



**EUROPEAN
JUDO
UNION**

EVENT OUTLINES

European Hopes Club Mixed Team Challenge

September 18th – 20th, 2026





1. ORGANISER

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2. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The event is designed as an educational mixed team competition for athletes aged 14–15. The objective is to provide young judoka with international team experience, technical education, fair play values, short athlete education programmes and direct interaction with Kodokan experts and European Heroe. All athletes, coaches and parents must respect the Code of Conduct. The organizer is encouraged to provide affordable official hotel options to support equal conditions, shared logistics and a stronger educational environment for all participating teams.

Before Travelling

Passports must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of arrival.

- Check host country entry requirements and airline requirements (if applicable).
- Check if you need a visa, and if yes, request it from the LOC according to the details in the

ENTERING THE HOST COUNTRY section.

Entering host country

Each participant is responsible to ensure they follow the entry rules (passport validity, visas, entry permission letter, etc.) for the host country. Entry rules may be subject to change, current rules can be found under the <https://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/citizens/travel-serbia/visa-requirements>

Insurance

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

3. COMPETITION PLACE

Sport hall: UVC Sumice

Address: Ustanicka 125/1, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia; <https://uvcsuimice.rs/>

4. AGE

14 and 15 years old (born in 2012 and 2011)

5. PARTICIPATION

European Hopes Club Mixed Team Challenge is open for Clubs from all EJU/IJF Member Federations. The participants compete for their club (not for the Federation) and are entered by the club. IJF nationality rule does not apply. The participants may be a different nationality than the NF registering them.

The athletes are required to attend both competition and technical sessions.

6. CATEGORIES & DURATION

No.	Category
1	Girls -40kg (minimum weight 34kg)
2	Boys -50 kg (minimum weight 42kg)



3	Girls -48 kg
4	Boys -60 kg
5	Girls -57kg
6	Boys -73 kg
7	Girls -70kg
8	Boys -90 kg

Duration: 3 minutes. Golden score – 1 minute and after that the referee gives the decision.

7. TECHNICAL DETAILS

- This is an educational, mixed-team competition for U16 athletes aged 14 and 15 years old (combined category).
- Team match consists of up to eight (8) contests. In alignment with the educational spirit of the event, all scheduled fights must be completed, even if a winning team has already been mathematically determined.
- Teams must compete with a minimum of six (6) athletes across six (6) different weight categories. To ensure a proper mixed-team balance, each gender must be represented in a minimum of three (3) categories.
- Athletes are only permitted to compete in the exact weight category corresponding to their official weight recorded during the official weigh-in.
- Clubs are permitted to register a maximum of three (3) guest athletes from other clubs to complete their team.
- Participants will receive direct technical input and guidance from an official Kodokan expert and a prominent European Hero.
- All athletes, coaches, and parents must review and adhere to a mandatory Code of Conduct message prior to the start of the event. Respectful behavior toward officials, opponents, and spectators is strictly required.
- Short educational sessions on anti-doping, public speaking and responsible social media use.
- Strong focus on fair play, respect, team spirit and international friendship

8. ENTRY FEE

Participation fee of **200 €** per team must be paid.

9. DEADLINES

Visa form:

Monday, 17th August 2026

Hotel Reservation:

Monday, 17th August 2026

Hotel payment:

Monday, 17th August 2026

Event Registration:

Friday, 04th September 2026

Travel details:

Monday, 17th August 2026

10. PROGRAM

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

Only athletes with accreditation will be able to take part in the Technical Session with Kodokan Experts. Athletes should bring their accreditation to the training session.

Friday, September 18 th 2026		
10:00 – 15:00	Accreditation	UVC Sumice
16:00 – 17:45	Technical Session Seminar (obligatory in white judogi on the mat. The presence of coaches is strongly recommended)	UVC Sumice
17:45 – 18:15	Unofficial weigh-in teams	Hotel Srbija



18:15 – 19:15	Official weigh-in teams	Hotel Srbija
19:45–20:30	Meet the European Hero & Kodokan Expert (all teams together before the draw)	Hotel Srbija
20:00	Draw	Online
Saturday, September 19th 2026		
09:00 – 09:10	Coach meeting (obligatory)	UVC Sumice
10:00	Eliminations/Repechage/Semi finals	UVC Sumice
TBC	Repechage, semi-finals	UVC Sumice
TBC	Finals	UVC Sumice
TBC	Awarding ceremony	UVC Sumice
17:15-18:00	Social gathering	UVC Sumice
Sunday, September 20th 2026		
09:00 – 11:00	Technical Training	UVC Sumice
11:00-11:30	Short reflection and coach questions	UVC Sumice
11:30 – 12:00	Fair Play Team Award, White Card Award Closing	UVC Sumice
After	Departure	

11. EVENT REGISTRATION

All participants and delegates must be registered for this event in JudoManager registration system (<https://admin.judomanager.com>).

Existing JudoManager users (club administrators) can log into the system using their current account (either guest or club account).

To request a new account, please visit <https://admin.judomanager.com/guest> and complete the form to gain access. Once your account is confirmed, you will be able to register athletes/coaches.

Deadline for Registration is **Friday, September 04th 2026**.

The results and video footage will be archived.

Link for draw / streaming / contest order can be found here: <https://portal.judomanager.com>

12. ACCREDITATION & CONTROL OF NATIONALITY

At least one delegate from the team (and not more than 2) must attend the accreditation on **Friday from 10:00 – 15:00** on time in order to confirm the entries of all athletes and officials with his signature on the delegation confirmation list. A delayed appearance or no-show may result in the exclusion of the team from the draw and the event. In case of unforeseen delay of arrival, the club must immediately contact both the organiser and the EJU (headoffice@eju.net). Passports or photocopies of passports from all competitors must be available on request (national ID Card showing nationality, picture and date of birth or a copy is also accepted). The competitors must not be present at the nationality control.

13. COMPETITION MODE

The competition system will be determined by the number of entries—using either a round-robin or a two-phase system (round-robin followed by elimination)—to guarantee that every team plays a minimum of two contests.



14. DRAW

The draw will be held ONLINE.

15. WEIGH-IN

Official weigh-in is held the evening before the competition day (see program). The team must come to the weigh-in with all participating athletes at once.

At the EJU Judo Hopes Tournament, weight management practices such as "making weight", "cutting weight", or "running off weight" are not acceptable and should not be encouraged. Judoka should compete in the weight category in which they naturally fall at the time of the weigh-in. Test scales will not be provided at these events to reinforce this approach, ensuring young athletes do not engage in unhealthy practices that could negatively affect their growth and development."

Athletes are NOT allowed to remove their underclothing (boys – underpants, girls – underpants and bra); to compensate an additional 200 g will be allowed i .e., for the category -44 kg the limit will be -44 .2 kg **Athletes must present their EJU accreditation card and their passport** (National ID Cards showing nationality, picture and date of birth are also accepted).

Filming and taking photos is strictly prohibited during weigh-in

16. RANDOM WEIGH-IN

No Random Weigh-In will be organised for this age group.

17. REFEREEING

Each federation may register 3 referees. In case National Federation wants to inscribe more Referees, the reasonable application has to be applied to the EJU Referee Commission. The organizing federation may enter as many referees as required for the realization of the tournament but giving priority to their own Continental/International referees first and then their national referees with the highest national license with at least 2 years of experience.

Head responsible referee for this event is: **Ms. Leposava Markovic Arnautovic.**

Event registration deadline for referees: Friday, 04th September 2026.

The bow:

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

NO SHIME-WAZA, NO KANSETSU-WAZA are allowed.

18. COACHING

All coaches must fully adhere to the Code of Conduct for Judo Coaches.

Dress Code	Elimination rounds: National track suit with trousers reaching down to shoes or jacket suit with tie
	Final block: National track suit with trousers reaching down to shoes or jacket suit with tie

19. TRANSPORT

Official Airports: Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport, Aerodrom Beograd 59, 11180 Belgrade.

Train station: Belgrade Centre Railway Station, Prokupacka St. 11000 Belgrade

Bus station: Belgrade Bus Station, Antifasiticke borbe 46-48, 11070 Belgrade

The organizer will provide, on request, transfers between the airport and the official hotels. Transportation is offered only to those participants who are accommodated in the official hotels, and only if they were booked via organiser.



20. ACCOMMODATION

To ensure equal conditions for all teams and to encourage interaction throughout the event, it is **strongly recommended** that all participating teams stay in the same official hotel.

The organiser proposes the following official hotel if the participants want to book via organiser:

Hotel Srbija

Address: Ustanicka 127c.; <https://www.hotelsrbija.com/>

check-in time: 14:00; check-out time: 12:00

Distance to the airport: 23 km; distance to the sports hall: 0,5 km

Prices per person/per night	B&B	Lunch in the hotel	Lunch in the hall	Dinner
Single room	60 €	20 €	20 €	20 €
Double room	50 €			
Triple room	45 €			

Accommodation contact: Mr. Sandro Romanic; bookings.jss@gmail.com; +381 63 7703733

Hotel reservation deadline: Monday, 17th August 2026

Hotel payment deadline: Monday, 17th August 2026

Cash payment upon arrival is not allowed. All payments have to be done in advance per bank transfer.

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

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

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

21. PAYMENT

To confirm your entry, kindly complete the payment of participation fee and accommodation (if booked by the organiser) as specified in the deadlines to organiser's bank account.

Bank Address:	Trg slobode 7, 21000 Novi Sad, Serbia
Bank Name:	OTP Banka
Name of account holder:	SERBIAN JUDO FEDERATION
IBAN:	RS35325960170005387749
SWIFT:	OTPVRS22
Payment reference	325960170005387749
Purpose of payment	Name of the club, Hopes Belgrade 2026

All bank fees and money transfer costs must be paid by the sender club.

In general, no cash payments are allowed (in exceptional cases it can be agreed on bilateral basis between LOC and NF). Credit cards can not be accepted on spot.

***Be careful with the fraudulent emails!!! Make sure that the invoices are received from the email address that appears in the official outlines.**

22. JUDO GI

Judogi must only comply with the Sokuteiki rules (no labels obligatory, IJF label recommended).



Backnumber: recommended (If non-official backnumbers are used, EJU reserves the right to ask for removal, if the material is not up to regular standards).

Competition and technical session will be held only in white judogis. It is strongly recommended that each team bring two White belts and two red belts.

Official Backnumber. Official backnumber can be ordered from sponsors of the European Judo Union: Judo Backnumber (<https://judobcknmbr.com/>), mybacknumber (<https://www.mybacknumber.com>) or Official Backnumber (<https://www.officialbacknumber.com>) and others IJF suppliers are allowed (see <https://www.ijf.org/supplier-list>) (Attention: production and delivery may take around 4 weeks).

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

23. RESPONSIBILITY OF CLUBS and FEDERATIONS

The competitors will compete under the full responsibility of their clubs & federations.

Insurance: Club/national federation is responsible for insuring its competitors against "injury and third part risk (public liability)" during the period of the event. The European Judo Union and the organizer decline all responsibility.

Consent for Photography/Videos/Filming

Delegates inscribed by their National Federations for EJU events consent to the EJU and its media partners to use content of them, including data, live results, photographs and/or video recordings (hereafter referred to as Media). This media may be obtained from National Federations and EJU. It will also be acquired by the EJU and its media partners from in and around all EJU event venues. Media could be used in print and digital media formats including print publications, websites, e-marketing, posters banners, advertising, film, broadcast, social media, education purposes and other purposes. The National Federation must ensure that they have the permission of each delegate or in the case of a minor the permission of the parent/guardian. If a delegate does not give consent, then the National Federation must inform the European Judo Union by writing to headoffice@eju.net.

24. MEDIA

Journalists can apply for Media accreditation online using the following link: <https://www.eju.net/media/>.

25. VISA

If you need visa to enter Serbia, please send the request to the organiser Mr. Pedja Bosanac, Email: office@jss.rs not later than **Monday, 17th August 2026**. The LOC will assist with visas where possible but having the correct visa is the responsibility of each participant. Visa applications will only be accepted for people who are inscribed in judomanager for the event.

26. PRE-EVENT TRAINING

Tatami for pre-event training will be available in the UVC Sumice on Friday, September 18th, exact time will be communicated later on.

Pre-event training sessions can be booked via LOC desks at hotel and competition venue or email to office@jss.rs.