



Judo Victoria Inc.

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CODE**

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Judo Victoria Competition Shiai Sporting Code

1. Scope

This Shia [Competition] Sporting code applies to all Shiai competitions held under the control or auspices of Judo Victoria.

2. Organisational references

The following documents are referred to in the text.

IJF Contest Rules:

https://judovictoria.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/IJF_Referee-Rul-20190605.pdf

https://www.ausjudo.com.au/files/ugd/ea5ddd_388a3ddff3a8457f9aabce540c8d2e2b.pdf

https://www.ausjudo.com.au/files/ugd/ea5ddd_e206726b12354825b84f265a20499f8e.pdf

Jan 2025 IJF Rules Update:

<https://referee.ijf.org/app/index.html>

JA Sporting Code:

https://www.ausjudo.com.au/files/ugd/ea5ddd_27c278398c344d4ca6fc0f9cbbabb91f.pdf

https://www.ausjudo.com.au/files/ugd/ea5ddd_e206726b12354825b84f265a20499f8e.pdf

JA Coaches Code of Behaviour: [page 5/6]

<https://www.ausjudo.com.au/coach-accreditation>

https://www.ausjudo.com.au/files/ugd/ea5ddd_5ee3b78e7f96404f8ca8c7302a279143.pdf

https://www.ausjudo.com.au/files/ugd/570d63_77dd778e6a13481f8be9e3d2b799e165.pdf

JVI Junior Competition Rules

Document link:

Note:

The IJF does not make rules for Juniors [U 15's or below]

There may be some differences between the JA Junior and JV Junior rules

Adaptive Judo

<https://www.ausjudo.com.au/nolimitsjudo>

3. Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms - Levels of Tournaments

“A” Tournament: International Open (e.g., NES MIO/MIJO)

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

“B” Tournament: State Titles and Regular tournaments:

Under control of JV and JV Tournament Committee.

Uses the JV sporting code and State Refereeing policies.

“C” Tournament: Club Recreational Tournaments

Run by a club and inviting all other JV clubs to participate. JV will advertise these tournaments as long as they do not clash with a JV event.

JV has no responsibility for supplying officials or referees or for the running of these events

Note: no grading points are allocated for wins at C Tournaments

Adaptive Tournaments – follow the JA No Limits Sporting Code

<https://www.ausjudo.com.au/nolimitsjudo>

Team Events: JV is able to run Team events from time to time.

JV has the discretion to apply different rules for team’s events.

- If there are any gaps in the JV Sporting Code, JV will apply the JA Sporting Code where appropriate.

4. Volunteers

The Tournament Director is responsible for the induction, training and rostering of volunteers.

The Tournament Director is responsible for sourcing, training and coordinating the volunteers.

The Tournament Director is responsible for rostering and organising rotations and rest breaks.

JV will establish and maintain a formal recognition program to thank and acknowledge volunteers.

Volunteers will be allocated service points towards gradings.

For any JV tournament the following volunteers are needed:

- Reception and Spectator admittance sales
- Mat Set up team - night before
- Forklift operator
- IT and Care System set up
- Catering support
- MIJO Accreditations
- Weigh Ins - Male and Female
- Draw Production and scheduling of fights
- First Aid Team – minimum of 3 [1 per mat]
- Table Workers - including scorers, timekeepers and recorders
- Marshals
- Referees
- MC and medal presentation
- Photography and Social Media
- Publishing of results on socials and website
- Pack up mats and equipment

Equipment needed

The Tournament Committee is responsible for ordering and maintaining equipment.

The Tournament Committee should audit the number of medals and consumables at the end of every tournament to ensure that supplies are in place for the next tournament e.g. first aid supplies

Equipment needed to run tournaments include:

- Mats
- Scales for weigh in
- Computers for draw system and server
- Judo care system that complies with IJF requirements for each mat
- A set of White and Red belts for each mat
- Spare White and blue Gi in case of NES (MIO/MIJO)
- Two-way communication radio system with handsfree for each mat for communication between centre referee and the table. (ideally radio set for each referee)
- Printers
- Television/ monitors
- Microphones
- Dias for presentations
- Medals
- Stop watches/timers for manual timing
- First Aid equipment
- Bollards
- Sanitiser and mops to clean mats
- Masks and gloves for people who may require
- High Visual vests for Medics, volunteers and officials

5. Mats

Mat size (competition area for different levels of tournaments)

A Tournaments – run under the JA Sporting Code

Minimum competition area 8m x 8m minimum safety area of 4 metres

B Tournaments –

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

Senior men and Women and Junior Men and Women – minimum 6m x 6m with a minimum safety area of 3m

Cadets – minimum of 6m x 6m with a minimum safety area of 4 metres

U13 & U15 – minimum 5m x 5m with a minimum safety area of 4m

U11 & U9 – minimum 5m X 5m with a minimum safety of 4m

The safety area will be mats of a different colour.

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

Cardboard Triangular prism separators shall be used around the mat area to create safety borders and visual separation between spectators and mat area.

The mats for all tournaments should be firm under foot, free of hazardous gaps and adequate for Judo Contests.

The Competition venues should have a small mat area for competitors to warm up.

“C” Tournaments Mat size (competition area) for “C” Tournaments is the sole responsibility of the host club.

6. Tables and Seating

Tables and seating for A and B tournaments should be provided as follows:

Seating and tables need to be provided and set up in line with the needs of the current Tournament
A public address system is required for use during the Competition.
A suitable Weigh-in area is to be provided.

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 and timekeepers.

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 JV Referees Commission to accommodate the care system screen and laptop/PC, situated alongside the scorer’s table.

Additional chairs for Referees not on the mat.

Table and chairs for the medical team should be positioned in such a way that they have a good visibility of all the mat areas.

Suitable seating arrangements should be provided for guests and members of the press should they be in attendance.

For A Tournaments (MIO) coaches chairs are to be placed opposite the official area for accredited coaches of the players in the competing match for Under 11 and above contests.

7. Medical Aid

At least one qualified medical officer must be in attendance at all medical tables at all times during the tournament.

If the medical officer is called away and no qualified person is available to attend the mat, the contests on all effected mats must be stopped.

The medical officers at JV events will be inducted using the JA Medical Manual.

A copy of the JA Medical Manual shall be on Hand as reference for each tournament.

https://www.ausjudo.com.au/files/ugd/ea5ddd_fceb7f2ff5a543669cb9bf761c69a30e.pdf

Boys and girls (U9, U11, U13, and U15) may have unlimited medical treatment.

Competitors, Cadets and older, are not allowed medical treatment with 3 exceptions:

- i) For the medic to clean up blood and prevent bleeding. If the Referee has to stop the fight the third time for bleeding from the one location, the player cannot continue.
- ii) Players are authorised to ask Medics to attend to a dislocated finger.

iii) If the referee suspects head or spinal injuries they must call the medic on the mat to assess the injury. The Medic must decide if the player is able to continue.

If a player is concussed, the medic has the final say on whether the player is fit to continue. The Competitor, coach and the Referee have no say on this.

If a competitor calls for a medic to come onto the mat, they automatically lose the fight.

If a cadet or younger competitor is strangled unconscious, they are not allowed to continue in the competition including other aged divisions that they may be entering.

If a senior or U21 competitor is strangled unconscious, they can continue to compete if they have a clearance from the medical officer.

If they are strangled unconscious for a second time in the same tournament, they cannot continue in any divisions of that tournament. The Draw Officials running the Tournament must be advised by the Referees to withdraw the competitor from any future matches.

8. Conditions of entry into a State Tournament

The closing time for entries will be advertised in the JV tournament notices and relevant Entry Program.

All registered members of Judo Australia or an IJF affiliated member are eligible to compete in a JV tournament with the exception the State Titles which is a closed tournament.

All entrants must be financial with the JV, JA or the relevant IJF body. In addition to the individual being registered and financial, the entrants club must be financial and affiliated with JV or other JA state body or relevant IJF body.

All entries should be done online, allowing time for the JVI Competition Organisers to confirm Entrants membership status.

In regular JV tournaments, no late entries are accepted.

In the case of MIJO/MIO, late entries are accepted as per the condition of entry defined every year for this tournament. Additional late entry fees apply.

Contestants may enter only **one weight** division and an Open division in an age group.

The Tournament Director may approve situations where competitor may enter more than one weight division in an age group. This is mainly to provide a contest for an entrant who would otherwise not have a contest.

Permission must be obtained from a competitor's parents if present, and coach for participants to compete in a weight group outside the 10% margin for Under 13 and older.

For U11 and U9, the new margin is extended to 15% to create appropriate round robin groups.

Contestants in the cadet and junior men/junior women's divisions may enter the older age divisions apart from veterans [minimum of 30 years].

In setting up competition pools for U9 and U11 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.

Under the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 revised 2022, JV is allowed to run mixed events for boys and girls under the age of 11. As a general rule if there are enough male and female competitors, JV will run separate divisions.

<https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/acts/equal-opportunity-act-2010/024> Division 7 Section 72

U15 Senior boys and girls are not permitted to compete in Cadet Tournaments where strangles and arm locks are allowed.

JV can arrange for an Open Division for all individual age groups to give competitors extra competition experience. Entries to be taken on the day.

9. JV age groups

The minimum tournament age is 6 years.

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

Under 9 Boys and Girls (minimum of 6 years of age and maximum of 8)

Under 11 Boys and Girls (9 years of age and under 11 years of age)

Under 13 Boys and Girls (11 years and under 13 years)

Under 15 Boys and Girls (13 years and under 15 years)

Cadets Male and Female (15 years and under 18 years)

Junior men and Junior women (15 years and under 21 years)

Senior men and Senior women (15 years and over)

Veteran Men and Veteran Women (30 years and over)

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

10. Uniforms and Belts

Competitors Judogi will be of a standard as set down in the JA Sporting Code.

Competitors drawn first will compete in white and cannot wear a blue Gi.

At JV events, competitors below green belt can wear a white gi with a red sash instead of a blue gi.

They are not allowed to wear a blue gi with a red or white sash.

At the National Titles and at National Event Series competitions, competitors must have a blue and white gi.

Junior competitors should wear belts as prescribed in the National grading syllabus and as Registered with JA.

The Australian National back patch and emblem may be worn only by members of the current JA 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 JV 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.

11. Weigh-in

Ideally there should be 2 sets of scales in each weigh in room. One for testing weight and one for official weigh in only.

Competitors will be allowed to check their weight as many times as they wish before the official weigh-in time. During the official weigh in time, competitors are not to test their weight on the official scales.

During the official weigh-in time a competitor may only step onto the official scales once. The official weight will be recorded and signed by the weigh in officials.

Competitors should weigh-in wearing judogi pants. Competitors will be allowed 100 grams to allow for the weight of the pants.

12. **Weight divisions**

JV 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.

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

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

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

Up to and including 60Kg

Open, no weight restriction

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
Up to and including 48Kg
Open, no weight restriction

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
Open, no weight restriction

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
Open, no weight restriction

Under 15 Boys

Over 81Kg
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
Over 45Kg up to and including 50Kg
Over 40Kg up to and including 45Kg
Over 36Kg up to and including 40Kg
Up to and including 36Kg

Under 15 girls

Over 63Kg
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
Over 36Kg up to and including 40Kg
Up to and including 36Kg

Under 13 boys

Over 66Kg
Over 60Kg up to and including 66Kg
Over 54Kg up to and including 60Kg
Over 49Kg up to and including 54Kg
Over 45Kg up to and including 49Kg
Over 41Kg up to and including 45Kg
Over 38Kg up to and including 41Kg
Over 35Kg up to and including 38Kg
Over 32Kg up to and including 35Kg
Up to and including 32Kg

Under 13 girls

Over 56Kg
Over 50Kg up to and including 56Kg
Over 45Kg up to and including 50Kg
Over 41Kg up to and including 45Kg
Over 38Kg up to and including 41Kg
Over 35Kg up to and including 38Kg
Over 32Kg up to and including 35Kg
Up to and including 32Kg

Boys and Girls under 9 years and under 11 years - [JA has no U 9 divisions at National Titles]

No weight classes will be observed. Children are grouped with closest weight with a maximum of 15% weight difference across the division.

Veteran men [age groups may apply]

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

Veteran women [age groups may apply]

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

Adaptive Judo

Weights and age groups as above

JA Adaptive Judo Policy link - <https://www.ausjudo.com.au/nolimitsjudo>

13. Rules and Penalties

Refer to JA and IJF Refereeing handbook

For all age groups

A competitor, who is disqualified for behaviour contrary to the 'Spirit of Judo', will be disqualified from the tournament.

14. Contest duration

Veteran men and Women U 50 years	3 minutes
Veteran men and Women over 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
U15 Boys	3 minutes
U15 Girls	3 minutes
U13 Boys	3 minutes
U13 Girls	3 minutes
U11 Boys	2.5 minutes
U11 Girls	2.5 minutes
Under 9 Boys and Girls	2 minutes

Golden Score

For cadets and above, Golden Score [GS] time is unlimited.

Contest duration and Golden Score times for other age groups

Division	Fight duration	Golden Score
U15 Boys/Girls	3 minutes	3 minutes
U13 Boys/Girls	3 minutes	3 minutes
U11 Boys/Girls	2.5 minutes	2 minutes
Under 9 Boys/Girls	2 minutes	1 minute

For Boys and Girls age groups at the end of Golden score, if there is no clear winner, the winner will be decided by the Referees.

The hantei decision will be given when there are 3 referees. In cases where there are only two referees

running the contest, the winner will be decided by the most senior referee or centre referee if they have the same rank.

Rest Times

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.

If the competitor entitled to a rest is ready and willing to fight, the fight will proceed.

15. Referees and Table Referees

The duties of the referees and judges are set out by the IJF Refereeing Rules.

The officiating referees for each contest are to be appointed by the JV Referees Commission.

The Referees uniform consists of black socks, college grey trousers, a white shirt, a dark blue tie and a black jacket with the appropriate badge on the left top breast pocket. Referees may wear their appropriate State, National, or IJF tie.

In hot weather the jacket may be left off at the discretion of the Chair of the JV Referees Commission. The JV Referees Commission has the option of all referees wearing the JV referee polo shirt. The Referees Commission will notify referees in advance if they need to wear the polo shirt.

16. Timekeepers, Scorers and Recorders

The duties of the timekeepers, scorers and recorders are set down in the JA Sporting Code –

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The scorers, timekeepers and recorders will be separated from spectators, players and coaches using bollards.

JV should have manual back up for scoring or time keeping in case there is a power failure.

JV can run tournaments using manual scoring, time keeping and draw progression if the IT system is not available or not functioning.

17. Draw procedures

The aim of competition is to give each entrant at least 2 fights. To facilitate this, weight divisions should be optimised with pools of 4 or 5.

Where entry is only 5 or less the pool will be run as Round Robin.

In a division of 2, a 'best of 3' will apply.

Round Robin for 3 to 5 competitors will be utilised for the U9 and U11 boys and girls age groups. In exceptional circumstances, 'best of 3' is allowed.

For six or more contestants in a weight division a double elimination with repechage will be conducted to guarantee at least two contests for each competitor.

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

Competitors will be drawn randomly with the following exceptions.

- i) Round robin: Competitors from the same club will be drawn to compete as early as possible in the draw.
- ii) Double elimination with repechage: Competitors from the same club will be drawn to compete as late in the draw as possible.

The contest order in a double elimination pool will ensure that the bronze medal contests occur before the gold medal contest.

Deciding the winner in a Round Robin

Where both contestants have equal scores, the winner is decided by a count back to determine which competitor had the lowest total contest time.

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. In cases of two contestants, the contestants will compete in a 'best of three' match.

18. Discipline

The discipline rules in the JA Sporting Code will be used to deal with any disciplinary matters on the day.

Any complaints from Coaches on Refereeing matters should be directed to the Tournament Director or the Tournament Directors nominee.

Coaches, managers and players cannot directly approach Referees.

https://www.ausjudo.com.au/files/ugd/ea5ddd_415380aacc7541a19c7c729a048480a1.pdf

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19. Awards and Ceremonies

At the beginning of tournaments, the referees will march on the mat and line up parallel to the official table on the edge of the mat and perform an official bow at the opening of the tournament after the official speeches.

The President of JV or in his/her absence, a designated CoM member will welcome VIP's, players and spectators.

A designated referee will then call out "Shomen ni rei", for all referees to bow to the official table. The referees will then turn to face the contestants and the designated referee will then call, "rei", for all referees to bow again.

A demonstration of judo kata or another activity, may take place.

20. Trophies and/or Medal Presentation

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

To receive a medal, competitors must have placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their division and have won at least one contest.

Entries	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Third Place,
1	Refund of entry fee if no contests			
2	Yes	If second competitors won a fight	No	No
3	Yes	Yes	If third competitors won a fight	
4	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
5	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
6 or more	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

The presentation ceremony for each age group will be carried out at the conclusion of each age group.

At medal presentation, medal winners should be dressed in either a complete judogi, or club track suit.

21. Records and results

The place getters of all divisions will be recorded in the JV database. All tournament results will be published on the website

The onus is on individual competitors to record and have contest points won signed off by the Tournament Committee or the Referee Commission member.

It is recommended that competitors take a photo of their draw sheet.

<https://judovictoria.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/pointsrecord-1.pdf>