

2026 GOZU JUDO TOURNAMENT – Vol. 3

Official Tournament Regulations

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| 1. Purpose | The GOZU JUDO TOURNAMENT is organized to provide a stage where dedicated adult judoka balancing professional careers, as well as senior judoka who continue to step onto the tatami regardless of age, can compete at their highest level. By bringing together passionate competitors in a challenging and respectful environment, the tournament aims to contribute to the continued growth and development of judo in Japan. |
| 2. Date & Time | Saturday, December 12, 2026 9:30 — 18:00 (Approx.) |
| 3. Venue | Ohama Daishin Arena (Ohama Gymnasium)
5-7-1 Ohama-Kitamachi, Sakai-ku, Sakai City, Osaka, Japan |
| 4. Organizer | GOZU JUDO |
| 5. Main Sponsor | Elbe BMW |
| 6. Sponsors | CLUBHOUSE, PURE SOY PROTEIN, Ippongi, U-BASE
Nankai Grill, CROSSFIT NAKAMOZU |
| 7. Supporting Organizations | Sakai Judo Association
Sakai Tourism & Convention Bureau |
| 8. Eligibility | <p>Competitors must satisfy one of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold a valid Kodokan Judo Dan rank (black belt); or• Possess an equivalent level of judo proficiency recognized by the organizing committee. <p>The following athletes are not eligible to compete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Athletes listed on the Kodokan Cup National Strengthening Athlete Roster following the 2025 Kodokan Cup. <p>Note: Athletes who fall under the above category may not compete in any weight category.</p> |

9. Categories

PROCLASS

16 selected competitors per weight class will compete in a knockout tournament. Participants will be selected through a **Video Screening** (Details provided after entry.)

The winner of each Pro Class weight category will receive **JPY 100,000** in prize money.

Weight Categories: -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, +90kg

MASTER CLASS

Open to **Dan-grade holders aged 20 years or older.**

Competitors will compete according to both **age division** and **weight category.**

The **top four finishers** in each division and weight category will receive awards.

Age Divisions: 20s / 30s / 40 and over

Weight Categories: -66kg / -73kg / -81kg / -90kg / +90kg

10. Competition Format

1. All contests shall be conducted in accordance with the **International Judo Federation (IJF) Sport and Refereeing Rules** in force at the time of the tournament.

2. The competition will generally be held in a **single-elimination tournament** format. There will be **no repechage or bronze medal contests.**

3. Depending on the number of entries, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to adopt a **round-robin (pool) format** for any division.

PRO CLASS

- Match Duration: **4 minutes**
- Golden Score: **Applied**

MASTER CLASS

- Match Duration: **3 minutes**
- Golden Score: **Not Applied**

- 11. Official Weigh-in** **Date:** Saturday, December 12, 2026
Official Weigh-in: 10:00 – 10:30
Venue: Ohama Daishin Arena (Ohama Gymnasium)1F
- Regulations:**
Body weight will be accepted after **truncating any amount of 100 grams or less.**
Example (-66kg Category)
• ✓ 66.9kg — Eligible
• ✗ 67.0kg — Not Eligible
Athletes who fail to make weight will not be permitted to compete in the registered weight category.
- 12. Coach Accreditation** Only coaches who satisfy both of the following conditions may enter the designated coaching area:
• Hold a valid **All Japan Judo Federation (AJJF) Coaching Certification**; and
• Be registered with the AJJF for the **2026 competition year.**
Coaches must be registered through the athlete's entry application by providing all required information.
Only accredited coaches will be issued an official tournament accreditation (ID).
- 13. Referee Meeting** **Date:** Saturday, December 12, 2026
Time: TBA
Venue: Ohama Daishin Arena (Ohama Gymnasium)
Training Rooms 3 & 4
- 14. Judogi Requirements** All competitors must wear judogi that comply with the following regulations.
- PRO CLASS**
Competitors shall prepare and wear both:
• **White Judogi**
• **Blue Judogi**
- MASTER CLASS**
Competitors shall wear a:
• **White Judogi**

Judogi Specifications

All judogi must comply with the standards established by the **All Japan Judo Federation (AJJF)**.

Belt Requirements

Competitors must wear a belt bearing either:

- an **IJF Approved Label**, or
- an **AJJF Certification Label ("JU" label with a four-digit certification number)**.

For a list of approved judogi, please refer to the official website of the All Japan Judo Federation. Judogi that do not meet the required specifications or size regulations will not be accepted.

The Organizing Committee **will not provide replacement judogi**.

15. Registration

(1) Application Method

Applications must be submitted through the **official online entry form**, which will be published on the tournament website at a later date.

Application Period: **September 1, 2026 – October 31, 2026**

(2) Entry Fees

PRO CLASS: JPY 10,000 (payable only by athletes who pass the online interview)

MASTER CLASS:

First Registration (Sept. 1–30) JPY 5,000

Second Registration (Oct. 1–31) JPY 7,000

(3) Payment

Cash payment at the reception desk on the day of the tournament.

16. Awards	• The winner of each PRO CLASS weight category will receive JPY 100,000 in prize money. • The top four finishers in each division and weight category of all classes will receive awards.
17. Competition Draw	The tournament draw will be announced on the official website in mid-November 2026 .
18. Insurance and Liability	The Organizing Committee will provide sports accident insurance for all competitors and bear the associated costs. In the event of an accident occurring at the tournament venue, the Organizing Committee will provide first aid and arrange emergency transportation when necessary. Liability Notice Except in cases of intentional misconduct or gross negligence by the Organizing Committee, the organizers shall not be liable for any injury, loss, or damage arising from participation in the tournament or from decisions. made in connection with tournament operations.
19. Concussion Policy	All athletes and coaches must comply with the following concussion regulations: • Any athlete who has suffered a concussion within one month prior to the tournament must be examined by a neurosurgeon and obtain medical clearance before competing. • An athlete who sustains a concussion during the tournament will not be permitted to continue competing in the event. • The injured athlete must seek evaluation by a qualified medical specialist immediately.
20. Personal Information and Image Rights	The Organizing Committee will use personal information submitted through the entry form only to the extent necessary for tournament administration, including communication with participants, weigh-in procedures, competition draws, results management, awards, and other operational matters. The following information may be published or used for tournament-related purposes: Competitor's name, Club or affiliation, Competition results, Photographs and videos taken during the tournament.

Such materials may appear in the tournament program, official website, social media channels, and promotional or publicity materials related to the event.

Personal information will not be used beyond the purposes stated above and will not be provided to third parties without the participant's consent, except as required by law.

Submission of the entry form constitutes consent to the above policies regarding personal information, competition results, and image rights.

Event Schedule

*The start time may be subject to change. The final schedule will be announced at a later date.

Date	Time	Activity	Venue
Sat, Dec. 12	9:30	Athlete Registration Opens	Ohama Daishin Arena (Ohama Gymnasium) 1F During the morning, a junior high school training session will be held in conjunction with venue setup. Warm-up space equivalent to approximately two competition areas will be available for tournament participants.
	10:00 – 10:30	Official Weigh-in	
	12:30	Rules & Regulations	
	12:45	MASTER CLASS Prelims	
	14:00	Opening Ceremony	
	14:20	MASTER CLASS Finals PRO CLASS Prelims / Finals	
	16:00 – 18:00	Awards / Closing Ceremony	

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