



REGULATIONS FOR VETERANS

The IJF Veterans Commission is responsible for all IJF veteran activities.

A1.1 Organisation

The Veteran Championships should be a sport festival, a sport competition and a social event. The aim of the event is to add value to judo as a forever lifestyle, judo for all and to create a platform according to which judo practitioners live following the principles and morals taught by Jigoro Kano. The expected outcome is to bring and keep the International Judo Veterans Family together to unite them, to share experiences and to keep the spirit of judo alive.

All rules are based on the IJF SOR, but there must be some tolerance towards those paying their own costs in order that they can still follow and support the sport of judo.

The championships will take place, as far as possible, in a resort or a city that is a tourist venue, as the IJF want to merge the judo event with a family and social event.

As the event is very popular, the organisers should use a venue that can accommodate up to five mats.

The local organisers must provide a set of radios for the referees and IJF Veterans Commission.

A1.2 Competition Rules for Veterans

The IJF competition rules will apply with the exception of modifications made to age divisions (section A1.4), category combining (section A1.7), contest and golden score duration (section A1.6) and judogi (section A1.11). A registered competitor can use their athlete accreditation to coach. An additional coach accreditation is not required. Any athletes who chooses also to coach their colleagues and then don't follow section 7.1 Coaches' Code of Conduct risk being removed from the competition (i.e. no longer allowed to compete if applicable).

A1.3 Eligibility to Participate

All the following conditions must be met in full for an individual to be considered eligible to participate in these championships.

- Not under a disciplinary suspension.
- Not under suspension for anti-doping rule violation.
- Not under medical suspension.
- Healthy and fit for competition.
- Do not carry any communicable diseases that may risk other delegates' health.
- Hold a current and valid licence (membership) issued by a National Federation currently affiliated to the IJF.
- Pay the appropriate entry fees in full before the deadline set in the event outlines.
- Check in at registration (see schedule of Registration in the event outlines).
- Meet the specific weigh-in requirements.
- Provide photographic proof of their identity and date of birth using a valid current passport or a current national I.D. Card.
- All players must have obtained the minimum grade of first kyu.

During the registration, athletes have to present their medical certificate to compete, issued (maximum 30 days before the start of, and valid for the full length of the championships) by an authorised body of the country they represent.

Certificates must be issued in or translated to one of IJF's official languages (English, French, Spanish).

The minimum age for participation in the World Veterans is to be 30 years or over in the year of the event. This defines the age at which players first become eligible to compete. Once a player has become eligible, they will be allocated into their appropriate five-year age category i.e. M1/F1 will consist of competitors who have their 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd or 34th birthday and the M2/F2 will consist of players who have their 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th or 39th birthday at any date during the year of the World Championships.

The nationality of competitors will be taken as that which is indicated in their current passport or current national identity card.

A1.3.1 Event Inscription

All participating delegates must have a valid IJF VETERAN card and be inscribed in judobase (www.judobase.org) by their National Federation by the event deadline. (the deadline closing is 20 days before the start the event).

A1.4 Age Divisions for Veterans

Players will be allocated an Age Division based on:

- a) Meeting the entrance criteria of a minimum of 30 years of age within the year of the event and,
- b) Their date of birth in line with a five-year age range:

Age Division	Actual Age (in year of event)
F1/M1	30-34
F2/M2	35-39
F3/M3	40-44
F4/M4	45-49
F5/M5	50-54
F6/M6	55-59
F7/M7	60 - 64 (no shime-waza)
F8/M8	65 - 69 (no shime-waza)
F9/M9	70+ (no shime-waza)

In order to facilitate the best possible application of the category combining policy (section A1.7) in situations of potentially a small number of entries and all the female categories will be held on the same day.

A1.5 Weight Categories for Veterans

The weight categories are the same as those for senior men and women.

A1.6 Time Duration of Contests for Veterans

Duration (minutes) for individual events will be as follows:

- M1/F1 to M6/F6: three (3) minutes.
- M7/F7 and over: two and a half (2.5) minutes.

Age Range	Age Division	Contest Duration	Golden Score
30-59	M1/F1 to/including M6/F6	3 minutes	No limit
60+	M7/F7 to/including M9/F9	2.5 minutes	1 minute

*If a tie exists at the end of the 1-minute golden score time, the referee, in consultation with the table jury will determine the winner without calling hantei.

A1.7 Category Combining for Veterans

A Technical Official from the IJF will delegate responsibility to a suitable individual, representing the Host Organisation, who will be responsible for operating the category combining policy. This policy applies to all weight categories within all age divisions.

Category combining may only be applied to categories where there are less than three entrants. If category combining cannot be achieved safely and according to the guidelines, then a pool of two elimination system may be considered. The best of three contests between the two players, if the result is 2-0 then the third contest will not be fought.

- Combining within the same age division - competitors should remain within their age division if possible.
- Combining using weight categories – competitors should only be combined with other competitors who are no more than one weight category lighter or one weight category heavier. Special consideration should be given to the actual weight differences when dealing with the lightest and the heaviest female and male categories (as a guideline a maximum of 10 kg actual difference when combining the lightest weight category and a maximum of 20 kg actual difference when combining the heaviest weight category should be considered as a limit unless there are other compensatory factors such as experience etc.). Weight should be the primary consideration when moving players about within their own age division or combining them with other age divisions in accordance with the guidelines below.

Age divisions:

- Competitors in age divisions M7 or F7 and above (M8/F8 and M9/F9) may only be combined with other competitors who are no more than one age division higher or more than one age division lower i.e. competitors in M7/F7 may only be combined with competitors from M6/F6 or M8/F8.
- Competitors in divisions M6 or F6 may be combined with competitors no more than one age division higher or two age divisions lower. i.e. M7/F7, M5/F5 and M4/F4.

- Competitors in divisions M5 or F5 may be combined with competitors no more than one age division above or two age divisions below i.e. M6/F6, M4/F4 and M3/F3.
- Competitors in divisions M4 or F4 may be combined with competitors no more than two age divisions above or two age divisions below i.e. M5/F5, M6/F6, M3/F3 and M2/F2.
- Competitors in divisions M3 or F3 may be combined with competitors no more than two age divisions above or two age divisions below i.e. M4/F4, M5/F5, M1/F1 and M2/F2.
- Competitors in age divisions M2 or F2 may only be combined with competitors two age divisions above and one age division below i.e. M3/F3, M4/F4 and M1/F1.
- Competitors in age divisions M1 or F1 may only be combined with competitors in two age divisions above i.e. M2/F2 and M3/F3.

Age Division	Higher Age Division	Lower Age Division
F1/M1	F2/M2, F3/M3	Not applicable
F2/M2	F3/M3, F4/M4	F1/M1
F3/M3	F4/M4, F5/M5	F1/M1, F2/M2
F4/M4	F5/M5, F6/M6	F2/M2, F3/M3
F5/M5	F6/M6	F3/M3, F4/M4
F6/M6	F7/M7	F4/M4, F5/M5
F7/M7	F8/M8	F6/M6
F8/M8	F9/M9	F7/M7
F9/M9	Not applicable	F8/M8

A1.8 Draw for Veterans

The draw for the individual weight categories will take place at 19.00 hours on the day before the competition. Information on the exact location of the individual weight category draws will be displayed in registration.

A complete list of competitors who have successfully fulfilled the weight requirements will be displayed outside the room where the official draw will take place a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the draw starting.

Team officials from each country (or individual athletes) must check this list to ensure that all their competitors are on the list in the correct age division and weight category. The IJF Veterans Commission take no responsibility for someone who is not included in the draw because they were missing from the list, and no one from the delegation checked.

A1.9 Seeding for Veterans

In the veterans' event, there is no seeding, because competitors move into a new age category every five years and therefore enter in a new group of competitors.

A1.10 Weigh-in for Veterans

The weigh-in will take place the day before the competition as indicated in the outlines. There is no random weigh-in for veterans.

A1.11 Judogi Rules for Veterans

From 2020 all athletes MUST compete wearing a white or blue IJF approved judogi and belt (see IJF website for the list of suppliers). The judogi and belt must conform to the rules in Appendix C.

A1.12 Backnumbers for Veterans

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A1.13 Competition System for Veterans

The type of competitions system to be applied in the competition will depend on the number of entries as follows:

Competition systems according to number of participants:

- 6 and more entries: double repechage
- 3, 4, 5 entries: round robin
- 2 entries: best of 2 contests, if 1-1 the third contest will decide.

In case the number of participants in a category is not sufficient, (age and/or weight) categories will be combine according to IJF SOR.

All the contests in any one age division will be held on the same day.

The IJF do not have team events for veterans. If other organisations choose to hold team events the rules should be clearly defined in the event outlines.

A1.14 Awarding of Medals for Veterans

Medals will only be awarded to competitors who have actually fought in the category. The number of players competing determines the eventual medal allocation.

The medal distribution rule is as follows:

- One player - no medal will be awarded (the competitor will receive a participation medal from IJF. There will be no flag, national anthem during this awarding ceremony)
- Two players – two medals awarded only if the second placed player has won at least one contest. In the case of no contest won there will only be one medal awarded.
- Three players – three medals will be awarded only if the third-place player has won at least one contest. In the case of no contest won there will only be two medals awarded
- Four players – three medals awarded
- Five players – three medals awarded
- Six or more players – four medals awarded

If a category has been combined the only medals awarded will be the one set of medals for the competitors in that combined category.

Awards for the recognition of exemplary behaviour that promotes the spirit of judo and/or fair play may be awarded at the discretion of the IJF Veterans Commission.