



Australian Kodokan Judo Association  
2019 National Judo Championships – Invitation & Information

**AUSTRALIAN KODOKAN JUDO ASSOCIATION**

# 2019 NATIONAL JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS



**Junior, Cadet,  
Senior & Veterans**

Fri 4th - Sun 6th October

Thurs	3rd	Training Camp
Fri	4th	Kata
Sat	5th	Junior & Cadets
Sun	6th	Senior & Veterans



Gordonvale High Sports Centre  
Sheppards St, Gordonvale

**Cairns QLD**



Hosted by the Qld Kodokan Judo Association

For information -

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[www.judokodokanaustralia.org](http://www.judokodokanaustralia.org)



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The 2019 Australian Kodokan Judo Association (AKJA) National Judo Championships will be held from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the **Gordonvale High School Sports Centre, Sheppards Street, Gordonvale, CAIRNS, QUEENSLAND**. This event is being hosted jointly by the QLD Kodokan Judo Association and the Australian Kodokan Judo Association.



### COMPETITION SCHEDULE

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October: – Kata Tournament & Junior & Cadet Weight In:

- Junior & Cadets Weigh In – 5.00 – 6.00pm at location to be advised.
- Kata Tournament – Registration 12.00pm. Tournament start – 12.30pm

The Kata tournament is expected to commence at 12.30pm. Players are required to present at the control table 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the Kata Tournament (12.00pm). There will be a 30 minute warm up period prior to the commencement of the Kata Tournament. Medal ceremony for the Kata Tournament will take place at the conclusion of the event.

#### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October: - Junior & Cadet Shiai Divisions

- Referees Seminar – 8.00am – 8.45am
- AKJA National Championships Opening Ceremony – 9.00am – 9.30am
- Junior & Cadet Division commences – 9.30am
- Lunch Break – approximately 12.30pm – 1.00pm
- Senior & Masters Weigh In – 4.30 – 5.00pm at the venue

Competition on this day will be for players 6 years to 17 years. There will be a 30 minute lunch break scheduled for 12.30pm. Competition will resume at 1.00pm. Two mat areas will be operating. Medals will be presented at the conclusion of the day's events.

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October: - Senior/Masters Shiai Divisions

- AKJA National Championships – Senior/Masters Tournament – 9.00am – 3.00pm (approx.)
- Lunch Break -12.00 – 12.30pm
- AKJA AGM 3.30pm

Competition on this day will be for players entered in the Seniors & Masters divisions. Two mat areas will be operating. There will be a 30 minute lunch break scheduled for approximately 12.00pm. Competition will resume at 12.30pm. Medals will be presented at the conclusion of the days events.



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### **COMPETITOR ENTRIES & FEES**

State Associations and Clubs are reminded that all entries must be submitted to the AKJA **ELECTRONICALLY** (on the attached mass entry form) to the Tournament Director at: [gordge.david@gmail.com](mailto:gordge.david@gmail.com) by 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Seniors & Cadets:           \$60.00 per category     Cadets also entering Senior divisions – extra \$30  
Juniors (U16):               \$40.00 per category

Entries made after this date (6/9/19) carry a late entry fee of \$90.00 per category and will be accepted up until 7 days prior to the commencement of the Championships. Entries into the open categories are free if the entrant has competed in a weight category.

Payments can be made via EFT to:  
**Australian Kodokan Judo Association**  
**Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited**  
**BSB: 633-108   A/N: 2982 486**

*In the description field, please put either the surname for individual payments or club/State name for bulk payments to identify who has paid.*

*It would be preferred if each State Association could compile all individual entries for their Association and submit/pay together. Cheques will also be accepted but please **do not post cash**.*

When posting the hardcopy entry/waiver forms, please attach a copy of the EFT bank payment to confirm payment. Please do not email the individual entry/waiver forms as we require the original signed hardcopy for management purposes.

States and Clubs must have each competitor complete the individual entry waiver form (also enclosed herewith) and have them submitted to the Tournament Director by the listed closing date. The AKJA only requires the mass entry form (Excel spreadsheet with names & weights etc) to be sent in electronically by the due date (6/9/19) with proof of payment. Please do not alter the format of the Excel spreadsheet.

**The hardcopy individual entry/waiver forms are to be sent to the Tournament Director by no later than 20th September 2019 at the address below. No entry will be accepted without the appropriate fee and proper entry form.**

**AKJA Tournament Director**  
14 Delamere Avenue  
Woodcroft  
S.A. 5162.

Competitors will be entered in the appropriate age and weight category to which they belong. Those competing in the Cadet Category (16 & 17 years inclusive) may also enter the appropriate senior weight category with an additional fee of \$30.00 if they so desire. Please ensure that it is identified on the mass entry form and individual entry/waiver where a cadet wants to enter the senior tournament also. States and Clubs are reminded that natural birth date applies at all AKJA Tournaments. Random proof of age checks may be conducted at the discretion of the AKJA.



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There is no limitation of player numbers entered by any State or Club. Entry forms can be obtained from the AKJA website at: [www.judokodokanaustralia.org.au](http://www.judokodokanaustralia.org.au).

States and Clubs must notify the Tournament Director (David Gordge) of any weight changes by no later than the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Please ensure weights are correct otherwise penalties for not doing so will have to be re-introduced. The AKJA Inc. reserves the right to amalgamate divisions or separate ages as may be required on the day.

### **KATA**

The Kata Tournament entry fee is \$60.00 per team per Kata, \$90.00 per team for two Kata, plus \$30.00 for each additional Kata thereafter. Only 3 kata will be offered for contest this year.

The Kata to be contested are;

Nage No Kata  
Katame No Kata  
Kime No Kata

Separate Kata entry forms are also enclosed herewith. Kata entries and the appropriate fees must be lodged at the same time as the Shiai entries.

A Kata competitor competing in one Kata cannot compete in the same Kata with a different partner. Kata pairs can be same sex or mixed. Kata competitors must report to the control table by no later than 30 Minutes (12.00pm) **before the Start of the Kata Tournament at 12.30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.**

### **TRAINING DAY – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

This year, the AKJA will be hosting a joint training day for judoka at the venue in the lead up to the National Championships. This is open to all competitors to attend and is designed to be fun and social with techniques and judo activities taught by Sensei's from around the country. It is expected to run from 10.00am to 4pm. Fee is \$10 per person which includes lunch. Payment is to be made on the day at the venue. Please indicate on the mass State/Club entry form which players will be attending. Further information will be made available shortly about this event.

### **OPENING CEREMONY:**

An opening ceremony to commence the AKJA National Championships will be held between **9.00am – 9.30am on Saturday**, prior to the commencement of the Junior Competition. Junior, Cadet, Senior & Masters competitors are requested to assemble in their individual State Teams for introduction and walk on.

The Australian Kodokan Judo Association (AKJA) supports and encourages the involvement of participants in 'Juniors, Cadets, Seniors and Masters Age' divisions for contest in both Shiai (full contact judo competition) and Kata (demonstration of forms) tournaments.

Whilst the AKJA Contest Rules are utilised at all AKJA and affiliate member governed Shiai tournaments, some rule modifications have been made by the AKJA to be adapted and utilised at tournaments for Junior age divisions.

All players (parents or guardians where the player is a child) will be required to complete & sign a **Warning, Waiver & Release form** before being allowed to compete in the tournament.



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- All Shiai weight/age divisions will be run as round-robin contests divided into pools where required.
- Combined open weight divisions will be conducted at the conclusion of all senior weight/age divisions. Depending on competitor numbers, open weight divisions will be run as round-robin tournaments.
- If there are excessive numbers in each open group, the open tournaments will be conducted as knock out. Participants will be advised which draw type will be utilised prior to the competition. This will be at the discretion of the tournament director on the day.

### **MODIFIED RULES FOR JUNIOR COMPETITORS:**

The AKJA conducts modified rules for children at tournaments. It has always been the belief of the AKJA, that Judo is a recreation & sporting activity that should be enjoyed by the people participating in it, especially children. The AKJA aims to promote Judo in a safe environment & has for many years, applied modified age/weight groups & rules to the Junior divisions.

#### **The AIM:**

The aim of doing so is to enhance enthusiasm, increase physical activity and encourage the participation of younger players in competition, whilst keeping the activity - fun. The modified rules for the children competing in all groups U13yrs is designed to remove the pressure from the young to just win but at the same time reward players for trying better techniques.

#### **The RULES:**

Instead of awarding a match when one competitor achieves an Ippon score, the idea is to encourage the young players to do more techniques and get a higher number of scores. Sometimes at the younger ages, it doesn't take much for an opponent to fall over in such a manner that an Ippon is awarded, thus ending the bout relatively quickly. Although this is in accordance with the rules and in the spirit of competition, it doesn't serve to teach the young kids much about the sport; meaning that in some cases, it is over before it has really started. Therefore the modified scoring system should give players a better chance to score instead of walking away dejected as sometimes happens. There can only ever be one winner and one loser, but this system is designed to encourage better participation and enjoyment for children.

Scoring for players accumulates until either one of the players achieves 2 Ippons (contest is over) or the siren sounds. The contests are continuous time (2 minutes continuous U10 groups & 3 minutes continuous U13 groups) and scores are counted in point form as follows:

<b>Ippon:</b>	<b>10 points</b>
<b>Waza Ari:</b>	<b>7 points</b>
<b>Yuko:</b>	<b>5 points</b>
<b>Yusei-gachi (Decision)</b>	<b>1 point</b>

Working out who the winner is will depend on which player has the higher number of scores. In a round robin tournament where two players have equal wins, then the player with the most points will win on count back.

#### **REMEMBER,**

This initiative is about encouraging the younger players to attempt their techniques in an environment which rewards them for doing so but whilst having fun at the same time. This is grass roots Judo and it is designed to promote a better application of techniques by relieving the pressure of "the one Ippon wins the tournament" stress.



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### General Information

#### **SPECTATOR ENTRY FEES:**

<b>COST:</b>	Saturday & Sunday - Shiai	\$10 adults (15 yrs & over) each day Kids U15yrs FREE entry.
	Friday - Kata	\$5 adults (15 yrs & over)

#### **SHIAI**

Competitors at this tournament will only be allowed to compete in **ALL WHITE JUDO**. In addition, States and clubs are reminded that Juniors compete under modified rules and children under 13 years will compete under a multiple scoring system with continuous time operative. The rules of this tournament will be governed by the AKJA Contest Rules 2017-2018. An electronic copy of the rules can be found on the AKJA webpage.

#### **WEIGH IN**

The Weigh-in/Registration for the Juniors & Cadet divisions is between 5.00 – 6.00pm on Fri 4<sup>th</sup> October at a location to be advised. The weigh in for the Senior & Masters Divisions will be conducted on Saturday afternoon 5<sup>th</sup> October between 4.30 – 5.00pm at the venue. There is NO weigh in on the day of contest.

#### **WARM UP/PRACTICE**

There will be no formal warm up time allocated for Shiai participants. A warm up mat will be provided in the main hall area.

#### **RESULTS**

Results for the AKJA Championships will be available at the venue & on the AKJA Webpage & Facebook page.

#### **MEDAL PRESENTATIONS**

Medals will be presented to persons achieving 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place in both Shiai and Kata contests & will occur at the conclusion of each day's events at the venue.

The allocation of medals is as follows:

- Shiai** Individuals achieving 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- Kata** Both Uke & Tori pairs achieving 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

In line with the AKJA Sporting Code medals will only be presented where competitors have competed for a place in a set age/weight division. Medals will not be awarded for persons listed in weight divisions where no contest occurs.

#### **APPEALS PROCESS**

Any contest decision being appealed will be dealt with at the time of the contest and in accordance with the AKJA Contest Rules. The majority decision of 3 referees presiding over any contest will be final. The Referees Commission will be present and available to assist with any disputes that may arise.



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Any other issue involving a player's participation in the event will be dealt with by the Tournament Director & Tournament Committee on the day. Where any participant is not satisfied with the outcome of any deliberated decision, they will be entitled to lodge a formal complaint with the Tournament Director.

The Tournament Director will then present the complaint/appeal to the "Appeals Committee" which will consist of the Tournament Director (Mr David GORDGE), AKJA Executive Director (Mr Ivan ZAVETCHANOS) or his nominee and one other nominated senior Sensei of the AKJA. The person making the complaint will be advised of the outcome of the complaint as soon as is practicable.

### **JUDO-GI'S**

Only white Judo Gi's will be worn at the tournament. Red and White belts/sashes will be provided for use.

### **INJURIES**

Should an injury occur, AKJA rules will be followed. However some common-sense modifications have been included and are as follows;

The Medical/First Aid Officer may recommend to the Referee Commission that a competitor be excluded from further tournament participation if they have received or are suffering from concussion or injury deemed by that Medical Officer to be detrimental to the competitor's health.

The advice of the Medical Officer shall be accepted by the Referee's Commission and the player excluded from further participation until declared fit to resume competition by a Legally Qualified Medical Practitioner.

All players rendered unconscious will be excluded from any further contest on the day and should seek medical advice ASAP after the incident. *Eg: Player blacks out as a result of a choke/strangle technique.* The decision of the Referees Commission in consultation with the Medical/First Aid officer shall be final.

### **REFEREES**

All States are requested to submit a list of their active ranked referees who are willing and able to attend these Championships in a Refereeing capacity. Referees are a necessary part of any tournament and for this one to be a success, referee help is needed. It is requested that every State please provide a number of referees prepared to assist with this task. In addition, a list of active candidate referees (should hold a minimum of a State "A" license) who wish to undertake examination at these championships for a National license should also be submitted at the same time.

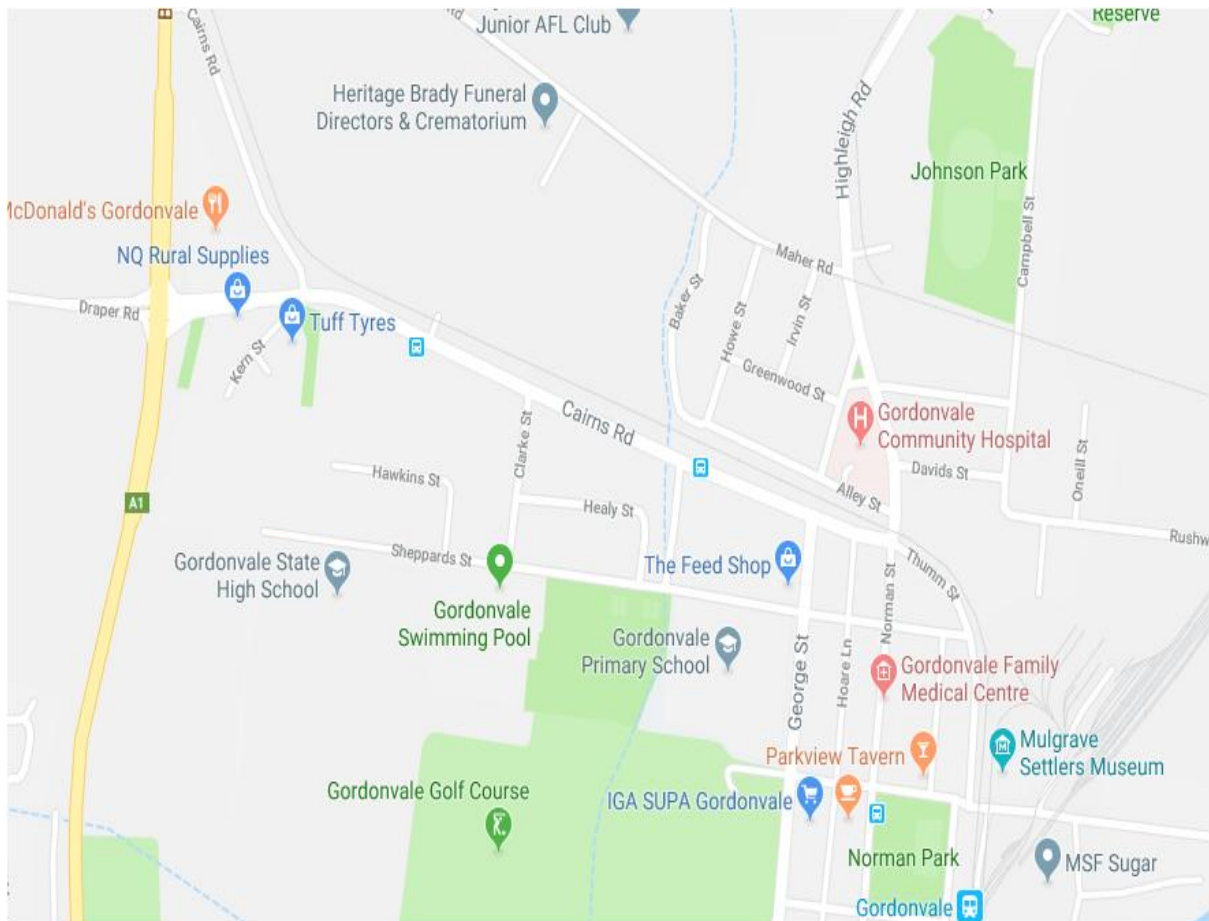
Both the Referee and Candidate referee list must be lodged with the AKJA by no later than 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019. This document is to be emailed to the Tournament Director at [gordge.david@gmail.com](mailto:gordge.david@gmail.com). States & Clubs should ensure that all referees including candidates wear the official AKJA Referee/Officials uniform of navy jacket, grey trousers, white shirt & navy socks.



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### **LOCATION:**

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Should there be any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Tournament Director (Mr David Gordge 0416 115 195).

On behalf of the AKJA and the QLD Kodokan Judo Association, we look forward to seeing as many participants as possible at the 2019 National Judo Championships.

Kind regards,

**David Gordge**  
President & Tournament Director  
Australian Kodokan Judo Association Inc.

6 May 2019



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## AKJA MEMBER STATES



## AKJA INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS



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