



WORLD NANBUDO CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

COMPETITION RULES

These rules define the organizational terms of the World Nanbudo Championship 2026. This document is published to specify the format of the competition event and serves as a supplement to the C.I.N.D.A. refereeing regulations and the competition's specifications.

C.I.N.D.A & REFEREES

1. C.I.N.D.A

The CINDA (International Arbitration Commission) manages the technical aspects of the competition: registration procedures, competition rules, entries, etc. (see CINDA Specifications). It is responsible for summoning referees from a list submitted by the participating countries. The CINDA may request assistance from referees of the host country to supplement the officiating team.

2. REFEREES

The C.I.N.D.A. will contact the competition representatives of each country so that a list of trained, international-level referees can be communicated. Based on this, the C.I.N.D.A. will select international referees from the represented countries and also reserves the right to summon additional referees as required by the competition. The C.I.N.D.A. ensures the smooth running of the competition with its appointed referees. A member of the refereeing team may attend the draw. Disrespect towards the officiating referees during the competition may be subject to sanctions. Referees must wear the official uniform and maintain exemplary behavior, in accordance with their responsibilities (respect for the code of ethics).

COMPETITION ACTORS

1. COACHES

Attitude and behavior

Coaches must maintain a dignified and respectful attitude towards officials, referees, and all competitors under all circumstances. Exemplary behavior is required throughout the duration of the competition.

Dress code and equipment

Coaches must wear full and appropriate sportswear (tracksuit including pants and jacket). In the competition area, only a notebook (or equivalent) and a pen are allowed. All other equipment is strictly prohibited: caps, bags, backpacks, video cameras, cameras, etc..



Intervention zones

Coaches must strictly remain in the zones assigned to them for coaching. Access to competition areas is restricted solely to the dedicated Ju randori fight coaching zone.

Substitution

A competitor may assist a teammate during a Ju-randori fight as a substitute for the coach only if the latter is busy in another competition area. However, the competitor cannot under any circumstances replace the coach's prerogatives: they cannot make protests to the supervisors, nor participate in coaches' meetings. Each country may declare a maximum of 2 substitute competitors.

Communication with competitors

Coaches are authorized to communicate with their competitors during Ju randori fight. However, they must not disrupt or hinder the smooth running of the competition under any circumstances.

Sanctions in case of breach

Any breach of ethics and good conduct by the coach may result in progressive sanctions:

Sanctions applicable to the coach and substitute : 1st warning, 2nd warning, Exclusion in case of repeat offense. Depending on the severity of the facts, a C.I.N.D.A./WNF disciplinary commission may be involved.

Note: a competitor acting as a substitute may also be subject to these sanctions and, if necessary, be excluded from the competition as a competitor.

Responsibility

Throughout the duration of the competition, the coach is responsible for the behavior and actions of all competitors from their country.

2. COMPETITORS

Competitors must maintain respectful behavior towards the venue, referees, and officials, and respect the rules laid out by the WNF/C.I.N.D.A as well as the code of ethics. Competitors do not have access to the competition areas except during their performance or when preparing for the next kata / Ju randori fight. They will be informed of the schedule and order of appearance. When competitors present themselves in the competition area, they must wear the uniform in compliance with the rules, and must not bring sports bags, water bottles, etc..

Sanctions applicable to competitors: Warning (Keikoku), Fujubun, Chui, Hansoku Chui, Shikkaku.



3. PUBLIC

No person will be allowed to stay around the kata area during the competition (coaches, public, other competitors...). The public is not allowed to enter the competition area (Ju Randori fight, Kata).



PARTICIPATION FRAMEWORK

1. EVENTS

Ju randori fight

- *Individual Ju randori fight*
- *Open Ju Randori fight (All weight categories combined - Seniors/Veterans grouped)*
- *Team Ju randori fight* : A male and/or female Ju randori fight team of 3 to 5 competitors.

Kata

- *Individual Kata*
- *Team Kata*: A male and/or female Kata team of 3 competitors.

2. BELT

Belt : minimum blue belt - maximum Shihan

Nanbudokas who have reached the Shihan belt may participate.

3. CATEGORIES

Categories by sex:

- Women and men: In order to create homogeneous categories, please respect team diversity (mixed, age categories).
- Sex: Nanbudo events are not mixed.

Age categories :

The age category assignment is determined by the competitor's birth year.

AGE CATEGORIES			
	CADETS/JUNIORS	SENIORS	VETERANS
<i>Individuals</i>	<i>14 - 17 years old</i>	<i>18 - 44 years old</i>	<i>Veterans: ≥ 45 years old</i>
<i>Men/Women</i>	<i>Born 2009 - 2012</i>	<i>Born 1982 - 2008</i>	<i>Born 1981 and earlier</i>



Weight categories: Kata Event

CATEGORIES - KATA		
CADETS/JUNIORS	SENIORS	VETERANS
Féminines		
1 category	<70kg	1 category
	>70kg	
Masculins		
1 category	<75kg	1 category
	>75kg	

Weight categories: Ju Randori fight Event

The OPEN event is exclusively reserved for the Seniors and Veterans categories, with the possibility of an exemption granted by the C.I.N.D.A for the Cadets and Juniors categories depending on their level.

WEIGHT CATEGORIES - JU RANDORI FIGHT		
CADETS/JUNIORS	SENIORS	VÉTÉRANS
Féminines		
<60kg	<60kg	<70kg
>60kg	<70kg	>70kg
	>70kg	
	OPEN	
Masculins		
<66kg	<68kg	<80kg
>66kg	<75kg	>80kg
	<84kg	
	>84kg	
	OPEN	



4. COMPETITION QUOTA

Each National Federation is limited to 1 competitor per individual category.

Category groupings may be made if the number of practitioners in each category does not reach at least 3.

Only the weight, age, and sex of the competitors will be taken into account by the organizers when drawing up the pools (Ju randori fight) according to the number of participants.

5. INDIVIDUAL EVENT UPGRADING

It is the responsibility of the National Federation to assess the competitor's potential and to notify their registration (informing parents if necessary), in order to proceed with their upgrading to the higher category (age or weight).

Double upgrading of age and weight is prohibited.

Age Category

Age categories are determined for the sports season. Cadet/Junior competitors have the option to participate in the competition in the higher age category in the following cases:

- When there are not enough registered competitors in their age category;
- When no competitor from their country is already entered in the targeted age category;
- When a competitor from their country is already lined up in their own Cadet/Junior category.

In individual events, upgrading to the higher age category and downgrading to the lower age category are not authorized for seniors.

Weight Category

Weight upgrading is authorized for Cadets/Juniors and Seniors:

- When there are not enough registered competitors in their weight category;
- When no competitor from their country is already entered in the targeted weight category;
- When a competitor from their country is already lined up in their own category.

Team Events (Ju randori fight and kata)

The upgrading of Cadet/Junior competitors is authorized in Senior teams, up to a limit of one (1) competitor per team in Kata and two (2) competitors per team in Ju Randori fight.

The downgrading of Veteran competitors is authorized in Senior teams, up to a limit of one (1) competitor per team in Kata and two (2) competitors per team in Ju Randori fight.



6. NATIONALITY

With the exception of the following cases, only nationals of a country may participate in the World Nanbudo Championship and official WNF competition events representing their country.

Special cases :

Competitors who are not citizens of a country may represent it in international competition provided they meet all the following conditions :

Official request: Submission of a request to the host country's federation before the start of the sports season.

- Residence permit: Possession of a regular and valid residence permit in the host country.
- Sports license: Active affiliation with the sports federation of the host country.
- Exclusive commitment: Signing an honor declaration committing to exclusively represent the host country in international competitions.
- Agreement of the country of origin: If the country of origin is represented in the competition, prior written agreement from the national federation.

Ineligibility period: Inability to participate for the country of origin for a minimum period of five years.

These provisions aim to promote inclusion and diversity while guaranteeing sporting fairness and respect for international rules.

7. ACCOMPANIMENT

Each minor competitor registered for an official WNF competition must be accompanied by an adult representative throughout their participation in the competition. This chaperone must be able to handle any difficulties arising during the competition and be in possession of the necessary documents to establish any potential accident or hospitalization report.

TECHNICAL CONTENT

The technical content is referenced in the appendices.



GENERAL RULES AND COMPETITION SCHEDULE

1. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

For all international competitions (individual and team), competitors must:

Possess their WNF license for the current sports season at the time of registration and on the day of the competition.

Registrations will be done online through their National Federation/Association recognized by the WNF.

For organizational reasons, registrations must strictly comply with the date set by the organizing members. Any competitor not licensed on the date of the competition cannot claim to participate.

No on-site registration will be accepted. Any unlicensed competitor will not be able to participate.

Any file received after the deadline will be automatically rejected.

In order to avoid abusive withdrawals and to properly manage the competition brackets, an entry fee will be collected. This entry fee is to be paid by the National Federations/Associations.

2. CONTROL AND WEIGH-IN

Control of WNF passports and identity

Below are the mandatory documents to be presented by the competitor on the day of the competition:

- WNF Passport and valid license
- Official ID: identity card, passport, residence permit, or any official document proving identity
- Medical certificate attesting to the absence of contraindication to the practice of competitive Nanbudo
- Insurance covering the practice of fight sports in competition
- Parental authorization for minors (attached form)
- For competitors who are not citizens of the represented country: written agreement from the federation of the country of origin

Any incomplete file will lead to participation refusal.



Weigh-in

The weigh-in is conducted at the times indicated in the competition program, under the control of an official appointed by the competition manager.

The competitor must have a weight less than or equal to the weight of the category they are registered in, and greater than the weight of the lower category. A weight tolerance of 300 grams may be granted.

Competitors may be disqualified if no pool modifications can be made.

3. COMPETITION FORMAT

Competition formula

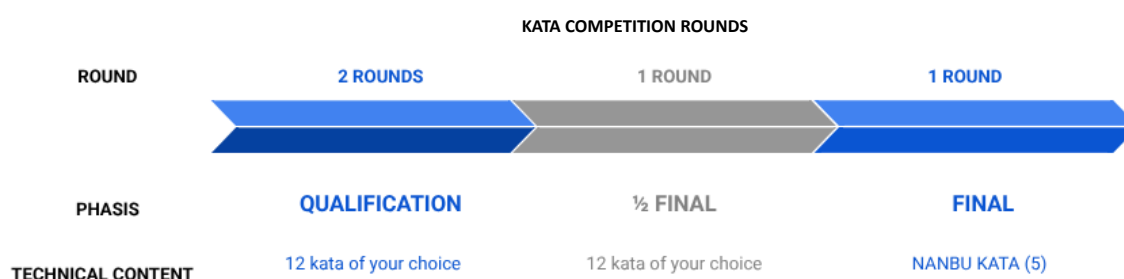
- Kata

In kata, the competition takes place in several phases: a qualification stage comprising 2 rounds, a semi-final (if the number of competitors > 10) and a final (if the number of competitors > 5).

During the qualification phase, when several groups of competitors compete in the same category, the same team of referees must officiate for all groups to ensure fair evaluation, as only the best competitors will qualify for the following phases. The composition of the refereeing team may be changed in the semi-final phase and in the final phase.

At each qualification round and semi-final, a different kata must be presented.

In the final, it is possible to repeat a kata already performed in qualification or semi-final only if it is a Nanbu kata, as only these Kata are authorized in the final.



Appendix 3 presents the table detailing the distribution by group according to the number of competitors in each category.



- Ju Randori fight

For Ju Randori fights, the categories are organized in pools of maximum 5 competitors. The qualification method varies according to the number of participants.

Appendix 5 details the complete distribution by number of competitors as well as the corresponding competition tables.

Numbers of competitors	Number of groups	Ranking method
4 - 5	1	Direct ranking
6 - 8	2	1st vs 1st → 1st pl. 2nd vs 2nd → 3rd pl.
8 - 11	3	1th of each group→ Final pool (3) - Ranking
12 - 14	4	Only the 1st qualified -> distribution according to appendix 5
15 - 17	5	
18 - 20	6	
21 - 23	7	
24 - 25	8	

Draw

A draw defines the composition of the groups (Kata and Ju Randori fight) and the order of appearance for the Katas.

Video replay

A "VIDEO REPLAY" system (only for Ju Randori fight) allows judges to view (very quickly) the actions of the fight. This system is not systematic and will only be implemented if logistics permit (video installation around the competition surfaces).

Rules of Use for the Video Replay System :

At the beginning of the competition, each coach will receive a video replay request card. At the end of a fight, the coach may call for a video replay to contest a refereeing decision (wrongly awarded point, unvalidated technique, etc...).

To do so, they must:

- Hand their card to the supervisor
- Clearly specify the subject of their contestation
- The card will be stamped to record the request.



Each coach has a maximum of 3 video replay requests for the entire competition.

Any supervisor may, on their own initiative, request a video replay in case of doubt, even without a coach's request. This referee request does not count against the coach's quota of 3 requests.

If the supervisor and the refereeing team deem the contestation justified after viewing, a corrective decision will be taken to rectify the initial judgment.

In the event that the video replay system cannot be implemented (technical failure, malfunction, etc.), the initial decision of the refereeing body will be maintained.

Fair-Play and Protocol

Competitors and coaches must demonstrate, in all circumstances, perfect correctness and the best sportsmanship towards their opponents, officials, and the public. Competitors must bow to each other before the fight at the referee's request and shake hands after the announcement of the decision. Any inappropriate behavior or lack of fair play during the competition is immediately punished as a serious technical foul and may lead to disqualification.

During the competition, competitors must keep in mind that the referees direct the match and must accept their decisions. At the end of the match, they must maintain a dignified attitude regardless of the result. Displays of bad temper or untimely demonstrations of joy are not worthy of Nanbudokas. Observing these basic rules contributes to maintaining the image of Nanbudo to which we must all be attached.

Any behavior contrary to sports ethics will be noted in the official report and may be subject to a C.I.N.D.A. disciplinary commission. If a Nanbudoka has an attitude contrary to the spirit and values of Nanbudo, the C.I.N.D.A may disqualify them.

All elements relating to the ethical codes are referenced in the following documents:

- Coach Ethics Code
- Referee Ethics Code
- Competitor Ethics Code

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APPENDIX 1 : COMPETITOR UNIFORMS



Uniform

Competitors must wear a Nanbudo-gi (White pants and Blue jacket) and a single belt:

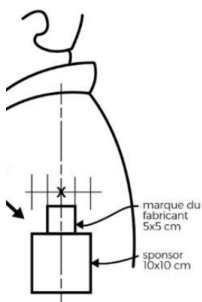
- Ju Randori fight: Aka: red belt, Shiro: white belt.
- Kata: Competitors must wear a red belt.

Emblem of a nation or a club:

The official identification of a nation can be affixed to the left sleeve of the Nanbudo-gi.

Protections

- Wearing a groin guard for men is highly recommended.
- Chest guard for women is highly recommended.
- Soft calf guards are mandatory.
- Women must wear a plain white T-shirt or a sports bra under the Nanbudo-gi jacket.



Hygiene rules

Competitors must have:

- clean hair (short or tied back) so as not to hinder the smooth running of the competition.
- short-cut nails.
- A clean Nanbudo-gi.

Prohibited equipment

Competitors must not wear objects that could injure their partners.

Prohibited items include:

- Jewelry (bracelets, earrings, rings, necklaces, piercings), as well as, in fight, hair clips and pins.
- Glasses: wearing soft contact lenses is authorized under the competitor's responsibility.
- Metallic, plastic, or other material objects.
- Wearing any other clothing (headwear, gloves, socks...).

Covering an item with adhesive material is not considered sufficient.

Attention: If a competitor arrives at the competition area with non-compliant attire, they will not be immediately disqualified, but one minute will be given for them to comply with the rules. However, the competitor may be excluded if the referee considers that they do not respect the hygiene and sanitary rules necessary for the proper conduct of the competition.

If the competitor cannot or refuses to comply with this rule, the referee will declare their opponent the winner.



APPENDIX 2: REFEREE UNIFORMS



For all referees, the official uniform is strictly required.

- Official Happy coat
- Nanbudo Kimono (blue top and white pants)
- Personal belt

APPENDIX 3 : KATA COMPETITION ORGANIZATION

For 3 - 5 participants:

- 2 different kata rounds per round
- direct ranking

For 6-10 participants:

- 2 different kata rounds per round
- Direct final with the top 4 or 5 using Nanbu Kata

For 11-22 participants:

Qualification phase: **Divide into 2 pools of 5-10 competitors.** 2 different kata rounds.

- Referees score each pool separately.
- Selection of the best competitors.

Semi-final Phase: The 6 to 10 competitors together: new kata.

Final Phase: The top 4 to 6 with Nanbu Kata.

For >23 participants:

Qualification phase: **Divide into 3 pools of 7-10 competitors.** 2 different kata rounds.

- Each pool performs before the referees separately.
- Select the 12 best competitors.

Semi-final Phase: 2 pools of 6 competitors, new kata.

Final: The 6 best finalists, Nanbu Kata.

Advantages:

- Never more than 8-10 competitors simultaneously in front of the referees.
- Maintaining fairness with multiple performances.
- Optimized time management.
- Reduction of referee fatigue.



Kata group distribution

Competitors Team	QUALIFICATION (2 rounds)			½ FINAL (1 round)		FINAL (1 round)
	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 1'	Group 2'	
25	9	8	8	6	6	6
24	8	8	8	6	6	6
23	8	8	7	6	6	6
22	8	7	7	10		5
21	7	7	7			5
20	10	10				5
19	10	9				5
18	9	9		8	4	
17	9	8			4	
16	8	8			4	
15	8	7			4	
14	7	7		6	4	
13	7	6			4	
12	6	6			4	
11	6	5			4	
Competitors Team	QUALIFICATION (2 rounds)					FINAL (1 round)
10	10					5
9	9					5
8	8					4
7	7					4
6	6					4
5	5					direct ranking
4	4					direct ranking
3	3					direct ranking



APPENDIX 4 : OFFICIAL WNF KATA LIST

		CADET/JUNIOR	SENIOR/VETERAN
1	NANBU SHODAN	x	x
2	NANBU NIDAN	x	x
3	NANBU SANDAN	x	x
4	NANBU YONDAN	x	x
5	NANBU GODAN	x	x
6	IKKYOKU	x	x
7	HYAKU HACHI	x	x
8	SEIENCHIN	x	x
9	SEIPAI		x
10	SAMPO SHO		x
11	KAGUYA HIME		x
12	SHIN TAJIMA		x



APPENDIX 5 : JU RANDORI FIGHT - ORGANIZATION

For Ju randori fights, the categories are divided into pools of maximum 5 competitors, according to the following configuration:

- 4 to 5 competitors: 1 group
- 6 to 8 competitors: 2 groups
- 9 to 11 competitors: 3 groups
- 12 to 14 competitors: 4 groups
- 15 to 17 competitors: 5 groups
- 18 to 20 competitors: 6 groups
- 21 to 23 competitors: 7 groups
- 24 to 25 competitors: 8 groups

Ranking procedures:

- 1 pool: direct ranking at the end of pool fights.
- 2 pools: the first of each pool compete for 1st place, the seconds for 3rd place.
- 3 pools or more: only the first of each pool qualify and compete until the final.

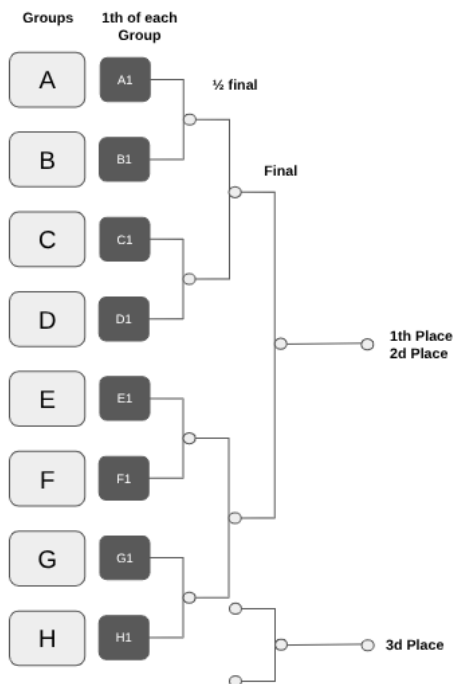


Ju Randori fight : group distribution

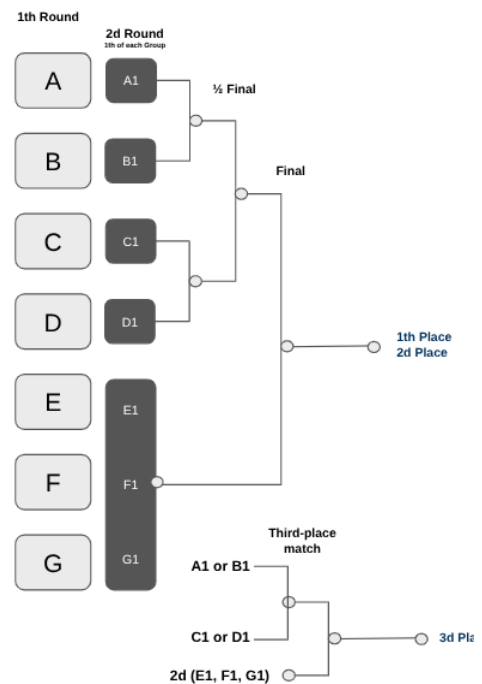
	QUALIFICATION							
	Gr1	Gr2	Gr3	Gr4	Gr5	Gr6	Gr7	Gr8
25	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
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23	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	
22	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	
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19	4	3	3	3	3	3		
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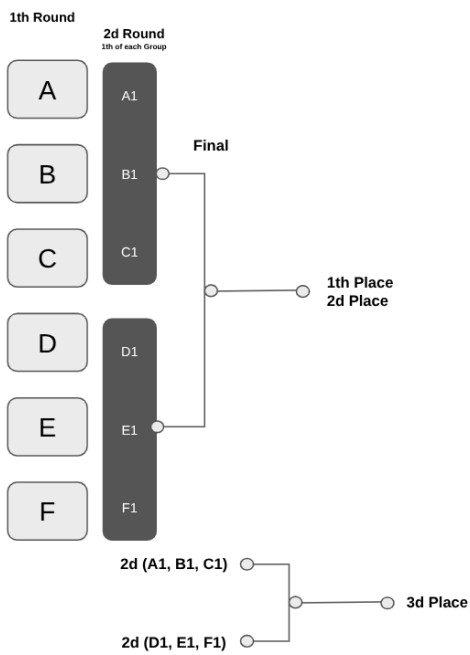
8 Groups



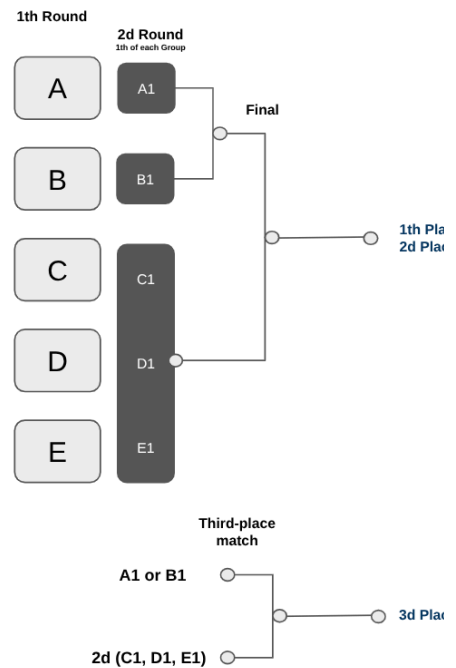
7 Groups



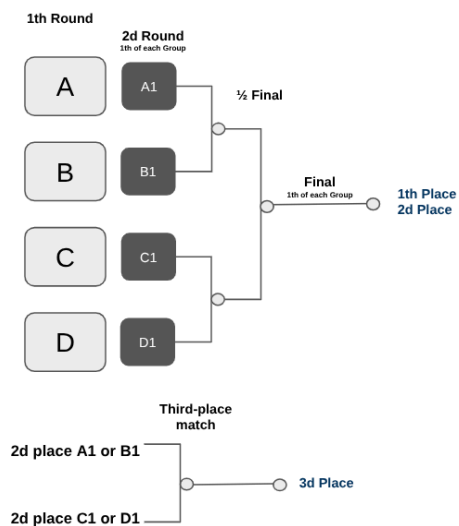
6 Groups



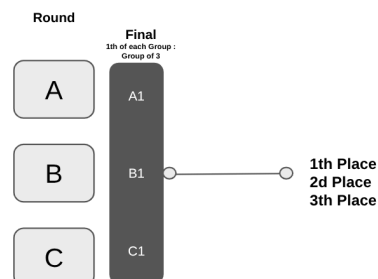
5 Groups



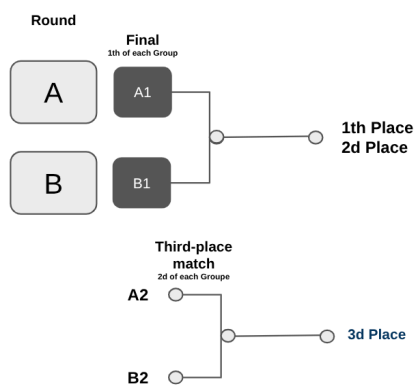
4 Groups



3 Groups



2 Groups



1 Group



APPENDIX 6 : AUTHORIZED TECHNIQUES IN JU RANDORI FIGHT

	<i>RANDORI</i>	TSUKI	TSUKI	MAE GERI	MAE GERI	MAWASHI GERI	MAWASHI GERI	TSUKI	Total techniques
1	RANDORI ICHI NO KATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
2	RANDORI NI NO KATA	X	X	0	X	X	0	0	3
3	RANDORI SAN NO KATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	6
4	RANDORI IRIMI NO KATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
5	KAITEN RANDORI ICHI NO KATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
6	KAITEN RANDORI NI NO KATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
7	KAITEN RANDORI SAN NO KATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
8	GYAKU RANDORI ICHI NO KATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
9	GYAKU RANDORI IRIMI NO KATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
10	GYAKU RANDORI NI NO KATA	X	X	0	X	X	X	X	1
11	GYAKU KAITEN RANDORI ICHI NO KATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
12	GYAKU KAITEN RANDORI NI NO KATA	X	X	0	0	0	0	0	5
13	RANDORI YON NO KATA	0	0	0	X	X	X	0	4
14	RANDORI SUKUI NO KATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
15	RANDORI GYAKU IRIMI NO KATA ou GYAKU SUKUI NO KATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Number of techniques authorized for use		12	12	15	12	12	13	13	89
0 = TECHNIQUES AUTHORIZED IN COMPETITION JU RANDORI INDIVIDUAL AND JU RANDORI TEAMS									
X = TECHNIQUES FORBIDDEN IN COMPETITION JU RANDORI INDIVIDUAL AND JU RANDORI TEAMS									
<i>Official international list (C.I.N.D.A validation)</i>									
USING ANY OTHER TECHNIQUE IN THE COMPETITION WILL BE PUNISHED									



APPENDIX 7 : OFFICIAL WNF RANDORI LIST

	<i>RANDORI</i>	CADET/JUNIOR	SENIOR/VETERAN
1	RANDORI ICHI NO KATA	X	X
2	RANDORI NI NO KATA	X	X
3	RANDORI SAN NO KATA	X	X
4	RANDORI IRIMI NO KATA	X	X
5	KAITEN RANDORI ICHI NO KATA	X	X
6	KAITEN RANDORI NI NO KATA	X	X
7	KAITEN RANDORI SAN NO KATA	X	X
8	GYAKU RANDORI ICHI NO KATA	X	X
9	GYAKU RANDORI IRIMI NO KATA	X	X
10	GYAKU RANDORI NI NO KATA	X	X
11	GYAKU KAITEN RANDORI ICHI NO KATA	X	X
12	GYAKU KAITEN RANDORI NI NO KATA	X	X
13	RANDORI YON NO KATA		X
14	RANDORI SUKUI NO KATA		X
15	RANDORI GYAKU IRIMI NO KATA ou GYAKU SUKUI NO KATA		X



APPENDIX 8 : OFFICIAL WNF PROTEST FORM

Date	Competition	Lieu/Place
...../...../.....		

Nom du compétiteur/Competitor name	Pays/Country

Description de la Protestation/Protest Description

NAME/NOM		C.I.N.D.A feedback :
SIGNATURE		

Tatami n° :					
	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Judge 4	Judge 5
Name/Nom					
Country/Pays					



APPENDIX 9 : PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION 2026

I, the undersigned:

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Father – Mother – Guardian (cross out unnecessary mentions)

Residing at:

Phone:

Insurance Company:

Insurance Number:

AUTHORIZE MY CHILD LAST

NAME :..... FIRST NAME:

To participate in the Nanbudo World Championship 2026 organized by the WNF and supported by the African Nanbudo Confederation and the Cameroonian Nanbudo Federation.

I authorize medical care for any incident occurring during the event. I give permission to use and broadcast free of charge, and non-exclusively, videos and photos taken during this event.

Done in on

Signature:

(Precede the signature with the handwritten note "Read and approved").



APPENDIX 10 : WNF REFEREES ETHICS CODE

Any official referee officiating in WNF Nanbudo competitions commits to respecting the following ethics code:

Yoshinao Nanbu Doshu Soke explicitly stated that he was creating a Budo, with its values, and he also wrote the Dojo Kun (see WNF passport) to dictate to Nanbudo practitioners the expected behavior, both inside the dojo and outside. These precepts therefore offer a life philosophy, in the spirit of Budo.

This charter aims to affirm the values, principles, and rules of conduct that must guide the behavior and action of the Worldwide Nanbudo Federation (WNF) Competition Refereeing Officials.

WNF Competition Refereeing Officials are: Members of the C.I.N.D.A, national C.I.N.D.A representatives, international referees under the auspices of the WNF.

The attitude and gestures of the WNF Competition Refereeing Officials influence the reputation and the public's esteem for our discipline "Nanbudo". Appointment as WNF Competition Refereeing Officials entails the following commitments:

1. General commitments :

A Refereeing Official commits to:

- respect the Dojokun
- respect the prerogatives of the refereeing official's mission without overstepping them
- accept the constraints related to the refereeing official activity: meetings, schedules, event durations, instructions, protocol ceremonies, etc...
- respect the confidentiality rules of exchanges between refereeing officials
- respect the arguments of other refereeing officials during discussions and any other meeting
- in the exercise of their freedom of opinion and freedom to communicate information or ideas, to preserve the image of the WNF and NANBUDO and not infringe on the privacy, honor, or consideration of others
- know and respect the regulations in force published by the C.I.N.D.A/WNF

2. Commitments during sports events:

The role of a Refereeing Official is essential for the proper functioning, regularity, and fairness of sports events, as well as athlete safety.

Thus, they commit to:

- officiate in good conscience, without bias or influence
- refrain from making any comment on the judgment and decisions
- Have an impeccable and compliant uniform
- Be objective, correct, and impartial and behave with dignity and self-control
- Focus their attention on the event to judge accurately
- Have determined, fast, and precise gestures



- by their attitude off the field towards club leaders, coaches, and competitors, maintain their independence and freedom of action, to ensure the most rigorous impartiality in official events.

3. Other ethical commitments:

A Refereeing Official commits not to:

- Be the cause of gestures of violence or brutality
- Sell, consume, possess, or be under the influence of illegal substances
- Publicly criticize in any way one of their fellow refereeing officials
- make statements during competitions, except upon request or authorization from the WNF
- Accept gifts from delegations other than low-value gifts in accordance with local customs

Duties and obligations cited in these regulations that are not respected by the referee are punishable by sanctions.



APPENDIX 11 : WNF COACH ETHICS CODE

Any official coach participating in WNF Nanbudo competitions commits to respecting the following ethics code:

Yoshinao Nanbu Doshu Soke explicitly stated that he was creating a Budo, with its values, and he also wrote the Dojo Kun (see WNF passport) to dictate to Nanbudo practitioners the expected behavior, both inside the dojo and outside. These precepts therefore offer a life philosophy, in the spirit of Budo.

This charter aims to affirm the values, principles, and rules of conduct that must guide the behavior and action of Competition Coaches of the Worldwide Nanbudo Federation (WNF). The Coach commits to:

- respect the Dojokun
- respect and enforce current federal regulations (refereeing and competitions)
- have exemplary behavior in all circumstances
- respect the assigned coaching zone
- refrain from making protest gestures and talking to referees
- refrain from crossing competition surfaces (tatamis)
- be the guarantor of the behavior and acts of their competitors, club licensees, parents, and athlete escorts during competitions
- prepare and place competitors in the call zones
- ensure that the competitor or team is present at the call
- have a dignified and reserved attitude during events towards the athlete, the public, the refereeing body, the sports commission, other coaches, competitors, and towards any other person present
- respect all referee decisions
- may lodge a protest with the area supervisor (Kanza) if they deem a refereeing decision non-compliant with the rules

Any breach of this code may lead to sanctions.



APPENDIX 12 : WNF COMPETITOR ETHICS CODE

Any competitor participating in WNF Nanbudo competitions commits to respecting the following ethics code:

Yoshinao Nanbu Doshu Soke created Nanbudo as an authentic Budo, carrying values and a life philosophy. The Dojo Kun dictates the expected behavior of practitioners, both inside the dojo and outside, and in competition. This code affirms the values, principles, and rules of conduct guiding every Nanbudo competitor.

Art 1. General commitments Every competitor commits to:

- Respect the Dojo Kun and this ethics code
- Preserve the image of Nanbudo through their attitude and words, without infringing on the honor or consideration of others
- Perfectly know and respect the current WNF/C.I.N.D.A regulations
- Adopt an impeccable and compliant uniform
- Maintain an impeccable conduct
- Show objectivity and self-control on and off the tatami
- Respect all competition officials and more particularly referees, coaches, opponents, and the public, without bias or verbal/physical violence
- Focus their attention on the event to perform with honesty
- Accept the constraints of the competitions (schedules, protocols, instructions...)
- Respect and protect their physical and mental integrity

Art 3. Fair-play and sportsmanship

Competition is an encounter, not a hostile confrontation. Combativeness must be exercised with courtesy.

The competitor must therefore show:

- Politeness and courtesy to all
- Tolerance towards differences
- Solidarity and mutual aid
- Dignified acceptance of both victory and defeat
- Humility in case of victory

Art 4. Behavior to prohibit: all behaviors damaging the image of Nanbudo

- Publicly criticizing officials, referees, coaches or teammates.
- Any circumvention or misuse of rules and commitments (Cheating, simulation ...)
- Violence and Harassment
- Discrimination
- Doping
- Damage to Property and Integrity

Art 5. Sanctions Any breach of this code may result in sanctions. These measures aim to guarantee respect for the team's values and the smooth running of the competition.

