

JUDO GI PROJECT

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Judogi suppliers need time to introduce a new product with new standards. A period of time must be allowed for stocks to run out.

When new standards are validated by the IJF, all parties must be informed as soon as possible: manufacturers, suppliers and customers. Deadlines must be respected:

- At least 8 months to manufacture judogi according to the new standards.
- At least 6 months for the delegations to equip themselves with new judogi.
- New judogi could be made compulsory for senior competitions and postponed until 2028 for junior, cadet and veteran competitions.
- In any case, the Olympic qualification period will only take place with judogi that meet the new standards.

Ongoing discussions:

Electronic chips

- Chips will be integrated under the IJF label in a new colour, without optical control, on the judogi jacket, at the bottom of the right lapel and on the trousers.
- Washing resistance tests have been carried out.

IJF label

- The IJF label will be of a new colour without optical control.
- The IJF label on the trousers will be placed on one of the two sides instead of on the front.

Jacket length

- The current standard will be maintained.
- The side slits of the jacket will be adapted to the new lengths.
- Referees will be vigilant about the systematic re-dressing at each "Matte".

Crossing of jackets

- Do we allow breast darts for women and larger sizes? (Aesthetic reasons)

Study and work in progress:

Finger abrasion caused by rubbing on the judogi jacket

In order to prevent injuries to the phalanges of athletes' fingers, a study is currently being carried out on the flexibility of the fabric on the judogi jacket:

- Define which reference judogi correspond to our requirements (new judogi and judogi after use and numerous washes).
- Define the measuring tools to validate the homologation of the judogi by the laboratories according to IJF standards.
- Once the judogi has been approved, it can be modified by the user (washing too hot: the chips cannot record the temperatures). There are ephemeral products that temporarily soften fabrics and we need to detect them or measure changes over time that could be incorporated into the chips.
- Create a control tool that could be added to the Sokuteiki in competition tests to measure roughness.
- We need scientists to move forward on these issues.

- The CRITT laboratory in Poitiers has helped us to identify possible solutions.
- A roughness machine for homologation exists and needs to be adapted to judo.
- We have sent out a request for samples to manufacturers, in particular those who are universally recognised for their flexibility and roughness. We will then be able to obtain data that will enable us to qualify the judogi we want.

Sokuteiki

Mizuno no longer manufactures this measuring tool and no longer has any stock.

Following the modifications which will be validated, a new tool must be manufactured by the IJF, or an authorised representative. It could be marketed via the "IJF shop".

Laboratories

To date, 2 IJF-approved laboratories test judogi and tatami mats. The German laboratory no longer carries out these tests. We are looking for an additional laboratory on another continent (Panamerica, Oceania, Africa).

« Green » judogi

The validation of "Green" judogi is based on the certification that the fabric used is made from ecological materials. The manufacturer must provide official certified documents. The other standards are identical to those for currently labelled judogi.

The IJF "GREEN" label could be extended to leisure and children judogi.