

General Rules

The Judo Ontario Kata Committee (JOKC) is committed to helping Judo Ontario kata judges in their ongoing development and progression to the highest levels of judging. This program is intended to provide limited financial assistance to help judges achieve this objective and to recognize their importance in developing kata competition in Ontario.

- Recipient must be a current member in good standing with Judo Ontario
- Recipient must advise the JOKC of his/her intention to participate in a Supported Event at least 30 days prior to the date of the event
- Recipient must participate in the Supported Event as a mat judge (i.e., not a competitor, mat supervisor, examiner, chief kata judge, or other kata tournament official)
- Recipient must meet the definition of “Active” as defined below
- The factors the JOKC will use to select judges for support include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Level of recent judging activity, particularly in Ontario events
 - Performance evaluations or ratings received at tournaments (if available)
 - Time in current grade
 - Number of national or higher certifications held
 - Initiative shown to seek opportunities for development as a judge
 - Assistance with the JOKC’s activities to develop kata
 - Other funding previously provided
- The available funding will vary each year based on the committee’s annual plan and the ability to raise funds through its other activities. The JOKC reserves the right to not provide support if it decides there are no suitable candidates.

Active Definition

The JOKC defines active judges as follows:

- a. Judged in at least one Ontario kata tournament organized or overseen by the JOKC in the previous year
- b. Judged in at least one Nat A or B sanctioned tournament in another province in Canada in the previous year
- c. Attended at least one kata clinic in the previous year

Supported Events

At the discretion of the JOKC, the following events will be considered for financial support. The list of events may vary from year to year.

- a. Eastern Canadian Kata Championships
- b. Western Canadian Kata Championships
- c. Edmonton Open
- d. Pacific International Open
- e. World Championships
- f. Kata World Series events
- g. Pan American Championships
- h. Other selected national or continental level events
- i. Examinations for PJC or IJF level certification

Application Process

1. A judge must advise the JOKC of his/her intention to participate in a Supported Event by e-mail **at least 30 days prior** to the date of the event.
2. If applicable, the judge must also send the JOKC a copy of any confirmation that he/she has been accepted to judge at the event.
3. The JOKC will advise the judges if any funding is available prior to the event date.
4. Any approved payments will be processed **after** the event is completed.