

## Judo Technical Package

Technical Packages provide details of the eligibility requirements as well as event and competition information. In order to fully understand the rules and requirements for participation in the BC Games, it is expected that the BC Games General Rules will be read in addition to the sport-specific information contained in the Technical Package.

[Click here to review BC Games General Rules.](#) [Click here to view the technical package for another sport.](#)

Technical Package for **Judo**

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### **Venue:**

Fruitvale Elementary School

### **Age:**

U-16

### **Age Description:**

Athletes must be born in 2011, 2012 or 2013 to be eligible to compete. Additionally, for athletes born in 2014, only early bloomers as identified by the zone reps and approved by the Sport Development Director of Judo BC will be eligible.

### **Zone Team Composition:**

8 athletes per zone; 4 male and 4 female.

### **Wildcards:**

Up to 36 wildcards. Wildcard selections will be based on ranking procedure described below.

### **Maximum Athletes:**

100

### **Coaches:**

(See [BC Games General Rules](#) for information about the "adult supervisor" role)

1 head coach and 1 assistant coach per zone (one of each gender). A third person per zone is permissible named either as an assistant coach, 'young' assistant coach or adult supervisor. Judo is permitted up to a maximum of 24 coaches or adult supervisors

*Every zone must name a head coach and at least one assistant coach (exception: sports for athletes with a disability, which must have one head coach and at least one assistant coach for the sport). If additional adults are named for the zone (or sport) and they meet the certification requirements of assistant coaches, they should be registered with the role "assistant coach", otherwise they are registered with the role "adult supervisor". [See BC Games General Rules for more information.](#)*

### **Officials:**

*The number of Officials the sport is permitted to register as participants)*

20

*Transportation, accommodation, and meals, as arranged by the Host Society, will be provided for officials. [See BC Games General Rules for more information.](#)*

### **Athlete Eligibility:**

*In addition to [BC Games General Rules](#), the sport-specific eligibility requirements noted in this technical package are in effect for the 2026 BC Winter Games.*

Athletes must be a member in good standing with Judo BC. Minimum rank of 4th kyu (orange belt).

Athletes are eligible to attend only one BC Winter Games in Judo. Only athletes on an exceptional basis MAY be invited to attend a second Games in Judo provided they have met the minimum criteria and approved by the Provincial Advisor:

- Born (2011-2013) and resident of BC
- Compete at Youth Provincials in 2025
- Compete (U16 Category) at a provincial or inter-provincial shiai
- Collect 6 points between Youth Provincials in 2025 and Trials (November 2025)
- 1 Point per Judo BC sanctioned or recognized out of province shiai (excluding Youth Championships but including BCWG Trials)
- 0.5 points per Judo BC recognized regional practice, provincial practice
- if more than one camp is attended then each practice at an additional camp is 0.5 points

### **Coaching Eligibility:**

*Note that the role of head coaches and assistant coaches at the BC Games includes travelling to and from the Games with the team/zone, residing with the team/zone in BC Games accommodation, and acting in a supervisory capacity throughout the Games.*

*See [BC Games General Rules](#) for information about the roles of the head coach and assistant coach.*

Head coaches must be of minimum rank of black belt and fully certified at NCCP Level 2 (Dojo Instructor - Certified). Assistant coaches must be of minimum rank of black belt and NCCP Level 2 (Dojo Instructor - Trained). Candidates must possess a desire to further their level of technical competence and coaching certification. Preference will be given to those candidates who have shown an active involvement in the Provincial/Regional program. All adult supervisors must complete NCCP [Safe Sport Training](#).

*BC Games General Rules dictate the level of coach certification required for head coaches and assistant coaches unless otherwise stated in this Technical Package - [click here for details](#). A minimum of Safe Sport Training is required for all adult supervisors – [more information can be found here](#).*

#### **Events Categories:**

Rules: U16 regulations as per the 2025 Judo Canada Tournament Standards. In practice this will mean that the BCWG will run the same rules and rule interpretations as the 2025 BC Provincial Championships. U14 age athletes (2013/2014) will be required to submit a declaration signed by their parent/guardian and coach acknowledging understanding of the U16 rules.

Male Weight Classes: 9 weight categories

Female Weight Classes: 9 weight categories

Team competition will follow the 2025 Judo Canada Tournament Standards. Weigh in will be held in the afternoon prior to the start of the competition. Weight categories may be combined or split within the limits of the prevailing Judo Canada Tournament standards.

#### **Equipment:**

##### **Zone Selections and Registration Deadline:**

[Please refer to the BC Games General Rules for the registration deadline set by the BC Games Society.](#)

*The BC Games deadline is in effect unless an earlier date is set by the Provincial Sport Organization is specified in this technical package. [See BC Games General Rules for registration procedures.](#)*

The top 4 male and female athletes (by points) in each zone must be selected to the zone team. The next 4 athletes in points ranking will be selected to the zone team as wild cards provided they have met the minimum requirements and have not yet attended Games or won a medal at a National Championships. If less than 4 male or female athletes have met minimum requirements then selection of the remaining spots is at discretion of the Zone Representative to fill the zone team. Remaining wild cards will be assigned based on provincial ranking (in points), gender balance and the following priority:

1. Athletes born in 2011-2013 that have not previously attended Games or won a medal at the Nationals and have met minimum requirements.
2. Athletes that have met minimum requirements and are attending a 2nd Games; or are National medalists (not yet attended the BC Winter Games); or athletes born in 2014 identified as early bloomers by the Provincial Coach.
3. Athletes not covered by #1 and #2 provided they have competed in at least one provincial level shiai in a U16 category.

##### **New to 2026 - Kata Competition.**

Kata Competition will be available to athletes selected according to the above criteria and that have met additional criteria to compete in kata. Provided the athlete has been selected to their zone team or as a wildcard above they may also compete in kata provided the following criteria is met.

- Both members of the kata pair have participated in at least one provincially sanctioned kata competition prior to Games; OR
- Both members of the kata pair of participated in a regional kata competition with at least one certified kata judge scoring the kata.

The katas that will be available for competition in the Games will be decided by the Judo BC kata committee and published ahead of the Games.

##### **Accommodation and Transportation:**

*Also see [BC Games General Rules](#) for further details about accommodation and transportation.*

**Accommodation Requirements:** All athletes, coaches, and adult supervisors participating in the BC Games are required to stay in designated BC Games accommodation. This ensures a consistent Games experience for all participants, including access to meals, transportation, and supervision.

Officials should contact their Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) for further information on accommodation arrangements.

Exemptions for athletes or coaches to stay outside of BC Games accommodation may be granted for legitimate medical reasons. However, these exemptions are regulated and must be approved in advance to ensure the integrity of the accommodation model. Contact your Provincial Advisor for further information.

**Transportation Requirements:** All athletes, coaches, and adult supervisors, except for those residing within close proximity to the host community, are expected to use BC Games transportation services from their designated pick-up point, which may include bus or air travel. This transportation is provided at no additional cost to participants. Participants residing within close proximity to the host community are responsible for their own travel to the Games, a process known as Immediate Vicinity Travel. Participants may request to opt out of BC Games transportation (a process known as Own Travel) with approval from the Provincial Advisor. However, sport-specific travel requirements may override this option. Participants traveling under either Immediate Vicinity Travel or Own Travel do so at their own expense and liability. The full athlete fee still applies regardless of the travel method chosen. All participants on BC Games transportation services must adhere to the BC Games Society's [Team Travel Policy](#) which requires them to travel at their own expense and liability to a designated zone pick-up point and be under the supervision of a coach or adult supervisor from their sport.

**Medals:**

Medals will be awarded for each event within the parameters of the BC Games Society [Medals Rule](#). There will be two bronze medals for categories of five or more competitors.

A trophy will be awarded from Judo BC to the Zone with the most points from individual and team results.

**Fees:**

*[See the BC Games General Rules for current BC Games registration fees.](#) Note that fees are assessed for athletes only (coaches, adult supervisors, and officials do not pay this fee). Sports may assess additional fees to cover training, uniforms, qualification event(s), etc. Please contact your Provincial Advisor or the PSO for more details. Fees are collected by the sport and paid to the BC Games Society upon invoice after the Games.*

The BC Games Society athlete fee for the Trail-Rossland 2026 BC Winter Games is \$175.00 to subsidize a portion of Games operating expenses such as participant travel, accommodations and meals. Judo BC charges athletes a supplementary fee of \$75.00 to cover officiating costs, zone apparel and other sport specific costs.

The total athlete fee to compete in Judo at the 2026 BC Winter Games is \$250.00 and is collected by Judo BC.

Additional fees may be charged by individual zone teams to support pre-Games training opportunities and/or additional zone items, at the discretion of the Zone Rep or head coach.