



Open Club Teams Competition PROPOSED FORMAT

An Open Club Teams competition is a type of event where judo players compete in mixed teams of male & female, representing different weight categories. It is an exciting and innovative format that showcases the team spirit and the core values of judo.

Some of the benefits of a Judo Teams competition are:

- It enhances the popularity of judo, as teams from different clubs and regions can participate and challenge each other.
- It increases the media and fan interest in judo, as the team event creates a thrilling atmosphere and attracts more viewers and more lively spectators.
- It gives athletes the chance to compete on behalf of their club, strengthening ties among their teammates and their local community.
- It encourages female participation in judo, as teams need to have representation of both genders.
- It promotes teamwork, leadership, and self-confidence among judo players, as they need to cooperate and support each other to achieve a common goal.
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Hosting of the National Club Teams Competition

The proposed date for this event is on October 18, 2024 in Melbourne, Victoria.

Friday evening for the weigh-in.

Saturday could be the day of the Open Club Teams competition.

Saturday evening we are planning for a social function where “club awards” will be announced and presented. (Participation Club of the Year, Club Dojo of the Year, Club Coach of the Year, Junior Development Club of the Year, Kata Club of the Year, Club Volunteer of the Year – You get the concept) A pay as you go social function for food & drinks and to celebrate with like-minded club focussed people from all around Australia.

Sunday would permit clubs to organise for their own members and supporters visit to something fun or we could organise a fun training session with all our clubs together.

Eventually Judo Australia hopes that States would “bid” to have this event hosted in their state, helping with venues that were inexpensive. Ease of transport access to & from airports, and close to accommodation options would also need to be considered.

Alternating the National Club Teams competition would ensure the event was affordable for all Clubs from every state to attend with their teams.

We also hope with over 12 month notice Clubs would be able to start fundraising efforts to be able to send as many teams as possible.

Teams Format & Categories:

It is important to be as inclusive as possible into the National Club Teams format, as Judo Clubs around Australia have various levels of membership participation. Some clubs are strong in adult membership while others are stronger in junior membership.

It is important to also consider not setting the “bar to high” in regards to number of judoka required in each team to ensure participation from as many clubs is possible.

In the initial year of the National Club Teams competition, it is proposed the following teams be included. (see detail at end of document)

Senior Open Teams: (4m & 2f) Any weight and any grade: Coin Toss to put up first.

Senior Teams A division: (4m & 2f) Black Belts but Kyu grades may play up.

Senior Teams B division: (4m & 2f) Kyu Grades only.

Junior Men/Women Teams: (4m & 2f) Cadets may play up.

Senior Boys/Girls Teams A division: (3m & 2f) Are competent at National Champs.

Senior Boys/Girls Teams B division: (3m & 2f) Have not won matches at National Champs.

Junior Boys/Girls Teams A division: (3m & 2f) Are competent at National Champs.

Junior Boys/Girls Teams B division: (3m & 2f) Have not won matches at National Champs.

Veterans Teams: (3m & 2f) Over 35yrs.

We will also incorporate our No Limits Athletes as we see how many will be able to attend. We may look to have combined No Limits teams.

Other Information:

Eventually Judo Australia would like to have an even number of males and females in each team but currently we still need to nurture the number of female competitors in our Australian grass-roots club system.

In regard to not being able to fill the teams as above, clubs would have to be prepared to forfeit those matches, while still being given the chance to win a Teams fixture.

At this stage we won't have combined Club teams for this event, Team members would need to be registered with a club for a full 12 months before being eligible to compete for their club team. The concept of a National Club Teams event is for clubs to develop their own judoka, and not just transfer players to their club for the short term.

Club Teams would be encouraged to wear Judogi's of any colour to enhance the excitement of the event. Teams who choose to wear either White or Blue will need to be prepared to wear either when competing against other Club Teams.

Previous judogi colours have included, Black, Red, Purple/Green, Blue & White. In Europe many colours are worn including spider-man type print judogi's.

Medals would be awarded to each of the team members for 1st, 2nd & only one 3rd place. A single very large perpetual trophy would be used for medal dais photos. (not to take home)

Proposed Club Team Weight Categories:

Senior Open Men & Women Club Teams (18yrs and above)

Open weight & grade category

(6 per team – 4 male & 2 female minimum 4 – but must include minimum one female)

Senior Men & Women Club Teams (18yrs and above)

A-League – Black Belts (Kyu Grades can play up)

B-League – Kyu Grades Only

(6 per team – minimum 4 – but must include minimum one female)

Mixed: M u66kg / F u63kg / M u81kg / F o63kg (to 83kg) / M u100kg / M o100kg (to 120kg)

Veterans Men & Women Club Teams (35yrs and above)

(6 per team – minimum 4 - but must include at least minimum one female)

Mixed: M u66kg / F u63kg / M u81kg / F o63kg (to 83kg) / M u100kg / M o100kg (to 120kg)

Junior Men & Junior Women Club Teams (18-21yrs)

(6 per team – minimum 4 – but must include minimum one female)

Mixed: M u60kg / F u63kg / M u73kg / F o63kg (to 83kg) / M u90kg / M o90kg (to 110kg)

Cadet Men & Cadet Women Club Teams (15-18yrs)

(6 per team – minimum 4 – but must include minimum one female)

Mixed: M u55kg / F u57kg / M u66kg / F o57kg (to 77kg) / M u81kg / M o81kg (to 101kg)

Senior Boys & Girls Club Teams (12-14yrs)

A-Div – competent at National Champs

B-Div – not yet won matches at National Champs

(5 per team – minimum 3 – but must include minimum one female)

Mixed: B u45kg / G u48kg / B u50kg / G o48kg (to 58kg) / B o50kg (to 60kg)

Junior Boys & Girls Club Teams (9-11yrs)

A-Div – competent at National Champs

B-Div – not yet won matches at National Champs

(5 per team – minimum 3 – but must include minimum one female)

Mixed: B u38kg / G u40kg / B u42kg / G o40kg (to 50kg) / B o42kg (to 52kg)

FEEDBACK

We want to hear your feedback now!

Please contact Shane Alvisio who will be leading this event from a JA perspective.