



2021 VIRTUAL KATA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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INTRODUCTION

Judo Canada introduces for the 1st time a Virtual Kata National Championship (VKNC) enabling Kata competitors to take part at national event through a new format in these times of restriction.

This document outlines the rules established by Judo Canada for this VKNC. They may evolve based on Judo Canada better understanding the appropriate format to implement this kind of event.

This event will serve as the main the selection criteria for U23 and Senior for the upcoming 2021 Kata World Championships organized in Krakow (Poland) on the 13th and 14th September 2021.

This document was established based on information from the EJU and IJF for Kata online competitions.

REGISTRATION

- To take part in the VKNC, all participants must be a member of Judo Canada and register through the Judo Canada website (one form per kata): <https://judocanada.org/kata-online-national-championships/>
- The registration is free.
- Pairs can register for an unlimited number of Kata. However, a competitor can only participate in one age division per kata.
- Dates:
 - Registration deadline: 23h59 on June 18th, 2021
 - Draw: June 19th, 2021
 - Announcement of results: Last week of June 2021 on social media
- Participants must submit one video for each Kata entered at the same time as registering. Please see “Recording Requirements” below for video requirements.
- All participants agree that their pictures and videos may be used for Kata promotions as well as for education purposes during seminars by Judo Canada.

DIVISIONS

- Three different age division will be able to take part at the VKNC. To take part in a division, both Tori and Uke must meet the requirements of that age division:
 - U16:
 - 13 years old to 15 years old (born between 2006 and 2008).
 - Participants must be green belt minimum.
 - U23:
 - 16 years old to 22 years old (born between 1999 and 2005).
 - Senior:
 - 16 years old and older (born 2005 and before)
- Mudansha competitors can participate in the U-23 or senior championships. They should be aware they will not be selected for international tournaments according to IJF rules.
- A U-23 pair can participate in senior division in a kata not offered in their age division.

- A U-23 competitor can participate in senior division with a partner 23 years old and over but a senior cannot participate in U-23 even if his partner is U-23.
- Participants will have the opportunity to perform in more than one Kata as either Uke or Tori. However, a pair can only enter a particular kata once per division.
- The pairs may be 2 male, 2 female or mixed 1 male and 1 female.
- Katas allowed in the competition:
 - U16:
 - Nage-no-Kata: first 3 sets
 - Ju-no-Kata: all techniques
 - U23:
 - Nage-no-Kata: all 5 sets
 - Katame-no-Kata: all techniques
 - Senior – all Senior Kata must perform all techniques:
 - Nage-no-Kata
 - Katame-no-Kata
 - Ju-no-Kata
 - Kime-no-Kata
 - Kodokan Goshin-jutsu

INSURANCE

Judo Canada (or any of its officials or members) will not be liable or responsible for any personal injury resulting from participation in connection with the VKNC.

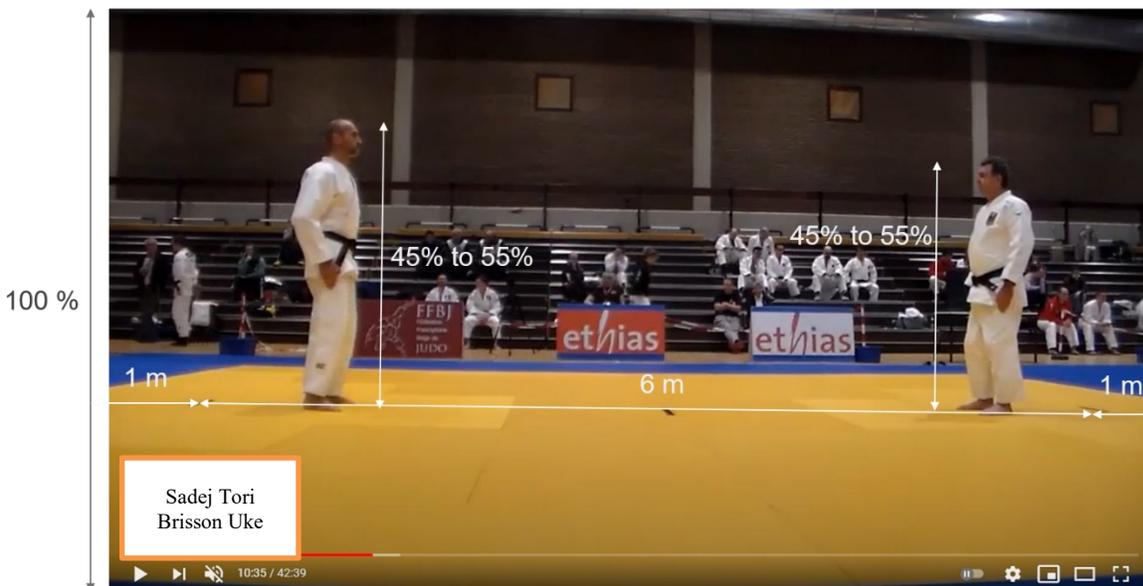
COMPETITION FORMAT

- The “competition area” can be a dojo, inside a house or anywhere the Kata can be performed if the other requirements set out in this document are respected.
- Participants must wear a white judogi and a black belt or coloured belt.
- Participants may wear their national/provincial or club logo on the upper left side of the judogi jacket in a space of 100 cm².
- Participants from a pair must be from the same provincial or territorial federation.
- The use of surgical mask or FP2 during the performance is optional and will not be penalized.
- Each entered pair must send one video of each Kata for which they registered. This video will have to be produced specifically for the VKNC, and so cannot be a past Kata performance. If a pair decides to register for more than one Kata, they will need to send separate video for each Kata.
- Only one video per pair and Kata may be shared for the VKNC evaluation by the judges. In case more than one video for the same Kata is shared, only the first video will be considered.

RECORDING REQUIREMENTS

The video sent for evaluation in the VKNC will have to respect the following requirements. Failing to respect them will automatically disqualify the pair:

- Format: MP4
- Name: VKNC – *Kata name – Tori name & Uke Name*
- Resolution: 1280p x 720p or 1920p x 1080p
- Size: 16:9 landscape
- Weight: max. 1 GB
- Competition area:
 - o The competition area is recommended to be covered by Tatami or similar material with dimensions of 6 x 6 meters (minimum) or 8 x 8 meters (maximum).
 - o The competition area must be fixed to a resilient floor.
 - o A strip of adhesive tape of a clearly visible color, about 5 cm wide, should be placed in the center of the tatami and 50 cm long. Two strips of the same size and color must also be placed to indicate the starting position of Tori and Uke (at 6 meters).
 - o The video camera must be positioned in the middle of the tatami, thus perpendicular to the central tape on the tatami. It will have to be placed on the side where the Joseki is normally seated.
 - o The frames will have to reflect as close as possible the view of a seated judge. The video camera will have to be mounted on a tripod at a height of about 1.5 meters from the ground and must not be moved during the entire Kata performance (ratio height screen vs judokas 45% to 55%).
 - o The video shot must include a paper with Uke and Tori's name written.
 - o Video edits will not be admitted, suspicious video will be rejected.



If a problem arises when submitting the video, contact Judo Canada at n.brisson@judocanada.org

RULES

- The IJF Kata Competition Rules are modified for this virtual competition:
 - o Kime-no-kata and Kodokan Goshin-jutsu with sound for Kiai

- For Kime-no-kata and Kodokan Goshin-jutsu, the laying down and picking-up of weapons will not be evaluated.
- Surgical mask usage will not be penalized by judges.
- The scoring grid (for each technique including opening and closing ceremony) for this event will be as followed: IJF kata tournament scoring grid.
- Mistakes definition:
 - Forgotten technique: the score is equal to zero and the total Kata score is halved. If the number of forgotten techniques is more than one, the score will be equal to zero for the forgotten technique, but the total score will not be halved again. If the final score is not a whole number, then the score will be rounded up.
 - Big mistake: when a technical principle of the technique being performed is not correct, 5 points will be deducted. This mistake is allowed only once per technique.
 - Medium mistake: when one or more elements of the technique are not applied in the right way, 3 points will be deducted. This mistake is allowed only once per technique.
 - Small mistake: when the technique is performed with an imperfection, 1 point will be deducted. This mistake is allowed up to 2 times per technique.
 - The total score for each technique may be increased or diminished by 0,5 points adding in the column “correction value” a "+" or a "-" or nothing.
- Each video performance will only be viewed once.
- The draw for the sequence of each pair in the competition will be made the day prior to the event.
- In a Kata the pair with the highest score (minimum number of mistakes) will be awarded with the gold medal. The pair with the second highest score will be awarded the silver medal and the pair with the third highest score will be awarded with the bronze medal.
- In case of equal score between pairs, the following criteria will be applied:
 - Total count of big mistakes, the pair with the fewer mistakes wins
 - If the score is still equal, the total number of medium mistakes will be considered – the pair with fewer mistakes wins
 - If the score is still equal, the total number of small mistakes will be considered – the pair with fewer mistakes wins
 - If the score is still equal, the average score will be counted (evaluated up to the second decimal place) of the entire Kata. The pair with the better score wins.
 - If two couples still have the same score, they will be considered of equal merit.

JUDGES

- Judges will need to have a minimum of National A Kata Judge certification.
- A judge may not be a participant.
- The judges will evaluate the Katas based on the official Katas of the Kodokan Kata standard as per and referring to the official Kodokan textbooks.
- The Kata rules to follow are the ones published by the IJF (IJF KATA EVALUATION Jan 2019) as modified by this technical package.

MEDAL CEREMONY

Winning pairs will be announced on social media via Facebook the week following the event. The awards will be sent to all winning pairs.

In categories where 5 or more pairs took part, 250\$ gift certificate will be awarded to the winning pairs.

CONTACT

For further information, please contact Judo Canada at the following address: n.brisson@judocanada.org