 Rules Amendments for Boys and Girls (U11).

Approved exceptions to the JA Sporting Code for this Event include:

- Minimum grade levels. A minimum grade of Go Kyu (Yellow Belt) for Boys and Girls divisions, and Yon Kyu (Orange Belt) for Cadets, Kyu Grades and Men and Women divisions is required.
- Weigh-ins can take place on the day of the Event for exceptional circumstances. Please note conditions listed on page 6.

Judogi Control

- Blue and white Judogis shall be worn in all shiai divisions.
- White judogi shall be worn for kata.
- Cadet, Junior, and Senior players 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 the Event. Please see conditions of weigh-in on Page 6.

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

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 and coach agreement).

NOTE: The Australian National Points Table will be used to seed the Cadet, Junior, and Senior players. 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
Senior Male & Female Kyu Grades	15 years & older	Women: -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, +78 Men: -60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, +100
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
Adaptive Judo*	All Age Categories	Depending on entries and set on the day

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

Kata Category	Age in 2026
Junior Nage no Kata (first 3 sets)	9 to 14 years
Junior Katame no Kata (first set)	9 to 14 years
Nage no Kata	15 years & older
Katame no Kata	15 years & older
Kime no Kata	15 years & older
Ju no Kata	15 years & older
KDK Goshin Jutsu	15 years & older
Itsutsu no Kata (Tori minimum Nidan and Uke Shodan)	18 years & older
Koshiki no Kata (Tori minimum Nidan and Uke Shodan)	18 years & older
Adaptive Kata: please contact kata@ausjudo.com.au prior to registration	As above

Entry Details

Standard entry closes 11.00pm Friday 14 August 2026.

Late entry (with late cost) closes 11.00pm Tuesday 18 August 2026.

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

Shiai (via [JudoManager](#))



How to Enter via JudoManager: Click on the link or QR code, then 'Apply to Competition', next 'Add Entry' and make your selection to enter.

Kata (via [Smoothcomp](#))



Please add your partner's name and indicate Tori and Uke in 'Add Note' area when registering in Smoothcomp.

Entry Costs

Category	Cost (each)
Under 11, under 13 and Under 15 Boys & Girls	\$50
Senior Male & Female Kyu Grades	\$50*
Cadets & Junior Men & Women	\$50*
Senior & Veteran Men & Women	\$50*
Senior Men & Women Open – Players must be 18 years or older, registered in a Senior or Veteran division, and entries accepted on the day	FREE
Kata (\$40 per person ie Tori \$40, Uke \$40)	\$40^
Jr Nage no Kata and Jr Katame no Kata (\$30 per person ie Tori \$30, Uke \$30)	\$30^
Adaptive Judo as per categories above	\$50*
Late entry cost – additional cost per entry	\$20
Spectators	FREE

*Discounts for multiple Shiai entries (\$30 for subsequent eligible entries) except for late registrations

^Discounts for multiple Kata entries (50% off subsequent katas entered) except for late registrations

Entry Cost Refund Policy

Full refund for players if the event is cancelled.

Withdrawals notified to events@judosa.com.au by 18 August 2026 and accompanied by a medical certificate.

Any withdrawals after 18 August 2026 will not be refunded.

Event Programme

Date	Time*	Activity
Saturday 22 August 2026	7.30am	Officials Briefing Player warm-up
	8.15am – 8.30am	Official Opening
	8.30am – 9.30am	Mat 1 Cadet Women/Men Junior Women/Men Medal presentation
	8.30am – 10.15am	Mat 2 Under 11 Girls/Boys Under 13 Girls/Boys Under 15 Girls/Boys Medal presentation
	10.15am – 12.00pm	Mat 1 Senior Women/Men Adaptive Women/Men
	10.15am 11.00am – 2.30pm	Mat 2 Kata setup Kata Judges introduction Kata Competition
	12.00pm – 2.30pm	Mat 1 Veterans Senior Kyu Grades Senior Opens
	2.30pm	Final Medal presentations – Kata and Shiai
	3.15pm	Official Closing

*Times are indicative and may vary

Weigh-in Rules & Conditions

- For weigh-ins taking place **the day prior** to the event, weight category changes can be made at the weigh-in.
- If your flight does not allow you to arrive in time for the official weigh-in, a request for late weigh-in on **the day prior** to the event may be made in writing to events@judosa.com.au. The request must include a copy of your flight itinerary with arrival details and if approved, you must complete your weigh-in prior to 8:00pm on Friday 21 August 2026.
- Weigh-ins on the morning of the event (7.30am – 8.00am) require approval from the Event Director **at least one day before** the event. Please email events@judosa.com.au with your details, reason and any supporting documents. Additional information:
 - Include your expected weight in your email.
 - The player must make their entered weight division to be eligible to compete. (For example: if the player is entered in the 60kg division in senior mens and weighs in at the official weigh-in at 60.2kg, he will be excluded from the event).
 - There will be no redraws if a player misses weight on the day of competition. The other player in the draw will be awarded fusen-gachi.
 - For Cadets, Junior and Senior Men and Women's divisions with 4 - 6 players, a division redraw will be conducted if a player should withdraw prior to the start of the division block. This is done to avoid the potential scenario of a player being placed with a medal without having won a match. For other categories where there is a withdrawal, the draw will be maintained.

Weigh-in Time

Date	Who	Where and When
Friday 21 August 2026	All shiai players	The Lights Community and Sports Centre 244-270 East Parkway, Lightsview, South Australia Time: 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Ticketing and Spectators

Entry to the venue is FREE for spectators.

Spectators will only be able to access designated seating areas within the venue and will not be allowed in the competition or warm up areas.

Insurance

Membership of State or Territory associations is compulsory to ensure all players are covered by insurance.

All JA State and Territory associations are responsible for ensuring that their players, officials, and volunteers are covered by all relevant insurances through JA or other appropriate insurance arrangements as sanctioned by JA. All international players 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 player 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 (players, spectators, volunteers, and officials) are not to attend the event area if they are unwell; or have respiratory illness symptoms.

Player accreditation

There will be no accreditations, however, please bring some form of ID to the weigh-in.

Photos and Filming

A representative of JudoSA will be photographing and videoing players during the event. Your entry gives consent to the use of these images for promotion, on the internet or social media channels.

Kata Judge, Referee and Coach Briefing

A briefing for Referees will be held at the upstairs Function Room at The Lights on Friday 21/8/2026 from 5.30pm to 7.00pm with details to be provided by JA or JA Referee Chair.

Kata Judges will meet mat-side before Kata competition commences.

Coaches are encouraged to attend.

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:

- shorts
- 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 player 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 player is medically cleared prior to competing at the 2026 Adelaide International Open.

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

Travel to the Venue

The Lights Community and Sports Centre (the venue) is north of Adelaide City, in the suburb of Lightsview. It is less than 30 minutes from Adelaide Airport and less than 15 minutes from the centre of Adelaide City by car. Only one public transport bus is needed from the City Centre and this will take under 30 minutes.

To use public transport and other information head off to [Adelaide Metro Plan my Journey](#) page.

Things to do and accommodation in Adelaide

Visit the South Australia Adelaide website for things to do and see, accommodation options and other related information: <https://southaustralia.com/destinations/adelaide>

Kata Judge Training Workshop

Katame no kata will be the focus of this workshop for current judges to freshen up on Kata judging guidelines, up and coming judges to learn about the judging guidelines, and competitors and coaches to understand what judges are looking for in a Kata performance. Juniors are also invited to begin to learn Junior Katame no Kata.

This workshop is **open to all** and run by Ernie Wakamatsu, National Kata Committee Chair of JA.

An exam is offered to become a certified Kata judge, as well as an update to the JA Kata Committee.

It will be held at the [Payneham Youth Centre 18 Turner St, Felixstow](#) from **9.00am to 1.00pm on Sunday 23 August 2026**, after AIO and is free to attend.

If you are interested in attending or require more information, please click on the following link.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdW789HqADyF0U9XnXoGqE6Qqn82xWwJvAtWmoqJDOJZN0q6Q/viewform?usp=header>