



IV FISU AMERICA GAMES
LIMA 2026

TECHNICAL REGULATION OF **JUDO**



UPDATES

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JUDO TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

IV FISU AMERICA GAMES – LIMA 2026.

These Technical Regulations establish the sports rules governing the Judo competition at the IV FISU AMERICA GAMES – LIMA 2026, intended for university athletes of advanced technical level, in accordance with the regulations of the International Judo Federation (IJF).

They have been prepared by the Peruvian University Sports Federation (FEDUP) and approved by FISU AMERICA. They are mandatory for all participants and shall be applied together with the General Regulations of the IV FISU AMERICA GAMES – LIMA 2026 and the regulations in force of the IJF. In the event of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the technical rules, the official English text of the IJF shall prevail.

Article 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- **ORGANIZER** : FISU AMERICA and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) - FEDUP.
- **VENUE** : Polideportivo 3 IPD – VIDENA.
- **REGISTRATION** : In accordance with Article 20 of the General Regulations.
- **TECHNICAL MEETING** : July 26, 2026. Time and venue to be communicated through an Official Bulletin.
- **COMPETITION** : July 27 and 28, 2026.
- **SCHEDULE** : shall be established in the Official Competition Program.

Article 2. COMPETITION AUTHORITIES

The competition shall be organized and supervised by:

- a) The FISU AMERICA Sports Technical Commission.
- b) The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) – Lima 2026.



- c) The Technical Coordinator for the discipline.
- d) The Competition director.
- e) The Refereeing director and referee corps, appointed in accordance with IJF regulations and approved by FISU AMERICA.

Article 3. PARTICIPATION BY COUNTRY

3.1 Individual Shiai Event

Each country may register up to three (3) athletes per weight category, in each division (men and women), in accordance with IJF regulations.

Maximum per country:

- 21 male athletes.
- 21 female athletes.

3.2 Mixed Team Shiai Event

- a) Each country may register up to two (2) mixed teams.
- b) Only athletes registered in Individual Shiai may be part of the mixed teams.
- c) Each team may be composed of up to twelve (12) athletes, with a maximum of two (2) athletes per weight category.
- d) To be eligible, the country must have athletes capable of competing in at least five (5) of the six (6) mixed team categories.

3.3 Kata Event

- a) Each country may register up to two (2) pairs, with a maximum of one (1) pair per kata.
- b) Pairs may consist of two (2) female athletes, two (2) male athletes or one (1) female athlete and one (1) male athlete.
- c) Each athlete may participate in a maximum of two (2) katas.
- d) The full series of the following kata shall be contested:
 - Nage no Kata
 - Katame no Kata



- e) For the Kata event to be held, a minimum of three (3) registered pairs from two (2) or more participating countries shall be required. If this minimum is not reached, the event shall not be held.

3.4 Technical staff by country

Each country may register a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of six (6) technical officials specific to the discipline of judo according to gender (coach, assistant, physician, physiotherapist, team manager and delegate), according to the technical needs of the discipline, provided that such registration does not exceed the maximum number of officials permitted per delegation under the General Regulations of the IV FISU AMERICA GAMES – LIMA 2026.

Article 4. COMPETITION PROGRAM

The competition shall last two (2) days and shall include:

INDIVIDUAL SHIAI EVENT (14)		
No.	Men's Division (7)	Women's Division (7)
1.	-60 kg	-48 kg
2.	-66 kg	-52 kg
3.	-73 kg	-57 kg
4.	-81 kg	-63 kg
5.	-90 kg	-70 kg
6.	-100 kg	-78 kg
7.	+100 kg	+78 kg



MIXED TEAM SHIAI EVENT (1)	
-57 kg	Women (-48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg)
-73 kg	Men (-60 kg, -66 kg, -73 kg)
-70 kg	Women (-57 kg, -63 kg, -70 kg)
-90 kg	Men (-73 kg, -81 kg, -90 kg)
+70 kg	Women (-70 kg, -78 kg, +78 kg)
+90 kg	Men (-90 kg, -100 kg, +100 kg)

KATA EVENT (2)	
No.	Kata
1.	Nage no Kata
2.	Katame no Kata

Weight categories and events shall be governed by current IJF regulations. The detailed schedule shall be published through a Technical Bulletin.

Article 5. TECHNICAL LEVEL AND ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS

The competition is intended for university athletes of advanced technical level.

5.1 Minimum grade

- a) To compete in Individual Shiai and Mixed Teams, athletes must have a minimum grade of black belt.
- b) To compete in Kata, athletes must have a minimum grade of black belt.

5.2 Coaches

All coaches must have the official endorsement of their National Federation to participate in the event.



Entries for the program must be managed through the National Olympic Committee or the corresponding National Federation.

Article 6. COMPETITION SYSTEM

The duration of each contest shall comply with the regulations of the International Judo Federation and the South American Judo Confederation in force. Depending on the number of participants in each event, the following competition systems may be used:

6.1 Individual Shiai Event

- a) For weight categories with up to five (5) athletes, the round-robin system shall be used.
- b) For weight categories with six (6) or more athletes, a double repechage system shall be used. In double repechage, for each category, athletes shall be divided into two (2) groups by draw, and an elimination system shall be used to produce two (2) finalists, who shall compete for the gold medal. Athletes who lost to the four semifinalists shall compete in the two (2) repechage groups. The winners of each of these two (2) repechage groups shall compete for the bronze medal against the loser of the semifinal contest from the opposite group. The two (2) winners of those contests shall be placed third.
- c) The top four athletes shall be seeded according to the senior world ranking of the International Judo Federation in force on the date of the competition.
- d) The official weigh-in for each weight category shall take place the day before and shall last thirty minutes. Forty minutes before the official weigh-in, the weigh-in area shall be open with the official scale so that athletes may perform the unofficial weigh-in. The unofficial weigh-in shall last thirty minutes.
- e) On competition day, a random weigh-in shall be conducted for four (4) athletes per weight category, called "Random weigh-in", where each drawn athlete shall be weighed again with a 5% margin over their weight category; this weigh-in shall take place 45 minutes before the start of the event and shall last 30 minutes.



- f) Any athlete who does not pass the official weigh-in or the 5% tolerance shall be eliminated from the competition. Their opponent must appear in the competition area to receive the corresponding Gachi.

6.2. Mixed Team Shiai Event

- a) For up to five (5) teams, the round-robin system shall be used.
- b) For six (6) or more teams, a repechage system from the quarterfinals (Last 8) shall be used. In repechage from the quarterfinals, the teams shall be divided into two (2) groups by draw, and an elimination system shall be used to produce two (2) finalists, who shall compete for the gold medal. Teams defeated in the quarterfinals shall compete in two (2) repechage contests. The winners of each of these two (2) repechage contests shall compete for the bronze medal against the loser of the semifinal contest from the opposite group. The two (2) winners of those contests shall be placed third. The two (2) losers shall be placed fifth.
- c) The four (4) best teams shall be seeded according to the senior mixed team world ranking of the International Judo Federation in force on the date of competition.
- d) Since the mixed team event takes place after an individual event, the following weigh-in rules shall apply:
- Athletes competing on the last day of the individual event who are registered in the mixed team “over” categories (Women +70 kg and Men +90 kg) do not need to weigh in for the mixed teams.
 - All athletes in the mixed team “under” categories (Women -57 kg, Women -70 kg, Men -73 kg and Men -90 kg) MUST weigh in. A +5% weight tolerance shall be granted for athletes who competed in the individual event (they must have passed the official weigh-in), and there shall be NO tolerance for athletes who did not pass the official weigh-in for the individual event.
 - The official weigh-in shall take place on the day before the competition and shall last thirty minutes. Forty minutes before the official weigh-in, the weigh-in area shall be open with the official scale so that athletes



may perform the unofficial weigh-in. The unofficial weigh-in shall last thirty minutes.

- If an athlete competing in the final block on the last day of the individual event is registered in the “under” mixed team categories (Women -57 kg, Women -70 kg, Men -73 kg and Men -90 kg), they **MUST** weigh in. In these cases, the CSJ Sports Commission shall schedule the weigh-in forty-five (45) minutes before the start of the mixed team competition, lasting thirty minutes.

Weight category	Only athletes entered in these individual categories may participate in the mixed team category	Categories with +5% tolerance
-57 kg	Women (-48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg)	Up to and including 59.9 kg
-73 kg	Men (-60 kg, -66 kg, -73 kg)	Up to and including 76.7 kg
-70 kg	Women (-57 kg, -63 kg, -70 kg)	Up to and including 73.5 kg
-90 kg	Men (-73 kg, -81 kg, -90 kg)	Up to and including 94.5 kg
+70 kg	Women (-70 kg, -78 kg, +78 kg)	Over 70.0 kg
+90 kg	Men (-90 kg, -100 kg, +100 kg)	Over 90.0 kg

- e) The random weigh-in called “Random weigh-in” shall not be conducted in the mixed team competition.

6.3 Kata Event

- a) Each pair shall perform a single presentation in the Kata entered.
- b) The current IJF “Kata Evaluation Criteria” shall be used to judge the kata, also with reference to the official Kodokan kata textbooks.
- c) For each presentation, five judges shall award points using an official scoring system. For each technique, the scores of three judges **SHALL BE ADDED**



to produce the final score; the highest and lowest score for each technique shall be eliminated.

d) Definition of errors:

- Forgotten technique: The omitted technique shall be scored as zero, and the pair's final score shall also be cut in half. If more than one technique is forgotten, the score for that technique shall also be zero, but the total score shall not be reduced by half again. Finally, if the reduced half score is not a whole number, the number shall be rounded up.
- Major error: When execution of the principle is incorrect (5 points deducted and the maximum number of marks is 1);
- Medium error: When one or more elements of the principle are not applied correctly (3 points deducted and the maximum number of marks is 1);
- Minor error: Imperfection in the application of the technique (1 point deducted and the maximum number of marks is 2).

e) The score for each technique may be increased or decreased by 0.5 points, added in the "correction value" column as "+" or "-".

f) For each technique that does not present a Major Error, the minimum assignable score shall be 4.5 points.

g) The pair enters and leaves the competition area on the side opposite the shomen: the beginning and end of the kata (opening and closing) is at a distance of 8 m or 10 m, depending on the tatami dimensions. Any behavior by Tori or Uke within the competition area that is contrary to the spirit of judo shall be sanctioned with disqualification of the competitors.

h) In the event of equal scores between pairs, the following criteria shall be applied, considering the score sheets of the five judges:

- Total value of major errors – the pair with fewer errors wins.
- If still tied, the total value of medium errors – the pair with fewer errors wins.
- If still tied, the value of minor errors shall be considered – the pair with fewer errors wins.



- If still tied, the average score (calculated to the second decimal place) of the entire presentation shall decide.
 - i) The pair with the highest score wins.
 - j) If two pairs remain tied for first, second or third place after applying the mentioned criteria, the kata shall be repeated so that the medal can be assigned.

Article 7. UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

The competition shall be governed by the regulations of the International Judo Federation (IJF), with special emphasis on compliance with weigh-in procedures and judogi inspections.

7.1 Regulatory uniforms

Technical officials: the dress code for national and international technical officials during the draw/technical meeting and competition is formal. The dress code during the refereeing clinic is white judogi.

Competitors: Athletes must wear a white or blue judogi, as determined by their position on the competition sheet, in compliance with the requirements established by the International Judo Federation (IJF). In the Kata event, they shall only wear a white judogi during the competition.

The use of a back number is mandatory for all athletes, and these must be official and IJF-approved. However, not having a back number shall not prevent the athlete from participating in the competition. Nevertheless, if the athlete does not pass the judogi control due to the lack of a back number, the coach shall not be authorized to accompany the athlete in the coach box chair during the contest, and this restriction shall remain in effect throughout the competition.

Back numbers may be purchased through IJF-authorized suppliers, available at the following link: <https://www.ijf.org/supplier-list>.



Female athletes must wear under the judogi jacket a plain white short-sleeved T-shirt or leotard, made of strong fabric and long enough to be tucked into the trousers. This garment must have a round neck and may not display visible marks, logos or designs.

It shall be the responsibility of the countries to provide athletes' uniforms that comply with the following guidelines on marks and emblems located on the front: (See Image 1)

a) Manufacturer identification on the uniform

- **Judogi (jacket):** One manufacturer identification shall be permitted, with a maximum size of 30 cm². The manufacturer identification on the jacket must be placed in a visible area on the lower edge and within the advertising area (25 cm x 5 cm) permitted on either shoulder.
- **Judogi (trousers):** One manufacturer identification shall be permitted, with a maximum size of 30 cm². The manufacturer identification on the trousers must be placed in a visible area either at the top, on the front or outer side (a maximum of 20 cm from the waist drawstring), or at the bottom, on either leg, on the front or outer side (a maximum of 20 cm from the lower edge of the trousers).
- **Judogi (belt):** One manufacturer identification shall be permitted, with a maximum size of 9 cm². The manufacturer identification on the belt must be placed in a visible area at one of the two ends.
- **White undershirt:** One manufacturer identification per garment shall be permitted, with a maximum size of 30 cm². The manufacturer identification on the white shirt must not be visible while the judogi is closed.

b) NOC emblem and national identity

The NOC emblem or national flag must be located on the left side of the jacket at chest level, with a maximum size of 100 cm² (10 cm x 10 cm).

c) Homologation marks

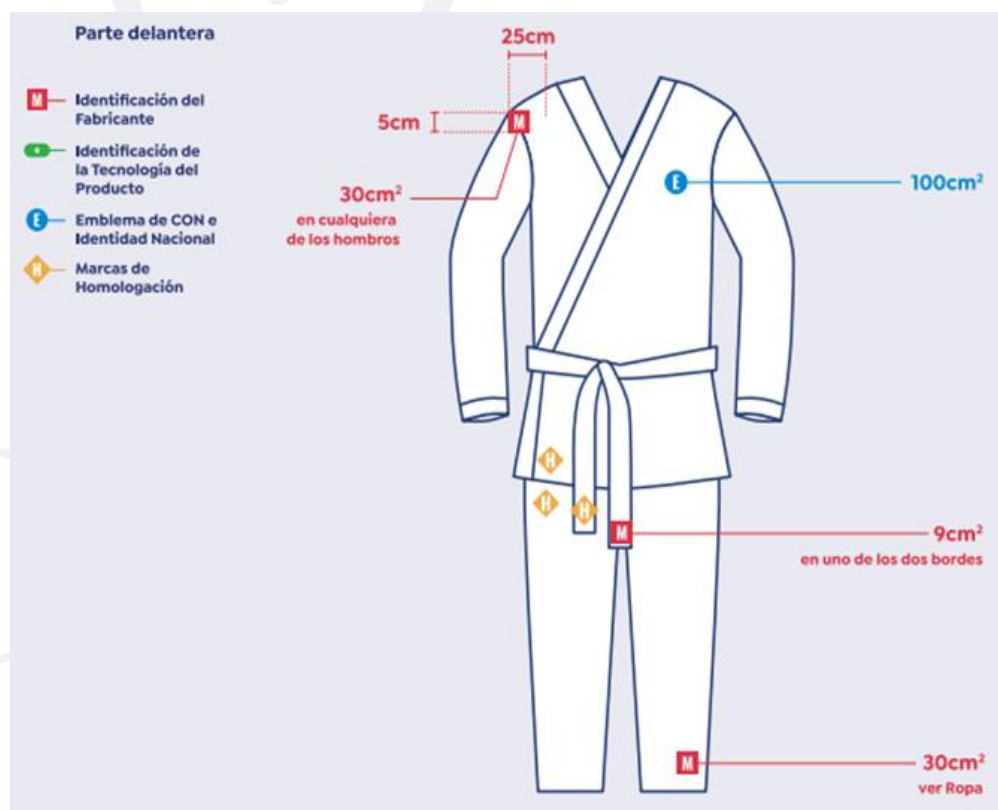


The label approved by the International Judo Federation (IJF) must appear once on each item of clothing. It is an anti-counterfeit optical label of 15.75 cm² (3.5 cm × 4.5 cm) certifying that the judogi complies with current IJF standards.

Only one label per garment is permitted. Only judogi that have successfully passed official laboratory tests and are approved by the IJF may be used. The label must be affixed as follows:

- **For the jacket:** IJF-approved label (according to the current SOR) on the front lower part of the jacket, on the left side (the jacket crosses over the right side), near or within the reinforced area.
- **For the trousers:** IJF-approved label (according to the current SOR) on the front and upper part of the trousers, near the center.
- **For the belt:** IJF-approved label (according to the current SOR) at one of the two ends of the belt, starting from black belt.

Figure 1: Reference for placement of identifications on the front of the judogi



Coaches: the coaches' code of conduct must be strictly observed, including the dress code, and must comply with IJF standards:

- Draw / technical meeting: the dress code is FORMAL (jacket, trousers, shirt and tie for men; jacket, trousers/skirt/dress, blouse for women) and formal shoes (no sports shoes or sandals).
- Refereeing clinic: white judogi
- Preliminaries / Final Block: institutional tracksuit with trousers reaching the shoes. Coaches may wear official short- or long-sleeved shirts of their institution and sports shoes (no sandals).

Other officials: physicians, photographers and other officials in the competition area must wear their institution's tracksuit with trousers reaching the shoes. They may wear official short- or long-sleeved shirts of their institution and sports shoes (no sandals).

Facilities and Equipment: The competition shall be held in a space equipped with the necessary and regulation equipment, in accordance with the provisions of the International Judo Federation (IJF), the Pan American Judo Confederation (CPJ) and the South American Judo Confederation (CSJ). The contest area shall meet safety and quality standards.

Article 8. TECHNICAL MEETING

The technical meeting for the Shiai event and the Kata event shall be held according to the established program. Up to two (02) representatives from each country may attend this meeting, with only one having the right to vote. The dress code is FORMAL for all participants (jacket, trousers, shirt and tie for men; jacket, trousers/skirt/dress, blouse for women) and formal shoes (no sports shoes or sandals).

The refereeing clinic and meeting for the Shiai event shall be held according to the established program. The dress code is WHITE JUDOGLI; all National and International Technical Officials appointed for the event must attend, and coaches are invited to participate wearing a white judogi. After the technical meetings, the competition schedule may not be modified, except for force majeure, in which case, exceptionally, the



technical coordinator may make the necessary adjustments in coordination with the Organizing Committee.

Article 9. CONDUCT

The conduct of athletes, coaches and officials shall be governed by the IJF Code of Ethics and Fair Play. If the Competition director, in communication with the Refereeing director, observes and considers that the attitude of athletes who have competed goes against fair play and seeks to benefit an institution, both athletes shall be disqualified. Unsportsmanlike conduct may be sanctioned in accordance with applicable international regulations.

Article 10. UNFORESEEN CASES

Matters not covered in these Technical Regulations shall be resolved in accordance with Article 58 of the General Regulations of the IV FISU AMERICA GAMES – LIMA 2026 and the current rules of the International Judo Federation (IJF).

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE





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