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MAINTAL KATA TOURNAMENT 2025

Maintal – Germany

04 October 2025

COMPETITION OUTLINES



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1. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Before Traveling

Passport 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 from the LOC the invitation letter.

Entering host country

Everyone is responsible to ensure they follow the entry rules (passport validity, visas, entry permission letter, etc.) for the country.

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 re-patriation. The LOC of the event and the EJU accept no liability for any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to force-majeure or medical costs for any pandemic related illness that may affect them during the event.

Each National Federation is responsible for insuring its competitors against injury and third part risk (public liability) during the period of the tournament. The organizer declines all responsibility.

1.1. DATE

The European Judo Kata Tournament for Cadets, Juniors and Seniors will be held on Saturday **04th of October 2025**.

These events will be held in Maintal, Germany.

1.2. AGE & GRADE

For Cadets: participants must be born between 2008 and 2010 and a minimum of 3rd kyu belt grade.

For Juniors: participants must be born between 2005 and 2010 and a minimum of 2nd kyu belt grade.

For Seniors: participants must be born in 2010 and before and a minimum of 1st dan belt grade. Couple may be formed of either 2 males, 2 females, or male and female.

1.3. KATA

The Kata recognized for this tournament will be for Seniors:

- Nage-no-Kata
- Katame-no-Kata
- Ju-no-Kata
- Kime-no-Kata
- Kodokan-Goshin-Jutsu

There will be three categories recognized for Junior tournament:

- Nage-no-Kata
- Katame-no-kata
- Ju-no-Kata

There will be two categories for this Cadet Tournament:

- Nage no Kata (3 sets – Te Waza, Koshi Waza and Ashi Waza)
- Katame no Kata (2 sets – Osae komi Waza – Shime Waza)

The up-to-date version of "IJF Criteria for Kata Evaluation 2025" will be used to judge the Kata with reference also to the official Kodokan edition of Textbook.



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1.4. ADAPTED JUDO

The program of the EJU Kata Tournament in Maintal will also include Adapted Judo Kata demonstrations or competition. The regulations are taken from the new General Regulations for Adapted Judo 2025.

Pair composition

1. **Category 1A:** Tori is A-Judoka*, Uke is A-Judoka
2. **Category 1B:** Tori is A-Judoka, Uke is mainstream judoka**

* A-judoka means a judoka with a disability who must adapt the judo technique

** The mainstream judoka is a judoka without disabilities

Official Kodokan Kata

The kata involved in the demonstrations or competition will be:

a.

- Nage-no-Kata (first three series)
- Adapted Nage-no-Kata (first three series)
- **AGE:** turn at least 15 years old in 2025
- **GRADE:** hold a minimum rank of 2nd Kyu

If there are at least 3 pairs participating in Nage-no-Kata and Adapted Nage-no-Kata, the competition will take place.

b.

- Katame-no-Kata
- Ju-no-Kata
- Kime-no-Kata
- Kodokan-Goshin-Jutsu
- **AGE:** turn at least 13 years old in 2025
- **GRADE:** hold a minimum rank of 2nd Kyu

Additional Kata

- Itsutsu-no-Kata
- Itsutsu-no-Kata wheelchair
- Koshiki-no-Kata

As this is a demonstration, if athletes do not meet the requirements, the EJU Kata Commission, upon request, may consider allowing them to register anyway.

The pair's registration **must** be entered via the "Pairs Nominal Inscription Form".

Registration is free of charge.

An IJF-approved judogi is not mandatory.

Athletes will be awarded with a participation medal or diploma.

In case of competition the athletes will be awarded with the gold, silver or bronze medal according to ranking.

1.5. BACK NUMBERS

Each competitor taking part in the EJU events is obliged to have sewn on the back of his Judogi the official backnumber bearing his surname and his National Olympic Committee abbreviation. The 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



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1.6. PARTICIPATION

The competitors can only participate in one kata per competition day.

The competitors must be of the same nationality as the country, which enters them. Competitors who have double nationality can only represent 1 participating country. When a competitor changes nationality, he/she must wait 3 years before he/she can represent the new country, unless the two countries concerned (the old country and the new country) agree to authorize his entry for the new nationality and this is approved by IJF (according to the IJF SOR, chapter 1.7).

a. Attitude of the competitors

The member Federations are responsible for the behaviour and attitude of their competitors at the tournament.

1.7. REGISTRATION

The participants need to have agreement of their National Federation. **All participants must possess valid IJF card except those who are younger than 15 years old.**

The nominal registration must be entered via your Federation into **JUDOBASE**. All participants of the Senior Kata Tournament and delegates must be registered for this event in the IJF Registration System (**JUDOBASE**): <http://admin.judobase.org/>.

For Adapted Judo demonstration only registration per organiser is necessary.

Deadline for Judobase registration is September 22nd 2025.

Keep an eye on the registration deadline!

The pair's registration **must** be sent by the following link:
<https://forms.gle/af3Bmqca74oYQZkK8>

and sending the excel form (even without accommodation) to info@3team-event.de. Only after that you will receive the document with the number reference for the payment

The pairs entry closes on September 22nd 2025.

By subscribing to EJU Kata Tournament all participants and delegations agree that their pictures or videos could be used for Kata promotions and as tool for education and for seminars.

1.8. Entry Fee

The registration fee is 80,00 EURO per participant.

It has to be paid before **September 22nd 2025** to the following bank account:

Bank Name:	Sparkasse Hanau
Name of account holder:	3-Team Event Service gUG
IBAN:	DE 88 5065 0023 0053 0145 02
SWIFT:	HELADEF1HAN
Payment reference	"Name Tori & Uke + Kata" - EJU Kata Tournament Maintal

1.9. CONTROL

Control of Entries

Identity: Nationality and age of the participants. (Each athlete's passport must be presented to the organizer)

1.10. CLOTHING

Judogi

The competitions will be held in white judogi and black belt. For juniors and cadets: belt corresponding to Kyu grade or black for DAN grade.

Advertising: Competitors should carry on the back of their jacket the IJF and organizer dedicated sponsors of the event if there is one.

Advertising on the judogi must be complying IJF Judogi Regulation. Refer to Guidance of Judogi control Document.



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National Emblem: Athletes can have their national emblem on the left front part of the jacket within a space of 100cm².

Judogi control

The Judogi control will be done before entering the mat.

N.B It is the responsibility of the judoka to comply with the IJF regulation rules.

- Hygiene
- The judogi shall be clean, dry and without unpleasant odour
- The feet and hands nails shall be cut short
- The personal hygiene of the athletes shall be of a high standard
- Long hair must be bound with an elastic band and may not cover the collar of the judogi
- Spectacles, jewellery pieces are prohibited
- Make up is not allowed
- The backnumber will have to be sewn already on the judogi.

1.11. COMPETITION FORMULA

The top three pairs with the maximum points in each kata will be awarded. The pair with the maximum point/less mistakes will be awarded the gold medal. The couple with the second least points/less mistakes will be awarded the silver medal, and the third – the bronze medal.

1.12. POINT SYSTEM

Each technique and open and closing ceremonies are evaluated with a maximum positive score of 10 points. The positive score is decreased by mistakes. The evaluation of every technique of Kata must consider the principle and the opportunity of execution: the evaluation (included the opening and closing ceremony) has to be comprehensive.

Definition of mistakes:

Forgotten technique/Major mistake – score is zero and the total score of the Kata is halved. If the forgotten technique/Major mistake is more than one, zero score will be given to the technique but the total score will be not halved again. If the halved total value is not a whole number, the score will be rounded up.

Big mistake: when the execution of the principle is incorrect (5 points are deducted and the maximum number of crosses is 1)

Medium mistake: when one or more elements of the principle are not applied in the correct way (3 points are deducted and the maximum number of crosses is 1).

Small mistake: imperfection in the application of the technique (1 point is deducted and the maximum number of crosses is 2).

The total score for each technique can be increased or decreased by 0,5 point adding in the column of the correction value a " + " or a " - ".

For every technique without a big mistake, the minimum score has to be 4,5.

In case of equal score between pairs, the following criteria will be applied considering the scoring sheets of 5 judges:

- total value of big mistakes - wins who makes less mistakes
- if still equal, total value of medium mistakes will be considered - wins the pair who makes less mistakes
- if still equal, total value of small mistakes will be considered - wins the pair who makes less mistakes
- if still equal, the average score (evaluated until the second decimal place) of the whole Kata will decide. Wins the pair who has a better score.

If two pairs both are placed 3rd after the above-mentioned criteria, the Kata will be repeated in order to assign the medal.

1.13. FINAL

Till 6 participants direct final.

From 7 and up to 11 participants 1 preliminary and 4 best results to final.

From 12 participants and more 2 preliminaries and 3 best results of each to final.



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2. JUDGES

2.1. LEVEL OF THE JUDGES

The contests will be judged by IJF/EJU or National qualified Kata Judges. Kata rules to be followed are as published by the EJU/IJF (IJF KATA EVALUATION Jan 2025). The Judges will evaluate these Kata based on the official Kodokan Kata standard according and with reference to the official KDK edition of Kodokan Textbook (official amendment only should be considered if any).

All Judges for Kata Tournament must be registered for this event in the IJF Registration System (JUDOBASE): <http://admin.judobase.org/>

Deadline for JUDOBASE registration is **September 22nd 2025**.

2.2. SYSTEM OF JUDGING

The number of judges is five and they will be positioned on the shomen side. They will award points on the official EJU scoring sheet. For each technique the total score of three judges will be summed up to produce the final score: the highest score and the lowest score for each technique will be cancelled. The final score of the whole Kata will be the sum of the scores for each technique. A Judge cannot be competitor.

The judges shall always be in their position before the arrival of the couple to the competition area. The judge in the centre stands up and, with tense arms and palms of the hands turned upward, invites the couple to enter the competition area.

The couple enters and leaves the competition area at the opposite side of shomen: the start and end of Kata (opening and closing ceremony) is at 10 m or 8 m distance (bow to the mat).

Any behaviour of Tori or Uke inside the Competition area and the sport hall that is contrary to the spirit of Judo will be considered out of the competition.

2.3. DRAW

The draw to establish the order of demonstration for each group and Kata will take place the day before the competition.

Each delegation must check if everything is correct and make all changes (if necessary) during the accreditation. The delegations will have to confirm at the accreditation via link that will be posted on the below Telegram Channel.

After end the accreditation **NO** changes will be done.

The draw will also be online and posted on : <https://t.me/kataeju>

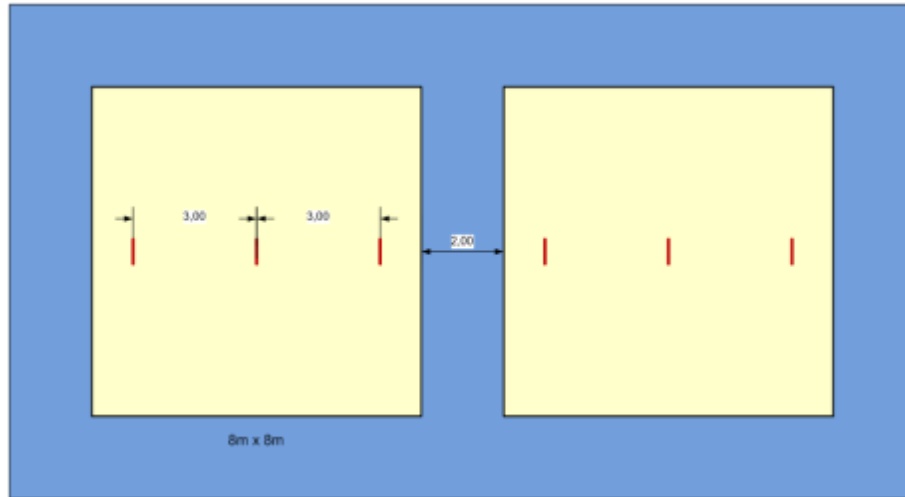




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2.4. COMPETITION AREA

The competition area has dimensions of or 8 x 8 meters minimum or 10 x 10 meters (maximum) and shall be covered with tatami or similar acceptable material. When more adjoining competition areas are used, a common safety area of 2 meters is necessary.



A strip of visible colour adhesive tape, approximately 5 cm wide and 50 cm long, shall be fixed on the centre of the competition area 6 m apart to indicate the starting position of Tori and Uke. The centre of the competition area shall be indicated with a strip of adhesive tape of the same colour.

2.5. INJURY, ILLNESS and ACCIDENT

In case of Minor injury like bloody wound, broken nail or a problem with contact lenses, according to the decision of the judges, the Kata execution will be stopped, and the athlete will be assisted by a doctor out of the competition area, if needed. The competition will continue, and the pair will repeat entirely the Kata after the last pair has performed.

In case another minor injury happens to the same athlete during the second performance of the kata or after a forgotten technique or a major mistake, the pair will be given a score of 0 for the technique where the injury occurred as well as for the following techniques including the closing ceremony. A ranking will be assigned to them in the pool or in the final. If ranking then allows them to participate in the final, the next pair in the pool will participate in the final.

When Tori or Uke is unable to continue to perform the kata because of an injury, illness or accident during the execution of the kata, the pair will be given a score of 0 for the technique where the injury occurred as well as for the following techniques including the closing ceremony. A ranking will be assigned to them in the pool or in the final. If ranking then allows them to participate in the final, the next pair in the pool will participate in the final.



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3. LOCAL INFORMATION

3.1 HALL

Name: Sportshall & BudoArena

Address: Ascherstraße 60-62, 63477 Maintal; <https://budo-event.de/index.php/sporthalle>

3.2. NEAREST AIRPORT

International Airport: Frankfurt Airport International (FRA).

3.3. TRANSPORT

The organizers will provide transfers (**on request**) from airports to the official hotel and hotel/sports hall and back, according to the travel details previously submitted by the participating teams. Transport cost is € 30,00 per person one way.

Transfer has to be booked by transport form to info@3team-event.de

Deadline for transfer info: September 26th 2025. These transfers will be provided only to those participants who stay in the official hotel booked by organiser (not directly by the hotel).

Only those staying at the official hotel through the organiser will be entitled to free transportation on Saturday between the hotel and the sport hall and back.

3.4. ACCOMODATION

Participants of the Kata Tournament are not obliged to stay in the official hotel.

To book accommodation at the Official Hotel contact the organization by mail sending the official excel form to: hotel@budokan-maintal.de

Official Hotel:

Achat Hotel Frankfurt Maintal

Address: Westendstraße 77, 63477 Maintal; <https://achat-hotels.com/hotels/frankfurt-maintal>

Distance to the airport: 30 km

Distance to the sports hall: 250 m

Prices per person B&B	1 night
Single room	110,00 €
Twin room	60,00 €

Deadlines and cancellation policy:

The deadline for the hotel booking is September 05th, 2025.

Reservations sent by this date are binding. For reservations sent after the hotel deadline, if there are no more places in the official hotel, the organizer can find accommodation in another hotel and the price may be different.

Cancellations from 29 to 15 days before the accreditation day: 50% refund.

Cancellations within 14 or less days of before the accreditation day: No refunds



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PROGRAM (all times are in local time: GMT-1)

Attention: The schedule may be modified according to total number of entries and circumstance of competition. * The start time will be confirmed once the final number of athletes is known.

<i>Time</i>	PROGRAM <i>(***Provisional time schedule)</i>	<i>Place</i>
Friday October 03rd		
16.30 – 19.00	Accreditation for athletes	Achat Hotel Frankfurt Maintal
15.30 – 17.30	Judges Kata Seminar (mandatory for all Judges and candidates)	Sports Hall
17.30-19.00	Exam for new Kata Judges	Sports Hall
19.30	Draw for preliminaries EJU Kata Tournament	ONLINE
Saturday October 04th		
Preliminaries and Final Cadet, Junior & Senior Kata Tournament		
9.00	OPENING CEREMONY	Sports Hall
9.15	Cadet and Junior Kata Nage-no-Kata, Katame-no-Kata, Ju-no-Kata	Sports Hall
10.00	Senior Kata Nage-no-Kata, Katame-no-Kata, Ju-no-Kata, Kime-no-kata, Kodokan -Goshin-Jutsu	Sports Hall
14.45	ADAPTED JUDO DEMONSTRATION	Sports Hall
16.30	Awards	Sports Hall

On Sunday, October 05th **German Kata Open** will take place. All information can be found under this link: <https://www.judobund.de/aktuelles/termine/details#549304>

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