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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks



Mr Marius L. Vizer



2. President matters

2.1 Guests attending Mr Oscar Cassinerio and Mr Ruben Houkes

Mr Vizer





2. President matters

2.2 New EC members voted by Congress (electronic vote)

Mr Vizer





2. President matters

2.3 Organisational development

Mr Vizer



3. Secretary General Matters



Dr Lisa Allan



3. Secretary General Matters

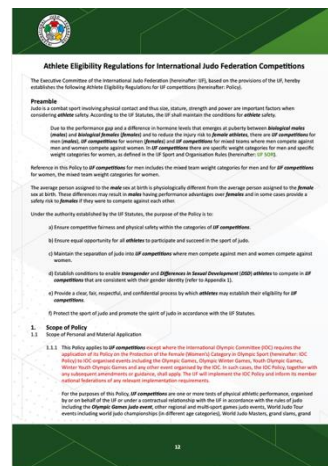
3.1 Governance and policies

Dr Allan





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3. Secretary General Matters

3.2 IJF Ordinary Congress 2027 (timelines)

Dr Allan





IJF ORDINARY CONGRESS - 05 JUNE 2027 - STATUTORY PLANNING

Count down	Date	Milestones
180 clear days	06 December 2026 23:59 CET	Call for candidature for the offices of Secretary General and General Treasurer . CUs and NFs are invited to submit points for the agenda of the Congress.
150 clear days	05 January 2027 23:59 CET	Deadline to receive the CUs and NFs proposals.
Between 150 clear days and 90 clear days	Between 05 January 2027 and 06 March 2027 23:59 CET	The IJF Congress 2027 agenda shall be decided on by the IJF EC.





Count down	Date	Milestones
120 clear days	04 February 2027 23:59 CET	Deadline for receiving the candidacies in single names of candidates for the offices of Secretary General and General Treasurer.
90 clear days	06 March 2027 23:59 CET	Deadline for sending the notice to attend , the agenda and the reports to the IJF CUs, NFs and EC.
60 clear days	05 April 2027 23:59 CET	Deadline for sending the names of the candidates for the offices of Secretary General and General Treasurer.
D-1	04 June 2027	Registration for the IJF Ordinary Congress 2027
D-0	05 June 2027	IJF Ordinary Congress 2027



4. Education and Coaching Matters



Mr Mohamed Meridja



4. Education and Coaching Matters

4.1 Rei ceremony

Mr Meridja





Dear President, dear Members of the Executive Committee,

I would like to present a short video that we have prepared about **Rei and the spirit of respect in judo**. The project was decided in our last Executive Meeting.

The video is intended to highlight the importance of Rei and to remind our athletes and the judo community of the values behind this fundamental tradition.

Before we publish this video on our social media channels and share it with the wider judo community, I would very much appreciate your opinion and any comments or suggestions you may have.

Thank you.





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Video presentation rei ceremony





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4. Education and Coaching Matters

4.2 Judo values quiz

Mr Meridja





Mr President, dear Colleagues,

Following the different working meetings of the Education Commission, I would like to briefly update you on the progress made on the « **IJF Judo Values Quiz** » project.





Our objective is to establish a common educational framework for judo, using the grading system to define, at each level, not only technical competencies, but also behaviour, knowledge and the values that every judoka should develop.

During this first phase with the different members of our commission, we have worked on the structure and content of the programme, with a clear focus on making it accessible to young judokas and relevant to federations worldwide.





A significant part of the work has been the development of a comprehensive question bank covering judo practice, values, history, rules and ethics. The project will include **300 to 900 validated questions**, with the objective of making them available in six priority languages.

We are also working on the development of an IJF Education Hub, which could progressively integrate other important educational areas such as Safe Sport, gender equity, anti-doping and coaching development.

Finally, we have established a clear implementation timeline, beginning with the yellow-to-green belt levels and progressively extending through the higher dan grades.





So, the project has moved from an initial concept towards a structured and concrete educational programme.

Our next priority is to finalise the content, validate the different levels and prepare for implementation with the national federations.

You will find a brief overview of the project in powerpoint format in your folder.

Thank you.





4. Education and Coaching Matters

4.3 Judo legacy

Mr Meridja





Dear president, Dear Colleagues,

I would like to briefly present a project that we have named “Judo Legacy.”

The idea is to add a dedicated section to the IJF website, where each national federation can share and showcase the history of judo in its country, as told directly from its own perspective.

Each federation has a unique history: its pioneers, first clubs, teachers, champions, major events, and all the generations that have contributed to the development of judo in their country.

We therefore propose to give each federation the opportunity to tell its own story, based on a common structure, so that, over time, these individual histories can form a true worldwide memory of judo.





The objective is both historical, educational and institutional: to preserve our heritage, pass this memory on to future generations, and highlight the contribution of each federation to the history of judo worldwide.

Today, I would simply like to present the concept and the proposed structure attached to your file, and to hear your views and guidance before we take the project further.

You will find a brief overview of the judo legacy project in your folder.

Thank you.



5. Referee matters



Armen BAGDASAROV
Head Referee Director



Juan Carlos BARCOS
Head Referee Director



Raul CAMACHO PEREZ
Referee Director



Tina TRSTENJAK
Referee Director



Referee Group for WJT Events

- 9 Supervisors
- 48 IJF Referees





Events

World Judo Tour (WJT) and other competition events

	2025	2026 (until 09/26)
• Grand Prix	5	3
• Grand Slams	9	8
• World Ch.	4	2
• Others	10	16



Referee Examinations

IJF Continental and International Referees' Examinations

Continental

International

- | | | |
|---------|--|--|
| • 2025: | PER, UZB, RSA, JOR, ESP, AUS
96 licences | PER, KAZ, RSA, JOR, AUS
59 licences |
| • 2026: | 11/26 HUN [24 Candidates]
<i>Due to the new requirements (IJF Academy Level 1 Certificate), the number of candidates has decreased significantly.</i> | 11/26 HUN [16 Candidates]
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Seminars

- 2025: KEN, COL, PER, TJK, IRI, UZB, KAZ, RSA, JOR, AUS
in total, more than 700 participants
- 09/2026: BUL, SLO, 2xCHN, GHA, KEN, TPE, 2xUSA, PER, CRO, SRB, ARG, PAR
in total, more than 1.050 participants



Referee Training Sessions

Participants:

- WJT referees, IJF supervisors, IJF directors
- National federation coaches (especially members of EJU coach commission)
- IJF board members, IJF doctors, IJF media
- Guests





IJF Academy

All WJT referees must

- hold a valid IJF Academy Certificate equivalent to Level 1/UCJ1, including Nage-no-kata.
- pass an examination in Katame-no-kata, which is conducted during the Referee Training Sessions.





Statistics (WJT): Scores and Penalties

Comparison	2024	2025	2026 (until 09/26)	Changes 25-26
Scores	77,6%	86,8%	87,7%	+ 0,9%
Penalties	20,6%	11,2%	10,7%	- 0,5%
FG / KG	1,8%	2,0%	1,6%	- 0,4%





Statistics (WJT): Time of contest/Golden Score

<u>Comparison</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026 (until 09/26)</u>	<u>Changes 25/26</u>
Golden Score	22,8%	21,7%	22,1%	+ 0,4%
Average GS dur.	1m40sec	1min50sec	1min37sec	-13 sec



Cooperation

Activities of the IJF Referee Commission are closely related to:

- IJF Academy
- Judo for Veterans
- International Blind Sports Association, Deaf Judo and Adapted Judo
- Continental union referee directors; e.g. in EJU all Championships will be attended by a Referee Director, and all Opens by a Referee Supervisor.
- Athletes Commission and Coaches: joint seminars following the event, starting in Peru.
- Presidential Office and all IJF commissions



New Competitions

Grand Prix for Juniors and Cadets

As with the Veterans World Championships in the past, the new Junior and Cadet Grand Prix events will be used as a platform for new referees and supervisors to demonstrate their performance and potentially be selected for the WJT referee group.



6. Sport Matters



Mr Vladimir Barta
Head Sport Director

Overall information



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Baku World Senior Championships 2026 Individuals/Mixed Teams

- **Eligible Athletes Lists published** – 14 September 2026
- **Participation Overview**
 - ✓ **642** athletes - **296** women, **346** men
 - ✓ **97** nations
 - ✓ **Mixed Teams: 17**



Olympic Games LA 2028 Qualification



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- **Qualification period:** 2 years (15.06.2026 – 12.06.2028)
- **50% period:** From Ulaanbaatar Grand Slam 2026 until the 2027 World Championships Seniors – Individual & Mixed Teams, Astana (KAZ)
- **100% period:** From Ulaanbaatar Grand Slam 2027 until 12 June 2028



LA 2028 update



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- **Judo Manager:** Ms Vusala Clifton invited by the IJF for Baku WC
- **Back of House areas:** Defined, including training venues, warm-up area, NOC facilities and ITO spaces
- **Competition venue:** Details are still being analysed and finalised
- **NTO Familiarisation Programme:** The IJF supports the participation of the Judo Manager and NTOs for Baku World Championships, including travel and accommodation arrangements.



LA28 Test Event (if organised)

- **Planned date:** 11 or 12 September 2027
- **Duration:** 1 day for preparation and installation + 1 competition day
- **Preliminaries:** Women's -63 kg & Men's -81 kg
- **Individual Final Block:** 14 contests
- **Mixed Team Final Block:** 3 contests, including at least one 3:3 result, with the Golden Score category selected by draw



IJF Calendar 2027



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IJF World Judo Tour

10 - Grand Slam

4 - Grand Prix

1 - World Championships **Seniors** Individuels/Mixed Teams

1 - World Championships **Juniors** Individuels/Mixed Teams

1 - World Championships **Cadets** Individuels/Mixed Teams



IJF Calendar 2027

Week	Date	Event	Place	City
1	02-03 JAN			
2	09-10 JAN			
3	16-17 JAN			
4	23-24 JAN	African Open	MAR	Casablanca
5	30-31 JAN	African Open	TUN	Tunis
6	06-07 FEB	European Open	BUL	Sofia
7	13-14 FEB	European Open	FRA	Paris
8	20-21 FEB	Grand Slam	ALG	Algiers
9	27-28 FEB	European Open	SLO	Ljubljana
10	06-07 MAR	Grand Slam	AZE	Baku
11	13-14 MAR	European Open	POL	Warsaw
12	20-21 MAR	Grand Prix	USA	Taehaeon
13	27-28 MAR	Grand Prix	AUT	Linz
14	03-04 APR	Grand Slam	GEO	Tbilisi
15	10-11 APR	African Open	EGY	Cairo
16	17-18 APR	Panamerican Championships (Individuals + Mixed Teams)	PER	Lima
17	24-25 APR	European Championships (Individuals)	NEO	Athens
18	01-02 MAY	TBC	KUW	Kuwait
19	08-09 MAY	Asian Championships (Individuals + Mixed Teams)	ALG	Algiers
20	15-16 MAY	European Open	ESP	Barcelona
21	22-23 MAY	Grand Slam	TJK	Dushanbe
22	29-30 MAY	African Open	SEN	Dakar
23	05-06 JUN	European Open	EST	Tartu
24	12-13 JUN	World Championships Seniors (Individuals + Teams)	KAZ	Astana
25	19-20 JUN	European Games/European Championships (Mixed Teams)	TUR	Istanbul
26	26-27 JUN	Grand Slam	MOL	Ukraine
27	03-04 JUL	African Open	RSA	Johannesburg
28	10-11 JUL	Grand Prix	CHN	Qingdao
29	17-18 JUL	Asian Open	TPE	Taipei
30	24-25 JUL	European Open	BHI	Bangkok
31	31-01 AUG	Pacific Games/Oceania Championships (Individuals + Mixed Teams)	PYF	Tahiti
32	07-08 AUG	Xes Jeux de la Francophonie	ARM	Yerevan
33	14-15 AUG	European Open	MNE	Podgorica
34	21-22 AUG	Pan American Games	PER	Lima
35	28-29 AUG	FISU World University Games	KOR	Chungcheong
36	04-05 SEP	World Championships Cadets (Individuals + Teams)	MDA	Chisinau
37	11-12 SEP	Grand Slam	SLV	Launceston
38	18-19 SEP	Grand Prix	PER	Lima
39	25-26 SEP	Grand Slam	HUN	Budapest
40	02-03 OCT	World Championships Juniors (Individuals + Teams)	JOR	Amman
41	09-10 OCT	European Open	CZE	Prague
42	16-17 OCT	Grand Slam	USA	Abu Dhabi
43	23-24 OCT	European Open	ITA	Rome
44	30-31 OCT	Grand Prix	CRO	Zagreb
45	06-07 NOV	African Open	CMR	Yaounde
46	13-14 NOV	African Open	DIV	Abidjan
47	20-21 NOV	Grand Slam	JPN	Tokyo
48	27-28 NOV	Asian Open	HKG	Hong Kong
49	04-05 DEC	Masters	TBC	TBC
50	11-12 DEC			
51	18-19 DEC			
52	25-26 DEC			
53	01-02 JAN 2028			

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World Championships
Grand Slam
Grand Prix
Continental Championships
Continental Open
Non ranking Events

50%
100%
Qualification period for Olympic Games LA 2028



Draft IJF calendar 2028



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IJF Calendar 2028

Week	Date	Event	Place	City
52	01-02 JAN			
1	08-09 JAN			
2	15-16 JAN			
3	22-23 JAN			
4	29-30 JAN			
5	04-06 FEB	Grand Slam	FRA	Paris
6	11-13 FEB TBC	Grand Slam	AZE	Baku
7	18-20 FEB			
8	26-27 FEB			
9	03-05 MAR	Grand Slam	UZB	Tashkent
10	10-12 MAR	Grand Prix	AUT	Linz
11	18-19 MAR			
12	24-26 MAR	Grand Slam	GEO	Tbilisi
13	01-02 APR			
14	08-09 APR			
15	15-16 APR			
16	22-23 APR			
17	29-30 APR			
18/19	07-14 MAY	World Championships Seniors (Individuals + Teams)	SUI	Laussane
20	20-21 MAY			
21	26-28 MAY	Grand Slam	TJK	Dushanbe
22	02-04 JUN	Grand Slam	KAZ	Almaty
23	10-11 JUN			
24	17-18 JUN			
25	24-25 JUN			
26	01-02 JUL			
27	08-09 JUL			
28	15 JUL-22 JUL	Olympic Games Judo	USA	Los Angeles
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100%
Qualification period for Olympic Games LA 2028





Ms Hedvig Karakas
Sport Director



Main cadet events 2026



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- World Championships Cadets Individuals and Mixed Teams
 - Ecuador, Guayaquil 20-23 August
- IV Summer Youth Olympic Games Dakar
 - Senegal, Dakar 01-03 November
- Saber Tashkent Grand Prix Cadets
 - Uzbekistan, Tashkent 24-25 November



World Championships Cadets Individuals and Mixed Teams 2026



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Competition Overview

- Individuals:
 - Three days competition, 8 men - 8 women weight category
 - 64 medals

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CONTINENTS

59
COUNTRIES

457
COMPETITORS

245
MEN

212
WOMEN

- Mixed Teams:
 - One day competition
 - 12 nations
- The 2027 Cadet World Championships will be held in Moldova.



Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026



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- 31 October–13 November Senegal, Dakar
- Entries managed directly by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in collaboration with respective National Olympic Committee (NOC) and the rules of International Federations (IF)
- NOCs exclusive authority
- 6 key pillars for the participation and quota allocation

- Universality
- Continental representation
- Priority to Africa

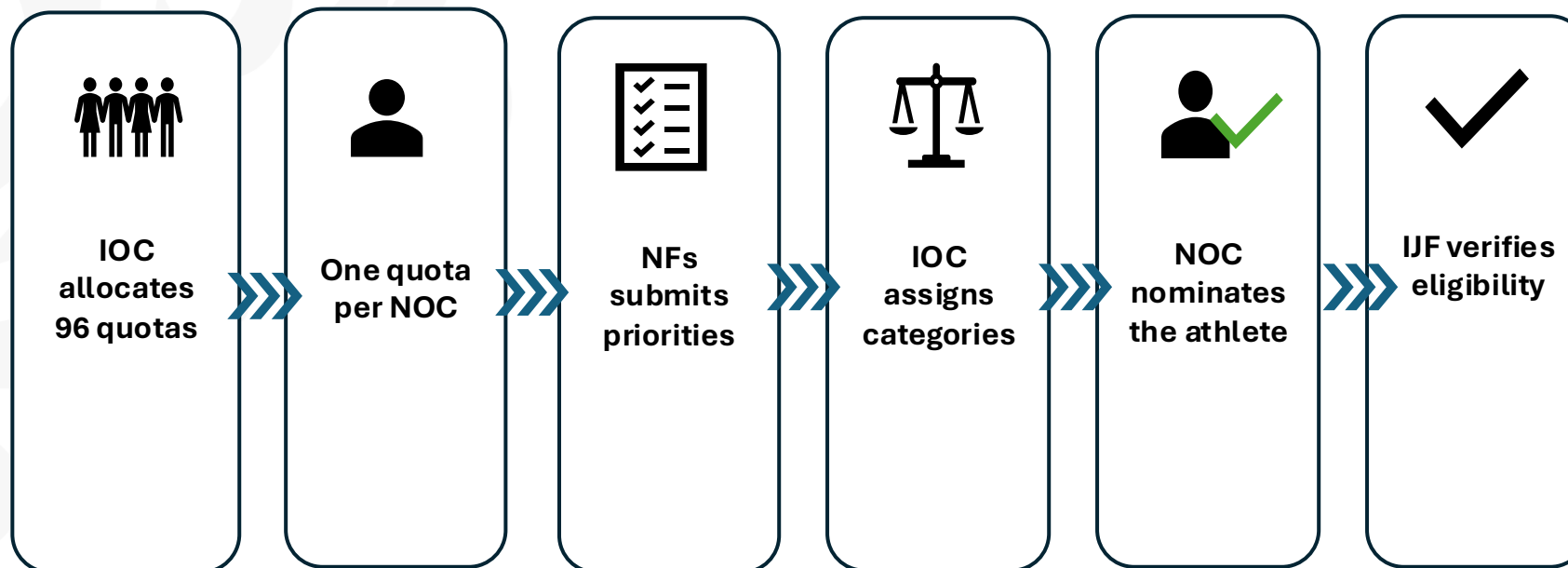
- Host country representation
- Athlete Performance
- Gender Equality



YOG – Quota Allocation Process



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JUDO QUOTA PLACES	
12 ATHLETES PER WEIGHT CATEGORY	
MEN	WOMEN
-55 kg	-44 kg
-66 kg	-52 kg
-81 kg	-63 kg
-100 kg	-78 kg

Seeding: top 4 athletes based on the YOG Ranking List.





Mr Kosei Inoue
Sport Director



Grand Prix Cadets and Juniors 2026



Goal

- high-level competition for young athletes
- visibility
- educational opportunities
- post event training camp

	Cadets	Juniors
Entries:	16 men / women (max two)	14 men / women (max two)
Host entries:	32 men/ women (max two)	28 men/ women (max two)



Cadets and Junior World Ranking List



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Placing	Continental Cups	Continental Championships	Grand Prix	World Championships
1 st place	100	300	400	700
2 nd place	70	210	280	490
3 rd place	50	150	200	350
5 th place	40	120	160	280
7 th place	30	90	120	210
1/16			64	112
1/32			48	84
1/64			40	70
Each contest won	6	18	24	42
Participation	2	4	6	6





7. Any Other Competent Business



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