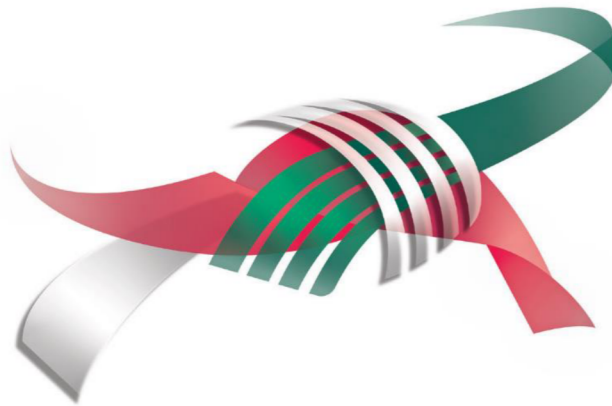




**EUROPEAN JUDO UNION**

# **EUROPEAN JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS SOFIA 2022**

Individual: 29 - 01 May 2022



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BULGARIA, SOFIA 2022

## **COMPETITION RULES**



## WORDS OF WELCOME



**Otto Kneitingger**  
President  
European Judo Union

Dear Judo Family!

Together we have always managed to adapt and overcome difficulties, and over the past 2 years we remained strong and stood united. This spring people all over Europe are again experiencing a rich and challenging range of emotions while several federations inside the EJU are affected by a tragic conflict. Our judo philosophy teaches us to remain dedicated to our sport and Olympic values: to respect each other, to embrace each other, even if your countries are divided by conflict. The European Judo Union is very thankful to everyone who stands and supports the people in need, who keeps our judo community united and strong.

This year the European Championships will take place in Sofia and will be a dream-come-true for the European Judo Union and Bulgarian Judo Federation marking two years of preparation towards this flagship event.

On behalf of the European Judo Union I would like to thank the Bulgarian Prime Minister and the Sport Ministry of Bulgaria who have shown their commitment and valuable attention to judo. Our thanks and gratitude go to the Bulgarian Judo Federation and Organising committee for their courage and hard work in staging these Championships and ensuring excellent and safe conditions to welcome European judoka and spectators.

I wish all participants, organisers, volunteers and spectators a peaceful, progressive and spectacular competition. I am sure our European athletes will show their finest qualities as judoka with 2 months remaining before the beginning of the 2024 Olympic qualification period.

Let's enjoy judo and let's demonstrate to the entire world that unity and solidarity must prevail in every situation, as the judo principles teach us so!



**Rumén Stefanov  
Stoilov**  
President  
Bulgarian Judo  
Federation

On behalf of the Bulgarian Judo Federation, I'm glad to welcome participants, guests and visitors to the European Judo Championships in Sofia.

It is a big honour for Bulgaria to host all talented and strongest athletes in the beginning of the preparations for the next Olympic Games in Paris 2024 and at the eve of Olympic qualification. We are hopeful that everyone attending would have a great event and pleasant stay.

I would like to express my particular thanks to Mr. Sergey Soloveychik and European Judo Union for giving us the trust in April 2019. I am very much grateful to Mr. Otto Kneitingger and EJU team for the support given to our federation. I take this opportunity to thank the former Prime Minister of Bulgaria Mr. Boyko Borisov and the Ministry of Youth and Sports represented by Mr. Krassen Kravev, as well as all partners. This event could not have happened without their support.

The world is currently again facing unprecedented times, sport and sporting events are especially affected. Despite this, judo and sport remain a source of joy and a symbol of unity across the globe. I wish all of us good health, strong spirit and an enjoyable moments in Sofia!



## 1. Regulations to minimize COVID-19 related risks

**ANYONE NOT FOLLOWING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND IJF COVID-19 PROTOCOLS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE EVENT AND SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION!**

The fundamental principle throughout all EJU events during the COVID-19 era is to Protect and Be Protected by wearing a mask, sanitising, distancing and respecting the recommendations of the "Protocol for resuming IJF events during the COVID-19 pandemic" hereafter referred to as the IJF COVID-19 Protocol. All participants have the mutual responsibility to protect each other.

Each National Federation delegation participant (athlete, coach, team official, physiotherapist, doctor President etc.) must have read and understood the latest version of the IJF COVID-19 Protocol which can be found here: [covid.ijf.org](https://www.ijf.org/covid)

The COVID-19 vaccines provide protection to the vaccinated only against seriously falling ill, but not against getting infected or transmitting the virus to somebody else, even if the chances of the latter is very low. Therefore, until vaccination reaches a high level among the judo family and there are other effective preventive methods available, or until it is globally accepted to conduct activities without safety measures, all the participants of any EJU event must follow the same protocol (being PCR tested before the event, upon arrival, during the event (if necessary), wear a mask, wash hands, follow the bubble system, etc.) to protect and be protected, in the spirit of unity and solidarity which is in our community's moral code.

### COVID-19 DOCUMENTS

All pre-event COVID-19 documents must be uploaded on the IJF platform: [my.ijf.org](https://my.ijf.org) before travelling. If assistance is required please contact [headoffice@eju.net](mailto:headoffice@eju.net). Fourteen (14) days after the event, all data will be deleted.

### EVENT PARTICIPATION

To participate in the European Judo Championships Sofia 2022 each delegate is responsible to follow:

- The rules to enter the host country
- The Local Organising Committee's (LOC) Government COVID-19 measures
- The IJF COVID-19 Protocol rules

The LOC Government measures may be stricter than those detailed in the IJF COVID-19 protocol or vice versa, the stricter rules MUST be followed.

### INSURANCE

It is the responsibility of the National Federation to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any COVID-19-related costs, including repatriation. The LOC of the event and the EJU accept no liability for any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to COVID-19 or medical costs for any COVID-19 related illness that may affect a National Federation delegation member during the event.

### PLEASE NOTE:

**Each National Federation taking part must nominate a Covid-19 Manager who is fluent in English.**

**There can only be ONE (1) COVID-19 MANAGER PER FEDERATION!**

### Before Travelling

1. Check if you need a visa, and if yes - request it from the organiser. Please send a good quality passport copy (PDF) and filled in Visa Application form to the email: [bfjudo-events@abv.bg](mailto:bfjudo-events@abv.bg). Please, see visa form uploaded.

2. Book accommodation and send a detailed rooming list. Last minute changes can be accommodated whilst the delegation waits in the bus or outside the hotel.

3. Present on arrival:

If you are FULLY vaccinated or recovered from Covid-19 disease in last 6 months before event:

1 PCR test which is not older than 72 hours before entering the bubble and vaccination certificate or recovery certificate

If you are not or partially vaccinated:

two (2) Covid-19 negative individual medical certificates done maximum eight (8) days before entering the bubble and taken at least (minimum) 48 hours apart (can be more than 48 hours).

Please make sure that all documents have also has an English version.



To maintain the required safety level at the EJU events, the following variants of vaccination are recognised as complete vaccination and the bearers as “fully vaccinated” within the validity period. In case the validity expires during an event, the status is upheld until the last day of the event.

All vaccination types are accepted, not only EMA or WHO approved products.

Type of protection	Minimum time elapsed	Maximum time elapsed
1 dose of and 1 dose vaccines (Janssen, Sputnik Lite, or other)	Minimum 28 days from receiving the dose	Maximum 6 months from receiving the dose
2 doses of any 2 dose vaccines	Minimum 14 days from the 2nd dose	Maximum 6 months from the 2nd dose
Booster doses: 3rd or additional dose (2nd dose after a 1 dose vaccine)	Minimum 7 days from the last dose	To be determined by the WHO, currently no end of validity
Recovery from infection and 1 dose	Minimum 14 days from receiving the dose	Maximum 6 months from receiving the dose
1 dose and recovery from infection	Minimum 11 days from the positive PCR test	Maximum 6 months from the positive PCR test
Recovery from infection	Minimum 11 days from the positive PCR test	Maximum 6 months from the positive PCR test

During the period when the tests are done you should stay isolated and limit contact with other people as much as possible. If you experience any kind of symptoms do not start to travel (even with two negative PCR tests.).

4. Present upon arrival IJF Liability Release Waiver which is uploaded to my.ijf.org once and is valid through the whole year 2022. The document can be found under the link: <https://www.ijf.org/covid19/2663> and on EJU homepage for every event.

5. **PCR tests, Vaccination Certificate/Recovery Certificate & Liability Release Waiver must be uploaded to the platform my.ijf.org by NF administrator well in advance BEFORE TEAM ARRIVAL.**

## Entering Bulgaria

The following must be brought/at hand for border control:

1. Passport, ID, and applicable visas, as required.
  - All regular border-crossing regulations must be followed regarding the validity of passports and visas, as applicable for each respective country
  - Border control officers will check documents (passports or other documents that contain similar information)
2. Official Invitation.

\* All participants must present a PRINTED invitation letter from the Bulgarian Judo Federation that the border control officers may keep.

3. Negative PCR test not older than 72 hours
4. Rules to enter the country can be found under the link: <https://www.mfa.bg/en/customnews/main/24737>

Please, check if you need some special documents.

## Entering a bubble

The event venues (hotels, sport hall, training hall etc.) will be classified as bubbles and to reduce risk a “bubble to bubble” concept will be used. People are NOT allowed to leave their bubble as contamination could occur endangering the safety of the event and the health of the participants.

1. One (1) PCR test per participant will be performed immediately upon arrival. The test will be held in Hotel Ramada. Until test results are obtained, all participants must remain in their hotel rooms, where water and any paid meals will be ensured until the receipt of the test results.
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### 3. REQUIRED ARRIVAL SCHEDULE AND PCR TESTING

To ensure that testing and following procedures can be performed on time, all participants that wish to compete or be present on EC seniors must arrive at official hotels according to schedule below:

- All heads of delegations/Covid-19 Manager must arrive not later than April 26<sup>th</sup> till 17:00.
- All athletes must arrive at least 2 days before the day when they compete not later than 17:00.

Participants will be RT-PCR tested for SARS-CoV-2, using nasopharyngeal (nose + throat) swab by authorised medical staff.

Testing times: Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 09:00 - 19:00  
Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 09:00 - 19:00  
Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 09:00 - 19:00  
Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 09:00 - 19:00

**Waiting time for results not more than 6 hours from taking the sample.**

4. Costs of PCR testing will be charged to delegations. Cost per PCR test: **100€**
5. **Antigen re-test for athletes will be taken before their weigh-in with the results delivered before the official weigh-in.**
6. If any other conditions and requirements will arise till the start of the event - they will be informed additionally.

### Throughout your stay

1. Wash/sanitise your hands regularly, especially if you have had contact with a person or an object. Competitors should wash and disinfect their hands and feet regularly, especially before the warm-up and the contest.
2. No handshake - greet each other with a bow.
3. Wear a mask at all times (change it at least twice a day). Exceptions: masks are not obligatory on the Field of Play tatami, on the warm-up tatami whilst warming up or on the training tatami whilst training. Masks may be removed while eating in dining areas. Coaches can remove their masks when entering the coach box, but must replace it when leaving the coach box.
4. Maintain 1.5 m distance at all times, except for competitors during training, their contests and during warming up with ONE PARTNER.
5. Submit yourselves to contactless temperature measurement by the organiser on arrival at the point of entry in the country, at accommodation premises, throughout the competition venue and at any official venue of the event, to be accepted by all accredited population.

Anyone registering a high temperature will be asked to remain outside and their Delegation COVID-19 Manager, the LOC COVID-19 Manager and the EJU COVID-19 Manager will be contacted. An opportunity to recheck their temperature will be given, if it is still high a final decision will be made by the LOC COVID-19 Manager and the EJU COVID-19 Manager.

### In case of positive result

In case of a positive test result the host country Government procedure will be followed.

Quarantine period: 10 days

Quarantine hotel: the same hotel where they are accommodated

Hotel address: See Official Hotels

Rates: normal hotel rate Full Board single room during time of the event. From Monday after the event regular hotel price will be charged. Anyone with a positive test **MUST** stay in the quarantine hotel provided by the organiser. The cost must be paid by the National Federation.

### Insurance

It is the responsibility of the National Federation to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any COVID-19-related costs. The organiser of the event and the EJU accept no liability for any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to COVID-19 or medical costs for any COVID-19 related illness that may affect a National Federation delegation member during the event.

### Symptoms after arrival

Anyone who experiences symptoms after arrival must immediately contact their Team COVID-19 Manager

EJU Covid Manager: Dr Peter Smolders - [smolderspeter@skynet.be](mailto:smolderspeter@skynet.be) - +32 475 32 59 75

Local Covid Manager: Dr. Dimitar Mihaylov- [dimitar.mihaylov@ramusmedical.com](mailto:dimitar.mihaylov@ramusmedical.com)- +359 88 868 4548

### Exit tests

Exit tests may be booked with the organiser, if required. Where to book: [bfjudo-events@abv.bg](mailto:bfjudo-events@abv.bg). Price: PCR test:100€, antigen test: 45 €.



## 2. PROGRAM

Local time	PROGRAM	Place
<b>Tuesday, April 26th</b>		
09:00 - 19:00	PCR Testing	Ramada Hotel
<b>Wednesday, April 27th</b>		
09:00 - 19:00	PCR Testing	Ramada Hotel
12:00 - 20:00	Accreditation, Organiser financials	Ramada Hotel
<b>Thursday, April 28th</b>		
09:00 - 19:00	PCR Testing	Ramada Hotel
16:00	Draw	Online draw
17:30 - 18:00	Unofficial weigh-in	Ramada Hotel
18:00 - 18:30	Official weigh-in: W -48/-52/-57 kg M -60/-66 kg	Ramada Hotel
<b>Friday, April 29th Competition Day 1</b>		
Women: -48/-52/-57 kg Men: -60/-66 kg		
09:00 - 19:00	PCR Testing	Ramada Hotel
09:00	Meeting of the referees	Arena Armeec
10:00	Elimination rounds, Repechage, Semifinals	Arena Armeec
TBC	Opening Ceremony	Arena Armeec
16:00	Final Block: Medal Contests	Arena Armeec
17:30 - 18:00	Unofficial weigh-in	Ramada Hotel
18:00 - 18:30	Official weigh-in: W -63/-70 kg M -73/-81 kg	Ramada Hotel
<b>Saturday, April 30th Competition Day 2</b>		
Women: -63/-70 kg Men: -73/-81 kg		
10:00	Elimination rounds, Repechage, Semifinals	Arena Armeec
16:00	Final Block: Medal Contests	Arena Armeec
17:30 - 18:00	Unofficial weigh-in	Ramada Hotel
18:00 - 18:30	Official weigh-in: W -78/+78 kg M -90/-100/+100 kg	Ramada Hotel
<b>Sunday, May 01st Competition Day 3</b>		
Women: -78/+78 kg Men: -90/-100/+100 kg		
10:00	Elimination rounds, Repechage, Semifinals	Arena Armeec
TBC	Closing Ceremony and Handing over of the Flags	Arena Armeec
16:00	Final Block: Medal Contests	Arena Armeec
<b>Monday, May 02nd</b>		
All day	Departure of the delegations	Ramada Hotel

Attention: The program is provisional. The schedule of the contests may be modified according to the total number of entries or TV requirements.



## 3. COMPETITION PLACE

### Arena Armeec

**Address:** 1 Asen Iordanov boulevard, 1113 Sofia  
<http://www.arenaarmeecsofia.com/>



## 4. ORGANISER

### Bulgarian Judo Federation

**Address:** 1040 Sofia, 75 Vasil Levski Blvd.

**Tel:** +359 2 930 0602; +359 2 930 0609

**Email:** [bfjudo-events@abv.bg](mailto:bfjudo-events@abv.bg)

**Website:** [www.judo.bg](http://www.judo.bg)

### Emergency contacts:

Ms. Diana Maximova (General Matters)

+ 359899737733; [bfjudo-events@abv.bg](mailto:bfjudo-events@abv.bg)

Ms. Vesela Vankova (Accommodation)

+ 359888317722; [bfjudo-events@abv.bg](mailto:bfjudo-events@abv.bg)

Mr. Nikolay Ignatov (Transfers)

+ 359884797237; [zaprianov\\_tr@abv.bg](mailto:zaprianov_tr@abv.bg)

## 5. PARTICIPATION

### Nationality

These European Championships are open for all Member Federations of the European Judo Union (EJU). The competitors must be of the same nationality as the country, which enters them. Competitors who have double nationality can only represent 1 country.

After having represented a country in the Olympic Games, in continental or regional games or in world or regional Championships, recognised by the EJU, she/he may not represent another country unless she/he meets the following conditions: When a competitor wants to change nationality, she/he must wait 3 years before she/he can represent the new country, unless the two countries concerned (the old country and the new country) agree to authorize the change of nationality and this is approved by IJF (see IJF SOR, chapter 1.9). **Important: Entry for the new country is only possible after approval of IJF!**

### Age

Athletes must be minimum 15 years (born in 2007 and before)

## 6. INSCRIPTION

### JUDOBASE Registration

All participants and delegates must be in possession of an IJF ID Card and registered for this event in the IJF Registration System (JUDOBASE): <https://admin.judobase.org/> by **April 17<sup>th</sup> 2022**. After the deadline further registrations (late entries, replacements) are exclusively handled during accreditation according to the following rules:

	NO IJF Official ID Card	Late entry IJF Official ID Card: YES	Replacement IJF Official ID Card: YES
Athletes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ENTRY NOT POSSIBLE</li><li>REPLACEMENT NOT POSSIBLE</li></ul>	letter + 30€	letter + 0€
Other delegates (Head of delegation, Coaches, ...)		letter + 0€	letter + 0€

Please note:

- After the inscription deadline, replacements or additions can only be made on spot during accreditation, presenting a signed and stamped permission letter of the National Federation.
- Persons, who are banned by their Federation, cannot be entered as late entry or replacement.
- Persons without IJF ID Card can only be entered on spot, if IJF ID Card will be ordered until end of Accreditation.
- Above mentioned late entry fee has to be paid in cash on spot.



## 7. ENTRY FEE

The federations must pay an entry fee of **100 Euro** per participating competitor (according to their numerical entry) to the following bank account by **April 01<sup>st</sup> 2022**

European Judo Union (EJU)  
Address: Wehlstrasse 29/1/111, 1200 Vienna, Austria  
OTP Bank, Hungary  
ACCOUNT NR: 11763945-03959886  
IBAN NR: HU84117639450395988600000000 (EURO)  
SWIFT: OTPVHUHB

## 8. DEADLINES

Payment entry fee:	April 01 <sup>st</sup> 2022
Visa Application:	April 01 <sup>st</sup> 2022
Hotel Reservation & Payment:	April 01 <sup>st</sup> 2022
Travel details:	April 17 <sup>th</sup> 2022
<b>JUDOBASE Registration:</b>	<b>April 17<sup>th</sup> 2022</b>

## 9. ACCREDITATION

The times and place for check-in and accreditation are specified in the program. Federations must arrive and check-in within the time limits provided. A maximum of 2 representatives per National Federation are allowed in the accreditation room.

### Accreditation

A list of all the inscribed competitors is generated by the JUDOBASE system, which is confirmed by the head of delegation that it is the final list, with the correct names, the correct categories and the correct IJF World Ranking List positions. The list of entries is confirmed with the EJU official. No inscription will be accepted after the end of the nation control.

### Control of Nationality

Each competitor's **PASSPORT** or copy of the passport (in case the competitors are still travelling) or official identification document with photo will be requested by the EJU official to check nationality and age of the competitors. The competitors must not be present at the nationality control.

### Finances EJU

The federations must be in order with the annual fee and other financial obligations to the EJU. The entry fee per competitor must be paid to the EJU. In order to take part at the competition the national federation must have fulfilled the necessary payments to the organizer and the EJU. In case there was overpayment, or athletes did not arrive for valid reasons, EJU Treasury shall transfer this difference to the Federation's account.

### Organizer finances

All finances must be settled beforehand. Payment in cash money upon arrival is not allowed due to safety reasons. The delegations' departure date, time, number of people and travel details must be confirmed beforehand. Any changes will be settled by email or by phone. Contact name and number for each delegation should be provided beforehand.

### Flag and Anthem Control

The head of delegation confirms the flag and the anthem which will be used for the medal ceremony.

Accreditation cards are handed over to teams after finishing the whole accreditation process. The EJU accreditation cards for the European Championships must be presented at the official weigh-in and before each contest.





## 10. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### 10.1 COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION

Each delegation may enter a maximum of 9 athletes in total for men and 9 athletes in total for women. In each weight category of men or women a maximum of 2 athletes can be entered. The maximum number of athletes per delegation is 18.

### 10.2 COMPETITION FORMULA

The Competition will be held using **Quarter Final Repechage System**.

### 10.3 WEIGHT CATEGORIES

**Women:** -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, +78 kg

**Men:** -60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, +100 kg

### 10.4 DURATION OF CONTEST

Duration men's & women's contests: **4 minutes and Golden Score without time limit.**

### 10.5 WEIGH-IN

The weigh-in will be carried out in accordance with the IJF SOR section 7. The athlete's official weigh-in will be scheduled the day before the competition.

- Unofficial weigh-in: 17:30 to 18:00
- Official weigh-in: 18:00 to 18:30

The place for weigh-in can be found in the program.

**Athletes must present their EJU accreditation card and their passport** (National ID Cards showing nationality and date of birth are also accepted).

**Random weight checks** can be organized in accordance with the IJF SOR section 7 before the first contests in the morning of the competition. **Athletes must present their EJU accreditation card, passport is not required.**

### 10.6 DRAW

**The draw will be held online.**

**Seeding:** Up to a maximum of the top eight athletes among the entered athletes in each weight category will be seeded based on their IJF WRL position.

### 10.7 AWARDS

The organizer shall provide a certificate of participation for each competitor (given to head of delegation) and medals, given at the medal ceremony:

- First place: Gold medal
- Second place: Silver medal
- Two Third places: Bronze medals

### 10.8 ANTI-DOPING

Doping control will be executed according to the IJF MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING HANDBOOK (IJF SOR - Appendix E) and will include one (1) athlete per category by random selection from the medal winners.

The draw is carried out in accordance with the IJF Anti-doping Rules and the IJF SOR during the competition before the start of the final block on the first competition day.

Competitors must report to the Doping Control Station immediately after signing the Notification form. Pursuant to WADA ISTI Art. 5.4.4, prior to doping control, athletes can take part in the awarding ceremony and fulfil their press commitments or receive medical treatment if needed. The selected competitors will be constantly accompanied by an official chaperone (appointed by the organizing committee) from the time of notification until arriving at the Doping Control Station. A person of the athlete's choice (team doctor, coach, trainer, delegation head etc.) may accompany them.

IJF/EJU keep the right to test any participating athlete beyond the above selection during an event. All additional tests are deemed in-competition tests.



## 11. OFFICIAL HOTEL

All participants and delegates have to book their accommodation via the organisers. Due to the COVID-19 situation ALL participants must stay in the official hotel Ramada.

A minimum stay of 3 nights is obligatory.

**Hotel for delegations, referees and EJU team: Ramada by Wyndham Sofia City Center**

Address: 131 Maria Louisa Blvd, Sofia, 1202, Bulgaria

Distance to the airport: 12 km (15 minutes driving); distance to the Sports Hall: 8 km (12 minutes driving)

Check-in time: 14:00; check-out time: 12:00

prices are per person per night	BB	Lunch	Dinner
Single room	185 EUR	22 EUR	22 EUR
Double room	150 EUR		

The **binding hotel reservation** must be sent to the organizer by **April 01<sup>st</sup> 2022**. Reservations will be processed strictly according to the date of booking. In case the requested hotel is fully booked, the federation will be informed and asked to make a new reservation. Reservations can be confirmed only after receiving 100 % of the total accommodation cost that must be sent to organiser's bank account before **April 01<sup>st</sup> 2022**, otherwise accommodation cannot be guaranteed for your delegation.

In case a federation does not send the hotel reservation to the organizers before **April 01<sup>st</sup> 2022**, a **10% surcharge** will be added to the expenses (in case of bank transfer and in case of cash payment!).

### **Cancellation policy**

Before April 01<sup>st</sup> - full refund

April 02<sup>nd</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> - 50% refund

After April 15<sup>th</sup> - no refund

In case of tournament cancellation by the EJU or the Bulgarian authorities full payment will be refunded.

Important: Injuries, visa problems or sickness are not valid reasons for cancellation of rooms.

### **Account details:**

Name of the bank            DSK BANK  
Adress of the bank        19, Moskovska street, Sofia 1036, Bulgaria  
IBAN                            BG84 STSA 9300 0023 3024 40  
SWIFT:                        STSABGSF  
Purpose of payment       EJC Sofia 2022 (Country)

**All bank fees and money transfer costs must be paid by the sending federation.**

**Payment in cash money upon arrival is allowed. Regretfully no credit cards can be accepted on spot.**

**The person attending accreditation must bring proof of the bank transfer.**

**In case of any extra costs arising from the hotel stay, damages to property of hotel or competition venue caused by members of a delegation, the responsible National Federation will be charged by the Organizing Committee.**

## 12. TRANSPORT

**NEAREST AIRPORT:** Sofia Airport

The organizer will take care of the transportation from the above-mentioned airport to the official competition hotels, competition venue and other competition facilities during the competition. Transport will be provided only to those who are accommodated via the organiser. The transfers are only offered on the days when the delegations are booked in an official hotel through the organisers. **ONLY OFFICIAL TRANSPORTATION MAY BE USED WHILST IN THE BUBBLE.**



## 13. TRAINING

Tatami for training will be available at Ramada by Wyndham Sofia City Center.

Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022: from 13:00 till 21:00;

Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> till Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 2022: from 09:00 till 21:00

Booking of training sessions can be done per email to the organiser: [mimi\\_ibg@yahoo.com](mailto:mimi_ibg@yahoo.com).

Training on competition days in Arena Armeec, warm up arena is NOT ALLOWED due to Covid19 restrictions.

## 14. VISA

The organisers will help with obtaining entry visas for competitors and officials. Please specify all information that is needed in the invitation letters for visas and submit the form and a scanned copy of the first page of the passports until **April 01<sup>st</sup>, 2022**.

## 15. MEDIA

Official or EJU recognized media can apply online for a Media accreditation (<https://www.eju.net/media/>) not later than April 15<sup>th</sup> 2022. Time and place for Media Check-in will be announced closer to date.

Due to the Covid-19 situation restrictions for media attendance may apply. All media representatives attending the event must stay in the bubble.

## 16. JUDOGI CONTROL

### Approved Judogi

All Judoka must compete in IJF Approved Judogi (only red label allowed). Judogis from all IJF suppliers are allowed (see [www.ijf.org](http://www.ijf.org) → Official Supplier List).

### Judogi Control

It will be operated with a Sokuteiki prior to the fight. Each of the competition clothing articles (jacket, trousers and belt) must have the official IJF label, which will be controlled with an optical lamp (coloured belts do not have to have the IJF label).

The jacket and the trousers must be of the same brand (belt can be of a different brand).

### Backnumber

Each competitor taking part in the EJU events is obliged to have sewn on the back of his Judogi the official backnumber (both EJU and IJF are allowed) bearing his surname and his National Olympic Committee abbreviation. The backnumber can be ordered from [www.mybacknumber.com](http://www.mybacknumber.com) or [www.officialbacknumber.com](http://www.officialbacknumber.com) (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.

### Markings and Advertising

The space on the **shoulder stripes** (25cm x 5 cm on both right and left side) and on the **upper arms** (10cm x 10cm on both right and left side) can be either used for **own sponsors of the Federation or Judoka or EJU Suppliers, BUT not for any other Judogi supplier**.

The space on the right chest (5cm x 10cm) can be used by federations and their Judoka for their own sponsors. The logo of a Judogi brand can only be used, if it corresponds with brand of the Judogi itself and if it is of an EJU Supplier.

**Please note:** On all advertising spaces it is strictly prohibited to promote tobacco, alcohol, any substances listed in the doping code, or any product or service contrary to public morals.

The space on the **left chest** (10cm x 10cm) can be used for the national colours or the national emblem corresponding with the IOC code on the backnumber (regional emblems are not allowed).

All other markings on the Judogi, like Judogi brand logos, name of Judoka, etc. have to comply with the IJF Judogi Rules (see IJF SOR Appendix C).

Detailed information is available on <http://www.eju.net/statutes>.

**Important:**



- If an athlete does not respect the Judogi rules, the athlete will not be permitted to pass the Judogi Control, and the coach who is responsible for the athlete will be suspended for the rest of the competition day.
- The organiser is not obliged to provide reserve Judogi at Judogi Control, but the athlete is allowed to present himself in another IJF Approved Judogi, complying with the Sokuteiki rule (and without backnumber) - in this case no coach can go with this athlete to the mat!
- In the case of a repeated offence the coach will be suspended for the rest of the competition.

## 17. REFEREEING

### 17.1 SELECTION & REGISTRATION OF REFEREES

The EJU Refereeing Commission will select the referees for these Championships by name, based on the results of the 2019, 2020 and 2021 ranking lists. The federations will get the information in time.

After the nomination of the referees, the federation must confirm the participation to EJU Head Office by the deadline stipulated in the letter. Further, the referee must be entered by his/her federation like every other delegate in **JUDOBASE** and also the hotel reservation has to be done by the national federation.

### 17.2 REFEREE MEETING

A referee meeting is scheduled one hour before the start of the first competition day. Time and place are stated in the program. The attendance to the Referee meeting is strictly compulsory.

### 17.3 REFEREEING RULES

The competition will be carried out according to the rules and sporting codes of the IJF and EJU.

In case of direct Hansokumake against the spirit of judo, a joint decision would be taken by the EJU Sports Commission and the EJU Refereeing Commission. In this case, the Judoka would receive no medal and no ranking points for that tournament.

Note: A competitor who has been declared as a loser by injury can continue the competition, as well as after Hansokumake for the technical mistake. A competitor, who has got a direct Hansokumake as the penalty against the spirit of our sport, will not be authorised to continue the competition.

## 18. COACHING

Coaches nominated by their National Federations should respect the IJF Code of Ethics point 4 and IJF SOR point 9.6. Any coaches not adhering to these rules could be subject to disciplinary action.

## 19. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERATIONS

### Medical Certificate

The sex certificate and the medical certificate of the competitors are not required. The competitors will compete under the full responsibility of the federations.

### Insurance

Each federation is responsible for insuring its competitors against 'injury and third part risk (public liability)' during the period of the championships. The European Judo Union declines all responsibility.

### Attitude of Competitors

The federations are responsible vis-à-vis the EJU concerning the general attitude of their competitors.

### Image of Athletes

The federations are responsible to have obtained the rights for the EJU to use the competitor's image in whichever way it considers it necessary for the promotion of the sport.

Neither the organizer of the event, nor the European Judo Union (nor any of its officials or members) will be liable or responsible for any personal injury nor for any loss or damage to your property arising out of your participation and travelling in connection with these events.

### Consent for Photography/Videos/Filming

Delegates inscribed by their National Federations for EJU events consent to the EJU and its media partners to use content of them, including data, live results, photographs and/or video recordings (hereafter referred to as Media). This media may be



obtained from National Federations and EJU. It will also be acquired by the EJU and its media partners from in and around all EJU event venues. Media could be used in print and digital media formats including print publications, websites, e-marketing, posters banners, advertising, film, broadcast, social media, education purposes and other purposes. The National Federation must ensure that they have the permission of each delegate or in the case of a minor the permission of the parent/guardian. If a delegate does not give consent, then the National Federation must inform the European Judo Union by writing to [headoffice@eju.net](mailto:headoffice@eju.net).

## 20. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE

All National Federations, officials, coaches and athletes participating in this event have to respect and accept the authority of the EJU officials, the rules and statutes of the International Judo Federation and European Judo Union. Individuals deemed to have acted against the EJU or IJF, their principles or purposes shall be subject to suspension or expulsion from the event and/or cancellation of their accreditation cards.

## 21. AWARDING CEREMONIES

All competitors having won a medal have to attend the ceremony to receive their medal in person. If a competitor is absent during the awarding ceremony for no valid reason, he/she will lose the right to have the medal. It is strictly forbidden for competitors on the podium to bring national flags or the similar identification other than the one represented in the regular manner on their equipment. Any demonstration of religious, political, personal or commercial sign is prohibited and so is wearing a cap or any other head cover.

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