EVENT OUTLINES

Skopje Senior European Cup

Skopje – North Macedonia

September 19th – 20th 2026

EUROPEAN JUDO TOUR
SENIOR
Skopje/MKD

1. ORGANIZER

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2. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Before Travelling

Passports must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of arrival.
• Check host country entry requirements and airline requirements (if applicable).
• Check if you need a visa, and if yes, request it from the LOC according to the details in the **ENTERING THE HOST COUNTRY** section.
• Send travel information (arrival and departures) to the LOC.
• Book accommodation with the LOC.

Entering host country

Each individual is responsible to ensure they follow the entry rules (passport validity, visas, entry permission letter, COVID-19 etc.). The rules are subject to be changed, current variant can be found here: https://www.mfa.gov.mk/en/page/432/visa-requirements-for-entering-the-republic-of-north-macedonia

Insurance

It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any pandemic related costs, including repatriation. The LOC of the event and the EJU accept no liability for any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to force-majeur circumstances or medical costs for any illness that may affect them during the event.

3. COMPETITION PLACE

Sport hall: Sports center - Jane Sandanski - Skopje
Address: Bul. Asnom No.1 (Sport Center „Jane Sandanski"), Skopje, Republic of Macedonia, 1000; https://mok.org.mk/jane-sandanski/

4. AGE

15 years old and over (born in 2011 and before)

5. PARTICIPATION

This European Judo Cup is open for all EJU/IJF Member Federations. **There is no limit** in the number of participation for each weight category for every federation. The competitors must be of the same nationality as the National Federation, which enters them.

6. CATEGORIES & DURATION

Weight categories:
Male: -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg
Female: -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg
Duration: 4 minutes Golden Score: No time limit

7. DEADLINES

Visa Application:	Monday, 10th August 2026
Hotel Reservation:	Monday, 24th August 2026
Hotel Payment:	Monday, 31st August 2026
Travel details:	Monday, 07th September 2026
JUDOBASE Registration:	**Friday, 04th September 2026**

8. PROGRAM

Attention: The schedule may be modified according to total number of entries and circumstances of competition. *The start time will be confirmed once the final number of athletes is known

Friday, September 18th 2026		
10:00 – 17:00	Accreditation	Hotel Double Tree by Hilton Skopje
18:00 – 18:30	Unofficial weigh-in	Hotel Double Tree by Hilton Skopje
18:30 – 19:15	Official weigh-in Women: -63, -70, -78, +78 kg Men: -60, -66, -73 kg	Hotel Double Tree by Hilton Skopje
19:30	Draw	online
Saturday, September 19th 2026	**Women: -63, -70, -78, +78, kg** **Men: -60, -66, -73 kg**	
TBC	Referee Meeting	Sports center - Jane Sandanski
TBC*	Eliminations/Repechage/Semi finals	Sports center - Jane Sandanski
After	Final Block: Bronze Medal Contests, Finals	Sports center - Jane Sandanski
18:00 – 18:30	Unofficial weigh-in	Hotel Double Tree by Hilton Skopje
18:30 – 19:15	Official weigh-in **Women: -48, -52, -57 kg** **Men: -81, -90, -100, +100 kg**	Hotel Double Tree by Hilton Skopje
Sunday, September 20th 2026	**Women: -48, -52, -57 kg** **Men: -81, -90, -100, +100 kg**	
TBC*	Eliminations/Repechage/Semi finals	Sports center - Jane Sandanski
After	Final Block: Bronze Medal Contests, Finals	Sports center - Jane Sandanski

9. JUDOBASE REGISTRATION

All participants and delegates must be registered for this event in the IJF Registration System (**JUDOBASE**): https://admin.judobase.org/ .
Deadline for JUDOBASE Registration is **Friday, September 04th 2026**

	NO IJF Official ID Card	Late entry IJF Official ID Card: YES	Replacement IJF Official ID Card: YES
Athletes	• ENTRY NOT POSSIBLE • REPLACEMENT NOT POSSIBLE	**LATE ENTRY FEE 60 Euro**	0€
Other delegates (Head of delegation, Coaches, Physios, Doctors, …)		0€	0€

Please note:

- **Late entries can be done on spot after payment of 60 Euro late entry fee. Late entry fee has to be paid additionally to the regular EJU participation fee which is 40 Euro. In general 100 Euro has to be paid in case of late entry.**
- Persons, who are banned by their Federation or IJF cannot be entered as late entry or replacement.

10. ENTRY FEE

The EJU entry fee of **40 €** per athlete must be paid.

11. ACCREDITATION & CONTROL OF NATIONALITY

At least one team delegate (and not more than 2) must attend the accreditation/team list confirmation on **Friday from 10:00 – 17:00** on time in order to confirm the entries of all athletes and officials with his signature on the delegation confirmation list. A delayed appearance or no-show may result in the exclusion of all participants from the draw and the event. In case of unforeseen delay of arrival, the National Federation must immediately contact both the organiser and the EJU (headoffice@eju.net). Passports or photocopies of passports from all competitors must be available on request (national ID Card showing nationality, picture and date of birth or a copy is also accepted). The competitors must not be present at the nationality control.

Very important: Each National Federation must be represented by a team leader or coach responsible for registration of **ALL athletes from the respective National Federation**, regardless club or other membership. **Every National Federation will be accepted for accreditation only once**, when all entries and payments can be confirmed at the same time.

10. COMPETITION MODE

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the latest IJF SOR and IJF Refereeing Rules.
Competition systems according to number of participants:

- 6 and more entries: Double repechage
- If there are one (1) to five (5) athletes the low numbers competition systems and rules apply.

Low numbers competition system rules

No	Medals awarded	WRL points awarded (if applicable)	Competition System
5*	Gold, silver and one bronze	First, second, one third and one or two fifth (only if the athlete won one contest in the round robin) place.	The athletes will be divided as follows: Pool A – 3 athletes will compete in a round robin system. The winner will go to the final, the second will compete against the loser from pool B in the bronze medal contest.

			Pool B – 2 athletes will compete for a place in the final
4*	Gold, silver and one bronze	First, second and one third place.	Pool system with two (2) single contests, then a contest between the two (2) losers for the single bronze medal and a contest between the two (2) winners for the gold and silver medals.
3*	Gold, silver and one bronze (for individuals, if one contest was won)	First, second and third (only if one contest was won) place.	A round robin system will be held in the elimination round. The best and the second best will compete in a final for the gold and silver medal. The third athlete will be awarded the single bronze (for individuals, only if one contest was won).
2*	Gold (individuals)	First place.	One final contest.
1*	None	No	No competition

*Participation points given (if applicable).

If only one (1) athlete passes the weigh-in there will be no competition

12. DRAW

The draw will be held ONLINE.

Seeding: The top eight (8) among the entered competitors in each weight category will be seeded according to the IJF World Ranking List and the EJU Seniors Ranking List.

- 4 top athletes from places 1 - 80 in the IJF WRL to seeding positions 1 to 4
- 4 top athletes from the EJU Senior RL to seeding positions 5 to 8
- In case there will be less than 4 athletes inscribed from places 1 – 80 from the IJF WRL the additional athletes from the EJU Senior RL will be moved up the seeding positions until 8 athletes are seeded.

13. WEIGH-IN

Official weigh-in for each weight category is held the evening before the competition day (see program). **Athletes must present their EJU accreditation card and their passport** (National ID Cards showing nationality, picture and date of birth are also accepted).

Official scales or test scales will be available for test weigh-in on Friday and Saturday from 08:00 – 22:00 (except during official weigh-in from 18:30-19:15).

Filming and taking photos is strictly prohibited during weigh-in.

15. RANDOM WEIGH-IN

Random weight checks for athletes will be organised in the morning before the start of the competition. Random weigh-in will open one hour before the start of the competition each day. The time limit to arrive to the random weigh-in is 30 minutes or 6 contests before the athlete's first contest at the latest.

The athletes must bring their accreditation for identification. The weight of the athlete cannot be more than 5 % higher than the official maximum weight limit of the category.

16. REFEREEING

Each federation may enter 3 referees. In case National Federation wants to inscribe more Referees, the reasonable application has to be applied to the EJU Referee Commission. The organizing federation may enter as many referees as required for the realization of the tournament but giving priority to their own Continental/International
referees first and then their national referees with the highest national license with at least 2 years of experience.
If enough Continental/International referees are inscribed in Judobase, the organizing federation has to limit its number of national referees to 1 per mat.
JUDOBASE registration deadline for referees: Friday, 04th September 2026.
The bow:

- The contestants must not shake hands BEFORE the start of the contest.
- When the athletes are leaving the mat they must wear judogi in proper way and are not allowed to take out any part of the judogi or the belt before leaving the field of play.

17. COACHING

All coaches must fully adhere to the Code of Conduct for Judo Coaches.
Dress Code: Elimination rounds: National track suit with trousers reaching down to shoes or jacket suit with tie
Final block: Formal suit (jacket, trousers, shirt, and tie for men; jacket, trousers/skirt/dress, blouse for women) and formal shoes (no sport shoes or flip-flops).

18. TRANSPORT

Airports: International Airport Skopje Petrovec.
Train Station Train station Skopje.
Bus Station: Bus station Skopje
The organizer will provide transfers between the airport, train station and official hotels, between the official hotels and competition venue, draw, accreditation and official weigh-in places. Transfers are for free and will be provided only to those participants who booked the official hotels by the organizer.

19. ACCOMMODATION

All delegations, who inscribe for an EJU event should reserve their accommodation in the official hotels published in the event outlines. The reservation must be made with the local organising committee (not directly with the hotel).
The organiser proposes the following official hotels:
Cat. A
Hotel Double Tree by Hilton Skopje 5*
Address: Bulevar Asnom 17, Skopje; https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/skpabdi-doubletree-skopje/
Check-in time: 14:00; check-out time: 12:00
Distance to the airport: 20 km; distance to the sports hall: 600 m

Prices per person/per night	B&B	Lunch in the hotel	Lunch box in the sports hall	Dinner
Single room	180 €	35,00 €	20,00 €	35,00 €
Double room	145 €			

*Hotel has spa, gym and swimming pool for free for hotel guests

Cat. B
Hotel Russia 4*
Address: Bulevar ASNOM No 1 Skopje, Macedonia; https://hotelrussia.mk/
Check-in time: 14:00; check-out time: 12:00
Distance to the airport: 20 km; distance to the sports hall: 20 m

Prices per person/per night	B&B	Lunch in the hotel	Lunch box in the sports hall	Dinner
Single room	143 €	30,00 €	20,00 €	30,00 €
Double room	108 €			

Cat. C
Hotel Turist 4*
Address: Address:Hristo Tatarcev, Skopje, Macedonia; https://mtb.org.mk/business/best-western-hotel-turist-%E2%98%85%E2%98%85%E2%98%85%E2%98%85/
Check-in time: 14:00; check-out time: 12:00
Distance to the airport: 25 km; distance to the sports hall: 4 km

Prices per person/per night	B&B	Lunch in the hotel	Lunch box in the sports hall	Dinner
Single room	102 €	30,00 €	20,00 €	30,00 €
Double room	72 €			

Hotel booking have to be made directly with the organizer: Ms. Marjana Gjorgjioska Gogovska; +389 72 726 000; ejucupskopje@judo.org.mk
Obligatory minimum stay in the official hotel is 2 nights.
Participants are allowed to book their own accommodation. In this case for every accredited person a service fee of **150 €** applies to be paid to the organizer. **In case when participants book official accommodation on their own and pay service fee – they can use official transfers hotel-venue-hotel but have to book this transfer informing the organizer well in advance that the organizer have enough capacity.**

Hotel reservation deadline: Monday, 24th August 2026
Hotel payment deadline: Monday, 31st August 2026
Cash payment upon arrival is not allowed. All payments have to be done in advance per bank transfer. Credit cards' payment is not available on spot.

Deadlines and cancellation policy:
Hotel deadline is **August 24th 2026**. Reservations will be processed strictly according to the date of booking. In case the requested hotel is fully booked, the federation/club will be informed and asked to make a new reservation. Reservations can be confirmed only after receiving 100 % of the total accommodation cost that must be sent to organiser's bank account before **August 31st 2026**, otherwise accommodation cannot be guaranteed for your delegation.
In case a federation does not send the hotel reservation to the organizers before August 24th 2026, a 30% surcharge may be added to the expenses.

Cancellations 29 to 15 days before the Accreditation Day: 50% refund.

Cancellations within 14 or less days of before the Accreditation Day: no refund.

In case of tournament cancellation by the local authorities full payment will be refunded.

Important: Injuries, visa problems or sickness are not valid reasons for cancellation of rooms.

In case of any damage to hotel property or competition venue caused by members of a delegation, their national federation will be charged by the organizing committee.

20. PAYMENT

Kindly complete the payment for accommodation and entry fee to our bank account:

Bank Address:	Ul. Orce Nikolov br.3, 1000 Skopje, Macedonia
Bank Name:	Komercijalna banka AD Skopje
Name of account holder:	Judo Federation of North Macedonia
IBAN:	IBAN: MK07300701000217150
SWIFT:	BIC/SWIFT CODE: KOBSMK2X
Payment reference:	EC SENIORS SKOPJE 2026 "COUNTRY + CLUB"

All bank fees and money transfer costs must be paid by the sender federation. The person attending accreditation must bring proof of the bank transfer.

Please, be careful with the fraudulent emails. Always check the bank details from the outlines.

21. JUDOGI CONTROL

Approved Judogi

All Judoka must compete in IJF Approved Judogi (only red and green label allowed). In particular sponsors of the European Judo Union: Danrho Kwon KG (www.kwon.com), Essimo (www.essimo.nl), Ippon Gear (www.ippon-shop.com), Double D Adidas (https://combat-sports.net), Mizuno (mizuno.com) and other IJF suppliers are allowed (see https://www.ijf.org/supplier-list

Judogi Control

It will be operated with a Sokuteiki prior to the fight. Judogi must have an IJF Official Label "APPROVED JUDOGI" with an optical code which cannot be falsified. The label will be controlled with an optical lamp. Each of the competition clothing articles (jacket, trousers and belt) must have an IJF official label.

Backnumber

Each competitor taking part in the EJU events is obliged to have sewn on the back of his Judogi the official backnumber bearing his surname and his National Olympic Committee abbreviation. The backnumber can be ordered from sponsors of the European Judo Union: Judo Backnumber (https://judobcknmbr.com/), mybacknumber (https://www.mybacknumber.com) or Official Backnumber (https://www.officialbacknumber.com) and others IJF suppliers are allowed (see https://www.ijf.org/supplier-list)

Attention: production and delivery may take around 4 weeks!!!.

The SPONSOR part (if needed) will be given to the head of delegation during registration, and the athletes can stick it themselves using the special glue on the back number.

Markings and Advertising

The space on the ***shoulder stripes*** (25cm x 5 cm on both right and left side) and on the ***upper arms*** (10cm x 10cm on both right and left side) can be either used for own sponsors of the Federation or Judoka or EJU Suppliers, ***BUT not for any other Judogi supplier***.

The space on the ***right chest*** (5cm x 10cm) can be used by the Judoka for his/her own sponsor. The logo of a Judogi brand can only be used, if it corresponds with the brand of the Judogi itself and if it is an EJU Supplier. Further, no logo of a competing brand of the advertising reserved for the Federation can be used (unless approval granted by the Federation).

Please note: On all advertising spacesi its strictly prohibited to promote : alcoholic beverages , tobacco and tobacco-related products , stimulants and psychoactive substances, gambling and betting services, products, services, or activities ethically inconsistent with generally accepted social norms, content deemed contrary to good moral conduct or public decency.
The space on the ***left chest*** (10cm x 10cm) can be used for the national colours or the national emblem corresponding with the IOC code on the backnumber (regional emblems are not allowed).

All other markings on the Judogi, like Judogi brand logos, name of Judoka, etc. have to comply with the IJF Judogi Rules.
Detailed information is available on http://www.eju.net/statutes.
Important:

- If an athlete does not respect the Judogi rules, the athlete will not be permitted to pass the Judogi Control, and the coach who is responsible for the athlete will be suspended for the rest of the competition day.
- The organiser is not obliged to provide reserve Judogi at Judogi Control, but the athlete is allowed to present himself in another IJF Approved Judogi, complying with the Sokuteiki rule (and without backnumber) - in this case no coach can go with this athlete to the mat!
- In the case of a repeated offence the coach will be suspended for the rest of the competition.

22. RESPONSIBILITY OF FEDERATIONS

The competitors will compete under the full responsibility of their federations. Insurance: Each national federation is responsible for insuring its competitors against "injury and third part risk (public liability)" during the period of the event. The European Judo Union and the organiser decline all responsibility.
Consent for Photography/Videos/Filming
Delegates inscribed by their National Federations for EJU events consent to the EJU and its media partners to use content of them, including data, live results, photographs and/or video recordings (hereafter referred to as Media). This media may be obtained from National Federations and EJU. It will also be acquired by the EJU and its media partners from in and around all EJU event venues. Media could be used in print and digital media formats including print publications, websites, e-marketing, posters banners, advertising, film, broadcast, social media, education purposes and other purposes. The National Federation must ensure that they have the permission of each delegate or in the case of a minor the permission of the parent/guardian. If a delegate does not give consent, then the National Federation must inform the European Judo Union by writing to headoffice@eju.net.

23. ANTI-DOPING

Doping control might be executed according to the **IJF MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING HANDBOOK (IJF SOR – Appendix E)**.

24. MEDIA

Journalists can apply for Media accreditation online using the following link: https://www.eju.net/media/ or per email: media@eju.net.

25. VISA

For nations who need VISA to enter North Macedonia, please send the enclosed "Visa Application Form" fully filled not later than Monday, 10th August 2026 and submit to Ms. Marjana Gjorgjioska Gogovska; ejucupskopje@judo.org.mk.

26. PRE-EVENT TRAINING

Tatami for pre-event training will be available at hotel **Sports center - Jane Sandanski - Skopje.**
September 17th, 2026: 16:00-20:00
September 18th, 2026: 12:00-20:00
September 19th, 2026: 12:00-20:00
Booking of training sessions is not necessary.
Training on competition days in the sports hall warm up arena can be allowed only after 14:00.