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Judo Victoria Inc Shiai Sporting Code

1. Scope

This Shiai Sporting code applies to all shiai competitions held under the control or auspices of Judo Victoria Inc

Kata competitions under the control or auspices of Judo Victoria Inc are governed by the Judo Victoria Inc Kata Sporting Code

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IJF Contest rules

IJF Sporting Code

JFA Sporting Code

JFA Junior Safety Rules

JFA Senior Grading Requirements

JFA Junior Grading Requirement

JVI Junior Shiai Rules

JVI Referee policies

JVI Kata Sporting Code

JVI Grading Policy

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in the normative references and the following apply.

“A” Tournament: A State International Open (eg MIJO)

Run by JVI, but in accordance with JFA requirements. The JVI Sporting Code only provides general guidance in matters not covered by the JFA Sporting Code.

“B” Tournament: State Titles:

Under control of JVI and JVI Tournament Committee. Uses this sporting code and State Refereeing policies.

“C” Tournament: Regular tournaments

Under control of JVI and JVI Tournament Committee. Uses this sporting code and State Refereeing policies.

“D” Tournament: Regional Tournaments

Run by a club, but in accordance with JVI requirements as per C tournament.

“E” Tournament: Open Interclub Tournaments

Run by a club and inviting all other JVI clubs to participate. The JVI may advertise these tournaments but has no responsibility for their running.

4. General

- 1.1 The official rules and commentary, and the contents of this sporting code shall be adhered to in all shiai competitions under the control of Judo Victoria Incorporated, herein referred to as JVI. This Sporting Code adopts the Sporting Code of the Judo Federation of Australia Inc. (JFA) as its basis. Where this Sporting Code differs from the IJF and JFA Inc. Sporting Codes, this Sporting Code applies.

Note: Kata competitions are governed by the IJF Kata Competition Rules.

- 1.2 Types of competition covered by the sporting code. Each increasing level of Tournament from E to A is expected to exhibit greater formality, presentation and refereeing standards, with A tournaments approaching National Championship quality. E tournaments are “grass root” level and are expected to exhibit good safety requirements while being developmental in nature while using this Sporting Code and JVI Refereeing Policies for guidance only
- 1.2 When JVI hosts a National or International event, the National Sporting Code shall be adhered to.

5. Grading Points

Grading points are applicable to seniors only and are allocated at the discretion of the JVI Rank Accreditation Board in accordance with JVI and JFA Grading Policy

Grading Points (for senior grades only)

“E” Tournaments: Points for 4th, 3rd and 2nd Kyu only. Should be recorded by the entrant and assessed by the club coach for awarding these grades.

“D”, “C”, “B” & “A” Tournaments. Points for all Kyu (recorded by the entrant up to 2nd kyu for coach assessment) and Dan Grades may be accumulated at these tournaments.

“D” & “A” Tournaments (and any tournaments outside Victoria): The entrant has to record and have verified all points claimed and submitted to the Rank Accreditation board if 1st kyu or above.

“C” & “B” Tournaments. Points are automatically recorded by JVI for 1st Kyu and above only. For Kyu Grades, the points should be recorded and assessed by the club coach for awarding these grades. For Dan grades these points will be assessed by the Rank Accreditation Board.

“A” Tournaments; The results of these tournaments are administered by the JFA, and Dan grade points should be recorded and verified by the individual entrant as they would for any other National or International tournament.

NOTE:

If a cadet is graded Brown or Brown/black they may claim contest points in Junior men/women and senior men/women age groups. (but not in cadet age group).

These are automatically recorded by JVI in “C” and “B” tournaments only.

6. “D” or Regional Tournaments

The emphasis of regional tournaments is to provide practice for players, referees and volunteers. These tournaments should be primarily about participation.

- 6.1 The allocation of a tournament to an area or club shall be made by the JVI Committee. An area, or club, wishing to conduct a tournament must make application to JVI, through the Secretary. The application must be accompanied by documentation as described here. A JVI fee, if any, shall be paid to JVI at least 30 days before the event. No refund will be given should the tournament be cancelled.
- 6.2 Any organiser of a competition, or match, on behalf of the JVI who wishes to deviate in any way from this code or the JVI contest rules, must include a request to do so with the application to conduct the tournament.
- 6.3 The President, or instructor, of the host area or club shall be responsible to JVI for the good and proper conduct of the tournament in accordance with this Sporting Code.
- 6.4 The sporting organization of the tournament will be under the control of the JVI Tournament Committee. The JVI Tournament Committee may delegate the running of the event to the local organizing Committee.
- 6.5 The host area or Club shall form an organising committee, which shall be responsible for the programme, organization and publicity. Drafts of any programs and advertising material shall be sent to the JVI Secretary and JVI Tournament Committee Chair for information and approval at least 8 weeks before the Tournament.
- 6.6 The organising committee, with the agreement of JVI must establish a programme for the organization of the tournament indicating, in detail, the time and venue of all events.

- 6.7 The approved programme must be sent by the JVI to each member club at least fourteen days before the date of the event.
- 6.8 Information should be supplied concerning accommodation available for officials and competitors, the address of the venue and the name and address and telephone number of the Chair of the local Tournament Committee.
- 6.10 Competition Conditions
- A round robin format shall be used if there are 5 or less entrants in a weight division and an elimination with modified double repechage (where competitors are moved to a losers group after they lose once and eliminated after they lose twice) if there are more than 5 entrants in a weight division.
 - Mat size shall be no less than 4m x 4m, with a 1m safety zone, for junior Boys/Girls and younger and 7m x 7m, with a 2m safety zone, for older age groups.
 - The delineation of mat areas must consider the safety of contestants, but is dependent on the overall nature of the mat in use.
 - The mats shall be firm underfoot, free of hazardous gaps and adequate for judo contest.
 - The host club shall provide all equipment needed to run a contest including scoreboards, table workers and referees for all contest areas. Club members may assist in refereeing, however, there should be a licensed referee in attendance to oversee interpretations of rules etc. If some equipment is unable to be sourced, the host club may apply to JVI to lend what is needed.
 - The host club shall provide a qualified First Aid officer for the duration of the day
 - All entrants shall be financial members of JVI or other JFA State body or IJF body.
 - If JVI Weight divisions are not used weight brackets should aim at an approximate 10% maximum deviation using JVI age groups. Any deviations from this require approval from the player's coach or parent in the case of a minor and the player if an adult.
 - The host club has the option to adopt modified rules additional to JFA and JVI modified rules. These rules must be approved by a licensed referee and shall be clearly communicated to referees, table officials, competitors, coaches and spectators.
 - Non licensed referees may be dressed in judogi, track suit or well kept casual attire, but preferably the JVI approved polo shirt.
 - JVI medals/ribbons shall be presented to the successful competitors..
 - The host club may use the day fund raising, for example BBQ, Drink sales, Raffle etc.
 - A full report of the event including a list of entrants and all results shall be sent to the JVI within 14 days, with copies of the entrants list to the JVI Registrar and State Team Manager.
- 6.11 All the television, radio, film, photographic, publication and sales rights are the exclusive property of JVI. These rights may not be sold or negotiated without the written agreement of the President of JVI on instructions from the JVI Committee. JVI may delegate its authority to negotiate the sale of these rights but responsibility for the final decision and for the utilisation of the income from the sale of these rights remains the property of JVI.

7. Venue installations

- 7.1 Mat size (competition area) for "B" tournaments shall be no smaller than 9mx9m. Where two or more adjoining competition areas are used, a common safety area equal to the minimum edge safety area may be used.

Minimum contest areas for “B” Tournaments shall be as follows:

U9 & u12 up to and including 30kg – 5mx5m with a minimum safety area of 2m

U12 over 30kg (unless no u9s) – 6mx6m with a minimum safety area of 2m

U15 – 7mx7m with a minimum safety area of 3m

U18 and older – 8x8m with a minimum safety area of 3m

These areas shall be delineated by mats of clearly differing colours.

A zone, free of equipment and unauthorised people, of a minimum of 2m shall be maintained around the competition area.

- 7.2 Mat size (competition area) for “C” tournaments shall be no smaller than 7mx7m. Where two or more adjoining competition areas are used, a common safety area equal to the minimum edge safety area may be used.

Minimum contest areas for “C” Tournaments shall be

U9 – 4mx4m with a minimum safety area of 2m

All other contest areas may be reduced by 1m below the B Tournament requirements except:

U21 and older – minimum of 8mx8m with a minimum safety area of 3m;

However there shall be no reduction in the safety areas.

These areas should be delineated by mats of clearly differing colours, however, the possibility of using adhesive tape or foam barriers to split a larger size mat could be used if considered appropriate by the Tournament sub-committee.

A zone, free of equipment and unauthorised people, of a minimum of 2m shall be maintained around the competition area.

- 7.3 The mats should be firm under foot, be free of hazardous gaps and be adequate for Judo Contest.
- 7.4 The Competition site must contain dressing rooms and a small mat area for competitors to perform warm-up exercises.
- 7.5 Tables and seating must be provided as follows:
- One Central Control table with a microphone connected to a public address system.
 - One table for the competition draw, large enough to accommodate two notebook PCs, a printer and a router.
 - One table at the weigh-in, large enough to accommodate two chairs.
 - Tables and chairs behind the various control tables for general administrative purposes such as compiling results.

- One table at the centre of each mat area to accommodate a scoring notebook PC, and space for a manual recording person. In addition, a large scoring monitor shall be provided facing the mat area and a small scoring monitor shall be provided facing the Referees Commission table.
 - One table at each mat area for the two table referees and the member of the JVI Referees Commission, situated alongside the scorer's table.
 - One table for the Medical officers
- 7.6 Seating must be provided for all referees at the scorer's side of each mat. The seats shall be strictly reserved for their use only. In addition, two chairs are to be provided for the table referees and one chair for the member of the Referees Commission.
- 7.7 Suitable seating arrangements should be provided for guests and members of the press should they be in attendance.
- 7.8 For u12 and older contests two chairs are to be placed opposite the official area, two metres from the safety area, for coaches of the players in the competing match. Only coaches of the current bouts shall be permitted to occupy these chairs.

8. Medical aid

At least one medical officer shall be in attendance at the medical table at all times during the tournament. If the medical officer is called away and no qualified person is available to attend the mat, the Referees Commission shall be notified and no contest is to commence on the mat and a contest in progress shall be stopped. If there is only one medical officer for the tournament and is called away, the Referees Commission shall be notified and no contest is to commence and all contests in progress shall be stopped.

9. Conditions of entry into a State tournament

The closing time for entries in age group shall be at the close of the advertised weigh-in time.

- 9.1 All registered members of the Judo Federation of Australia are eligible to compete in a JVI tournament with the exception of a tournament designated as closed or a tournament that is being used for selection of a state team eg State Titles.
- 9.2 All entrants must be financial with the JVI or their JFA member State body..
- 9.3 Entrants must present a JFA State body membership card or a receipt from the JFA State body Treasurer or Registrar or equivalent proving that the entrant is financial with their JFA State body. A copy of an email received in response to an online application for a new membership, or membership renewal, may be presented as evidence of financial status.
- 9.4 Contestants may enter only one weight division and/or an Open division in an age group.

Contestants in the cadet and junior men/junior women's divisions may enter the older age group divisions.

The Tournament Committee may approve situations where competitor younger than Cadet may enter more than one weight division in an age group. This is mainly to provide a contest for an entrant who would not have had a contest otherwise. Permission must be obtained from a competitor's parents and/or instructor to compete in a weight group outside the 10% margin as stipulated in the draw computer program. This is defined in the computer draw program as an 'Extra' division.

9.5 A contestant's age group division is defined such that the contestant's age in the calendar year must not reach the maximum year for that age group division.

9.6 JVI age groups

The minimum tournament age is 6 years.

Under 9 years of age boys and girls. Where appropriate, in "C" and "D" Tournaments this division may be split into u7, u8 and u9 divisions providing each competitor has a minimum of 2 bouts.

Junior Boys and Girls (9 years of age and under 12 years of age)

Senior Boys (12 years and under 15 years)

Senior Girls (12 years and under 15 years)

Cadets-Male (15 years and Under 18 years)

Cadets-Female (15 years and under 18 years)

Junior men (15 years and under 21 years)

Junior women (15 years and under 21 years)

Senior men (15 years and over)

Senior women (15 years and over)

Veteran Men (30 years and over)

Veteran Women (30 years and over)

Veterans divisions may be further divided by age by the Tournament Committee.

9.6.1 Ages are defined as the age on December 31 of the calendar year of the tournament.

9.6.2 In setting up competition pools for u9 and Junior Boys and Girls, the requirement to ensure a reasonable number of bouts for each contestant must take precedence over separation by gender. This means that boys and girls may be in the same competition pool.

Males and females shall not compete against each other in the following age groups: Veteran men, Veteran women, Senior Men, Senior Women, Junior Men, Junior women, Cadet Men, Cadet Women, Senior boys, Senior girls.

9.7 Contestants in the Under 9 years of age, Junior Boys and Junior Girls are not permitted to enter an age group older than that defined for their age group. Senior Boys and Girls who are registered with a judo grade of Blue and higher may enter a cadet age group competition. As the contest conditions for cadet divisions include Kansetsu and Shime waza techniques the parent or coach must acknowledge that they will be competing under those conditions.

9.8 The entrant and the entrant's club must be financial with JVI or other JFA state body or IJF body.

- 9.9 At “C” Tournaments the JVI reserves the right to call for nominations on the day from the contestants who have already competed in a weight division to compete in an open (no weights) division. The latter are not required to pay an additional entry fee. A similar procedure may also be used at “D” Tournaments.
- 9.10 Judogi shall be of a standard as set down in the IJF Refereeing Rules Article 3 with the following exceptions;
- For Under 9; Junior Boys and Girls; Senior Boys and Girls; and orange belt or below Cadets; Junior Men and Women; Senior Men and Women; and Veteran Men and Women the contestant drawn on the blue side may wear a blue judogi or a white judogi with a red sash. Where a red sash is being used the contestant drawn on the white side must wear a white judogi with a white sash. If the contestant on the blue side is wearing a blue judogi, the contestant on the white side must not wear a white sash
 - Cadets; Junior Men and Women; Senior Men and Women; and Veteran Men and Women entrants who are graded green belt or above and are drawn on the blue side, shall wear a blue judogi. The contestant drawn on the white side shall wear a white judogi.
 - A blue judogi shall not be worn on the white side.
 - The Australian National back patch and emblem may be worn only by members of the current JFA Inc national team. The JVI State Team back patch may be worn only by members of the current JVI State Team.
 - Clubs or members may apply to JVI for permission to display a sponsor’s name or logo on the upper part of the judogi sleeve no larger than 25 square centimetres. Any badges/patches worn on the judogi must be of a soft pliable fabric and not interfere with an opponent’s grip.
 - The JFA Junior Grade belt colours must be complied with thus the maximum grade for each age group is as follows:
U9 – Yellow/Orange/black
U12 (Junior boys and girls) – Green/black
U15 – (Senior boys and girls) – Blue/Brown/black
- 9.11 At the discretion of the Tournament Sub-Committee finals may be staged to begin at a later time after the eliminations have been completed, with the proviso that the finals must take place on the same day as the eliminations.

10. Weight divisions

JVI competitions shall be contested only in the age and weight divisions shown in this code, however JVI reserves the right to amend/amalgamate these weight divisions from time to time as required

The aim of competition is to give each entrant at least 2 bouts. To facilitate this weight divisions should be optimised with pools of 4 or 5. Where entry is only 3 or less the pool may be run twice or with permission of the coach or parents of juniors an additional pool outside the usually accepted age or weight division may be run.

10.1 Senior Men

Over 100Kg
Over 90Kg up to and including 100Kg
Over 81Kg up to and including 90Kg
Over 73Kg up to and including 81Kg
Over 66Kg up to and including 73Kg
Over 60Kg up to and including 66Kg
Up to and including 60Kg
Open, no weight restriction

10.2 Senior Women

Over 78Kg
Over 70Kg up to and including 78Kg
Over 63Kg up to and including 70Kg
Over 57Kg up to and including 63Kg
Over 52Kg up to and including 57Kg
Over 48Kg up to and including 52Kg
Up to and including 48Kg
Open, no weight restriction

10.3 Veteran men

Over 100Kg
Over 90Kg up to and including 100Kg
Over 81Kg up to and including 90Kg
Over 73Kg up to and including 81Kg
Over 66Kg up to and including 73Kg
Over 60Kg up to and including 66Kg
Up to and including 60Kg

10.3 Veteran women

Over 78Kg
Over 70Kg up to and including 78Kg
Over 63Kg up to and including 70Kg
Over 57Kg up to and including 63Kg
Over 52Kg up to and including 57Kg
Over 48Kg up to and including 52Kg
Up to and including 48Kg

10.4 Junior men

Over 100Kg
Over 90Kg up to and including 100Kg
Over 81Kg up to and including 90Kg
Over 73Kg up to and including 81Kg
Over 66Kg up to and including 73Kg
Over 60Kg up to and including 66Kg
Over 55Kg up to and including 60Kg
Up to and including 55Kg

10.5 Junior Women

Over 78Kg
Over 70Kg up to and including 78Kg
Over 63Kg up to and including 70Kg
Over 57Kg up to and including 63Kg
Over 52Kg up to and including 57Kg
Over 48Kg up to and including 52Kg
Over 44Kg up to and including 58Kg
Up to and including 44Kg

10.5 Cadet men

Over 90 Kg
Over 81Kg up to and including 90Kg
Over 73Kg up to and including 81Kg
Over 66Kg up to and including 73Kg
Over 60Kg up to and including 66Kg
Over 55Kg up to and including 60Kg
Over 50Kg up to and including 55Kg
Up to and including 50Kg

10.6 Cadet women

Over 70 Kg
Over 63Kg up to and including 70Kg
Over 57Kg up to and including 63Kg
Over 52Kg up to and including 57Kg
Over 48Kg up to and including 52Kg
Over 44Kg up to and including 48Kg
Over 40Kg up to and including 44Kg
Up to and including 40Kg

10.6 Senior Boys

Over 60Kg
Over 55Kg up to and including 60Kg
Over 50Kg up to and including 55Kg
Over 46Kg up to and including 50Kg
Over 42Kg up to and including 46Kg
Over 38Kg up to and including 42Kg
Over 34Kg up to and including 38Kg
Up to and including 34Kg

10.7 Senior girls

Over 60Kg
Over 55Kg up to and including 60Kg
Over 50Kg up to and including 55Kg
Over 46Kg up to and including 50Kg
Over 42Kg up to and including 46Kg
Over 38Kg up to and including 42Kg
Over 34Kg up to and including 38Kg
Up to and including 34Kg

10.8 Junior boys and girls

Over 52Kg
 Over 44Kg up to and including 52Kg
 Over 39Kg up to and including 44Kg
 Over 34Kg up to and including 39Kg
 Over 30Kg up to and including 34Kg
 Over 26Kg up to and including 30Kg
 Over 22Kg up to and including 26Kg
 Up to and including 22Kg

10.9 Under 9 years

Over 52Kg
 Over 42Kg up to and including 52Kg
 Over 34Kg up to and including 42Kg
 Over 28Kg up to and including 34Kg
 Over 24Kg up to and including 28Kg
 Over 20Kg up to and including 24Kg
 Up to and including 20Kg

11. Contest conditions

See Article 17 for Draw Procedures

All contests within JVI shall be conducted under the refereeing rules of the IJF and JFA or JVI modifications for u15 age groups.

11.1 Medical

Under 9 Boys and Girls, Junior Boys and Girls and Senior Boys and Girls shall be allowed medical treatment while on the mat. The medical officer shall advise the referees as to whether the player shall continue. The medical officer's opinion shall be adhered to. The maximum time allowed for treatment should be no more than a minute.

11.2 Penalties

- Under 9 years
Referees should always advise the player that they have infringed and that to infringe again will incur a penalty and explain what that penalty would be. If there is a repeat of the infringement the referee must penalize the player.
- Junior Boys and Girls
Referees shall advise the player that they have infringed and penalize the player. The penalty should be explained.
- All age groups
A competitor, who is disqualified contrary to the 'Spirit of Judo' where danger to the opponent is likely, shall be disqualified from all events of the tournament.

11.3 Modified Junior Rules

In JVI junior competitions IJF and JFA rules are modified to provide a safe, encouraging and learning experience in shiai.

The current junior rules (u9) may be downloaded from the JVI website.

The current JFA Junior safety Rules (u12) may be downloaded from the JVI website.

If a competitor in the Senior Boys and Senior Girls, and younger age group divisions, becomes distressed and/or crying, the referee shall advise the competitor that to continue the contest, he/she has to stop crying and compose themselves. The medical officer may be called to assist. If in a reasonable time, at the discretion of the referee and table referees, the competitor is not able to continue, the referee shall award the contest to the other contestant.

11.5 Rest periods

The rest period for a competitor is defined as the time from when a player leaves the mat to the time the competitor is standing at the edge of the safety area. The rest period is twice the length of contest time for the age group.

11.6 If after three calls at 30 second intervals for a competitor to be at the edge of the competition area and the competitor is not there, at the third call (a total of one minute and 30 seconds) the competitor will forfeit the match.

11.7 Coach's behaviour and conditions.
The JFA Sporting code applies.
Coaches are not permitted beside the mats in u9 contests.

Note also Clause 14.1

12. Team events **TO BE REVISED – NOT IN USE**

Teams may be composed of members from one or various clubs, but should the team be composed from various clubs it cannot use a JVI club name, but must use an assumed name.

The team must register at the weigh in on the prescribed form, which must be signed by the team captain and the weigh in official, after the team has weighed in.

Team reserves must be listed and weighed in with the actual team members.

A reserve shall only compete in the instance of a designated team member being unable to continue and withdrawing from the event.

A reserve cannot replace a current contestant during a contest, but can enter as the replacement for the team member in his/her weight division in a subsequent contest.

Once a reserve is called upon to compete the original team member cannot compete again in the current event.

Team members shall compete against team members from the opposition team only in the entered weight category.

12.1 Composition of teams and weight categories

Senior Men

Two members up to and including 73Kg

Two members over 73Kg up to and including 100Kg

One member of any weight.

Senior women

Two members up to and including 57Kg
 Two members over 57Kg up to and including 78Kg
 One member of any weight.

Junior men

Two members up to and including 73Kg
 Two members over 73Kg up to and including 100Kg
 One member of any weight.

Junior women

Two members up to and including 57Kg
 Two members over 57Kg up to and including 78Kg
 One member of any weight.

Senior Boys

Two members up to and including 50Kg
 Two members over 50Kg up to and including 66Kg

Senior Girls

Two members up to and including 52Kg
 Two members over 52Kg up to and including 63Kg

Junior Boys and Girls

Two members up to and including 40Kg
 Two members over 40Kg up to and including 50 Kg
 One member over 50Kg up to and including 62 Kg

Under 9 Boys and Girls

Two members up to and including 34 Kg
 Two members over 34Kg up to and including 44Kg

12.2 Conduct of team events

Up to and including five teams a round robin will be conducted.
 More than five teams a double elimination with repechage that guarantees at least two contests shall be conducted.

12.3 Fees for team events

The fee for each member in a team shall be the same as the individual competition entry fee. The fee for the team shall be paid upon registration of the team.

13. Referees and Judges

In general, the duties of the referees and judges shall be those as set down by the IJF Refereeing Rules with the following additions or amendments.

- 13.1 The officiating referees shall be appointed by the JVI Referees Commission. This may include the use of trainee referees.
- 13.2 At "C" and "D" Tournaments reduced referee numbers may be used for u9 bouts provided there is adequate supervision by a JVI Referee Commission member.

13.2 A Licenced Referees shall wear black socks, college grey trousers, a white shirt, a dark blue tie and a black jacket with the appropriate International, Oceania, National or JVI badge attached to the left top breast pocket. In place of the dark blue tie referees may wear their State, National, Oceania, or IJF tie. In hot weather the blazer may be left off, and a short-sleeved white shirt shall be worn. The decision to remove the jacket lies with the Chair of the JVI Referees Commission or with his/her nominee.

B Licence Referees and lower may adopt the same dress, but should wear the JVI referee polo shirt

The standard of dress of referees is the responsibility of the JVI Referees Commission.

13.3 If, in the opinion of the officiating referees, there is unacceptable behaviour of non-competing players, coaches or spectators the centre referee is to stop the match and report the behaviour to the Referees Commission. The Referees Commission shall then report the behaviour to the JVI Tournament Director who shall act in accordance with the article headed 'Discipline' in this Sporting Code.

14. Timekeepers, Scorers and Recorders

In general, the duties of the timekeepers, scorers and recorders shall be those as set down by the IJF Refereeing Rules with the following additions or amendments.

14.1 Timekeepers, scorers and recorders must be responsible persons with adequate judo experience and a knowledge of the contest rules. There shall be a minimum of two scorers:

- one to score and time the contest using the JVI scoring computers
- one to manually record scores and progress of the run sheet and pool sheets

14.2 The scorers shall adhere to the run sheet as downloaded by the draw preparation personnel. In the absence of a downloaded run sheet, the scorers may use the blank scoreboard feature of the scoring program. In the event of computer systems failure a hard copy system will be implemented for round robin and elimination systems.

14.2 When a contest is being conducted from a downloaded run sheet, the contest duration is set by the scoring program.

However in the case that a scorer is using the blank scoreboard feature, it is the responsibility of JVI to inform the scorer of the duration of each contest according to the age group division of the contestants and the times as defined in this Sporting Code. The scorers shall advise the referees on the mat of the age group competing.

14.3 The contest scorer must ensure that he/she is aware of the current refereeing gestures.

14.4 The scorers, timekeepers and recorders must be protected from interference by spectators, players and coaches.

14.5 At "C" Tournaments u9 divisions may be conducted in a more relaxed manner with a single time/keeper scorer using a tablet computer or printed score and competition sheets at the side of the competition area.

The scores and results must be entered into the tournament computer system before the close of day by the officials running the U9 bouts so that the players' history can be maintained and full results can be provided to the person responsible for publicising the results

15. Marshals

Each competition area shall have at least 1 marshal conversant with tournament procedures. The marshal is to assist with the smooth running of the competition by ensuring the competitors are correctly attired, correctly positioned and ready on time to start their bout. In junior sections, the marshal is to generally look after any children seated at the side of the mat and ensure their good behaviour and safety and may present medals at the conclusion of the division.

16. Weigh-in

16.1 At least one set of scales, to an accuracy of at least 3% shall be provided.

16.2 Competitors shall be allowed to check their weight as many times as they wish before the official weigh-in time, however this action is not to interfere with a current weigh in time.

During the official weigh-in time a competitor may step onto the scales only once. The official weight shall be recorded during that time. A reasonable time shall be afforded a player while on the scales, however the length of time is at the discretion of the weigh-in official.

16.3 Competitors may weigh-in while wearing at least judogi pants. However if the weigh-in official considers that clothing is being used to circumvent the weight division limits the weigh-in official may request the competitor to remove the clothing other than the judogi pants.

17. Draw procedures

For five or less contestants in a weight division a round robin shall be conducted.

For six or more contestants in a weight division a double elimination with repechage shall be conducted that guarantees at least two contests for each competitor.

The draw shall be conducted using the JVI Draw program which ensures the following conditions are adhered to.

17.1 Competitors shall be drawn randomly with the following exceptions.
Round robin: Competitors from the same club shall be drawn to compete as early as possible in the draw.

Double elimination with repechage: Competitors from the same club shall be drawn to compete as late in the draw as possible.

17.2 The contest order in a double elimination pool shall ensure that the bronze medal contest occurs before the gold medal contest.

- 17.3 Deciding the winner in a round robin
When the number of wins of contestants is equal, places shall be decided on the quality of wins on the basis of:

Ippon 10 points, Waza-ari 5 points.

If a contest is decided during golden score time, or by decision at the end of the match time in an under 9 age division, the winner will be awarded 1 point.

If two competitors have the same number of points, the winner of their bout shall have the higher placing.

If three or more players have the same number of points the players shall compete in a single elimination without repechage. The draw for the elimination shall be random. If there are three players, then the first names drawn compete and the other contestant proceeds to the final.

- 17.4 One or two contestants in a weight division

Wherever possible the draw personnel should amalgamate weight divisions to avoid one or two contestants in a weight division. However in the case of two contestants where this is not possible, the contestants may be offered a 'best of three' match.

- 17.5 At "C" tournaments u9 divisions may use a manual draw if that would speed up the competition.

18. Contest duration

18.1	Match time		
	Veteran men and Women	u/50 years	3 minutes
	Veteran men and Women	o/50 years	2.5 minutes
	Senior Men		4 minutes
	Senior Women		4 minutes
	Junior men		4 minutes
	Junior Women		4 minutes
	Cadets – Male		4 minutes
	Cadets – Female		4 minutes
	Senior Boys		3 minutes
	Senior Girls		3 minutes
	Junior Boys and Girls		3 minutes
	Under 9 Boys and Girls		2 minutes

- 18.2 Golden score time shall be unlimited except for the Under 9 Boys and Girls age group which shall be 1 minute. The winner will then be decided by the referees.

19. Discipline

- 19.1 Any spectator, coach or contestant who interrupts the orderly running of the competition may be declared unacceptable by the JVI and, at the discretion of JVI, may be restricted to a specific area of the venue or requested to leave the venue altogether. JVI also reserves the right to exclude such persons from all future JVI functions as it sees fit.

- 19.2 In any case of misbehaviour by a competitor that merits disqualification, JVI may exclude that competitor from the remainder of the tournament and/or any subsequent tournaments.
- 19.3 Should a Club official or competitor wish to clarify some aspect of the competition proceedings that he or she considers may be irregular, the Tournament Director or in his/her absence, the Chair of the Referees Commission may be approached. Any further contact on an issue must be made in writing to the JVI Secretary.

20. Awards and Ceremonies

- 20.1 Opening Ceremony for “B” Tournaments. This may be abbreviated for “C” and “D” Tournaments.

If an opening ceremony is to be conducted it shall consist of and in the order shown:

- A march on of all competitors/teams, in club alphabetical order. Each club/team shall be led onto the mat area by a standard bearer carrying either the club flag or a placard bearing the name of the club/team. The club/teams shall line up in columns facing the official area.
- The referees shall march on and line up parallel to the official table on the edge of the mat immediately in front of the competitors and facing the official table.
- The President of JVI or in his absence the Tournament Director or nominee shall welcome VIP’s, players and spectators. The President shall introduce the Chair of each of the JVI Commissions and also the Tournament Director.
- The National Anthem shall be played.
- The Athlete’s Oath may be read by a judoka selected by the Tournament Director.
- The designated referee shall then call, using the Japanese phrase “Shomen ni rei”, for all referees and contestants to bow. The referees will then turn to face the contestants and the designated referee shall then call, using the single word “rei”, for all referees and contestants to bow again.
- The referees shall then march off the mat, followed by the contestants.
- A demonstration of judo or another activity, but not of another Martial Art, may take place.

- 20.2 Trophies and/or Medal Presentation

Trophies/medals shall be awarded according to the number of entries per weight division.

Entries	First place	Second place	Third place	Third place
1	* (Refund of entry fee if no contests)			
2	Yes	No		
3	Yes	Yes	No	
4	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
5	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
6 or more	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- 20.2.1 The presentation ceremony for each age group shall be carried out at the conclusion of each age group or at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- 20.2.2 At “B” Tournaments each competitor who has gained a place must be present at the official awarding ceremony and must be dressed in either a complete judogi, or club track suit.
- 20.2.3 At “B” Tournaments the presentation ceremony shall be performed as follows:
- The place getters are led from an assembly place to the dais, lining up behind their respective numbered positions.
 - The announcer announces the age group, weight division, contestant’s name and club of the winner, who mounts the dais and is presented with the medal/trophy from the President of JVI or a person selected by the Tournament Sub-Committee.
 - Second and third places are then presented with their medals/trophies.
 - After the medals/trophies have been presented the contestants are then led out.
- 20.2.4 At “C” Tournaments these procedures may be relaxed but without, in any way, reducing the significance of the presentation to recognise the achievement of the recipients.

21. Records and results

The place getters of all divisions shall be recorded in the JVI database. Results should also be distributed to the officer responsible for publicising the results. It is the responsibility of all senior contestants to have their contest points recorded. The following have the authority to approve a contestant’s points:

- Chair of the Tournament Sub- Committee
- A member of the Rank Accreditation Board
- A member of the Referees Commission
- The JVI President

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