

Proposal Randori competition pilot
For SN-judoka levels 4 and 5



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2. About this document

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2.2. Document history

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2.3. Intended audience

2.3.1. Coaches and representatives of A-judoka

This document contains a proposal for a modified competition method for A-judoka of the levels 4 and 5. It is an augmentation of the current A-Judo competition rules.

Dit document bevat een voorstel voor een aangepaste wedstrijdmethodiek voor A-judoka van de niveaus 4 en 5. Het is een aanvulling op de voor A-Judo geldende wedstrijdregels.

2.3.2. Organisers of A-Judo tournaments

This document helps to enhance the positive experience of A-Judo competitions, by the modification of the rules for level 4 and 5 judoka. This positive experience will increase the number of participants.

2.4. Correspondence

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3. Preface

3.1. Why this proposal?

SNJF wants to enhance the experience for the levels 4 and 5 judoka during tournaments. We believe that we can do this by slightly modifying the way competition is being set up.

For these judoka and their coaches, winning the match is not their foremost goal. Instead, these judoka take pleasure from practicing Judo, and meeting likeminded friends: *Jita Kioey*, a principle often forgotten but one of the cornerstones of Judo.

The idea was conceived by questions of parents, trainers and judoka. In the Netherlands, Robbert van der Geest and JBN worked together to conceptualise the randori tournament with young mainstream judoka. The scope of this pilot proposal is A-judoka of the levels 4 and 5.

Normal match time is often perceived too short for an A-judoka to be effective, or to learn from each other. Note that judoka often travel many hours to take part in a tournament- just to be lose or win a match in a very short time. It stands to reason that such a short match time hardly motivates a judoka to participate in competitive Judo.

Level 4 and 5 judoka often need quite some time to formulate a respons to a match situation. For example, the 10 to 20 seconds for oase-komi are often too short to allow the slow reaction of a 4-5 judoka to respond, so before the reaction is there, the buzzer sounds and the match is over

The number of level 4 and 5 participants in tournaments is decreasing steadily. SNJF are of the opinion that this is caused by diminished satisfaction in participating in tournaments. Therefore we should try and bring back the pleasure and make judoka enjoy the game again, and challenge them in a positive way.

This proposal is an attempt to make this happen.

4. How do we want to accomplish this?

4.1. General rules

The rules and regulations for Special Needs Judo remain in effect. The rules set forth in this document are an augmentation of said rules. Where rules and regulations do not cover a specific situation, the Chief Referee is authorised to decide otherwise together with the technical lead.

- Match duration is fixed on 2 minutes.
- Inside these 2 minutes, ippon and waza-ari are scored.
- Waza-ari awasete ippon is not used.
- In other words: ippon does not end the match. It is therefore possible to score multiple ippon or waza-ari. The final score is determined as follows:
 - If a judoka wins with 5 ippon, then his ¹final score is ippon.
 - If judoka A scores 5 ippon and judoka B scores 3 ippon, then judoka A wins with ippon.
 - Ippon remains the primary score. For example, if judoka A scores 1 ippon but judoka B scores 6 waza-ari, then A wins with ippon.
 - If judoka A scores 2 ippon and judoka B scores 2 ippon and 1 waza-ari, then B wins with waza-ari.
- If an ippon is scored with osae-komi, time stops. After this, the match is resumed from the beginning position and the match continues.
- If both judoka score the same after two minutes, hiki wake is in effect. Both judoka score 1 match point and 0, 7 or 10 judo points.

4.2. What about safety?

Safety is always the most important consideration. Therefore, the following rules are in effect:

- It is obvious that level 4 and 5 judoka are, on average, of lower physical condition than the other classes. Therefore 2 minutes match time should be sufficient.
- We recommend poules of a maximum of 5 judoka in order to limit the number of matches per judoka.
- Even more than with other A-matches, the referee must cooperate with the coaches, and vice versa. However the referee remains in control of the match at all times.
- It is always allowed to stop a match before time. For example:
 - If, despite the limited match duration, the judoka is too exhausted to complete the two minutes, the coach is allowed to stop the match. The other judoka then scores ippon.
 - If the referee decides one of the judoka is too tired to continue, the match will be stopped. The other judoka then scores ippon.
 - If a judoka was too tired to continue in an earlier match, he can still compete in later matches after consultation between coach and referee.
 - The table crew makes sure judoka have sufficient resting time between matches.

¹ Where the male form is used, the female form is intended implicitly

4.3. What is the role of the coach?

- Positive attention and encouragement is allowed, and the coach will have more time for this because of the longer match duration. The coach takes care of his judoka, not with the referee.
- Coaches should strive for a good experience for their judoka.

4.4. What changes for the referee?

- The referee remains in the lead, but in an encouraging manner.
- The referee watches over the match according to the randori rules.
- On request of the coaches it is allowed to stop the match for a short time (where the time stops as well) and a short discussion is allowed about the well-being of the judoka on the tatami.
- The referee has the final word over continuation and final score of the match.

5. How do we measure the success of this pilot?

SNJF wants, after discussion with JBN-NSCAJ, to start this pilot during the BENG! Tournament in April 2019. We will measure the following:

5.1. Applications

SNJF have obtained large amounts of application details over the years. The tournament's publicity machine will publish information on this competition format through its regular channels. We hope this will result in more applications for the levels 4 and 5.

5.2. Post-tournament survey

For several years now, SNJF sends out surveys to our participants. In the 2019 survey, we will ask specific questions about this competition format.

5.3. Extra attention during the tournament

During the BENG! Tournament we will give this type of match extra attention. Volunteers will do a short questionnaire with parents, judoka and coaches.

5.4. Target

SNJF will, directly after the tournament, report on the first results. In the medium term, we hope to see an increase in the number of level 4 and 5 judoka, as follows:

In 2018 we saw 90 judoka of level 4, and 62 of level 5. Target in 2019 is a 10% increase, and in 2020 a 2% increase as compared to 2018.

Note that the numbers for 2019 only show the results of our communication on the subject. The numbers for 2020 will also show (increased) satisfaction on this competition format.