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1. SCOPE

1. This Sporting Code is a guide for all competitions under the control of Judo Queensland
2. Any organising person or body wishing to hold a competition in Queensland using the Judo Australia Insurance Policy for coverage of competitors but wishing to deviate from this Sporting Code must obtain written permission during the Sanction Process from the Judo Queensland Events Committee.
3. Where the competition is under the control of the Judo Queensland Events Committee, the Sports Director of the committee has a remedial power to modify the rules and operation of the Sporting Code when it results in a more favourable outcome for athletes, or avoids unforeseen or unintended outcomes.

2. PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

The purposes of the document are:

- To establish the baseline of approved standards for insurance purposes and the organisers duty of care to participants
- To define the base level of safety standards that Judo Queensland believes are important for the different levels of competition occurring at grass roots level within the state
- To outline the Judo Queensland approach to matters under JQ control, such as grading points for kyu grades, and more flexible formats for competition organisation and participants

3. CODES OF CONDUCT

3.1. Member Protection and Code of Conduct

Judo Queensland has Ethics and Conduct Policies that are published on its website and these are required to be followed by all organisations and individuals involved with Judo Queensland activities.

In particular, all officials, spectators and participants at Judo Queensland Competitions are required to act in accordance with these policies

The current policies are

- Judo Queensland Code of Conduct: JQ Website/Judo Resources/Code of Conduct
- Judo Queensland Member Protection: JQ website/Membership/Corporate documents/Member Protection Policy

3.2. Sanctions for Misconduct at Competitions

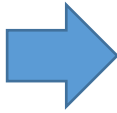
- The Competition Director has the right to revoke the access to the competition venue of anyone failing to comply with the expected behaviours outlined in these codes.
- While Competition Directors have the final decision on the day, the usual appeal and complaint mechanisms will apply.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES & REQUIREMENTS

The following table summarises the responsibilities and requirements on the use of this Sporting Code. Changes can be suggested to the Finance Audit and Risk Management and Events Committees.

References are made to the Sections of this Sporting Code.

4.1. JQ Competitions –Summary of Accountabilities and Requirements

Competition	GC & Qld Int Opens	State Champ/ships	Regional	Club Comp.	Invitation Comp	Closed Group JA or JQ Approved
Examples  Section 4.1	State and International Events	JQ State Champ/ships	NQ Games Regional Event Series Competitions	Open Club Competitions	Specific Grade Comps, Local area challenges, Teams Challenges	Uni Games, PCYC Champ/ships, School Comp, Pan Pac Masters, Veterans.
Open to	All financial IJF Affiliates & JA Members	All financial IJF Affiliates & JA Members	All financial IJF Affiliates & JA Members?	All financial IJF Affiliates & JA Members	All financial IJF Affiliates & JA Members in invited groups	All financial IJF Affiliates & JA Members in closed group
Formation of Competition Proposal	JA & JQ BOM (Events Committee)	JQ BOM (Events Committee)	Either Events Committee or Member Proposal	Member Proposal	Member Proposal	Member Proposal
Sanctioning Authority Section 6	JA & JQ BOM (Events Committee)	JQ BOM (Events Committee)	JQ BOM (Events Committee)	Events Committee	JQ BOM Events Committee	JA & JQ BOM (Events Committee)
Responsible for Operational Delivery	JA/JQ Appointed Competition Director,	JQ Appointed Competition Director,	Either JQ appointed or agreed Competition Director.	JQ agreed Competition Director	JQ Agreed Competition Director	JA / JQ Agreed Competition Director
Appoint Referees	NRC with JQ RC asst.	JQ RC	JQ RC	JQ RC	JQ RC	JQ RC
Sporting Code	Modified JA	JQ	JQ	JQ	JQ	JA/JQ modified
Pre Nominations	Entry via state on line entry system	Entry via state on line entry system	Set by Event Manager- ideally on line system	Set by Competition Director	Set by Competition Director	Set by Competition Director

Competition	GC & Qld Int Opens	State Champ/ships	Regional	Club Comp.	Invitation Comp	Closed Group JA or JQ Approved
Referees	National Referees with State A and B by invitation	State Referees with trainee C grade by invitation	Minimum State C with Trainee Referees under supervision	Minimum State C with Trainee under supervision	Set by Competition Director	Set by Competition Director
First Aid	Professional + Doctor mandatory	Professional providers	Professional providers	BOM/Event Committee Approved - dedicated role on day	BOM/Event Committee approved-dedicated role on day	BOM/Event Committee Approved dedicated role on day
Weight Divisions in Individual Shiai	Standard JA Sporting Code	Standard JA Sporting Code	JQ Standard or Modified with 10-14% variation max/min	JQ Standard or Modified with 10-14% variation max/min	JQ Standard or Modified with 10-14% variation max/min	JA Standard or Modified with 10-14% variation max/min
Fighting Up an age division	No except veterans	Yes under JQ Sport Code	Yes under JQ Sport Code	Yes under JQ Sport Code	Yes under JQ Sport Code	Set by Competition Director
Competition Venue Risk assessment	JA Sporting Code Form	JQ Standard Form	JQ Standard Form	JQ Standard Form	JQ Standard Form	Standard Form JA/JQ jurisdiction
On Day Risk Verification C Director Responsible	Lead Referee to id any issues to C Director and work jointly to fix	Lead Referee to id any issues to C Director and work jointly to fix	Lead Referee to id any issues to C Director and work jointly to fix	Lead Referee to id any issues to C Director and work jointly to fix	Lead Referee to id any issues to C Director and work jointly to fix	Lead Referee to id any issues to C Director and work jointly to fix
Min grade Standards Apply in Non Novice	Yes. Refer JA Sporting Code	Yes Refer Table 12.4	Must have first grade	Must have first grade	Must have first grade	Must have first grade
Novice Division	Not in formal comp. Co-incident Invite Comp possible	Three or fewer competitions and at least one grading, as specified by CD	Three or fewer competitions	Three or fewer competitions	No of Comp set by Competition Director	No of Comp. set by Competition Director
Dan Grading Points	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Negotiate With JA	Negotiate With JA
Kyu & lower Grading Points-JA Referees Used	Yes at JA registered grade	Yes at JA registered grade	Yes at JA registered grade	Yes at JA registered grade	Yes for JQ members at JA registered grade	Yes for JQ members at JA registered grade. See Note 2 below

Competition	GC & Qld Int Opens	State Champ/ships	Regional	Club Comp.	Invitation Comp	Closed Group JA or JQ Approved
Age Groups & Categories	No Under 9s JA Sport Code	No Under 9s See Note1 below. JQ Sport Code	All under JQ Sport Code	All under JQ Sport Code	Defined by C Director under JQ Sport Code	Defined by C Director under Agreed Code
Referee Attire	JA Standard	JA Standard	Negotiated by Competition Director – min branded JQ sportswear	Negotiated by Competition Director – min branded JQ sportswear	Negotiated by Competition Director – min branded JQ sportswear	Negotiated by Competition Director
Appointment of Event Staff: Time Keepers Bout-progression Scorer Runner Marshall	Competition Director	Competition Director	Competition Director	Competition Director	Competition Director	Competition Director
Time Equipment	IJF/JA standards with manual backup	JQ standards with manual backup	JQ standards with manual backup	Defined by CD- can be manual only	Defined by CD- can be manual only	Defined by CD- can be manual only
Boy vs Girl Competition	No	No	UNDER 9S & U12 if CD proposes in sanctioning process	UNDER 9S & U12 if CD proposes in sanctioning process	UNDER 9S & U12 if CD proposes in sanctioning process	UNDER 9S & U12 if CD proposes in sanctioning process
Veterans Division	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional Set by Competition Director	Optional Set by Competition Director
Kata Competition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional Set by Competition Director	Optional Set by Competition Director
Kata Rules	JA Kata Policy	JA Kata Policy	JA Kata Policy	JA Kata Policy	JA Kata Policy	JA Kata Policy
No Limits Division	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Set by Competition Director	Set by Competition Director
No Limits Rules	JA No Limits Policy	JA No Limits Policy	JA No Limits Policy	JA No Limits Policy	JA No Limits Policy	JA No Limits Policy
Mat Area Shiai Section 5	3x8x8m min	2x8x8m min Special circumstances 2x6X6	6x6m min 8x8 preferred	6x6m min 8x8 preferred	6x6m min 8x8 preferred	6x6m min 8x8m preferred for national events

Competition	GC & Qld Int Opens	State Champ/ships	Regional	Club Comp.	Invitation Comp	Closed Group JA or JQ Approved
Safety Band – Shiai- not Under 9s	4m adjacent	3m	3m	2m	2m	3m for national events, 2 m otherwise
Under 9s Mat Area	NA	NA	6x 3 m half mat or 4x4m min	6x 3 m half mat or 4x4m min	6x 3 m half mat or 4x4m min	6x 3 m half mat or 4x4m min
Under 9s safety band	NA	NA	1m	1m	1m	1m
Mat Area- Kata	3 x 8x8 m	8x8m on at least one mat temporarily	8 x 8 on one mat temporarily	8 x 8 on one mat temporarily	8 x 8 on one mat temporarily	8 x 8 on one mat temporarily
Safety Band - Kata	4m	2m	2m	2m	2m	2m
Spectator Area	Seating for 300	Set by Competition Director	Set by Competition Director	Set by Competition Director	Set by Competition Director	Set by Competition Director
Teams Events	Under consideration	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Victory Conditions-general	Standard IJF	Standard IJF	Standard IJF except Under 9s	Standard IJF except Under 9s	Standard IJF except Under 9s	Standard IJF except Under 9s
Victory Conditions for Under 9s	NA	NA	modified rules Two ippons to win (Best of 3)	modified rules Two ippons to win (Best of 3)	modified rules Two ippons to win (Best of 3)	modified rules Two ippons to win (Best of 3)
Victory Conditions for Teams	JA Sport Code	JQ Sport Code	JQ Sport Code	JQ Sport Code	JQ Sport Code	Set by CM.
Seeding Process	Use the National Selection Points Ranking	Yes using National Points Rank and State Performance tracker if available, otherwise combination of Club, known Scores & grades	Yes using combination of Club, Scores & grades	Yes using combination of Club and Scores & grades	Yes using combination of Club and Scores & grades	Yes as set by Competition Director
Medals and Awards	JA & JQ BOM (Events Committee)	JQ BOM (Events Committee)	Organiser/ Competition Director	Organiser/ Competition Director	Organiser/ Competition Director	Organiser/ Competition Director
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4.2. Notes on Table

4.2.1. Note 1: Under 9s High Level Competition Restrictions

Under 9 categories are not included in any championships run under the Judo Australia Sporting Code as it is considered that the age group is too young for that level of intensive competition as outlined in the various Long Term Athlete Development initiatives.

For Judo Queensland State Championships under this Sporting Code, for similar reasons, there will be no Under 9s in the actual competition. However an Invitation Competition may be run co-incident with the main championship at the discretion of the organising committee. This Invitation Competition will use the approach of fostering participation, fun judo and learning to compete rather than straight out competition under IJF shiai victory rules.

4.2.2. Note 2 Veteran First Kyu Grading Points

Judo Queensland will allow grading points for kyu grades to be accrued at any competition refereed by JA registered referees. However, first Kyus looking for Dan grading points need to be aware of JA limitations on Veterans competitions.

5. TERMINOLOGY

1. The terminology used in this document has been carefully considered with the aim of being inclusive of all people with an interest in Judo and the adoption of the new terms is strongly recommended.
2. For commonality with other Sporting groups, all competitive activities are referred to as “Competitions” rather than “Tournaments.”
3. State Titles and International Opens are classified as “Championships” for similar marketing reasons
4. Accountability means having a requirement to explain a situation to a court or judicial process, a committee, insurance company or government agency
5. Responsibility means having an obligation to undertake a specific task or job.
6. SOR refers to the IJF Sports and Organisation Rules which covers much of the area of Sporting Codes.
7. The term “weight” shall be defined as the legal definition of “mass” in Australia.
8. Veterans competitions are competitions organised for Judoka over 30 years of age and were previously known as Masters.
9. “Round Robin” is defined as a system where each athlete will compete against each other. Where only one round robin pool is used, this removes the need for seeding.
10. Under 9s Age category is often referred to as MonStars and sometimes as MONS and is the 5 to 9 year old group of competitors. This Sporting Code uses Under 9s to describe them.
11. Novices are generally defined as competitors who have fought in fewer than 3 competitions. It is possible for Novices to have attained a grading.

6. COMPETITION TYPES AND MANAGEMENT

6.1. TYPE of Competitions

This Judo Queensland Sporting Code provides for the following six categories of competition to create flexibility in the formats available to make organisation of competitions easier, more frequent and available to all levels of judoka.

- International Open Championships
- State Championships
- Regional
- Club
- Invitational
- Closed Group

The distinguishing features of these six types of competitions are provided in the Summary Table in Section 4.1

At International Opens, and State Championships, there will be stricter adherence to the formalities and national sport code and standards outlined by the IJF and Judo Australia. Other competitions will generally attract lesser degrees of formality which can be reflected in the attire worn by referees as well as the applicable mat sizes.

6.2. Sanctioning of Competitions

All competitions in Queensland must seek and receive sanctioning. The sanctioning process is designed to protect and enhance the brand and reputation of the sport and Judo Queensland by ensuring:

- Member welfare
- Insurance coverage
- Scheduling of competitions to be most beneficial for member players and clubs
- Competition Director, Referees and other competent officials are duly appointed
- Validity of grading points, awards, and performance tracking points for player selections
- All parties understand the applicable codes of conduct.

For competitions which are organised by the Events Committee, sanctioning occurs when the Events Committee receives Management Committee endorsement of the plans for an event which must include, date, venue, budget and names of persons who have committed to the Competition Director and Competition Manager roles and responsibilities and a risk assessment.

Club competitions may be sanctioned by the Sport Director or a delegated member of the Events Committee after review of the application which must include date, venue, the nominated Competition Director, the proposed first aid arrangements, a basic risk assessment and treatment plan and the proposed information flyer including the JQ logo to be used once sanction is given.

6.3. Financial Management

Where there is a JQ pre-approved budget for running a competition, reporting of actual expenditure and revenue to the Management Committee is required for all types of competitions.

Where a Competition Director proposes there be any of:

- Sponsorship of any competition by any level of government
- Sponsorship above a value of \$3,000 with any entity
- Procurement of a service of value greater than \$3,000 for example; venue hire
- Any payments to JQ or JA members for services in relation to the competition
- Assignment of JQ remunerated staff to a competition delivery role,

The Competition Director must have the proposed arrangements approved by the Treasurer of the Management Committee, in writing, prior to executing or otherwise committing to the arrangement. These approvals may be done as part of the competition budget approval during the sanctioning process.

6.4. Competitor Grading Points

The earning of Grading Points at competitions depends on a number of factors.

JA National Grading Policy Article 7.4 states “Points are awarded for each bout contested and won in open, JFA sanctioned events”.

Notwithstanding this ruling, this JQ Sporting Code allows for grading points to be accumulated at all sanctioned competitions, provided that

- registered JA referees are used and
- Specific conditions of participation are met.(See Invitation Competitions below)

The key factor is that Invitation Competitions must be open in the category of competitors who are targeted.

Because Dan grades are conducted under Judo Australia’s rules, grading points for Dan grades must adhere to the National Grading Policy noting that exceptions may apply such as the National University Games that is now run under Judo Australia Rules despite being a Closed Interest Group event. (Every competitor needs to be a currently enrolled University student).

This rule is of particular note to first Kyus looking for Dan grading points, who need to be aware of the potential JA limitations on Veterans competitions.

6.5. Roles in Competition Management

6.5.1. Queensland Events Committee

The purpose of this committee is the oversight of all competitions run in Queensland and management of the Competition Sanctioning Process. The Committee is a sub-committee of the Management Committee (Board of Management) under the rules (constitution) and is appointed by the Board of Management.

It may initiate competitions at International, State and Regional championship level or call for nominations from Clubs or other members to provide Regional and Club level competitions.

The Events Committee will work with the Board of Management, State Teams Committee, the Regional Development Committees and the Membership Committee with the goal of enhancing the Judo brand in Queensland for both the public and JQ members

6.5.2. JQ Sport Director

The chair of the Events Committee is titled as the JQ Sports Director and has the power to vary conditions outlined in this Sporting code where a better outcome for competitors will be the result.

6.5.3. Competition Director

A Competition Director must be appointed for all competitions

Appointment is by the Events Committee for International and State championships and in Regional Championships where the competition is proposed by the Events Committee rather than by Members.

Where a Regional Championship is proposed by a Member (Club, Individual or Affiliate organisation), the Competition Director will be established by negotiation during the sanctioning process.

The Competition Director is accountable for all aspects of the competition and for appointing operational officials to assist in running the competition effectively. Additionally the Competition Director may convene and lead a local organising committee in the lead up to a competition.

Where the work load in Club and other smaller competitions does not justify the creation of the Event Logistics Manager or Competition Manager positions, the Competition Director will undertake all roles, including that of pre-event coordination.

The Competition Director is responsible for appointment of Event Staff such as Timekeepers, Bout Control, Scorers, Runners and Marshalls unless this function is delegated to an Event Logistics Manager

The Competition Director will be the adjudicator for any controversies or operational issues that arise during the event.

At all events, the competition is under the control of the appointed Competition Director and the role of all other officials is to support the Competition Director in the safe and professional conduct of the competition in accordance with this Sporting Code.

The Competition Director will liaise with the Events Committee, hosting organisation, Referees Committee, and other individuals to ensure appropriate resources are made available for the forthcoming competition.

6.5.4. Event Logistics Manager

The Event Logistics Manager position may be appointed by the Competition Director to handle all administrative and various logistical aspects of competitions.

The role is to provide support to the Competition Director by management of the in-venue services on the event day including liaison with the venue owner's staff, accommodation arrangements for JQ and JA officials if applicable, transport of equipment to and from the venue, event staff registration, appointment, training and support during the event, provision of high quality audio

visual capability, medal and awards procurement and ensuring medals are available and medal presentation ceremonies are scheduled.

6.5.5. Competition Manager

The position is appointed by and reports to the Competition Director where the operational work-load on the day of competition warrants the assistant position. One person should be appointed as a dedicated Competition Manager for all International, State and Regional championships.

The Competition Manager is responsible for player coach and officials' experiences, welfare, and for scheduling and delivering an efficient and fair competition which reflects the objectives of the event set by the Events Committee and Competition Director.

This role focusses on the sport and field of play elements of the competition event. Expert delivery of the Competition Manager duties allows the Competition Director to focus on whole-of-event oversight, trouble-shooting and interactions with non-playing stakeholders.

The role prior to the competition:

- Publish event information in a timely way to attract players, coaches and officials
- Establish an efficient online registration process
- Work with other officials to establish a team of trained event staff with reserves to deliver the event

The event-time role starts at player arrival, accreditation, if any, and weigh-in and includes among other things:

- Provide weigh-in lists to delegated officials to conduct weigh ins and a process for amendment and quality assurance which minimises errors or omissions
- Oversee officials to ensure the weigh-in of players is strictly in accordance with this Sport Code and other applicable JA rules
- Manage the draws for the competitions and publish them expeditiously, including;
 - Knowing the seeding rules and be familiar with the situation of players at national level to be confident in applying the appropriate seeding system and allocations as part of the draw
- Closely supervise bout progression during the event to minimise time taken and any errors
- In the case of younger age groups, ensuring mixed divisions and divisions are made up by combining players within the weight allowance (10-14%) and that there is no mismatching of players
- Lead a high standard of conduct communication and conduct for officials and players through the event which gives confidence to all stakeholders and reflects well on the sport and Judo Queensland
- Certify all competition results and provide them to the JQ Sport Director within 24 hours of the conclusion of the competition at events@judoQueensland.org.au

6.5.6. Lead Referee

As part of the sanctioning process, the National or State Referees Committee will appoint a Lead Referee for each event.

Prior to the event, the Lead Referee's role is to negotiate with the Competition Director and Event Logistics Manager, as appropriate, to ascertain referee requirements at forthcoming events, and to take action to ensure availability of the required referees.

On the event day the lead referee assigns referees to mats and other roles and supervises their officiating. Other functions and a guide to this role are given in the JA refereeing rules and codes of conduct which to the extent they are relevant, are applied by JQ.

Referees have a player safety and conduct oversight role and power to sanction players or coaches (as the rules provide).

The Lead Referee must procure video review systems and equipment and ensure that referees are able to operate and maintain the video review system and equipment. Its use is optional for club competitions.

6.5.7. Event Officials

The role of Event Officials is to assist the Competition Director in the safe and good conduct of the competition in accordance with this Sporting Code and other policies of Judo Queensland.

All Event Officials must be financial members of IJF/Judo Australia/Judo Queensland related bodies.

For regional and State level events, Officials will be required to register on-line. In all competitions, Officials must sign the Attendance Register at the competition.

All officials must be registered (financially current) members either Junior Player, senior Player or Judo Supporter membership. All officials must register online for regional and state level competitions.

Over time, Role statements may be developed for Timekeepers, Bout Control, Scorers, Runners and Marshalls.

6.6. List of Proposed Competitions

6.6.1. International Championships within Queensland

- The purpose of these events is to provide a pathway for member competitors to national and international competition and to provide an avenue to promote Judo in Queensland as an Olympic sport.
- These will be run in a joint venture with Judo Australia and Judo Queensland. Essentially Judo Australia will provide the sanction for the event, appoint the Lead Referee via the JA National Referees Commission and define eligibility jointly with Judo Queensland. From 2021, the Queensland Gold Coast International Open Championships are expected to be organised within the structure of a National Events series.
- The NRC may invite State A and State B referees to officiate at the event for training and assessment purposes.

- Judo Queensland will run the event under the JQ Events Committee using the roles using the roles of JQ Competition Director, Event Logistics Manager and Competition Manager.
- Judo Queensland will appoint the Time-keeper and administration staff.
- Because International competitors are expected, the rules applying will be essentially IJF/JA modified by Judo Queensland with Judo Australia agreement to allow expanded competition categories currently not available in the Judo Australia Sporting Code or IJF Sports and Organisation Rules. (SOR).
- Where a category is specifically excluded from the International Championships by JA Rules, JQ Queensland may choose to organise a co-incident competition, eg Novices.
- National selection points will apply
- Grading points apply to all grades unless excluded by national policy, e.g. Veterans Dan Grades

6.6.2. State Championships

- The purpose of State Championships is to provide a pathway for member competitors to high level competition and to provide an opportunity to showcase the Sport of Judo in Queensland.
- These will be run under this Judo Queensland Sporting Code
- Accountability will rest with the JQ Competition Director once the event is sanctioned
- The Competition Director will appoint appropriate support staff and ensure Event Officials are available
- The Judo Queensland Referees Commission will appoint the Lead Referee who will use appropriate measures to ensure sufficient referees are available..
- National and State Level referees are to be used with trainee levels permitted at State C
- The rules applying are standard IJF/JA except that some additional categories and weight divisions not covered within JA Rules may apply.
- Selection Points for State team representation will apply
- Grading points apply to all grades unless excluded by national policy, eg Veterans, Dan Grades.

6.6.3. Regional Championships

- The purpose of Regional Championships is to increase the visibility of Judo for the regional public and media and provide a pathway for regional competitors to national and State level competitions. The idea is to build enthusiasm for higher participation and competitive standards within Regional jurisdictions.
- Regional Competitions are intended to allow a higher standard than Club competition through the use of better venues, targeted regional marketing and potential direct support from Judo Queensland.
- Regional Championships will only be held at larger venues with good mat area availability.
- Examples are Regional Tour Sanctioned Competitions, NQ Games Competition.
- These will be run under this Judo Queensland Sporting Code.
- Nominations for Regional Championships may be sought by the JQ Events Committee or by a proposal from Clubs or Individuals. Where warranted, the Events Committee may organise a Regional Championship directly at suitable venues.
- Where the Regional Championship is organised directly by the Events Committee, the Competition Director will be appointed by the Events Committee.

- Where the Regional Championship is proposed by Club or other member nomination, the sanction process is to apply which will require agreement between the proposer and the Events Committee on the appointment of a Competition Director and Lead Referee.
- In addition to the usual roles, the Competition Director will organise any media and marketing opportunities applying to the JQ Regional Championship brand. Assistance may be sought from the JQ Events Committee.
- The Competition Director may appoint an Event Logistics Manager and a Competition Manager to share the workload. The appointments need to be advised to the Events Committee.
- Accountability will rest with the Competition Director once the event is sanctioned.
- State Level referees are to be used with trainee levels permitted under supervision.
- Selection Points for State team representation will apply
- Grading points apply as outlined in various policies.
- Boy versus Girl competitions will be permitted in Under 9s and Under 12s Age Categories if arranged during Sanctioning Process.

6.6.4. Club Competitions

- The purpose of Club Competitions is the development of competition and refereeing skills in supportive environments while providing an avenue for accumulation of grading points for progression through the grades.
- These will be run under this Judo Queensland Sporting Code with the option of seeking modifications during the Sanctioning Process
Typically Club competitions may be held with smaller mat areas and venues than the Regional Competitions
- All Club Competitions must obtain sanction if the Judo Australia insurance policy is to be relied upon.
- Accountability will rest with the Competition Director once the event is sanctioned.
- Grading points apply provided that State Qualified Referees are used, including referees in-training under supervision
- Boy versus Girl competitions will be permitted in Under 9s and Under 12s Age Categories if arranged during Sanctioning Process.

6.6.5. Invitational Competitions

- The purpose of this category is greater flexibility for Clubs or Organising Committees seeking to run competitions that are different from the usual Open Club format to facilitate grading or competition experience for specific subsections of judo Competitors. It will allow Clubs to run competitions for a targeted set of competitors.
- These will be run under this Judo Queensland Sporting Code.
- All Invitation Competitions must obtain sanction if the Judo Australia insurance policy is to be relied upon.
- Invitation Competitions can be run for the purpose of promoting skill or grading development in a specific class of Judoka when the running of a full Club Competition is beyond the capabilities of the mats or the organising committee.
- Examples are, cadet women invites, senior men and women or specific grade invites, Under 9s Only invites and No limit Invites.
- Grading Points would apply provided the Invitation is open within the relevant category and state qualified referees with assisting trainees are used for the competitions.
- Accountability will rest with the Competition Director once the event is sanctioned.

- Boy versus Girl competitions will be permitted in Under 9s and Under 12s Age Categories if arranged during Sanctioning Process.
- Where a Club wishes to hold its own Club Titles off its normal campus, a cover note from the JQ Events Committee for insurance purposes is required. In such instances, grading points will not apply.
- Similarly when fewer than 3 clubs are invited in any Invitation Competition, Grading points will not apply as the event will be considered an interclub Club Training Event and not an open competition.

6.6.6. Closed Interest Group Competitions

- The purpose of Closed Group Competitions is to promote Judo awareness in the various Closed Interest groups associated with Judo. The intent is to provide a venue for people in these groups to promote national, state or regional Judo competitions for their own specific purposes.
- Current examples are the National University Games which is arranged under Judo Australia sanction and the various Veteran Competitions.
- This category allows for similar possibilities eg Regional University Games, Police and Citizen Games at National, State or Regional level, school competitions such as a GPS pool, Regional or State pools and also No Limits group competitions.
- Accountability will rest with the Competition Director once the event is sanctioned.
- These will be run under this Judo Queensland Sporting Code unless another Judo Australia/Judo Queensland code is recognised.
- Grading points apply provided that State or national Qualified Referees are used, including referees in- training under supervision
- Boy versus Girl competitions will be permitted in Under 9s and Under 12s Age Categories if arranged during Sanctioning Process.

7. VENUE REQUIREMENTS, MAT SIZES AND CONSTRUCTION

The IJF venue and Mat Requirements for high level competition are included below as background guidance on the highest standard to apply and to assist judgements on the suitability of a venue to be made where disputes arise. Organisers should bear in mind these IJF Rules apply at the elite end of the sport and represent the ideal situation. (Note that the SOR has some minor changes almost every year).

For each type of competition held under this Judo Queensland Sporting Code, the standards for venue, mat sizes etc have been specified bearing in mind the expected levels of competition, and the age of the contestants. These smaller mat areas are based on experience with the safe conduct of competitions historically.

Competitor safety is the main consideration and must be established in the Risk Assessment under the Sanctioning Process..

During the Sanctioning Process, the JQ Events Committee may request additional detail about the construction and nature of floors and may use historical injury data to preclude certain configurations.

7.1. Generic Requirements for Field of Play and Competition Area

Each competition tatami is divided into two zones: the contest area and the safety area. Each area is a different colour with sufficient contrast to avoid misleading edge situations.

Where two or more adjoining contest areas are used, a common safe zone may be used to satisfy the minimum distance of 4 m between them.

A free zone of 50 cm minimum must be maintained around the entire competition area.

Any requests to change the size of the contest and safety area must be approved by the JQ Sport Director.

All tatami for IJF events must be IJF approved and use of JQ mats is encouraged

The tatami need to be placed on a resilient floor at ground level. The elements making up the floor surface must be aligned without space in between; the surface must be smooth and fixed in such a way that the individual mats cannot be displaced.

Where the option is available, the tatami should be placed on a sprung floor.

If the floor is concrete, there should be suitable padding (eg Taraflex or similar) underneath the mats.

Any decoration on the tatami, such as the host city name, year or event logos, can only be placed on the safety area, never on the contest area. This decoration should not be slippery. The local organising committee must give JQ all TV feeds for the refereeing CARE system, live streaming and TV archives.

Manual scoreboards, manual timers, bell or similar audio device and flags (yellow and green) must be available as backup.

When using several competition areas at the same time - the use of different audible signals is required. The time signal must be loud enough to be heard over the noise of the spectators.

For additional detail see JA Sporting Code Check List P33 https://bbab5739-644c-4ce6-8305-208634b52313.filesusr.com/ugd/570d63_0ae12a3111ed405daab567dda6682580.pdf

7.2. Spectator Seating

All competitions held under this Sporting Code must allow for spectator seating appropriate to the level of competition. Generally the Competition Director must assess the requirement based on experience or advice and ensure appropriate space is provided.

International Open Championships should have a minimum capacity for 300 spectators.

7.3. International Championships within Queensland- Mat Standards

These are to be held under Judo Australia Sporting Code standards, namely

- CONTEST AREA Minimum of 8 metres x 8 metres. Minimum of two with adjacent warm up area
- THE MAT AREA Barricade to keep unauthorised people away from the mat area.
- SAFETY AREA Minimum 3 metres. Minimum 3 metres between joined contest areas, with a preference for 4 metres.
- WARM UP AREA Minimum 5 metres x 5 metres. Must be situated within hearing distance of the loud speaker system.

7.4. State Championships- Mat Standards

These are to be held under Judo Australia Sporting Code standards, namely

- CONTEST AREA 8 metres x 8 metres. Minimum of two with adjacent warm up area

- THE MAT AREA Barricade to keep unauthorised people away from the mat area.
- SAFETY AREA Minimum 3 metres. Minimum 3 metres between joined contest areas, with a preference for 4 metres.
- WARM UP AREA Minimum 5 metres x 5 metres. Must be situated within hearing distance of the loud speaker system.
- Exemptions may be made for Under 9s. See Section on Under 9s Competition Area below.

7.5. Regional Championships- Mat Standards

Ideally these should be held under Judo Australia Sporting Code standards,

- CONTEST AREA 8 metres x 8 metres with a minimum of two contest mats with adjacent warm up area is the preferred configuration.
- Where conditions such as limited attendance and restricted availability of halls apply, a smaller configuration of 6x6 metres may be approved.
- SAFETY AREA Minimum 3 metres. Minimum 3 metres between joined contest areas, with a preference for 4 metres.
- WARM UP AREA: Ideally a space 5 metres x 5 metres, situated within hearing distance of the loud speaker system. However, depending on the space available. Organisers can arrange for warm up areas without mats and preclude throwing in the warm up regime.
- Exceptions may be made for Under 9s. See Section on Under 9s Competition Area below.
- Depending on location and expected attendance, a single 6x6 metre basic contest area may be used

7.6. Club Competitions- Mat Standards

Ideally these should be held under Judo Australia Sporting Code standards,

- CONTEST AREA 8 metres x 8 metres, with a preference for multiple contest areas. However a mat configuration of 6m x 6m is acceptable under this policy.
- SAFETY AREA Ideally 3 metres with a minimum 3 metres between joined contest areas. A safety area of 2 metres is acceptable under this policy.
- WARM UP AREA: Ideally a space 5 metres x 5 metres, situated within hearing distance of the loud speaker system. However, depending on the space available. Organisers can arrange for warm up areas without mats and preclude throwing in the warm up regime.
- Special reduced mat areas may be used for Under 9s. See Section on Under 9s Competition Area below.

7.7. Invitation Competitions- Mat Standards

Ideally these should be held under Judo Australia Sporting Code standards,

- CONTEST AREA 8 metres x 8 metres, with a preference for multiple contest areas depending on attendance and standards of expected competition. A mat configuration of 6m x 6m is acceptable under this policy.
- SAFETY AREA Ideally 3 metres with a minimum 3 metres between joined contest areas. A safety area of 2 metres is acceptable under this policy.
- WARM UP AREA: Ideally a space 5 metres x 5 metres, situated within hearing distance of the loud speaker system. However, depending on the space available. Organisers can arrange for warm up areas without mats and preclude throwing in the warm up regime.

- Special reduced mat areas may be used for Under 9s. See Section on Under 9s Competition Area below.

7.8. Closed Interest Group Competitions- Mat Standards

Ideally these should be held under JA Standards

- **CONTEST AREA** 8 metres x 8 metres essential for high level national competitions.. Multiple contest areas desirable. For specific competitions, mat configurations of 6m x 6m can be approved during sanctioning process depending on attendance and expected standard of competition.
- **SAFETY AREA** Minimum 3 metres. Minimum 3 metres between joined contest areas, with a preference for 4 metres in high level competitions. 2metres may be acceptable for lower standard competitions.
- **WARM UP AREA.** Ideally a mat area with minimum 5 metres x 5 metres, located within hearing distance of the loud speaker system. However, depending on the space available. Organisers can arrange for warm up areas without mats and preclude throwing in the warm up regime.
- Special reduced mat areas may be used for Under 9s. See Section on Under 9s Competition Area below.

7.9. Kata Competitions –Mat Standards

The “contest” area for Kata Competitions is required to be 8x8 metres to allow correct spacing by the competitors. Where the competition is held co-incident with other competitions, at least one mat must be modified to be 8x8 metres for the duration of the Kata Competition. The safety area required for Kata is to be 2 metres minimum except for International Levels where 4metres must apply.

7.10.Under 9s Competitions- Mat Standard

Where only one mat is available or in the case of multiple mats where very large numbers competing will extend the competition beyond a reasonable time suitable for young judoka, Under 9s competitions may be held on half mats with the boundaries delineated. This may be achieved by reconfiguring the mats or by tape provided there is sufficient referee supervision. Safety Areas of one metre are deemed sufficient for competition at this level.

7.11. No Limits Mat Areas

No Limits mat areas will be consistent with standard (shiai) contest mat areas available at the various levels of competition.

7.12.Veterans Mat Areas

Veterans mat areas will be consistent with standard (shiai) contest mat areas available at the various levels of competition.

8. ORGANISING AND SANCTIONING OF COMPETITIONS

All competitions in Queensland are to be managed with oversight from the Judo Queensland Events Committee. International, State Championships and some Regional Championships will be organised with an appointed Event Director, Event Manager, Competition Manager and Lead Referee.

Clubs, Organisations or individuals may propose to hold Regional, Club, Invitation or Closed Group competitions provided that the organising group or individual has an affiliation with or membership of Judo Australia.

All such competitions held in Queensland under Judo Queensland control, must be sanctioned by Judo Queensland to ensure insurance coverage, eligibility for grading points and referee coverage.

The Competition Application Form in Appendix 1 must be completed to advise JQ of the proposed competition and the nominated Competition Director and the proposed Lead Referee.

After issues such as safety & venue standards are verified, a confirmation email will be sent to the club or organiser advising provisional sanctioning provided that no substantive issues have arisen.

Each competition will be under the control of the Competition Director who is responsible for the control of the tournament and must adhere to the criteria and rules used in the conduct of JQ competitions. This includes the need to check entrant registrations for currency against the JQ membership data base, as unregistered persons may not compete and are not covered by JQ Insurance. A risk for Competition Directors to consider is that failure to cause registrations to be verified may make them liable for litigation if there is subsequent court action involving non registered persons.

The hosting club, organisation, or individual via their appointed Competition Director is responsible for the accuracy of the Application to host the tournament, organising sponsors, venue, catering, safety, first aid officers, tournament flyer distribution to the clubs, ordering of medals/trophies/certificates, organising volunteers, engaging Competitors for the competition, emailing other clubs enlisting Competitors, organising presenters for medal presentations, organising a podium among other items.

Organisers proposing to host a competition shall complete all process items below

8.1. Decision on Category of Competition.

Each competition must be defined under a category such as Regional, Club, Invitation, or Closed Group as applies to their circumstances by reading the above definitions. Guidance may be sought from JQ Events Committee.

8.2. Competition Application Form

The host proposing the competition may nominate a Pre-event co-ordinator to liaise with Judo Queensland Events Committee regarding formal appointment of a Competition Director and a Lead Referee from the State Referees commission. Where a suitable Competition Director is unavailable, the proposer may request assistance from the Events Committee. The agreed and appointed Competition Director shall then advise and certify to the Events Committee by

completion of the Competition Application Form in Attachment 1 of this document. (Latest version is on JQ Website/Resources/For Clubs.)

8.3. Pre-Competition Assessment Form

This document covers the Risk Assessment procedure and is to be completed by the appointed Competition Director and forwarded to the JQ office at the same time as the Competition Application form. A copy is (to be) included as Attachment 2. (Latest version is on JQ Website/Resources/For Clubs).

9. POST COMPETITON REPORTS

The following post-competition reports must be forwarded to the Judo Queensland Sports Director in an electronic format within 3 working days of the competition.

9.1. Results Summary

Bout sheets and results from all weight and age divisions must be forwarded to the Judo Queensland Sports Director in electronic format. (PDF scans until a formal system available) These are to be included on the Judo Queensland website and potentially other media.

9.2. Officials Registration

On the day of the event, all officials must sign this form. A copy is included in Attachment 3 and the Latest version is on JQ Website/Resources/For Clubs.)The completed form is to be returned to JQ once the event has been *completed*

9.3. Injury

The Injury form is to be completed for any injuries that occur during the event. The completed form is to be returned to JQ on the completion of your event. The form is in Attachment 4 and the latest version is on JQ Website/Resources/For Clubs.

Where a competitor is hospitalised, an advice of known details must be made to Judo Queensland Sports Director using an Incident Report form on the day of the tournament by the Competition Director.

9.4. Competition Summary Form

This form summarises the results arising at the competition and provides broad information about the competition which provides statistics useful for interactions with government agencies and future allocation of resources. The summary for is (to be) included as attachment 5. (Latest version is on JQ Website/Resources/For Clubs).

This requirement may be subject to expansion for some categories of competition where it is intended to record competition results in individual detail for potential seeding as well as grading purposes.

9.5. Report on Code of Conduct or Member Protection Policy Issues

These issues may be subject to follow up with other sanctions applying through the various complaint mechanisms. Full details of the incident should be reported to JQ Office electronically.

10. REFEREE ATTIRE

Standard Judo Australia referee wear will apply to State and International Open Championships.

In Regional Competitions, the standard of wear may be negotiated by the Competition Director with the JQ Referees Commission as part of the sanctioning process, bearing in mind expected weather and other local conditions. The minimum standard shall be branded JQ apparel as approved from time to time by the Board provided that the referees present a professional appearance.

In Club Competitions, Closed Interest Group or Invitation Competitions the use of the JA standard or the use of the minimum standard of branded JQ approved apparel shall be decided between the Appointed Lead Referee and the organising Competition Director. As with Regional Level competitions, the requirement is that the referees present a professional image.

11. VICTORY CONDITIONS

Notwithstanding that Bouts in all levels of competition are to use the Victory Conditions applying in IJF and Judo Australia competitions, special victory conditions apply to

11.1. Under 9 Years Competitions

- Victory is not assigned on the first score of ippon but whenever one of the opponents achieves a second ippon that occurs within the 2 minutes of the bout, or
- on the leading score at the end of the bout.
- The timer does not stop at each Matte, only at the specific request for time –out by the referees if they need to talk to the competitor or allow a short recovery period in the interest of competitor well-being.
- In case of a draw at the end of two (2) minutes real time, Golden Score conditions apply (one minute shorter than bout time). The first score wins and in the case of a continued draw, a decision is to be made by the referees. If only one referee, the central referee makes the decision. (Refer also Section on Contest Durations).

11.2. Golden Score Tie Decisions –Time Limited Bouts

In any Golden Score Bout with a time limit, where the bout has progressed through the time allotted and scores are again equal, the referees must declare Hantei and decide.

Where there is only one referee, the central referee decides.

12. AGE, GRADE AND GENDER CATEGORIES

12.1. Age Categories to Apply

The Age Categories shall in general be the same as those in the Judo Australia Sporting Code, certainly for formal competitions.

12.2. Gender Issues

Currently the Judo Australia Sporting Code specifies that male divisions must be male and female must be female. Judo Queensland has sought guidance from Judo Australia regarding transgender persons competing in their identified gender.

Until this guidance is available, this Judo Australia Sporting Code will allow biological females identifying as male to compete in the relevant age, weight category. However, owing to issues with testosterone levels that are being investigated, biological males identifying as females will not be permitted to compete in the female divisions until the matter is defined.

Notwithstanding these issues, Boy versus Girl competitions will be permitted in Under 9s and Under 12s Age Categories if arranged during Sanctioning Process.

12.3. Ability to Modify Age and Grade Categories

In Club, Closed Interest Group and Invitation Competitions, where a pool is 3 or less, with the permission of Competitors, or parents or the responsible coach, the Competition Director may form an additional Category outside the usual age or grade divisions below. Examples where the categories may be relaxed are:

- The ability to fight in one age division up when the contestant is in the final year in an age group.
- The ability to fight in open competitions as opposed to novice when in the opinion of the parents, the coach, the Competition Director the contestant has sufficient experience or grade to compete safely.

12.4. Table of Age & Grade Category Definitions for JQ Competitions

Category	Age Requirement	Required Grade
Novice U9s Boys and Girls	Must be minimum of 5 years old and not turn 9 years in the calendar year of the tournament	State & any high level competition: Must have first grading and have attended fewer than 3 competitions Regional, Club & Invite : must have attended fewer than 3 competitions
Under 9s Boys and Girls	Must be minimum 5 years old and not turn 9 years in the calendar year of the tournament	Must have first grade and have attended three or more competitions
Novice Junior Boys and Girls	Must turn 9, 10 or 11 in the calendar year of the tournament	State & any high level competition: Must have first

Category	Age Requirement	Required Grade
		grading and have attended fewer than 3 competitions Regional, Club & Invite: Must have attended fewer than 3 competitions
Junior Boys and Girls	Must turn 9, 10 or 11 in the calendar year of the tournament	State & any high level competition: Must have first grading and have attended three or more competitions Regional, Club & Invite: Must have attended three or more competitions
Novice Senior Boys and Girls	Must turn 12, 13 or 14 years in the calendar year of the tournament	State & any high level competition: Must have 5 th kyu and have attended fewer than three competitions Regional, Club & Invite: Must have attended fewer than 3 competitions
Senior Boys and Girls	Must turn 12, 13 or 14 years in the calendar year of the tournament	State & any high level competition: Must have 4th Kyu grading and have attended three or more competitions Regional, Club & Invite: Must have attended three or more competitions
Novice Male and Female - Cadets	Must turn 15, 16 or 17 years in the calendar year of the tournament	State & any high level competition: Must have yellow belt and have attended fewer than three competitions Regional, Club & Invite: Must have attended fewer than 3 competitions
Male and Female - Cadets	Must turn 15, 16 or 17 years in the calendar year of the tournament	State & any high level competition: Must have 4th kyu or above and have attended three or more competitions Regional Club & Invite: Must have attended three or more competitions

Category	Age Requirement	Required Grade
Novice Junior Men and Women	Must turn 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 or 20 years in the calendar year of the tournament	State & any high level competition : Must have 5 th Kyu and have attended fewer than three competitions Regional, Club & Invite: Must have attended fewer than 3 competitions
Junior Men and Women	Must turn 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 or 20 years in the calendar year of the tournament	State & any high level competition: Must have 4th kyu or above and have attended three or more competitions Regional, Club & Invite: Must have attended three or more competitions
Novice Senior Men and Women	Must turn 15 years or more in the calendar year of the tournament	State & any high level competition: Must have 5 th Kyu and have attended fewer than three competitions Regional, Club & Invite: Must have attended fewer than 3 competitions
Senior Men and Women- Open Grades	Must turn 15 years or more in the calendar year of the tournament	State & any high level competition: Must have 4th kyu or above and have attended three or more competitions Regional, Club & Invite: Must have attended three or more competitions
Senior Men and Women-Kyu Grades only	Must turn 15 years or more in the calendar year of the tournament	State & any high level competition: Must have 4th kyu or above and have attended three or more competitions Regional, Club & Invite: Must have attended three or more competitions
Veterans Men and Women	Must be 30 years and over in the calendar year of the tournament	State & Regional : Must have 4th kyu or above and have attended three or more competitions

Category	Age Requirement	Required Grade
		Club & Invite: Must have 5 th kyu and attended three or more competitions
Kata Men and Women	Juniors - must turn 9 and not turn 16 years in the calendar year of the tournament. Seniors - must turn 16 years or more in the calendar year of the tournament	Third kyu and above

12.4.1. Note on Ad Hoc Novice Category

If a Novice Category has not been advertised, the Competition Director has the discretion to create such a category on the day of the competition, provided that the Novice pool has 3 or more competitors and the residual age /weight pool similarly has 3 or more competitors left in that weight division.

12.4.2. Note on Grade Requirements for Novice Categories

In some categories under Regional, Club & Invite, there are no requirement for grade in either the novice or the “open” divisions. This allows the bout controller/Competition Director the option of carefully combining novice and open age categories where there are insufficient numbers in both for a good competition, bearing in mind safety, skill differentials and grade. Obviously where desired, the Competition Director of Invite Titles may specify higher grade requirements in the sanctioning process, if a specific level of competition is required.

13. WEIGHT DIVISION CATEGORIES

The weight divisions in the Judo Australia Sporting Code are to apply under this Sporting Code in any formal competition involving national selection procedures such as State titles and International Opens. Less formal competitions may modify these as per next paragraph.

13.1.Ability to Modify Weight Divisions

In less formal situations such as Club Open, Invitation and Closed Group Competitions, the Competition Director of the day shall have the right to vary, amend or amalgamate weight divisions depending on the weights of the contestants available such that the difference between lightest and heaviest competitors in a “derived” division is approximately 10%. Currently the maximum variation possible under some of the official weight divisions is almost 14% (see tables below) but 10% is chosen for easier calculation on initial setting.

In marginal cases, with appropriate discussion with parents and competitors, the Competition Director may allow variation up to the levels of variation outlined in the formal weight divisions. This flexibility is intended to allow better outcomes for contestants in terms of the number of contests while maintaining good safety conditions.

It is important that the modified weight divisions hold continuity with naming with the original weight divisions for record keeping purposes as the available electronic systems evolve. For example an Under 48 division may allow for heavier competitors but should still remain the Under 48 category.

Note that the Judo Australia Sporting Code allows for Veterans Weight and Team Weight divisions to be combined, no more than one up or one down. However, it is noted that this can create a difference of over 20kg and should be considered carefully. Essentially the weight divisions should be split with half going to the higher division and half to the lower.

For safety reasons, this Judo Queensland Sporting Code recommends that the weight divisions of all competitions organised under it be configured such that the 10-14% rules suggested above can be applied.

13.2. Formal Weight Divisions

The following weight division are to apply unless modified by the Competition Director who is to bear in mind both safety and the overall welfare of Competitors. Where differences from the JA Code are noted the differences are italicised.

Further below is each weight division with a calculation of the percentage weight range in each category, in the format of the Judo Australia Code. It is for guidance when modifying weight divisions

In all categories, the Competition Director has the right to run a heavier or lighter weight category if this creates a better field of play.

Any new weight divisions should use the names below. The division should be named after the category where the majority of competitors conform. This allows easier recording despite there being heavier persons in the division, eg Under 38 may have a competitor of 40kg in the division, provided no one is lighter than approximately 36. Similarly the Under 35 division may have 36kg competitors. Whatever gives the best result for the competitors!

The following summary table has been used in Queensland bout control for some time.

Category	Weight Divisions
Under 9 Boys	U20, U23, U26, U29, U32, U35, U38, O38
Under 9 Girls	U20, U23, U26, U29, U32, U35, U38, O38
Junior Boys	U27, U30, U34, U38, U42, U46, U50, O50
Junior Girls	U29, U32, U36, U40, U44, U48, U52, O52
Senior Boys	U36, U40, U45, U50, U55, U60, U66, O66
Senior Girls	U36, U40, U44, U48, U52, U57, U63, O63
Cadet Boys	U50, U55, U60, U66, U73, U81, U90, O90

Category	Weight Divisions
Cadet Girls	U40, U44, U48, U52, U57, U63, U70, O70
Junior Men	U60, U66, U73, U81, U90, U100, O100
Junior Women	U48, U52, U57, U63, U70, U78, O78
Senior Men	U60, U66, U73, U81, U90, U100, O100
Senior Women	U48, U52, U57, U63, U70, U78, O78
Veterans Men	U60, U66, U73, U81, U90, U100, O100
Veterans Women	U48, U52, U57, U63, U70, U78, O78

13.2.1. Under 9s Boys and Girls

Within the Under 9s Divisions, there are no nationally standard weight divisions. Queensland has adopted the divisions below and these differ from state to state. Competition Directors may assess the competitors on the day to establish categories that allow best formation of groups, the ideal being 5 in each weight category.

1. Over 38kg
2. Over 35 up to and including 38kg range is 8.6% light to heavy
3. Over 32kg up to and including 35kg range is 9.3%
4. Over 29 kg up to and including 32kg range is 10.3%
5. Over 26kg up to and including 29kg range is 11.5%
6. Over 23kg up to and including 26kg range is 13%
7. Over 20kg up to and including 23kg range is 15%
8. Up to and including 20 kg

Note: Where an UNDER 9s competitor weighs in within 2% of the maximum of a normal division, the Competition Director may allow the Under 9S competitor to compete in that division without the calculations outlined.

13.2.2. Junior Girls

1. Over 52 kg
2. Over 48 kg and up to and including 52 kg Range is 8.3% light to heavy
3. Over 44 kg and up to and including 48kg Range is 9.0%
4. Over 40 kg and up to and including 44 kg Range is 10%
5. Over 36 kg and up to and including 40 kg Range is 11.1%
6. Over 32 kg and up to and including 36 kg Range is 12.5%
7. Over 29 kg and up to and including 32 kg Range is 10.3%
8. Up to and including 29 kg

Junior Boys

1. Over 50 kg

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|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2. Over 46 kg and up to and including 50 kg | Range is 8.6% light to heavy |
| 3. Over 42 kg and up to and including 46 kg | Range is 9.5% |
| 4. Over 38 kg and up to and including 42 kg | Range is 10.5% |
| 5. Over 34 kg and up to and including 38kg | Range is 11.7% |
| 6. Over 30 kg and up to and including 34 kg | Range is 13.3% |
| 7. Over 27 kg and up to and including 30 kg | Range is 11.1% |
| 8. Up to and including 27 kg | |

13.2.3. Combined Junior Girls and Boys

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|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Over 50 kg | |
| 2. Over 46 kg and up to and including 50 kg | Range is 8.6% light to heavy |
| 3. Over 42 kg and up to and including 46 kg | Range is 9.5% |
| 4. Over 38 kg and up to and including 42 kg | Range is 10.5% |
| 5. Over 34 kg and up to and including 38kg | Range is 11.7% |
| 6. Over 30 kg and up to and including 34 kg | Range is 13.3% |
| 7. Over 27 kg and up to and including 30 kg | Range is 11.1% |
| 8. Over 24 kg and up to and including 27 kg | Range is 12.5% |
| 9. Up to and including 27kg | |

Note this division is also used in Victoria and has not previously been used in Queensland

13.2.4. Senior Girls

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Over 63 kg | |
| 2. Over 57 kg and up to and including 63 kg | Range is 10.5% light to heavy |
| 3. Over 52 kg and up to and including 57 kg | Range is 9.6% |
| 4. Over 48 kg and up to and including 52 kg | Range is 8.3% |
| 5. Over 44 kg and up to and including 48 kg | Range is 9.0% |
| 6. Over 40 kg and up to and including 44 kg | Range is 10% |
| 7. Over 36 kg and up to and including 40 kg | Range is 11.1% |
| 8. Up to and including 36 kg | |

Senior Boys

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Over 66 kg | |
| 2. Over 60 kg and up to and including 66 kg | Range is 10.0% light to heavy |
| 3. Over 55 kg and up to and including 60 kg | Range is 9% |
| 4. Over 50 kg and up to and including 55 kg | Range is 10.0% |
| 5. Over 45 kg and up to and including 50kg | Range is 11.1% |
| 6. Over 40 kg and up to and including 45 kg | Range is 12.5% |
| 7. Over 36 kg and up to and including 40 kg | Range is 11.1% |
| 8. Up to and including 36 kg | |

13.2.5. Cadet Boys

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Over 90 kg | |
| 2. Over 81 kg and up to and including 90 kg | Range is 11.1% light to heavy |
| 3. Over 73 kg and up to and including 81 kg | Range is 10.9% |
| 4. Over 66 kg and up to and including 73 kg | Range is 10.6% |
| 5. Over 60 kg and up to and including 66kg | Range is 10% |

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| 6. Over 55 kg and up to and including 60 kg | Range is 9.1% |
| 7. Over 50 kg and up to and including 55 kg | Range is 10% |
| 8. Up to and including 50 kg | |

13.2.6. Cadet Girls

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Over 70 kg | |
| 2. Over 63 kg and up to and including 70 kg | Range is 11.1% light to heavy |
| 3. Over 57 kg and up to and including 63 kg | Range is 10.5% |
| 4. Over 52 kg and up to and including 57 kg | Range is 9.6% |
| 5. Over 48 kg and up to and including 52kg | Range is 8.3% |
| 6. Over 44kg and up to and including 48 kg | Range is 9.1% |
| 7. Over 40 kg and up to and including 44 kg | Range is 10% |
| 8. Up to and including 40 kg | |

13.2.7. Junior Women

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Over 78 kg | |
| 2. Over 70 kg and up to and including 78 kg | Range is 11.4% light to heavy |
| 3. Over 63 kg and up to and including 70 kg | Range is 11.1% |
| 4. Over 57 kg and up to and including 63 kg | Range is 10.5% |
| 5. Over 52 kg and up to and including 57 kg | Range is 9.6% |
| 6. Over 48 kg and up to and including 52 kg | Range is 8.3% |
| 7. Up to and including 48kg | Range is 9.1% |

13.2.8. Junior Men

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|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Over 100 kg | |
| 2. Over 90 kg and up to and including 100 kg | Range is 11.1% light to heavy |
| 3. Over 81 kg and up to and including 90 kg | Range is 11.1% |
| 4. Over 73 kg and up to and including 81kg | Range is 10.9% |
| 5. Over 66 kg and up to and including 73kg | Range is 10.6% |
| 6. Over 60 kg and up to and including 66 kg | Range is 10% |
| 7. Over 55 kg and up to and including 60 kg | Range is 9.1% |
| 8. Up to and including 55 kg | |

13.2.9. Veterans Men

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|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Over 100 kg | |
| 2. Over 90 kg and up to and including 100 kg | Range is 11.1% light to heavy |
| 3. Over 81 kg and up to and including 90 kg | Range is 11.1% |
| 4. Over 73 kg and up to and including 81 kg | Range is 10.6% |
| 5. Over 66 kg and up to and including 73 kg | Range is 10.6% |
| 6. Over 60 kg and up to and including 66kg | Range is 10% |
| 7. Up to and including 60kg | |
| 8. Open, with no weight restriction. | |

13.2.10. Veterans Women

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Over 78 kg | |
| 2. Over 70 kg and up to and including 78 kg | Range is 11.4% light to heavy |

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|---------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 3. Over 63 kg and up to and including 70 kg | Range is 11.1% |
| 4. Over 57 kg and up to and including 63 kg | Range is 10.5% |
| 5. Over 52 kg and up to and including 57 kg | Range is 9.6% |
| 6. Over 48 kg and up to and including 52 kg | Range is 8.3% |
| 7. Up to and including 48 kg | |
| 8. Open, with no weight restriction. | |

13.2.11. Senior Women

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Over 78 kg | |
| 2. Over 70 kg and up to and including 78 kg | Range is 11.4% light to heavy |
| 3. Over 63 kg and up to and including 70 kg | Range is 11.1% |
| 4. Over 57 kg and up to and including 63 kg | Range is 10.5% |
| 5. Over 52 kg and up to and including 57 kg | Range is 9.6% |
| 6. Over 48 kg and up to and including 52 kg | Range is 8.3% |
| 7. Up to and including 48 kg | |
| 8. Open, with no weight restriction. | |

13.2.12. Senior Men

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|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Over 100 kg | |
| 2. Over 90 kg and up to and including 100 kg | Range is 11.1% light to heavy |
| 3. Over 81 kg and up to and including 90 kg | Range is 11.1% |
| 4. Over 73 kg and up to and including 81 kg | Range is 10.9% |
| 5. Over 66 kg and up to and including 73 kg | Range is 10.6% |
| 6. Over 60 kg and up to and including 66kg | Range is 10% |
| 7. Up to and including 60kg | |
| 8. Open, with no weight restriction. | |

13.2.13. Teams Events Weight Divisions

Team Weight Divisions will necessarily require combinations of the above weight divisions for each age and gender division and the same principle of a 10-14% range must be applied for safety reasons unless specific consent of players, coaches and parents is sought.

14. NOMINATION PROCEDURES

14.1. Manual “On the Day Nominations”

Each athlete/responsible person must nominate the athlete for the relevant Age Category and Weight Division. The nomination forms are coloured for each category to assist with the weigh-in and in the completion of the draw.

The Weigh-In Forms are available on the JQ Website/Judo Resources/For Clubs/Weigh In Forms Download

14.2. Pre-nominations

Pre-nomination is seen as an effective way to speed up draws and facilitate the start of competitions.

Electronic systems are in development and until these are operational, Competition Directors may specify that pre-nomination by email should occur.

Additionally, until a suitable system is available, Competition Directors may specify either that only pre-nominations may compete or that manual entries will be accepted on the day.

In the absence of such clear specification in the competition advice, each competition administration must have individual nomination forms available, whether or not pre-nomination was available.

Once a Pre-nomination system is available, it is expected that manual nominations will cease.

15. TEAM COMPETITIONS

Note: It is desirable to have the JQ Teams Events conducted in a similar fashion to JA Teams Events. However, JA has not settled on the arrangements and the following code establishes what has been practise in Queensland. It is likely to be subject to modification.

Teams Events may be organised under each category of competition in this Sporting Code.

Where the Team Event is held as a singular event, it can be treated as an Invitation Competition which will allow the organisers to determine during the sanction process specific rules regarding nominations, minimum grading requirements and weight divisions different from the standards in this Sporting Code.

Invitation Teams Competitions may be organised by a Club or by any financial member of Judo Queensland deemed appropriate by the Events Committee.

15.1.Nominations for Teams

Teams may be formed by Clubs or by individual judoka nominating directly to the Competition Director. All competitors must be financial members of IJF/Judo Australia.

Each Team shall consist of one nomination for the specific weight division in each Age or gender category with the possibility of one reserve for each.

Each Team must have a designated Team Leader.

Clubs may enter more than one team each with its own set of reserves

All teams must have 4 or more competitors and vacancies can be filled by the agreed use of available reserves or other teams with vacancies

Where reserves are nominated, by agreement, the reserves may combine on the day with other team reserves or nominees to form additional teams.

Where a team is unable to field a nomination in a weight category, and no suitable reservist is available, they shall have the option of importing a person from the lower weight category bearing in mind the safety of the situation. Factors to consider would be grade, experience and the actual difference in weight. Differences greater than 14% should be avoided.

Unless otherwise specified by the Competition Director in the sanctioning process, the maximum nominations for a team shall be seven (7). Where there are more than 7 weight divisions in an

Age Category (eg Junior Boys/girls, Cadets etc), the top 7 weight divisions in each category shall form the basis for the Teams Nominations.

15.2. Team Nominations Forms

The team shall be considered formed when the Team Nomination Form is submitted by the Team Leader. Until the format of Teams Competitions is fully standardised, each Competition Director organising a Teams Competition must provide a suitable form for nominations. Examples are available in Attachment 10.

15.3. Teams Scoring

Bouts shall be determined by Ippon (10 points), Waza-Ari (1 point) or by draw (0 points).

Where a Team is unable to field a Competitor in a weight division, any opponent team with a Competitor in that weight division wins by Ippon.

The bout winner will be recorded as a “W “plus the quality of the win (10, 1)

In a draw, both contestants shall have a 0 recorded.

15.4. Final Team Victory Assessment

15.4.1. First Victory Condition

The Team with the majority of Wins shall be designated the winner. If Wins are equal, the quality score points shall be counted and the highest point score wins.

15.4.2. Second Victory Condition

If at the end of the team draw bouts, two teams remain equal with Wins and Score quality points, the team that was victorious in the round robin or final over the other equal team is the winner.

15.4.3. Third Victory Condition

Where three teams end up after the matches with equal wins and score quality,

- Any bouts that achieved a “Draw” shall be replayed and the winner determined from the results.
- If there were no “Draws, a draw shall be made to determine which division/s should replay and any Win shall determine the winning Team.
- Should the result of this final competition be a draw, the referee must decide. This result decides the Team Winner

15.5. Order of Team Competition

All competitions shall be run starting with lightest weight and finishing with heaviest.

15.6. Selection of Team Members for Each Team Bout

Before each match, the team leader must select the athletes for each contest from the nominated Competitors and reservists associated with the team, provided that the reservist has not been assigned as a primary Competitor in another team.

A primary Competitor in another team is ineligible to return to another team in the case of injury or illness.

If the team has the possibility to put a registered athlete in a category, they must do so.

An athlete cannot be rested for one match and return for the next unless they have been replaced by the other registered athlete.

If the team has no athlete in a category, they should select the “no competitor” option.

For the first round the lists must be returned at least 30 minutes before the start of the competition.

For other rounds it must be returned 5 minutes after receiving the request from competition management.

Once it is returned to competition management it cannot be changed.

15.7. Bowing Ceremony for Teams

In team competitions, before the start of the contests from every encounter, there will be a bowing ceremony between the two teams as follows:

a) The referee will remain in the same place as in the individual competitions. At his indication, the two teams will come in on the side allotted, in line for the outer edge of contest area, in descending order and the heaviest weight being closer to the referee, standing face-to-face team.

b) On the order of the referee the two (2) teams will move ahead to the starting position on the mat.

c) The referee shall order the teams turn towards the technical table, extending his arms in parallel forward, with open palms, and will announce rei, to be held simultaneously by all components of both teams. The referee shall not bow.

d) Then the referee shall order, in a gesture of arms at right angles forearms up and palms facing each other “otagai-ni” (bow to each other), the two teams again be face to face, announcing rei, to be held the same way as in the previous section.

e) After finishing the bowing ceremony, the components of the two teams will come out through the same place which they entered, waiting, on the outer edge centred of the contest area, the contestants of each team must make the first contest. In each contest, they will perform the same procedure of bowing that in individual competition.

f) After finishing the last contest of the encounter, the referee will order the teams to proceed as described in paragraph a) and b), announcing, then the winner. The bowing ceremony will be held in the reverse order of the start, bowing first to each other and, finally, to the technical table.

15.8. Competition Systems for Team Events

15.8.1. Round Robin

The system of competition for Teams events will be the round robin system in pools of 5 with a final if 2 pools.

15.8.2. Teams Bout Time

Unless specified otherwise by the Competition Director, the real time duration of each contest shall be

- Women three (3) minutes and
- Men three (3) minutes.

16. VETERANS COMPETITIONS

Guidelines for the conduct of Veterans Competitions are provided in Attachment 11 which references the Judo Australia Sporting Code Policy.

Veterans Competitions are a specialist area and consistency with the JA Rules is deemed useful.

The JA Sporting Code allows for modification of age and weight divisions during the sanctioning process to provide the best outcome and experience for the veteran judoka.

Note that the Judo Australia Sporting Code allows for Veterans Weight divisions to be combined, no more than one up or one down. However, as this can create a difference of over 20kg, it should be considered carefully. Essentially the weight divisions should be split with half going to the higher division and half to the lower.

For safety reasons, this Judo Queensland Sporting Code requires that the weight divisions of all competitions organised under it be configured such that a 10-14% differential between heaviest and lightest in the division is applied unless mitigating skill and fitness conditions are obvious.

17. KATA COMPETITIONS

Kata Competitions may be conducted under the control of Judo Australia rules either as a “stand alone” event or as a part of a competition which also has shiai.

As Kata is a specialist area, consistency with the general rules promulgated by Judo Australia is deemed useful. These are found in the JA Website under Corporate Documents/Kata

Mat sizes are specified elsewhere consistent with these Rules.

Note that they do not cover the rules or judging requirements of Kata (Criteria for the Evaluation), which are specified by the International Judo Federation.

18. NO LIMITS COMPETITIONS

No Limits Competitions are a specialist area and consistency with JA Policy is deemed essential. The Judo Australia Rules for conducting No Limits Competitions can be found under the JA Website under Corporate Documents.

19. CONTEST DURATIONS

The Contest Durations below are the official contest time durations. However for each contest, the Competition Director may decide on different time durations during the sanctioning process and must ensure time-keepers and contestants are aware of the expected duration.

19.1. Target Durations for Contests

Unless modified by the Competition Director during the Sanctioning process, the target contest time duration in all contests will be as follows:

Category	All Contests
Men	4 minutes
Women	4 minutes
Junior Men	4 minutes
Junior Women	4 minutes
Cadet Boys	4 minutes
Cadet Girls	4 minutes
Senior Boys	3 minutes
Senior Girls	3 minutes
Junior Boys	3 minutes
Junior Girls	3 minutes
All Under 9s including Novices	2 minutes real time
All Novices	Same as Age Category Times
Veterans	3 minutes
No Limits Cadets and above	3 minutes
No Limits Junior Boys and Girls	2 minutes
Golden Score Match Under 9s & Novices	One minutes less than the duration of bout. See Note 1 below
Golden Score Match in JQ comps- all other categories	Same as bout time for the category See Note 2 below.
Golden Score Match in Int/ Opens and State Championships for “open” grades	Unlimited as per JA Sport Code
Teams	3 minutes per bout

19.1.1. **Note1 on Golden Score for Novices and Under 9s**

Novice competitions maybe run in all age categories. Novices have little competition experience. Under 9s competitions are limited by LTAD concerns. However, in both cases, obtaining meaningful competition experience is useful provided there is not an excess. A Golden Score approach allows the referee an opportunity to explain the need for a score and that a decision will be made at the end of the bout.

19.1.2. **Note 2 on Golden Score in International Open and State Championships**

The Judo Australia Sporting Code allows for unlimited Golden Score Bout Durations as the competitions are high level. Accordingly both State and International Open championships will follow this approach as a means for Queensland competitors to gain experience in high level situations where the case arises.

19.2. Recuperation Time between Bouts

The general rule for recuperation time between bouts is that the time allowed is to be at least twice the defined bout duration for each category. Where a competitor has had a lengthy Golden Score bout in State Titles, this time may be extended.

20. WEIGH IN PROCEDURES

The following requirements must be followed rigorously for International and State Events with varying degrees of compliance for Regional, Club and other events. The requirements must be set out in the Notice of Competition sent out by the Competition Director.

A minimum of Two Weighing Machines are to be available at times and locations specified in the Competition Notice, one for Men and the other for Women as competitors may be required to remove underclothing to reach minimum weight categories.

For Cadets and Boy and Girl categories, competitors do not need to remove underclothes but an extra allowance of 100 grams will be allowed above the weight division limit.

Wherever possible, the trial weigh in machines should be at the same location as the Championship in order to avoid errors due to transportation of the machine.

At International & State, separate rooms for males and females must be available for the unofficial and official weigh. The weigh in supervisor must be of the same gender as the contestant being weighed.

At Internationals, the competitors shall be allowed to check their weights on the official machines at least 1 hour before the official weigh begins. There is no limit to the number of times the contestant may check weight.

At State, Regional and other competitions, the weigh in machines will be made available at the times advised by the Competition Director in the competition flyers.

If only one set of scales is available for trial and official weigh- ins then the competitor must make clear whether the requirement is a trial weigh in.

Each weigh-in area must have one set of scales, and a table with two chairs for use by the two weigh in officials. One official is to check the nomination and registration of the athlete and the other will weigh the athlete and record the weight on appropriate media.

If the athlete is competing in more than one category, each category must have its own nomination method and records.

Each category of weigh-in will have its own time allocation which has been advised in the Competition Advice and must also be displayed in the weigh in areas. As the close time for each category arrives, the nomination details are to be passed to the Administration Draw Table.

Where it is possible for eligible athletes to compete in an Age Category and in a higher Age Category, the formal permission of a parent, guardian or coach is required and must be added in the appropriate space on the nomination form.

Categories with exemptions are:

- 8 year olds in the Under 9 division may compete in Junior Boy/Girls
- 11 year old Junior Boys/Girls may compete in Senior Boy/Girls
- 14 Year Old Senior Boys/Girls may compete in Cadet Boys/Girls and men or women.

See also the Section above on “Ability to Modify Age and Grade Categories”

21. THE DRAW AND SEEDING PROCEDURES

The draw will be completed after the finish time of the weigh-in for that category.

21.1. International and State Level Draw Procedures

Essentially these are JA Procedures with some modifications for State Titles.

A large white screen eraser should also be made available to display the draw.
If possible the draw should be conducted in a room separate from the competition.

The draw shall be made by the officials appointed by the Competition Director.

If there is only one entry in a weight division, the Competitor will be entered and compete in the next weight class (if the heavier weight division has no entry, no competition will take place.)

After all divisions have been set for contest and subject to entries, organisers may combine divisions to allow an isolated athlete to compete, provided that , Combining weight divisions in an age group must take into account the competitor's weight, skill sets etc to ensure a safe environment and avoid injury.

In State Titles, under JQ control, the maximum targeted difference between the heaviest in the division and the lightest should not exceed 10-14%. However in heavier divisions some leeway is permitted and if there is only one entry in a division, the competitor may be entered into the next highest weight division. If there is no entry in the heavier weight division, no competition shall take place.

After all divisions have been contested and, subject to entries, Organisers may combine divisions, to ensure competitors have a match.

Any combination of weight divisions in an age group that exceeds the 10-14% guideline must take into account the competitor's weight, skill sets etc to ensure a safe environment and avoid injury.

For cadets, junior men/junior women, senior men and senior women where a competitor withdraws, the division may be redrawn at the discretion of the Competition Director. This is done to avoid the potential scenario of a Competitor being placed with a medal without having won a match.

Note that, except for Veterans and No Limits, a competitor must win a match to be awarded a medal.

For other categories, such as kyu and veteran competitions, if there is a withdrawal, the draw will be maintained.

A Seeding Procedure is outlined below.

21.2. Draws at Regional, Club and Other Competitions

Competitors are to be sorted into their Age Category and Weight Divisions before the draw can begin. The draw will be conducted by the officials appointed by the Competition Director and the Draw Controller may request advice from the relevant club coaches particularly on the following issues.

Where a Competitor is alone in a weight division, consideration must be given to combining that division with another to ensure the competitors obtain sufficient bouts.

This may require modification of other divisions depending on the weights of the competitors.

New divisions may be created to cater for the situation, provided that the maximum variation between weight divisions heaviest to lightest is between 10-14%.

A minimum of three Competitors in each division is desirable, as this allows the Competitors to contest two different Competitors. If only two competitors are available within the safe weight limits, then there shall be up to three bouts, with the winner being the best of three.

Note that grading points may not accrue for both matches where there is only one opponent.

If a Competitor cannot be placed into a suitable division because of weight differences, the scenario must be discussed with the coach and the option of

- a refund or
- determination by the coach of the capability of the athlete to contest in the higher weight division or age, or
- Arrangement by the coach to organise friendly bouts for the competitor concerned with other coaches

The Competition Officials are not to organise any friendly bouts. When coaches organise the friendly bouts, the bout controller on the mat will be advised by the coaches, when coaches submit the names of the Competitors contesting, and then the bouts will be slotted into vacant time slots. Friendly bouts do not need to be recorded as no medals are awarded.

The Draw is conducted according to the rules outlined in the Seeding Procedure below. Note that the main criteria involve a seeding type procedure involving the athlete's club and Judo grade.

21.3. No Limits Draws

No Limit draws will be conducted by the coaches of the No Limit Competitors and given to the Competition Director. This may include No Limits competitors competing against other categories under the No Limits Rules.

21.4. Seeding in Draws

The purpose of seeding is allow the separation of various talented Competitors so that they will not meet in the early rounds of the competition. The process below should be applied where possible to Competitors with known high scores in the national scoring system and to competitors from the same clubs.

Seeding will be strongly applied in the more formal competitions but in Club level competitions, the pools should be established on the information available.

Competitors from the same State, where possible, should be drawn into separate parts of the draw. Similarly competitors from same Club should be drawn into separate parts of the draw.

21.5.Seeding in International Championships

In International Opens, the National Points System shall be used to seed Competitors in the Senior Men's, Senior Women's, Junior Men's, Junior Women's, Cadet Boy's and Cadet Girl's divisions.

Seeding shall include non-Australian citizens where data is available.

For Boys and Girls Divisions, the Competitors are to be given the maximum separation possible by state or club of origin.

For divisions with more than 5 Competitors, 4 seeds will be placed in the draw.

For division with 4 or 5 Competitors only two seeds will be placed in the draw.

In the situation where Competitors have equal points in the ranking system, and outcomes of previous competitions are known when they competed in the same weight divisions in previous competitions, the winning competitor in those previous competitions will be given the higher seed.

Seeding in the elimination bracket system is set up to place

- Number one (1) seed in Pool A.
- Number two (2) seed in Pool C.
- Number three (3) seed in Pool D.
- Number (4) seed in Pool B.

Seeded athletes are always placed in the same position on the draw sheet.

Seeding in the low numbers 3+2 system is set up in order to have the draw placing the number one (1) seed in the lower half while the number two (2) seed is placed in the higher half of the Round Robin

Seeding in the low number draws 2+2 system is set up in order to have the number one seed in the top half and the number 2 seed in the lower half.

In a category, seeding position has the priority over the placing of competitors from the same State or Club which means that competitors from the same state or club may end up in the same pool, depending on the seeding ranking of the competitors.

The places in each division shall be decided according to the elimination used

21.6.Seeding in State, Regional, Club and other Competitions Draws

21.6.1. One Competitor

2 pool bout sheet. Use one pool. 1 Competitor in pool A.

A Competitor in a division may be the only one because the weight difference is too great. It needs to be recorded that the Competitor did attend the tournament.

21.6.2. Two Competitors

2 pool bout sheet. Use one pool. 2 Competitors in pool A.

The Competitors will contest the best out of three bouts. If one Competitor has won the first two bouts there is no need for a third bout.

21.6.3. Three Competitors

2 pool bout sheet. Use one pool. 3 Competitors in pool A. For 3 Competitors use random draw.

21.6.4. Four Competitors

2 pool bout sheet. Use one pool. 4 Competitors in pool A. For 4 Competitors use random draw.

21.6.5. Five Competitors

2 pool bout sheet. Use one pool. 5 Competitors in pool A. For 5 Competitors use random draw.

21.6.6. Six Competitors

2 pool bout sheet. Use 2 pools. 3 Competitors in pool A and 3 Competitors in pool B.

If 2 Competitors are from the same club, one Competitor goes in pool A and the other Competitor goes into pool B. If 3 Competitors are from the same club, 2 Competitors must be in pool A and the other Competitor goes into pool B.

If 4 Competitors are from the same club, 2 Competitors must be in pool A and the other 2 Competitors must be in pool B.

After sorting out the Competitors from the same club look at the rank of the Competitors and sort the higher ranks into different pools.

21.6.7. Seven Competitors

2 pool bout sheet. Use 2 pools. 4 Competitors in pool A and 3 Competitors in pool B.

If 2 Competitors are from the same club, one Competitor goes in pool A and the other Competitor goes into pool B. If 3 Competitors are from the same club, 2 Competitors must be in pool A and the other Competitor goes into pool B.

If 4 Competitors are from the same club, 2 Competitors must be in pool A and the other 2 Competitors must be in pool B.

After sorting out the Competitors from the same club look at the rank of the Competitors and sort the higher ranks into different pools.

21.6.8. Eight Competitors

2 pool bout sheet. Use 2 pools. 4 Competitors in pool A and 4 Competitors in pool B.

If 2 Competitors are from the same club, one Competitor goes in pool A and the other Competitor goes into pool B.

If 3 Competitors are from the same club, 2 Competitors must be in pool A and the other Competitor goes into pool B.

If 4 Competitors are from the same club, 2 of those Competitors must be in pool A and the other 2 Competitors must be in pool B.

After sorting out the Competitors from the same club look at the rank of the Competitors and sort the higher ranks into different pools.

21.6.9. Nine Competitors

Two options are provided here and the decision on choice is to be made by the Competition Director who will bear in mind issues such as duration of the overall competition and the desire

of competitors to have more or fewer bouts. Consultation with coaches and parents is recommended

Option 1

4 pool bout sheet. Use 4 pools. 3 Competitors in pool A, 2 Competitors in pool B, 2 Competitors in pool C and 2 Competitors in pool D.

If 2 Competitors are from the same club, one Competitor goes in pool A and the other Competitor goes into pool C. If 3 Competitors are from the same club, one Competitor goes in pool A, one Competitor goes into pool B and one Competitor goes into pool C.

If 4 Competitors are from the same club, one Competitor goes in pool A, one Competitor goes into pool B, one Competitor goes into pool C and one Competitor goes into pool D.

After sorting out the Competitors from the same club look at the rank of the Competitors and sort the higher ranks into different pools. Use pool A and pool C for the highest ranks.

Option 2

Form two pools of five (5) and four (4) and fight each with round robin. A finals bout may also be arranged.

21.6.10. Ten Competitors

Two options are provided here and the decision on choice is to be made by the Competition Director who will bear in mind issues such as duration of the overall competition and the desire of competitors to have more or fewer bouts. Consultation with coaches and parents is recommended

Option 1

4 pool bout sheet. Use 4 pools. 3 Competitors in pool A, 2 Competitors in pool B, 3 Competitors in pool C and 2 Competitors in pool D.

The rest is the same as set out in 9 Competitors.

Option 2

Form two pools of five (5) and fight each with round robin. A finals bout may also be arranged.

21.6.11. Eleven Competitors

4 pool bout sheet. Use 4 pools. 3 Competitors in pool A, 3 Competitors in pool B, 3 Competitors in pool C and 2 Competitors in pool D.

The rest is the same as set out in 9 Competitors.

21.6.12. Twelve Competitors

4 pool bout sheet. Use 4 pools. 3 players in pool A, 3 players in pool B, 3 players in pool C and 3 players in pool D.

The rest is the same as set out in 9 players.

21.6.13. Thirteen Competitors

4 pool bout sheet. Use 4 pools. 4 players in pool A, 3 players in pool B, 3 players in pool C and 3 players in pool D.

The rest is the same as set out in 9 players.

21.6.14. Fourteen Competitors

4 pool bout sheet. Use 4 pools. 4 players in pool A, 3 players in pool B, 4 players in pool C and 3 players in pool D.

The rest is the same as set out in 9 players.

21.6.15. **Fifteen Competitors**

4 pool bout sheet. Use 4 pools. 4 players in pool A, 4 players in pool B, 4 players in pool C and 3 players in pool D.

The rest is the same as set out in 9 players.

21.6.16. **Sixteen Competitors**

4 pool bout sheet. Use 4 pools. 4 players in pool A, 4 players in pool B, 4 players in pool C and 4 players in pool D.

The rest is the same as set out in 9 players.

4 pool bout sheet. Use 4 pools. 3 players in pool A, 3 players in pool B, 3 players in pool C and 3 players in pool D.

The rest is the same as set out in 9 players.

21.7. Assigning Bouts to Each Mat

After the players have been recorded on the bout sheet, the number of bouts that corresponds with the number of competitors in the division can be determined and an assignment of a division to a mat can be made, ideally an equal number of bouts to each available mat.

The mat number must be clearly identified to the bout controller on each mat.

21.8. Order of Divisions

In Club competitions, because of the age of the participants, it is recommended that the youngest category should be conducted first (Under 9s to Seniors). However depending on mat availability, the Competition Director may elect to run some smaller categories such as No Limits and Veterans concurrently with the Under 9s, provided that this does not unreasonably extend the duration between the Under 9s bouts and the presentations.

After each category the medal presentation should be conducted.

At the beginning of each category all players should be on the mat and the names should be read out as to what division and on which mat the players will be competing. This allows a check that all players have been recorded correctly on the bout sheet and all players are sent to the right mat ready to begin the tournament.

21.9. Option of an Elimination Draw

In some cases, it may be desirable to conduct an elimination division draw (usually the open weight category) at the competition.

This is straight elimination where the winners will progress until the final and the losers will not continue. The losers of the two semi-finals are placed equal 3rd and the winner of the final is placed 1st and the loser placed 2nd in the results.

The elimination draw sheet can have up to sixteen players on it.

The Elimination Draw sheet can be found at **“To Be Determined”**

22. MEDICAL AND FIRST AID

The following information must be provided to the Chair of the State Events Commission in the Sanctioning Process for competition:

- the location of suitable hospitals
- who will be manning the medical tables and their qualifications

Provision of First Aid shall be by approved professional providers at International and State championships and will include one medical doctor.

At Regional Competitions there shall be at least one professional first aid authority available and one qualified first aid person at each mat in use at the competition.

At all other competitions such as Club and Invitation competitions, the minimum requirement is to have a dedicated person with an approved level of first aid qualifications. This person shall have no other responsibilities at the competition in order to ensure focus on first aid.

An appropriate area separate from the spectators is to be set aside for treatment

A speedy means of transport must be immediately available for any injured competitor who must be hospitalised. Generally ambulance services in urban areas will be sufficient.

22.1.Prior Medical Conditions

Prior medical conditions need to be notified to the medical or first aid staff by the Prior Medical Conditions Form in Attachment 8 (yet to be developed). This includes concussion as outlined below.

Until development of the relevant form, this notification must be recorded and signed by the responsible person or athlete.

Each Club is responsible for their Competitors; this includes pregnancy and gender control. JQ recommends that pregnant women do not compete.

22.1.1. Use of Prohibited medications

Where an athlete has a ‘therapeutic exemption’ to use a prohibited medication to treat a medical condition, this must be included in the Prior Medical Conditions Notification and for International and State Events, the athlete must also complete the Judo Australia “Application for a Therapeutic Use Exemption of a Prohibited Substance and/or Prohibited Method” found in the JA Sporting Code.

22.2.Medical Injury Collection Form

The medical personnel shall fill in a form specifying the injuries to competitors and what treatment was given. See attachment 4 “Injury Incident Report Form”

22.3.Immunisation

It is the Club’s responsibility to recommend to each of their competitors that they be immunise Hepatitis B, Tetanus, Polio and Hepatitis A

22.4. Strangulation- Shime Waza

For cadets, where strangulation by shime waza has caused unconsciousness, the competitor will not be allowed to compete further including all events at the competition.

For all other divisions where shime waza is permitted, and there has been unconsciousness from application of shime waza, the competitor must be assessed by the Medical Personnel to determine whether further participation is advisable.

The act of allowing a competitor to continue is based on current advice from Judo Australia and the IJF that unconsciousness, when caused by shime waza and when applied in the controlled environment of judo at competitions, is associated with full and rapid recovery even if a convulsion has occurred.

Also it appears, based on current evidence, that there are no long term consequences. However it is important to note that there have been no validated studies on the possible long term issues.

However, the strangled competitor, or in the case of Junior Men and Women, their coach or parent or guardian, is required to certify their understanding of this situation by signing an “Agreement to Continue after Strangulation Waiver Form” before the competitor can engage in further bouts.

If a competitor loses consciousness twice due to shime waza at the event, the player will not be allowed to compete in subsequent bouts, including subsequent age divisions.

22.5. Concussion

JQ has rules for Competitors losing consciousness and/or incurring concussion and follows the JA recommendations as outlined on the JQ Website/Judo Resources/For Clubs/JA Concussion Management Policy. In particular, a competitor who has been concussed will not be allowed to compete further in the competition including any further events of that competition.

Clubs are responsible to notify the Competition Director of any competitor who has been concussed within the previous 4 weeks

If a competitor has suffered concussion on any occasion within 4 weeks prior to the competition, the competitor must provide medical clearance certification prior to the competition in order to compete. The medical clearance should be viewed by the competitions Doctor or the other authorised first aid personnel for awareness. The advice must be provided in writing (pending development of a “Prior Medical Conditions Notification” Form.

A competitor, who, in the opinion of the medical personnel, becomes concussed in a Competition, will not be allowed to compete further in the Competition including any later & different divisions.

The medical doctor or first aid personnel must ensure the Competition Director has been notified of the concussion incident and recorded via the Medical Injury Notification Form in Attachment 4.

Competitors showing signs of concussion in the opinion of the medical and first aid personnel must cease competing immediately.

Where there is a dispute over the condition, a medical doctor's opinion must be sought by the competitor or club prior to permission for further participation.

23. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

To be added

LTAD Long Term Athlete Development

Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) is conceptual research based framework for the development of young athletes in sport. It was originally developed in the early 2000s by Dr Istvan Balyi, an internationally recognised coach educator, and at the time was based on all the currently available scientific research on how young people develop sporting ability. The underlying aim of the LTAD framework, is to match the coaching and development of children, to their physical and psychological growth and so optimising both their enjoyment and training. Matching training to development should allow every individual to reach their optimum potential and enjoy sports participation.

24. FORMS

All forms are held on the Judo Queensland Website/Judo Resources/For Clubs

- Competition Application Form: See Attachment 1. Minimum of 8 weeks prior to Event
- Pre-competition Assessment Form: See Attachment 2– to be included with Competition Application Form – otherwise known as Risk Assessment
- Officials' Registration Form; see Attachment 3
- Injury Incident Report Form; see Attachment 4
- Competition Summary Form: see Attachment 5
- Continue after Strangulation Waiver Form See Attachment 6
- Therapeutic Use of Prohibited Substances Form See Attachment 7
- Prior Medical Conditions Form: See Attachment 8. No form developed as yet
- Team Nomination Forms- to be distributed by Competition Director see Attachment 9
- Bout Control Form See Attachment 10
- Weigh-in Forms (Nomination Forms) see JQ Website/Judo Resources/For Clubs/Weigh In Forms

25. DOCUMENT CONTROL

This document has been compiled after consultation with a wide range of judo practitioners with specific skills and viewing the JA, NSW, Victorian Sporting Codes and the IJF SOR. Modifications were included to account for issues that did not suit Queensland expectations. Contributions were received from Michael Hill, Cathy Brain, Carl Conran on basic club and team competitions, Paul Nelson on strategic directions, Sander Leemans and Arek Zygmunt on refereeing issues, Robert Borchert on Bout control, Xavier Barker on No Limits Judo, Luis Val on seeding and future JA directions and Zel Goldman as a sounding board and others such as Jim Stackpool who provided an earlier draft version and John Taylor. Particular thanks to Michael Hill and Robert Borchert who provided an excellent corrective editing service and found many inconsistencies.

There has been wide if not complete agreement in the end results as presented in the summary table once explained to the extent that the document is at the Final Draft submission stage. Various additions and amendments will need to be made as new systems come on line and aspect of the JA code change. These can be corrected in future Versions as necessary

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26. ATTACHMENTS

Official copies will be placed on JQ Website

26.1.Attachment 1 Competition Application Form



Competition Application Form.pdf

26.2. Attachment 2 Pre-Competition / Risk Assessment

Pre Competition Check- Risk assessment



Pre-Competition Check.pdf from JQ Website



RISK ASSESSMENT.pdf Potential replacement

26.3.Attachment 3 Officials Registration Form



JQ Officials Form.pdf

26.4.Attachment 4 Injury Incident Report Form

See Judo Queensland Website/judo Resources/For Clubs/JQ Injury Incident Report Form



JQ Injury Report Form.pdf

26.5.Attachment 5 Competition Summary Form



JQ Competition Summary Form.pdf

26.6.Attachment 6. Agreement to continue in the competition after Strangulation



Agreement to Continue after Strangulation01.pdf

26.7.Attachment 7 Therapeutic Use of Prohibited Substances Form

Refer to Judo Australia Sporting Code

Where persons have medical exemptions for prohibited substances, this form must be completed.



Therapeutic Use of Banned Substances Form.pdf

26.8.Attachment 8 Prior Medical Conditions Notification

This notification is the responsibility of the athlete and/or parents, guardians and coaches.

No comprehensive form has been developed.

Instances of Concussion are required to be notified and should be in writing or recorded at medical desk.

26.9.Attachment 9 Example Teams Nomination Forms

**JUDO FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA
QUEENSLAND INC.
TEAM NOMINATION**

Category

Team Name		
Team Players		Weight
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		

**JUDO FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA
QUEENSLAND INC.
TEAM CONTEST ORDER**

Category

Team Name	
Team Players	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

26.10. Attachment 10 Bout Control Forms



26.11. Attachment 11 Veterans Competitions

Refer to Judo Australia Website/ Corporate Documents/Sporting Code

Age categories and weight divisions as recommended by Judo Australia are covered in the JA Sporting Code under Attachment 15