

AGE GROUP

12-16 years of age (as of December 31, 2025)

Year of Birth: 2009 - 2013



ZONE TEAM COMPOSITION

The maximum team size shall be:

- 15 athletes per Zone (# of females 7, # of males 8)
- 4 coaches or chaperones per Zone (# of NCCP certified coaches min.1)
(# of females min. 1, # of males min.1)

FILL POLICY

1. The “fill-in” athlete must be fully eligible and have competed in the Zone playoff.
2. The first fill position will be issued to the weight division with the least number of athletes.
3. In the event that two (2) or more weight divisions have the same number of athletes, a random draw will determine which weight class is filled first.
4. The first opportunity to provide a fill will be given to the Host Community.
5. The second opportunity to provide a fill will be given to the Host Zone.
6. The third opportunity to provide a fill will be given to the Zone with the least number of athletes.
7. The fill priority will continue in this manner:
 - a. The Zone with the next lowest number of athletes will be given the opportunity to provide a fill.
 - b. In the event that there is a tie between two (2) or more Zones with the same number of athletes, a random draw will determine the order.
 - c. The maximum number of athletes will be 120 athletes.
 - d. The total number of athletes for all Zones must not exceed 72 males and 48 females.
 - e. Once the first fill is completed, the criteria for fill-ins are reset and the Fill Policy restarts at the beginning.
8. Fills will continue until all weight divisions have been maximized and filled to 120 athletes if possible.

*Fills must be submitted for approval to the Multisport Games Unit by **January 13, 2026**.*

ELIGIBILITY

Athletes

- Athletes must hold a provincially recognized rank range of at least orange to brown belt.
- Athletes having represented Alberta at previous Canada Games will be ineligible for these Games.
- Athletes having represented Alberta at previous National Championships will be eligible for these Games.
- An athlete can represent a Zone in which they train or reside.
- The athlete may only register and compete in one (1) Zone playoff.

Athletes seventeen (17) years of age, or athletes turning seventeen (17) during the Alberta Games, are NOT eligible to attend the Games. For Alberta Games Eligibility Policy information please visit www.albertawintergames.ca.

Coaches/Chaperones

- **NCCP Certification**—A minimum of one (1) member per Zone of the staff registered as coaches must be fully certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) to at least Dojo Instructor (Competition Introduction). All other coaches must be minimally Trained at the Dojo Instructor level.

- **Safe Sport** - SafeSport Requirements for all coaches and chaperones by the registration deadline:
 - Must have a clear criminal records and vulnerable sector check from within the last three (3) years, or less if required by your organization's policies.
 - Must have completed the CAC Safe Sport Training or Respect In Sport for Activity Leaders.

Note: Where a coach or chaperone has been substituted after the registration deadline leading into the Games, they must have the above completed and verified with Mission Staff no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the Alberta Games.

All coaches and chaperones must be at least eighteen (18) years old by the start of the Alberta Games.

AFFILIATION

Affiliation with the Alberta Kodokan Black Belt Association is mandatory at the Zone and provincial levels. Affiliation must be made prior to the Zone playoffs. Contact Judo Alberta toll free at 1-866-919-5836 or (780) 427-8379 in Edmonton for further information.

ENTRY AND ZONE PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

- A Zone playoff will be held for each Zone. The draw formats will be the same as those listed for the actual Games. Zones 1,2,3,4 will host playoffs at the same date and location. Zones 5,6,7,8 will host playoffs at the same date and location. During these events, each zone will host individual zone competitions for each of their weight classes. At the end of the zone competitions, another seeding competition will be held where the top 2 players from each zone in each weight class will compete against each other for seeding at the Games.
 - First place in the seeding tournament gives them a 50% chance of being seeded # 1 for their weight class. A random draw between the 2, # 1 seeds in the north and south fightoffs will be done at the Games to determine the overall # 1 seed for that weight class. The loser will be seed # 2. The number 2 spots at the seeding competition will have a random draw to determine Games seeding for spots 3 and 4.
- The individual Zone playoffs will determine the winner and alternates for each Zone.
- Alternates will only be considered for 'fill' spots.
- Athletes must be a minimum of orange rank to compete in the playdowns.

To determine the date and location of Zone playoff s/selection please visit www.judoalberta.com or <https://albertawintergames.ca>

ALBERTA GAMES REGISTRATION FEE AND DEADLINE

All Zone team athletes, who qualify to compete at the 2026 Alberta Winter Games (excluding coaches and chaperones), are required to pay an individual registration fee of \$80.00. This fee will offset the costs related to transportation, accommodation, meals, Zone identification, medals, athlete entertainment and sport competitions. *Information on the collection of this fee(s) will be available in the final technical package.*

Please note the registration deadline for Judo is **January 8, 2026**.

EVENTS

Female Weight Divisions:

- Under 40 kg
- Over 40 kg up to and including 44kg
- Over 44 kg up to and including 48 kg
- Over 48 kg up to and including 52 kg
- Over 52 kg up to and including 57 kg
- Over 57 kg up to and including 63 kg
- Over 63kg

Male Weight Divisions:

- Under 42 kg
- Over 42 kg up to and including 46 kg
- Over 46 kg up to and including 50 kg
- Over 50 kg up to and including 55 kg
- Over 55 kg up to and including 60 kg
- Over 60 kg up to and including 66 kg
- Over 66 kg up to and including 73 kg
- Over 73 kg

- Weigh-ins will be done on Friday from 4-5pm before opening ceremonies at the tournament venue and on Saturday at 4-5 pm for competitors fighting on Sunday.
- Weigh-in will be stripped weights (under garments mandatory, bathing suits acceptable).
- If an athlete cannot make their weight class, before the start of the official weigh-ins, they must, in writing, notify the provincial sport director, of weight class change. This notice must be signed by the zone head coach.
- Tournament format will be a determined by # of athletes in division by using Pools, Modified Double Knockout or Round Robin. Seeding of athletes is based on results from the zone playdowns. If an athlete changes weight classes, seeding does not follow.
- IJF contest rules and supplemental age class modifications as per Judo Canada Tournament sanctioning guidelines, (U16 Based Rules) shall govern the Alberta Winter Games Judo competition, with the following exceptions:
 - Chokes and armlocks will **NOT** be allowed. Entry into sankaku gatame will result in a matte as the referee cannot determine if a choke is being attempted.
 - Blue judogis are **Mandatory**

Zone Team Competition

- Athletes can fight in (1) weight division in which they competed for individual competition or one weight division up *ONLY* with Zone coach approval.
- There will be no additional weigh-ins for the team competition.
- A random draw will determine the draw for a single elimination tournament.
- Composition of each team will be selected by the weight divisions that are represented
 - by the most Zones.
- The team will consist of a maximum of 3 male and 2 female participants.
- Teams that are unable to fill all their positions from within their own Zone team, may select athletes from outside their Zone to fill their team, providing that those selected athletes are not competing for any other Zone.

PROTEST PROCEDURES

- IJF rules with the appropriate Judo Canada age class modifications will apply to the competition.
- There will be no protest of on-mat rulings.
- Protests concerning the eligibility of a competitor must be made prior to the start of competition or within one (1) hour of the deemed ineligible athlete competing.
- Protests concerning eligibility of an athlete must be addressed the first time he/she competes.
- Protests of any other nature must be submitted within one (1) hour of detection.
- Protests must be written concisely and prepared in duplicate. One (1) copy will be given to the Host Sport Chair and one (1) copy to the Provincial Sport Coordinator.
- Written protests shall include the time, date and be signed by the Zone coach.
- The Zone coach must also notify the Alberta Games – (Sport Lead).

Sport Jury

- The sport jury will meet and render a decision within one (1) hour of receiving the protest.
- The Judo sport jury will be made up of at least three (3) members:
 - Host Sport Chair
 - Provincial Sport Coordinator or designate
 - Head Referee
- The Judo sport jury shall prepare a written report stating the outcome and consequences of its decision.
- The Judo sport jury shall provide a copy of the report to all parties involved.
- The time, date and signatures shall appear on the written decision.

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

As per IJF rules and Judo Alberta tournament sanction requirements.

PROVINCIAL SPORT COORDINATOR

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ZONE SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

Each of the eight (8) Zones has a designated Judo representative. To contact your Zone sport representative please visit www.albertagames.com for the list and contact information for each Zone sport representative.

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