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MATSURU ONTARIO OPEN

OCTOBER 16TH-18TH, 2026
TORONTO PAN AM SPORTS CENTRE
U12 - VETERANS

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Sanctioned by Judo Ontario & level A-sanctioned by Judo Canada

01 TOURNAMENT INFO

Date: October 16-18th, 2026

Location: Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre

875 Morningside Avenue Toronto, Ontario M1C 0C7

02 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Friday October 16th

- First Block - U12 – shiai starts at 1800hr (6:00 PM)

Saturday October 17th

- First Block - U14 and Ne Waza starts at 0800hr (8:00 AM)
- Second Block - U21, Veterans
- Third Block - U18

Sunday October 18th

- First Block - All Senior Advanced Divisions – shiai starts at 0800hr (8:00 AM)
 - Second Block - U16, Senior Intermediate, Senior Novice
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03 TOURNAMENT CONTACTS

Tournament Director: Heather West – ontarioopen@judoontario.ca

Technical Director: Steven Sheffield - info@judoontario.ca

Chief Referee: Gerald Okimura - gokimura21@hotmail.com

Medic: David Mckinty

04 REGISTRATION INFO

This is a pre-registration only tournament.

Registration Deadline: October 2nd, 2026

Late Registration Deadline: October 9th, 2026 (also coaches and early bloomer deadline)

Registration Link (All groups): **TBD**

Athlete Registration

- No registration accepted after the late registration deadline.
- **NOTE:** All foreign and out-of-province athletes need to ensure their medical coverage is valid in Ontario.

Coach Registration (Minimum NCCP DI (Level 2) Trained)

- Online registration is mandatory for all coaches.
- Only 4 coaches per team/dojo allowed. Athletes who coach must also apply for coaching accreditation.
- No coaching accreditation will be issued on the day of the tournament.

Referee Registration (Minimum National B)

- Online registration is mandatory for all referees.
- National C and Provincial A Referees are eligible to sign up for refereeing up to U14.

Early Bloomers

- Requests must be applied for through Judo Canada at: <https://judocanada.org/early-bloomer-form-formulaire-pour-athlete-precoce/>
- Approval of status due by **October 9th, 2026**.
- **Forbidden:** Early Bloomer submissions for the U12 age divisions.

05 ENTRY FEES

	Registration (Received by Oct. 2 nd , 2026)	Late Registration (Received by Oct. 9 th , 2026)
U21, Seniors, Veterans	\$ 90	\$ 120
U16, U18	\$ 80	\$ 110
U12, U14	\$ 60	\$ 90
Ne Waza	\$ 70	\$ 90
Second Division	\$ 45	\$ 60

Note:

- All prices include HST.
- A \$25 penalty fee will be incurred for all mistakes made in an athlete's registration (belt or age division) that will force changes to categories after the draws are completed.
- \$10 administration fee will be applied for all cancellations between Oct. 2nd and Oct. 9th, 2026.
- There will be NO refunds following a cancellation as after Friday Oct. 9th, 2026. No exceptions.

Spectator Fees

- \$10 for one day or \$15 for the whole weekend.

06 ACCREDITATION

ATHLETES, COACHES, REFEREES, AND VOLUNTEERS PLEASE NOTE: Entry into the competition area will only be permitted with valid accreditation.

Accreditation pick-up

- **Friday:** Accreditation pick-up will take place at the tournament venue. Photo ID is required.
 - **Coaches:** Coaches may pick up accreditation badges from 2:00–8:00 p.m. Provincial and club coaches may also pick up badges on behalf of their athletes.
 - **Athletes:** Athletes may pick up accreditation badges from 4:00–8:00 p.m.
- **Saturday:** Accreditation pick-up will resume at the tournament venue at 8:00 a.m.
- All registered athletes will be issued one accreditation badge regardless of the number of divisions entered. Athletes who wish also to coach **MUST** apply separately for coaching accreditation. Athletes must ensure their coach registers themselves as a coach. Accreditation badges for coaches will not be issued based on athletes' registration information.
- **Note:** Replacement accreditation badges can be generated at the accreditation desk at the tournament venue on Saturday or Sunday. However, there will be a \$20 CAD CASH ONLY charge for replacement badges.
- **Group pick-up available for Provincial Teams or Clubs** with a minimum of 10 athletes registered. Complete and submit the completed form by Oct. 9th and all athletes and coaches must be registered in Dokume at that time as well – **Group Accreditation Form [LINK]**

Coach Accreditation

- ALL coaches **MUST** pre-apply for accreditation by Oct. 9th to receive a coaching badge.
- ALL Canadian coaches **MUST** have a current active NCCP DI Trained or higher status.
- Foreign coaches must provide proof of their coaching certification equivalent.
- Only one coach per athlete will be permitted at mat side. Maximum of four coaches per Dojo.
- Coaches must wear proper coaching attire as per the 2026-2027 Judo Canada Sanctioning Policy and Tournament Standards.

Referee Accreditation

- Referee Eligibility: Referees must be members of Judo Ontario, other Provincial/Territorial Associations, or IJF recognized Associations of other countries.
- Minimum referee level National B.
- Referees not officiating are encouraged to assist with operating the CARE.
- A referee and CARE Operator meeting and roll call will be held at the shiai-jo prior to the start of the tournament.
- All referees are asked to present themselves in the officials' room Saturday by 0700hr (7AM) and Sunday at 0730hr (7:30 AM).

Other Volunteer Accreditation

Judo Ontario needs volunteers who are aged 16+ for these very important positions:

- Draw Coordinators
- Weigh-in Officials
- Time/Score Keepers
- Security
- Craft Services
- Runners
- Accreditation Table Officials

Accreditation badges are required for all volunteers. Volunteers of the tournament will receive a volunteer t-shirt and meals during the time they are volunteering. To sign up to be a volunteer, please complete the online sign-up form using the link below and our Volunteer Coordinator will be in touch.

2025 Matsuru Ontario Open Volunteer Sign-up [LINK]

07 TOURNAMENT SITE MEETINGS

Referees Meetings

Referees' meeting will take place in the officials' room at the Shiai-jo.

- Referee Meeting – Saturday 0700hr – 0730hr (7:00 AM - 7:30 AM)
- Referees' roll call – Saturday 0700hr (7:00 AM) and Sunday 0730hr (7:30 AM). Please be on time.

Volunteers and table officials must be in place at 0730hr (7:30 AM) on Saturday and at 0730hr (7:30 AM) on Sunday.

Coaches Meeting

A coaches meeting will take place at Joseki at 0745hr (7:45 AM) at the Shiai-jo on Saturday and Sunday.

Volunteers Meeting

Volunteers are asked to present themselves with their accreditation badge at the registration desk at TPASC at 0700hr (7:00 AM) on Saturday and Sunday.

08 AWARDS

Shiai: 1st, 2nd, and two 3rd Place medals will be awarded as per Judo Canada policy.

09 WEIGH-IN

Athletes are allowed only one time on the official scale. Accreditation card and ID (picture ID for U18 and above) is required at weigh-in.

NOTE: All athletes must weigh-in in underwear. Athletes in all age divisions are NOT allowed to remove their underclothing

U12

Weigh-in: Honor System (provided by the parents, checked by club coach). We ask that Club Instructors verify the athlete's weights.

- There will be a scale at the tournament venue for spot checks should concerns arise. Discrepancies of over 5% between reported weights and actual weights may result in disqualification without refund.
- No check-in or weigh-in required for U12
- If not competing, advise info@judoontario.ca so draws can be adjusted.
- **Note:** U12 will be competing on Friday, October 16th – start time 1800hr (6:00 PM)

U14, U18, U21, Veterans & Ne Waza

Friday, October 16th, 2026 @ Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre (875 Morningside Ave)

- Unofficial Weigh-in: 1600hr—2000hr (4:00 PM - 8:00 PM)
- Official Weigh-in: 1700hr—2000hr (5:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

U16, and Seniors

Saturday, October 17th, 2026 @ Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre (875 Morningside Ave)

- Unofficial weigh-in: 1300hr - 1600hr (1:00 PM - 4:00 PM)
- Official Weigh-in: 1400hr - 1600hr (2:00 PM - 4:00 PM)

Weigh-in Rules

- U14 and up must weigh-in in underwear with 0.2 kg allowance
- Athletes in all age divisions are NOT allowed to remove their underclothing
- All athletes are allowed to wear an optional T-shirt at weigh-in, no additional allowance for a T-Shirt
- **Note:** Foreign Competitors must bring a current membership card of their Association, their accreditation and photo ID.
- **Note:** All judokas also competing in the same weight category on Sunday will NOT have to go on the scale again. They will be kept in the draw unless they (or their coaches) come to logistics to be removed from competition (check-out). The check-out deadline is 60 minutes after the end of competition on Saturday.
- Athletes may compete in only one division per day as outlined in accordance with Judo Canada's Tournament Policy, unless the second division is Ne Waza or Open Weight.

10 TOURNAMENT RULES

Modified IJF Rules and Judo Ontario/Judo Canada Tournament Regulations will be applied.

- U12, U14: Judo Canada Tournament Standards applied.
- U16: Chokes permitted. NO armlocks.
- U18: Chokes and armlocks permitted.
- A minimum rest period equal to two (2) times the maximum match time will be allowed between matches.
- Golden Score will be applied in all divisions except U12, U14.
- White and Blue judogis are mandatory for all but U12, U14, and Senior Intermediate & Novice.
- U12, U14 and Senior Novice must have white judogi with their properly fitted belt with their current rank. First name called wears white gi.
- Judo Ontario will supply white and blue sashes for the U12, U14 and Senior Novice and intermediate division.
- Uniforms (Judogis) MUST comply with Judo Canada and IJF size regulations.
- The competition area will conform to the IJF standard 8m x 8m combat surface.
- 2 Competitors will use a best of three system
- 5 or fewer competitors will use round robin system.
- 6 and 7 competitors in a category will use a 2 pool system.
- 8 competitors or more will use a modified double elimination system.
- Seeding will be based on High Performance Committee (HPC) communication with Judo Canada.
- Note: The tournament director reserves the right to revoke the accreditation of anyone showing disrespect or unethical behavior.

- **Note:** Modified Medical Rules: All U14, U16 and U18 contestants will be allowed two one-minute free medical examinations per competitor per match (does not include treatments for bleeding) without penalty. A third examination for the same injury to the same competitor in the same match will result in their opponent being awarded the win by “Kikengachi”. All incidents of bleeding in these two age categories will be dealt with in accordance with current IJF Competition Rules, Article 29 (Bleeding Injuries).

11 DIVISIONS

U12	Born: 2016, 2017 Yellow Belt and up No chokes or armlocks. Modified Medical Rules. See above. Duration: 2-minute matches. No Golden Score Round Robin Divisions of 2-5 athletes will be compiled after weigh-in completed
U14	Born: 2014, 2015 <i>and as per Judo Canada's Early Bloomer Clause</i> Ranks: Yellow and Orange / Green and up No chokes or armlocks. Modified Medical Rules. See above. Duration: 3-minute matches. No Golden Score Male: -32kg, -35kg, -38kg, -42kg, -46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, +66kg Female: -30kg, -33kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, +63kg
U16	Born: 2012, 2013 <i>and as per Judo Canada's Early Bloomer Clause</i> Ranks: Green and up Chokes permitted. No armlocks. Modified Medical Rules. See above. Duration: 3-minute matches. Golden Score is applied. Male: -38kg, -42kg, 46kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, +73kg Female: -36kg, -40kg, 44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg
U18	Born: 2010, 2011, 2012 <i>and as per Judo Canada's Early Bloomer Clause</i> Ranks: Green and up Chokes and armlocks permitted. Modified Medical Rules. See above. Duration: 4-minute matches. Golden Score is applied. Male: -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg Female: -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg
U21	Born: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 <i>and as per Judo Canada's Early Bloomer Clause</i> Ranks: Blue and up Chokes and armlocks permitted Duration: 4-minute matches. Golden Score is applied. Male: -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg Female: -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg

SENIOR	Born: 2012 and earlier <i>and as per Judo Canada's Early Bloomer Clause</i> Ranks: Brown and up (Advanced) & Green and Blue (Intermediate) & Yellow and Orange (Novice) Chokes and armlocks not permitted for Senior Novice Duration: 4-minute matches. Golden Score is applied. <i>Male (Advanced): -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg</i> <i>Male (Intermediate/Novice): Light, Middle, Light Heavy, Heavy</i> <i>Female (Advanced): -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg</i> <i>Female (Intermediate/Novice): Light, Middle, Light Heavy, Heavy</i>
VETERAN	Born: 1997 and earlier Ranks: Blue and up Chokes and armlocks permitted Duration: Up to M6/F6 3-minute matches. Golden Score is applied (M7/F7 2min match, 1 minute Golden Score, no chokes allowed) <i>Male: -60 kg, -66 kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg</i> <i>Female: -48 kg, -52kg, -57 kg, -63kg, -70 kg, -78kg, +78kg</i> <i>Note: Age and weight categories will be combined after weigh-in according the number of registrations</i>
NE WAZA	Ranks: Green and Up Chokes and armlocks permitted Duration: 4-minute matches. Golden Score is applied. Note: Athletes can compete in two categories in one day if one is in Ne Waza
	Senior Born 2012 and Earlier <i>Senior Male: -66kg, -81kg, -100kg, +100kg</i> <i>Senior Female: -52kg, -70kg, +70kg</i>
	Veterans Born 1997 and Earlier <i>Male: -66kg, -81kg, -100kg, +100kg</i> <i>Female: -52kg, -70kg, +70kg</i>
	Adaptive Ne Waza Male Female

12 SHUTTLE

Schedule is tentative and final schedule will be communicated the week of competition.

From: Best Western Parkway Toronto North/ Sheraton Parkway Toronto North

Friday:

- Depart Hotel: 3:30pm
- Depart TPASC: 6:30pm

Saturday:

- Depart Hotel: 6:30am & 10:30am
- Depart TPASC: 2:30pm & 6pm

Sunday:

- Depart Hotel: 6:30am

13 ACCOMMODATIONS

Sheraton Parkway Toronto North

Address: 600 Highway 7, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 1B2
Reservation Online: <https://app.marriott.com/reslink?id=1771527940693&key=GRP&app=resvlink>
Phone: 905-881-2121 or 1-800-668-0101 (mention Ontario Open Judo)
Room Cost: \$199 per night
Reservation Cutoff: September 14th, 2026
21 min drive from TPASC

Best Western Parkway Toronto North

Address: 600 Highway 7, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 1B2
Reservation Online: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.66054.html?groupId=L39FP9M3
Phone: 905-881-2600 or 1-866-874-6333 (mention Ontario Open Judo)
Room Cost: \$189 per night
Reservation Cutoff: September 14th, 2026
21 min drive from TPASC

Best Western Plus Executive Inn

Address: 38 Estate Drive Toronto, Ontario M1H 2Z1
Reservation Online: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.66088.html?groupId=8F6AC9D2
Room Cost: \$199 per night
Phone: (416) 430-0444
6 min drive from TPASC

Courtyard by Marriott Toronto Markham

Address: 65 Minthorn Blvd, Markham, ON L3T 7Y9
Reservation Online: <https://app.marriott.com/reslink?id=1770759006455&key=GRP&app=resvlink>
Phone: (905) 707-6533
Room Cost: \$209 per night
Reservation Cutoff: September 16th, 2026
6 min drive from TPASC