

Judo Ontario Event Sanctioning Policy

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1. Policy Statement

This policy establishes the requirements and process for sanctioning competitions, camps, seminars, workshops and other judo events involving Judo Ontario clubs and members. Regular club programming does not require separate sanctioning unless otherwise determined by Judo Ontario.

PART I – COMPETITION SANCTIONING

2. Legislative Framework

Amateur judo contests and exhibitions conducted in Ontario are governed by the **Combative Sports Act, 2019**, its regulations and the applicable amateur Judo-Shiai rules approved by the Province of Ontario.

Judo Ontario is the recognized Provincial Sport Organization for judo in Ontario and is authorized to sanction amateur judo contests and exhibitions within the scope of its recognition.

Judo Ontario sanctioning constitutes **Judo Ontario's authorization and recognition of an event**.

3. Requirement for Judo Ontario Sanction

All judo competitions hosted by Judo Ontario member clubs must be sanctioned by Judo Ontario, including **shiai, ne-waza and kata** events.

National-level events hosted by Judo Canada and Provincial-level events hosted by Judo Ontario do not require an additional Judo Ontario sanction.

Judo Ontario athletes, coaches, referees and officials may only participate in competitions **sanctioned or otherwise expressly recognized by Judo Ontario**.

4. Competition Classifications

4.1 Club A

Open competitions hosted by Judo Ontario member clubs. Club A events are pointable, subject to RDF/KDF fees and must comply with the Judo Ontario Tournament Standards. Events open to competitors outside Ontario require the applicable Judo Canada sanction.

Full requirement listed in the **Judo Ontario Tournament Standards**.

4.2 Club B

Developmental competitions hosted by Judo Ontario member clubs, typically 'Monthlies'. Club B events are not pointable and must comply with the applicable Judo Ontario Tournament Standards.

Full requirement listed in the **Judo Ontario Tournament Standards**.

4.3 Club C – Training Events

Formerly referred to as "In-House" or "Invitational/Closed" tournaments. Inter-club training, randori and similar activities may be conducted as training activities without a competition sanction where they are genuinely training or practice rather than competition.

A training or practice activity:

- must not award competition medals, placements, ranking or grading points;
- must not be promoted or represented as a tournament or competition;
- must comply with applicable Judo Ontario membership, insurance, Safe Sport and risk-management requirements; and
- must otherwise be operated as a training activity.

Judo Ontario may determine that an activity presented as training or practice is, in substance, a competition and therefore requires sanctioning.

5. Judo Canada Sanctions

Events hosted in Ontario requiring a Judo Canada sanction must first be approved by Judo Ontario. Judo Ontario will facilitate the appropriate application to Judo Canada, and the organizer must meet all applicable Judo Ontario and Judo Canada requirements.

PART II – CAMPS, SEMINARS AND OTHER EVENTS

6. Camps, Seminars and Workshops

Judo Ontario member clubs may apply to sanction camps, clinics, seminars, workshops and other special activities.

Sanctioning provides formal Judo Ontario recognition and may allow participants to receive applicable benefits such as **grading points, NCCP Professional Development points, and other coach, referee or athlete development credits.**

Sanctioned activities must meet any applicable Judo Ontario requirements.

6.1 Seminar Requirements

Pointable seminars must be sanctioned by Judo Ontario and identified in promotional materials as "This is a pointable seminar."

Pointable seminars must:

- be open to eligible registered participants, subject to appropriate age, rank or other criteria;
- focus on judo or judo-specific skills;
- follow a curriculum approved by Judo Ontario;
- not include shiai competition; and

- be a minimum of four (4) hours.

Grading points will be awarded in accordance with the current **Judo Canada Grading Syllabus**.

Judo Ontario may establish additional requirements based on the nature of the activity, participants or level of risk.

6.2 Camp Requirements

Sanctioned camps must:

- be sponsored by a registered Judo Ontario club and led by a current Judo Ontario Yudansha member;
- have a Camp Director with a minimum **Dojo Instructor** qualification;
- be open to eligible registered participants;
- have judo and judo-specific skills as the primary focus, while allowing other appropriate activities;
- follow a curriculum approved by Judo Ontario; and
- not include a judo competition unless separately sanctioned.

Camps are not pointable unless hosted or otherwise approved by Judo Ontario.

Judo Ontario may establish additional requirements based on the nature of the activity, participants or level of risk.

PART III – SANCTIONING PROCESS

7. Application Process

Applications must be submitted using the process established by Judo Ontario at least:

- **Competitions:** 3 months before the event
- **Camps, seminars and other events:** 1 month before the event

The host club, Dojoshu and Event Director must be current members in good standing. The Event Director, or one designate, will serve as the primary contact for the application.

Applications must include all required event information, documentation and fees. Competition applications must complete a **Judo Ontario Technical Package** in the approved standard format supplied by Judo Ontario within 30 days of submitting an application.

Events may be promoted prior to approval provided they are clearly identified as "**Pending Judo Ontario Sanction.**" An event may not be represented as sanctioned until approval has been received.

For competitions, Judo Ontario will appoint the **Chief Tournament Official**. The Tournament Director will consult with the Referee Committee and Kata Committee to identify the **Chief Referee** and/or **Chief Kata Judge**.

Submission of an application does not constitute approval. Judo Ontario may request additional

information, changes or conditions before issuing a sanction.

8. Scheduling and Calendar Approval

Competition dates are subject to Judo Ontario approval, with efforts made to balance the calendar and support optimal participation.

Generally:

- **Club A events should be scheduled at least two weeks apart.**
- No other competitions should be sanctioned on the same weekend as a Club A event, except where appropriate for remote regions (e.g., North/Northwest Region).
- Provincial, national and other priority events will be considered when approving dates.

9. Event Names, Promotion and Sanction Status

Event names and promotion must accurately reflect the event's approved status and must not imply unauthorized designations such as **Provincial, National or Championship**.

Events may only be promoted as **“Sanctioned by Judo Ontario”** once approved. Use of the Judo Ontario name and logo must follow applicable branding requirements.

10. Conditions of Sanction

By accepting a Judo Ontario sanction, the organizer agrees to:

- conduct the event as approved;
- comply with applicable Judo Ontario and Judo Canada policies, rules and standards;
- comply with applicable legislation, Safe Sport and insurance requirements;
- verify participant membership and eligibility;
- ensure appropriate supervision and qualified personnel;
- report serious incidents;
- pay all applicable fees; and
- submit required post-event information.

Competitions must comply with the **Judo Ontario Tournament Standards**.

Significant changes to an approved event must be reported to Judo Ontario. A sanction may be amended, suspended or withdrawn if the event no longer meets sanctioning requirements.

11. Equipment Rental and Use

Where Judo Ontario mats or equipment are provided for a sanctioned event, the organizer is responsible for their transportation, handling, security and return.

The organizer is responsible for loss or damage beyond normal wear and tear and may be charged the reasonable cost of repair or replacement.

Any additional equipment requirements or terms will be identified through the sanction application or rental process.

12. Post-Event Requirements

The organizer must submit required post-event documentation and RDF/KDF fees within **30 days** of the event.

For competitions, this includes:

- participant list;
- competition results (Club A only);
- referee or official participation information;
- referee report;
- incident reports;
- required RDF and/or KDF fees; and
- other information requested by Judo Ontario.

Camps, Seminars and Workshops may require:

- participant/attendance list (including NCCP # for PD points)
- incident reports; and
- other information requested by Judo Ontario.

Failure to submit required reports, fees or other information may affect the organizer's eligibility to receive future sanctions.

13. Fees

Sanctioning fees, participation levies, referee or kata development fees, equipment rental fees and other charges associated with sanctioned events will be established by Judo Ontario.

Event Type	Fee
Club A – Full Shiai	\$200
Club A – Kata or Ne Waza Only	\$100
Club B	\$25 (max of \$150 per year if hosting multiple Club B events)
Camps & Seminars	\$100
Mat Rental	\$200 (sanctioned tournament) \$50 / day (camp or club event)

13.1 Referee Development Fund

A **\$5 Referee Development Fund (RDF) fee** applies to each unique participant in a Club A tournament, regardless of the number of entries. The fee supports referee development and must be clearly identified in the tournament fee structure.



Suggested wording: “A \$5 fee per participant is included and directed to the Judo Ontario Referee Development Fund.”

13.2 Kata Development Fund

A **\$5 Kata Development Fund (KDF) fee** per athlete (\$10 per team) applies to each kata entry at Club A tournaments. The fee supports the development and promotion of kata in Ontario and must be clearly identified in the tournament fee structure.

Suggested wording: “A \$10 fee per kata team (\$5 per athlete) is included and directed to the Judo Ontario Kata Development Fund.”

PART IV – COMPLIANCE

14. Events Not Sanctioned or Recognized by Judo Ontario

Judo Ontario clubs and members may only host, organize or participate in competitions **sanctioned or expressly recognized by Judo Ontario**. Authorization by another regulatory authority does not constitute Judo Ontario recognition.

Non-compliance may result in **disciplinary action, participation restrictions and/or loss of future sanctioning privileges**. Events operating without required provincial authorization may also be subject to consequences under Ontario law.

15. Refusal, Suspension or Withdrawal of Sanction

Judo Ontario may refuse, amend, suspend or withdraw a sanction where an event does not meet applicable Judo Ontario or Judo Canada requirements, legislation, conditions of sanction, insurance, Safe Sport or risk-management requirements.

Where practical, organizers will be given an opportunity to address deficiencies. Immediate action may be taken where necessary to protect participants or Judo Ontario. Decisions may be appealed under the **Judo Ontario Appeal Policy**.

16. Related Documents

This policy should be read in conjunction with, as applicable:

- Judo Ontario Tournament Standards
- Judo Ontario Safe Sport Policies
- Judo Ontario Appeal Policy
- Judo Canada Sanctioning Policy and Tournament Standards
- Combative Sports Act, 2019 and Ontario Amateur Judo-Shiai Rules