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### INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 These Regulations have been developed by the Judo Federation of Australia (NSW) Inc. (Judo NSW), to govern tournaments under its jurisdiction.
- 1.2 The provisions of the sporting code have been prepared for the guidance of tournament officials and are to be adhered to by competitors, officials and spectators.
- 1.3 Tournament Directors and organising committees are reminded of the increasing recourse to litigation by individuals throughout the community where negligence is suspected.
- 1.4 For the purpose of this document 'Seniors' refers to Junior Women, Junior Men, Senior Women & Senior Men Age categories as outlined in the Judo Federation of Australia Inc National Sporting Code. 'Juniors' refers to Junior Girls & Boys (U12s), Senior Girls & Boys (U15s), and Intermediates (Cadets) as outlined in the Judo Federation of Australia Inc National Sporting Code.
- 1.5 Within the framework of the provisions, organising committees are encouraged to be innovative in the composition and presentation of tournaments. This should include, where appropriate, providing less weight categories and widening the weight band, providing grade divisions and playing Senior divisions before Junior divisions to encourage Junior players to observe and learn.

### RESPONSIBILITY

- 2.1 Responsibility for all tournaments rests with the Board of Management of NSW (BOM).
- 2.2 However, when a tournament Management committee (TMC) has been formed, and is in operation, the BOM may delegate to this sub-committee or a duly appointed Tournament Director (TD) the responsibility for the management of the tournaments under its jurisdiction.
- 2.3 All matches should be judged by referees accredited, and appointed by the NSW referee commission. Where accredited referees are unavailable, higher grade judoka may be called to referee on a temporary basis.
- 2.4 Visiting referees must seek approval from the NSW referees commission before refereeing at any tournament sanctioned by the BOM.
- 2.5 Notwithstanding any provisions contained herein, the BOM/TMC shall be empowered to vary or add provisions to this Sporting Code on the day of a tournament, where exceptional circumstances are shown.

### SANCTION AND APPROVAL OF TOURNAMENTS

- 3.1 To obtain sanction as an official tournament of JFA (NSW) Inc. The Tournament Director and/or the organising committee are to comply with the following requirements:



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- (a) The provisions of this Sporting Code must be observed
- (b) A copy of the Tournament Notice must be sent to the office of the JFA (NSW) Inc at least 2 (two) months prior to the date of the competition.
- (c) A tournament will be considered sanctioned when written approval is given by the JFA (NSW) Inc. Changes requested are implemented and the event is conducted in compliance with this Sporting Code.

### **RULES**

#### Seniors and juniors

- 4.1 The competition rules are largely those adopted by the IJF. However, the NSW Referee Commission may modify the interpretation of IJF rules so as to cater for the lower skill level, age of the players, and type of competition to ensure the safety of the players.

#### Juniors

- 4.2 For Cadets competition, application of kansetsu waza is prohibited: The referee will stop the action if any of the athletes try to apply kansetsu waza and there will be no penalty. If tori applies kansetsu waza a second time, the athlete is given direct hansoku make and the athlete is not allowed to continue in the competition.
- 4.3 For Cadets competition, application of shime waza is allowed: An athlete who has lost consciousness due to shime waza is not allowed to continue in the competition
- 4.4 Armlocks and strangles are banned from boys and girls events and a penalty will be given
- 4.5 Juniors will have the rules modified so that:
- (i) Juniors will have an unlimited number of free medical examinations where needed. The length of any examination is at the sole discretion of the referee. When there is an injury, consultation should occur with the designated medical personal before any decision is made to not let a fight to continue.
  - (ii) Where the referee (in consultation with his judges) considers, for the safety or wellbeing of a Junior competitor, it is inappropriate to continue the fight, the Junior competitor shall forfeit the bout
- 4.6 Penalties for any breach of the modified Junior rules are at the discretion of the referees.
- 4.7 At lower level competition, referees are encouraged to explain any breaches of the rules, before penalising a competitor.

#### Under 10 competitions will have the following apply, in addition to paragraphs 4.2-4.7

- 4.8 Under 10s will have osaekomi times for all scores reduced by 5 seconds (e.g. Ippon is 20 sec)
- 4.9 Other modifications of the rules, to encourage development of young judoka, are allowed provided any modifications to the rules are notified to competitors before the start of any competition.



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- 4.10 Referees will try not to penalise under 10 competitors, unless there is a repeated disregarding of the referees instructions.

### **WHO CAN ORGANISE TOURNAMENTS**

- 5.1 Tournaments may be organised by specific groups (see following paragraph.), or the JFA (NSW) Inc. for the participation of members.
- 5.2 The tournaments dealt with in this Sporting Code are standard tournaments which may be held at state level. The following is a list of current organisations eligible to hold tournaments:
- (a) Clubs
  - (b) Common Interest Groups (CIG)
  - (c) Regions

### **TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATIONS**

- 6.1 The following are types of tournaments that can be held:
- (a) Closed Tournaments where participation is restricted to members of particular club(s) or Common Interest Groups (CIG) require approval.
  - (b) Club Tournaments, including those with more than one club and less than four participating do not require approval.
  - (c) Invitational Tournaments, club tournaments of four or more clubs, CIG Groups, and regions require approval.
  - (d) Restricted – specifically invited club or clubs Region or Regions require approval.

### **ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE IN TOURNAMENTS**

- 7.1 All competitors must be financial members of the JFA (NSW) Inc. or an IJF approved affiliated body.
- 7.2 Competitors in invitational and closed tournaments must be financial members of the JFA (NSW) Inc or an approved affiliated body and where applicable be a member of the particular organisation involved.
- 7.3 It is the responsibility of every competitor to maintain and present a Member Registration Card when entering a tournament.
- 7.4 Failure to produce a Member Registration Card when entering a tournament may result in a fee being imposed or refusal of entry. All non Judo NSW proof of Membership details need to be in English or have an approved English translation.
- 7.5 No person shall alter or deface, or cause to be altered or defaced, information contained on a Member Registration Card.



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7.6 Competitors must be graded at least 4<sup>th</sup> kyu, except for the following provision:

Tournaments or divisions may be conducted for 5<sup>th</sup> kyu competitors. Such tournaments or divisions must be restricted to this grade and no competitors of other grades may compete in these divisions. This format applies in particular to MONS and Junior Boys/Girls but could also apply for other age categories.

Refer also to minimum grades for lower age limits in Section 11.

7.7 6<sup>th</sup> kyu grade judoka are not permitted to enter tournaments.

7.8 It is the responsibility of competitors to enter only those tournaments/divisions for which they are eligible, the details of which are included in an official tournament notice.

7.9 Where a competitor enters a tournament/division for which they are ineligible, disciplinary action may result. Details of such breaches when detected are to be forwarded to the BOM for consideration.

7.10 Members under suspension by the JFA (NSW) Inc., the JFA Inc, or any IJF affiliated body, will not be eligible to enter tournaments under jurisdiction of the JFA (NSW) Inc.

7.11 Financial members of overseas bodies affiliated with the International Judo Federation (IJF) may compete on invitation/approval of the TD/MC/Organising Body.

7.12 Other requirements/restrictions that may apply from time to time shall be notified by the TD/TMC/Organising Body.

7.13 Where a pre-entry applies (per the tournament notice), entries submitted after the closing date / time may incur a late entry fee. This will be applicable only before the closure of the weigh-in for the age/weight category in which the competitor is seeking entry.

### **VENUE, EQUIPMENT, OFFICIALS**

8.1 These shall generally conform to the standards specified in the JFA (NSW) Inc. Sporting Code. Any variations from these conditions must be approved by the TMC/Tournament Director (TD) and Judo NSW Sports Commission. Table Officials are to be of senior status where possible.

### **TOURNAMENT CONTROLS**

9.1 Where a TMC has been formed, it will be responsible for enforcing the provisions of the Sporting Code and any directions that may be issued by the BOM from time to time.

9.2 In the absence of the TMC the organising body must appoint a tournament Director (TD).

9.3 The TMC or TD shall, on the day of a tournament, be the final authority on all matters relating to the tournament and the enforcement of the provisions of the Sporting Code.





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- 9.4 Tournament organising bodies are reminded of their responsibilities and the need to adhere to the provisions of the Sporting Code.
- 9.5 It is the responsibility of the winning competitors to report to the official scoring table to have their name recorded as the winner of the contest.
- 9.6 All officials and competitors should be aware that after three (3) calls for a competitor, the first being immediately when that competitor does not appear for the match, and at one (1) minute intervals thereafter, if the competitor is not at their place on the contest area by the end of the third call (a total period of two minutes from the first call) they will forfeit the match.
- 9.7 Where a competitor withdraws from a division after it has commenced. In a round robin draw all points gained by that competitor, and any points gained by other contestants, will be forfeited. The competitor cannot be put back into the draw. For Double Repechage, the draw progresses with the next opponent, of the competitor who withdraws, recording an Ippon win (Fusen-Gachi).

### AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 10.1 As a general rule, presentation of awards will be made as soon as practicable after the completion of a division.
- 10.2 The presentation should be made by a rostered member of the BOM or a senior official of the JFA (NSW) Inc. However, use should be made in the capacity, of any distinguished visitors or competitors.
- 10.3 The type of awards, the placings to receive them, shall be decided by the TMC/TD. There is no minimum number of entry requirements to be awarded a place.
- (a) Generally, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be given as appropriate.
  - (b) For 'Junior' divisions (ie Junior Girls, Junior Boys, Senior Girls, Senior Boys and Intermediates (Cadets)) where there are only one, two, or three players in a division – all competitors will receive a trophy/medal as appropriate.
  - (c) For 'Senior' divisions (ie Junior Women & Men and Senior Women & Men) a competitor must win a least one contest to be eligible to receive a trophy/medal.



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### AGE, WEIGHT CATEGORIES, AND GRADE REQUIREMENTS (where applicable)

11.1 For the purposes of this Tournament Organisation and Sporting Code, the term “weight” shall be defined according to the legal definition of “mass” in Australia.

11.2 The following age and weight categories will apply:

Category	Age Requirements
<b>MONS Boys and Girls (Under 10)</b>	Must be minimum 6 years old and not turn 10 years in the calendar year of the tournament
<b>Junior Boys and Girls (Under 12)</b>	Must turn 9, 10 or 11 in the calendar year of the tournament
<b>Senior Boys and Girls (Under 15)</b>	Must turn 12, 13 or 14 years in the calendar year of the tournament
<b>Intermediate Male and Female - Cadets, (Under 17)</b>	Must turn 15 or 16 years in the calendar year of the tournament
<b>Junior Men and Women</b>	Must turn 15, 16, 17, 18, or 19 years in the calendar year of the tournament
<b>Senior Men and Women</b>	Must turn 15 years or more in the calendar year of the tournament
<b>Masters Men and Women</b>	Must be 30 years and over in the calendar year of the tournament
<b>Kata Men and Women</b>	Juniors - must turn 12 and not turn 16 years in the calendar year of the tournament. Seniors - must turn 16 years or more in the calendar year of the tournament.

**11.3 SENIOR MEN** - must be males fifteen (15) years and older in the calendar year of the Tournament and must have a minimum grade of either 2nd -Kyu in the Shonen (U/16) or 4th Kyu in the Seinen (Over 16) grading system.

1. Over 100 kg
2. Over 90 kg and up to and including 100 kg
3. Over 81 kg and up to and including 90 kg
4. Over 73 kg and up to and including 81 kg
5. Over 66 kg and up to and including 73 kg
6. Over 60 kg and up to and including 66 kg
7. Up to and including 60 kg
8. Open, with no weight restriction may be included at the discretion of the TMC.

**11.4 SENIOR WOMEN** must be females fifteen (15) years and older in the calendar year of the Tournament and must have a minimum grade of either 2nd-Kyu in the Shonen (U/16) or 4th Kyu in the Seinen (Over 16) grading system.



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1. Over 78 kg
2. Over 70 kg and up to and including 78 kg
3. Over 63 kg and up to and including 70 kg
4. Over 57 kg and up to and including 63 kg
5. Over 52 kg and up to and including 57 kg
6. Over 48 kg and up to and including 52 kg
7. Up to and including 48 kg
8. Open, with no weight restriction may be included at the discretion of the TMC.

**11.5 JUNIOR MEN** – must be males fifteen (15) years and under twenty (20) 4th Kyu, age limit is nineteen (19) years (calendar year) must have a minimum grade of either 2nd-Kyu, in the Shonen (U/16) or 4th Kyu in the Seinen (Over 16) grading system.

1. Over 100 kg
2. Over 90 kg and up to and including 100 kg
3. Over 81 kg and up to and including 90 kg
4. Over 73 kg and up to and including 81 kg
5. Over 66 kg and up to and including 73 kg
6. Over 60 kg and up to and including 66 kg
7. Over 55kg and up to and including 60 kg
8. Up to and including 55 kg

**11.6 JUNIOR WOMEN** – must be females fifteen (15) years and under twenty (20) 4th Kyu, age limit is nineteen (19) years (calendar year) must have a minimum grade of either 2nd-Kyu in the Shonen (U/16) or 4th-Kyu in the Seinen (Over 16) grading system.

1. Over 78 kg
2. Over 70 kg and up to and including 78 kg
3. Over 63 kg and up to and including 70 kg
4. Over 57 kg and up to and including 63 kg
5. Over 52 kg and up to and including 57 kg
6. Over 48 kg and up to and including 52 kg
7. Over 44kg and up to and including 48 kg
8. Up to and including 44 kg

**11.7 Intermediate Men (Cadets)** – must turn fifteen (15) or sixteen (16) years in the calendar year of the Tournament with a minimum grade of 4th Kyu, either in the Shonen (U/16) or Seinen (Over 16) grading system.

1. Over 90 kg
2. Over 81 kg and up to and including 90 kg
3. Over 73 kg and up to and including 81 kg
4. Over 66 kg and up to and including 73 kg
5. Over 60 kg and up to and including 66 kg
6. Over 55 kg and up to and including 60 kg
7. Over 50 kg and up to and including 55 kg
8. Up to and including 50 kg



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**11.8 Intermediate Women (Cadets)** – must turn fifteen (15) or sixteen (16) years in the calendar year of the Tournament with a minimum grade of - 4th Kyu, either in the Shonen (U/16) or Seinen (Over 16) grading system.

1. Over 70 kg
2. Over 63 kg and up to and including 70 kg
3. Over 57 kg and up to and including 63 kg
4. Over 52 kg and up to and including 57 kg
5. Over 48 kg and up to and including 52 kg
6. Over 44 kg and up to and including 48 kg
7. Over 40 kg and up to and including 44 kg
8. Up to and including 40 kg

**11.9 SENIOR BOYS** – must turn twelve (12), 13 or 14 years of age in the calendar year of the Tournament with a minimum grade of 4th-Kyu.

1. Over 66 kg
2. Over 60 kg and up to and including 66 kg
3. Over 55 kg and up to and including 60 kg
4. Over 50 kg and up to and including 55 kg
5. Over 45 kg and up to and including 50 kg
6. Over 40 kg and up to and including 45 kg
7. Over 36 kg and up to and including 40 kg
8. Up to and including 36 kg

**11.10 SENIOR GIRLS**– must have turn twelve (12), 13 or 14 years of age in the calendar year of the Tournament with a minimum grade of 4th-Kyu.

1. Over 63 kg
2. Over 57 kg and up to and including 63 kg
3. Over 52 kg and up to and including 57 kg
4. Over 48 kg and up to and including 52 kg
5. Over 44 kg and up to and including 48 kg
6. Over 40 kg and up to and including 44 kg
7. Over 36 kg and up to and including 40 kg
8. Up to and including 36 kg

**11.11 JUNIOR BOYS** – must be nine (9) years and must not turn twelve (12) years of age in the calendar year of the Tournament with a minimum grade of 4th-Kyu.

1. Over 50 kg
2. Over 46 kg and up to and including 50 kg
3. Over 42 kg and up to and including 46 kg
4. Over 38 kg and up to and including 42 kg
5. Over 34 kg and up to and including 38 kg
6. Over 30 kg and up to and including 34 kg
7. Over 27 kg and up to and including 30 kg
8. Up to and including 27 kg



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The Sporting Commission reserves the right to run a heavier weight category if required.

**11.12 JUNIOR GIRLS** – must be nine (9) years and must not turn twelve (12) years of age in the calendar year of the Tournament with a minimum grade of 4th-Kyu.

1. Over 52 kg
2. Over 48 kg and up to and including 52 kg
3. Over 44 kg and up to and including 48 kg
4. Over 40 kg and up to and including 44 kg
5. Over 36 kg and up to and including 40 kg
6. Over 32 kg and up to and including 36 kg
7. Over 29 kg and up to and including 32 kg
8. Up to and including 29 kg

The Sporting Commission reserves the right to run a heavier weight category if required.

**11.13 MONS** - Mons Tournaments are specially modified (relaxed) rules tournaments designed to introduce young participants to the concepts of competitive judo.

Competitors must turn six(6) years old in the calendar year of the tournament and must not turn ten (10) years of age in the calendar year of the Tournament with a minimum grade of 4th-Kyu.

Mon Divisions are not permitted to be included in State Selection tournaments or open Tournaments.

**(i) Boys under 10 years**

1. Over 42 kg
2. Over 38 and up to and including 42 kg
3. Over 34 and up to and including 38 kg
4. Over 30 kg and up to and including 34 kg
5. Over 27 kg and up to and including 30 kg
6. Over 24 kg and up to and including 27 kg
7. Over 21 kg and up to and including 24 kg
8. Up to and including 21 kg

**(ii) Girls under 10**

1. Over 40 kg
2. Over 36 and up to and including 40 kg
3. Over 32 and up to and including 36 kg
4. Over 29 kg and up to and including 32 kg
5. Over 26 kg and up to and including 29 kg
6. Over 23 kg and up to and including 26 kg
7. Over 20 kg and up to and including 23 kg
8. Up to and including 20 kg

12 NOT USED

### WEIGH-IN PROCEDURES AND CONTROLS

13.1 Scales must be either bar or electronic and should have a recent calibration certificate. Bathroom type scales are NOT acceptable.



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- 13.2 It is the responsibility of competitors to present themselves for weigh-in at the time specified.
- 13.3 Per 7.13, where a late entry competitor has been accepted, this does not entitle the competitor to weigh-in after the closing time of the relevant weigh-in. Only in exceptional circumstances, will a competitor be allowed to weigh-in after closure of the weigh-in. Factors such as distance travelled to event, unforeseen hazards in transit, possible advantage to the athlete, and likely complaint from athletes who achieved their weight requirement within the period allowed, need to be considered. The Sports Commission will be consulted in such circumstances. Note that such allowances carry with them significant risk in terms of fairness to other athletes. This will be applicable up to the commencement of the draw of the division in which the competitor is seeking entry.
- 13.4 Competitors should weigh-in in underclothes (or naked at the discretion of the athlete or athlete's guardian). For females the "T" shirt is part of their underclothes.
- 13.5 Two sets of scales should be provided: one for trial weigh-in which can be used by competitors until the end of the official weigh in; and the other only for official weigh-in. Where this is the case, competitors will be allowed one attempt only to make a weight bracket on the official scales.
- 13.6 If only one set of scales is available, competitors shall be allowed the period set down for the official weigh-in to make the weight category. In this case, Weigh-in officials shall allow athletes reasonable access to continue to trial weigh on the only set of available scales whilst the official weigh-in is proceeding. If the athlete meets the weight requirement, that weigh-in shall be deemed to be the official weigh-in.
- 13.7 Procedures for a selection tournament may differ, and where they do, such differences should be advised prior to the tournament.
- 13.8 Where the competitor does not present themselves to the official weigh-in before the end of the weigh-in period, they will be denied a final weigh-in and be unable to compete. Clause 13.3 applies only in exceptional circumstances.
- 13.9 The officials supervising the scales must be of the same sex as the competitors weighing in.
- 13.10 Subject to approval by the TMC or TD, one official per club may be permitted to attend the weigh-in to assist his or her club members.
- 13.11 It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure he/she is entered in his/her correct weight category.
- 13.12 Care should be used when moving and setting-up scales for the Weigh-in. Scales should be tested with calibrated test weights through the range (or a subset) of weight categories (ideally in 10 kg increments) after they have been located at the weigh-in room and prior to the trial weigh-in. Male and female scales should read identically through the range (or a subset ) of weight categories planned for the event, and if one set of scales is out of calibration, it should not be used. The Tournament Director in consultation with the Sports Commission will resolve any issues with Scales accuracy.



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### CONTEST PERIODS

14.1 the contest periods shall be:

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>ALL CONTESTS</b>	<b>Golden Score</b>
Senior Men	5 minutes	3 Minutes
Senior Women	5 minutes	3 Minutes
Junior Men	4 minutes	2 Minutes
Junior Women	4 minutes	2 Minutes
Intermediate (Cadets) Men	4 minutes	2 Minutes
Intermediate (Cadets) Women	4 minutes	2 Minutes
Senior Boys	3 minutes	1 Minute
Senior Girls	3 minutes	1 Minute
Junior Boys	3 minutes	1 Minute
Junior Girls	3 minutes	1 Minute
Mons Boys	1 minute & 30 seconds	Nil
Mons Girls	1 minute & 30 seconds	Nil

- 14.2 The contest durations listed at 14.1 may be reduced and, if so, the TD/TMC will advise the change prior to the commencement of the Tournament. It should be noted that in selection tournaments, the duration of contests will conform to the relevant sporting code requirements for the particular event, i.e. National, Oceania, etc where possible.
- 14.3 A competitor who has completed a bout is entitled to a rest period before their next bout. This rest period must not be less than the 10 minutes. However, this rest period may be shortened by a player (or the players coach) should they be willing to fight earlier.

### DRESS

- 15.1 Judogis must conform to the requirements as laid down in the IJF contest rules.
- 15.2 All competitors must wear an approved judogi.
- 15.3 All Seniors divisions, and Intermediate (cadets) divisions are required to wear a blue judogi when called first, and a white judogi when called second.
- 15.4 Junior Girls/Boys and Senior Girls/Boys are encouraged (but not required) to wear a blue or white judogi as appropriate.
- 15.5 All officials and competitors should be aware that when the competitor's names are called, the first competitor always wears a red sash or a blue judogi and the second competitor always wears a white sash or a white judogi. Each competitor must also wear a belt denoting their grade.
- 15.6 Any MONS (under 10 player) may wear either a blue or white judogi regardless of when they are called but the competition notice should encourage them to wear white judogis.



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- 15.7 Women and girls are to wear a plain white “T” shirt, or garment of similar design, under their judogi.
- 15.8 Compression clothing apparel, such as skins may be worn under the gi. The compression pants must be knee length and finish above the knee so that they are never visible under the gi pants. Females may wear white coloured compression apparel tops with no part of the torso being exposed and the arm sleeves must finish above the elbow and never be visible under the gi sleeve.

### COMPLAINTS AND DISPUTES

- 16.1 Complaints on any aspect of tournament management must be directed to the TMC/TD in writing.
- 16.2 Complaints on any aspect of the referees must be directed to the referee commission.
- 16.3 The TMC/TD has the authority to deal with complaints and disputes which may occur on any aspect of tournament management or control. Those involving the conduct of the competition in accordance with this Sporting Code and the competition notice should be referred to the Sporting Commission. Resolution may be done immediately, deferred for further investigation, or referred to the BOM for the next suitable meeting.
- 16.4 The TMC/TD are not empowered to, nor are they to enter discussions involving decisions made by referees.
- 16.5 Should a dispute or complaint arise which involves an official function of the TMC/TD e.g. scoring, timekeeping or, the table supervisor, then both the Sports Commission and a TMC member or a member of the TMC/organising body or the TD must be consulted.
- 16.6 In all matters of tournament management and control, including those not specifically covered in the sporting code, the Sports Commission remains the sole authority for interpretation and the TMC/TD for implementation on the day of the tournament.

### CONDUCT

- 17.1 All “codes of behaviour” adopted by Judo NSW (refer to attachment 1) are to be followed.
- 17.2 If any member, coach, club official, spectator or competitor contravenes any of these rules or refuses to comply with any direction of the TMC/TD acts in a manner contrary to the best interests of Judo, the TMC/TD will ask the offender to leave and then submit a report to the BOM.
- 17.3 A member, coach or club official must not, while attending a tournament as a spectator, coach club official or competitor, bring the JFA (NSW) Inc. into disrepute by inappropriately criticising the decisions, actions or interpretations of referees or tournament officials of the JFA (NSW) Inc.





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#### Elimination Methods

- 18.1 Any one, or combination of the following methods, may be used in a tournament to decide the final placings. The allocation of pools and size may be varied at the discretion of the TMC/TD.
- (a) Round robin - single pool for up to 5 athletes and in certain circumstances 6, two pools for 6 up to 10 athletes, and multiple pools for above 10 athletes
  - (b) Double Repechage for more than 10 athletes. The preferred approach for more than 10 athletes is double repechage.
  - (c) Pools and Repechage combination
  - (d) Knockout
  - (e) Single repechage
  - (f) Double elimination
  - (g) Ladder tournament
- 18.2 (a) and (b) above will be the most common form of competition draw with the other methods used as the need arises. The use of the knockout procedure is to be discouraged as it limits player participation. The method to be used in any particular tournament will be decided upon by consideration of any one, or combination of the factors in Clause 18.3.
- 18.3 At all events, other than NSW International Open, whereby National Sporting Code requirements prevail, emphasis should be given as follows:
1. provision of the most amount of matches available to athletes (within reason)
  2. smooth flow of the event and minimum delays on the mat
  3. Precedent
  4. Time available
  5. Number of competitors participating
  6. Type of tournament
  7. Venue restrictions
  8. Available officials and
  9. Direction of the Sporting Commission and the TMC/TD

#### The Draw

- 19.1 No less than two (2) members of the TMC will conduct any draw. Senior State coaches are to seed Senior and Junior Womens & Mens divisions at all senior selection tournaments. Junior State coaches are to seed Senior and Junior Boys and Girls divisions at all junior selection tournaments. If the relevant coach is not available, another State Coach should be requested to perform this role. Their duties are as follows:

“A” numbers the competitors listed on the weigh-in sheet using a random system  
Independently, “B” randomly numbers the equivalent number of places on the draw sheet.  
“B” then calls his/her numbers and “A” provides the competitors name and club.

#### Pools

- 20.1 Where a pool system is used, for a single pool, competitors or teams from the same club must play each other first, and should be positioned in the draw accordingly. This eliminates the



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- possibility of competitors “throwing” matches later in the day. In multiple pools, competitors or teams from the same club should be placed in separate pools.
- 20.2 In a multiple pool system, two pools should be used for up to 10 athletes, the following process applies:
1. first and second placed athletes are placed in a final pool, with the winner of each pool carrying over his/her win and points over the second place getter in the final pool so that they don't compete against each other again.
  2. a round robin of 4 is played out, but only 4 matches will be staged, as the athletes coming from the same pool will have already played each other
- 20.3 The number of wins remains the primary method of deciding placings. Where wins are equal, the team or competitor with the greater number of points shall be the winner. If wins and points are equal for 2 competitors, the athlete who won their match will be placed higher. Where 3 athletes are on equal wins and points, preference (time permitting) is to re-play the round-robin of 3 athletes (this may be for determining 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> placings). Should the same result apply, or time not be available for another round-robin, the three athlete's names are “drawn out of a hat” and the first two drawn will compete against each other with the winner competing against the third drawn athlete for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and the loser placing 3<sup>rd</sup>. An option exists for the loser of the final to be challenged for 2<sup>nd</sup> place if those athletes have not previously played each other,

### **Pools and repechage combination.**

- 21.1 This system should be used where finals matches are required. After a pools elimination has been completed a main draw is used to obtain final placings. In the case of two pools, normally the winner of each pool would be selected from each pool and placed into the main draw for a final match. Loser of each pool would compete for third place. In the case of 4 pools, the 4 winners advance to a final series to decide first and second placings. Second place winners advance to a repechage series which will progressively include losers from the winners final series to decide third place-getters.

### **Knockout/repechage/Double Elimination:**

- 21.2 Players from the same club are to be placed in different “halves” of the draw. Where there are an unequal number of competitors from the same club, the greater representation will be in the “first” or “top half” of the draw where possible.

## **22 Not used**

### **Pool and Age Category / Weight Division Allocation.**

- 23.1 Number of athletes in a pool and number of Pools as per the guide in Clause 18.1. Where only one athlete exists in a specified weight division, that athlete will be given an opportunity to compete in the next highest available weight category (with concurrence from the coach, or parent if the athlete is U/18yo). The draw for that category must include that athlete from the lower weight category and be staged as a single category. Consideration for athlete safety is paramount where the only opportunity for a match is in a weight division two or more higher than the athlete's own weight division. As a guide, Junior Girls & Boys (U12s) and Senior Girls & Boys (U14s) competitors should not compete in a division more than one weight division higher.



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- 23.2 Similarly, in the case of Junior Girls & Boys (U12s) and Senior Girls & Boys (U15s), where only one athlete qualifies in a particular weight division, and it is not possible to accommodate that athlete in the next highest (or even two higher) weight categories in that age category, or even in a combined boy / girl special division within the age category, consideration is to be given to allow the athlete to compete in the nearest weight division of the next highest age category so that the athlete can participate in the event. This is especially important for State Selection events where athletes need competition practice in preparation for the Nationals. In all circumstances where an athlete is being considered for a higher weight division, or for a combined girls / boys division, or for an equivalent weight division in the next highest age category, consultation and approval is required from the athlete, coach, and parent or guardian, and the Sports Commission and Tournament Director. In a combined boy / girl division in the same age category, or when an athlete competes in a higher age category, the draw for that category must include that athlete from the lower age category and be staged as a single category. Consideration for athlete safety is paramount where the only opportunity for a match is in a weight division one or two higher than the athlete's own weight division, or if not available, in an age category one higher than that for which the athlete normally qualifies. 23.3 applies to this situation with respect to medals."
- 23.3 For State Team selection points, the athlete (from the lower uncontested weight category) will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place points against his/her own weight class (uncontested). The athlete will also be awarded points against the category contested depending on result achieved against that weight division. At the competition, the athlete should be awarded a medal for the category contested but not necessarily the uncontested category (in a senior event). In the case of Juniors, awarding a gold medal for uncontested categories would be reasonable. Athletes competing in any age divisions should always be rewarded for results achieved in contested weight categories.

### Points Scoring.

- 24.1 Win by Ippon (or Hansoku make)..... 10 points  
Win by Waza-ari (or Keikoku)..... 7 points  
Win by Yuko (or 2 Shidos)..... 5 points  
Win by Golden Score (irrespective of score in the Golden score period,  
Including by Yusei-Gachi (no score)..... 1 point
- 24.2 The number of wins remains the primary method of deciding placings. Where wins are equal, the team or competitor with the greater number of points shall be the winner.
- 24.3 Where points are equal in a pool, refer to Clause 21.1:
- (i) Where two competitors are equal on points and wins, the competitor who beat the other shall place/advance as appropriate.
  - (ii) Where three athletes are on equal number of wins and points – all three will normally fight each other again in a round-robin of 3. Should the same situation repeat itself, or should time not permit a round-robin of 3, refer to Clause 21.1 for the process.



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- 24.4 Senior Men and Women in the open weighted teams, must score Waza Ari or above. Failure to do so will result in a draw.
- 24.5 A competitor awarded a win by forfeit scores 10 points.
- 24.4 The points awarded for the win of a bout are based on the highest differential (if one player has waza-ari, yuko and the other has waza-ari, the differential is yuko or 5 points) score gained.
- 24.5 The losing fighter or team gains no points regardless of scores awarded.
- 24.6 Penalty points are transferred as normal.

### **Teams**

- 25.1 Without exception, the number of wins remains the primary method of deciding placings. Where wins are equal, the team with the greater number of points shall be the winner.
- 25.2 In teams competition, during the elimination series, if two teams finish on equal wins and points, the first two competitors that contested a drawn result will fight a rematch. Should the same result occur each team will be given an opportunity to put up their best player for a deciding match. If the scores are equal at the end of ordinary time of this match, the fight will be decided in Golden point under conventional rules of first score wins and Hantai will award the final result if necessary.
- 25.3 Wins and points are carried forward into subsequent pools, e.g. if a team or competitor has defeated an opponent in the elimination series, and is drawn against them in a semi-final pool, the result of the bout in the elimination series stands and there is no re-match. This does not apply when the draw is a combination of pools and repechage, where 2 competitors from the same pool may fight again in the knock-out / repechage draw.

## **EXECUTION OF TOURNAMENTS.**

### **Double Repechage**

- 26.1 Seeding will occur per Clause 19.1. Both “halves” are played until the two semi-finals are determined (ie final 4 competitors) in each “half”.
- 26.2 The players defeated by these four competitors are then eligible to compete in the repechage which is effectively an elimination event. The repechage is populated with athletes in the order that each semi-finalist defeated his / her opponents. Here will be two finals of the repechage pools, one for the top “half” and one for the bottom “half”. The winner of the final of the repechage in the top “half” will then compete against the loser of the semi-final from the bottom “half” for Bronze medal. Similarly, the winner of the final of the repechage in the bottom “half” will then compete against the loser of the semi-final from the top “half” for the second Bronze medal.



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### **Single Repechage**

- 27.1 Seeding will occur per Clause 19.1. Both “halves” are played until one undefeated competitor remains in each “half”.
- 27.2 The players defeated by these two competitors are then eligible to compete in the repechage.

### **Round Robin**

- 28.1 Single Pool.
- (i) A single pool shall consist of 3 to 5 players.
- (ii) Competitors from the same club must be separated into different pools, or if only one pool, compete first. If there are 3 players from the same club in a single pool, they will appear as the first 3 athletes in the pool.

### **Multiple Pools**

- 29.1 The number of pools shall be determined by the TMC/TD.
- 29.2 When two pools are contested, the first and second placed competitors shall advance to the final pool.
- 29.3 In all cases, wins and points are carried forward into subsequent pools, but only for the win / points achieved against the other competitor who has advanced to the final pool. Refer to Clause 20

### **Double Elimination**

- 30.1 The principle of this system is that a competitor must be defeated twice before being eliminated.
- 30.2 While not as thorough as the pools system in determining final placings and winners, it is more exhausting than repechage.
- 30.3 A special set of draw sheets are required, and a sample set may be obtained from the JFA (NSW) INC. Office.

### **Knockout.**

- 31.1 The division will be played in two “halves” - “top” and “bottom” as per the draw sheet.
- 31.2 If there are two or more members from the same club, they must be separated into the separate “halves” of the division by blind draw. Where there is an uneven number from the same club, the greater representation will be in the “first” or “top” half of the draw, where possible.
- 31.3 Competitors will be distributed in both “halves” by blind draw, the exception being the following paragraph.



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- 31.4 If there are more than two competitors from the same club in the same half of the draw they must not be drawn to play each other in the first round.
- 31.5 Both halves of the draw are played with losers automatically eliminated until the semi-final. Winners of the semi-final play-off for first place. Losing semi-finalists play off, the loser is placed fourth, the winner placed third provisionally.
- 31.6 The third place winner may challenge the loser of the final for second place, providing they have not met previously in the division. The winner of the match, if played, will be placed second, the loser third.

### **Ladder Tournaments**

- 31.1 Details as advised from time to time.

### **Pools/Repechage/Combination**

- 32.1 Used when a final is required after use of a pools elimination system.
- 32.2 The number of pools are as follows:  
2 or 4 or 8.
- 33.3 Refer to 21.1 above.

## **TEAMS TOURNAMENTS**

### **JUNIOR TEAMS (BY WEIGHT)**

#### **Categories**

- 34.1 Categories shall be:
- (i) Senior Boys
  - (ii) Senior Girls

#### **Eligibility**

- 34.2 For both categories, competitors must be respectively either Senior Girls or Senior Boys in the calendar year of the tournament, and 4<sup>th</sup> kyu or above.

#### **Conditions**

- 34.3 Three competitors per weight division, e.g. 3 x 30kg, 3 x 40kg, etc. Minimum to compete as a team is two (2).



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34.4 Weight divisions for Junior Boys and Junior Girls are:  
Boys: U27, U32, U38, U46, O46kg  
Girls: U30, U35, U42, U48, O48kg

34.5 Weight divisions for Senior Boys and Senior Girls are:  
  
Boys: U36, U42, U50 U60, O60kg  
Girls: U36, U42, U48, U57, O57kg

34.6 Weight divisions for Cadet Boys and Cadet Girls are:  
Cadet Boys: U55, U60, U66, U75, O75kg  
Cadet Girls: U45, U50, U57, U65, O65kg

34.7 Weight divisions for Junior Men and Junior Women are:  
Junior Men: U60, U66, U73, U81, O81kg  
Junior Women: U50, U55, U65, U75, O75kg

34.8 Weight divisions for Senior Men and Senior Women are:  
Men: U66, U73, U81, U90, O90kg  
Women: U52, U57, U63, U70, O70kg

### **Conduct**

34.9 The team captain/Instructor/Manager must notify the TMC/TD in writing of the names of the team prior to the commencement of their first contest, or, when called upon by the TMC/TD to do so.

34.10 Two (2) reserves are allowed but advice of competing athletes must be provided at the start of each round.

34.11 Where a team has reserves, one of the original team must compete in all rounds. If all three (3) original team members are changed by substitution the team is no longer the original team but a different team and may be disqualified.

34.12 Reserves may be used after the first round, subject to the provisions of previous paragraphs.

34.13 Composite teams from more than one club may compete but can not be awarded winning medals. A special composite team award may be presented if appropriate. Clubs may enter multiple teams in the same category.

### **WEIGHTED TEAMS.**

#### **Categories**

35.1 Categories shall be:

- (i) Junior Boys



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- (ii) Junior Girls
- (iii) Senior Boys
- (iv) Senior Girls
- (v) Intermediate (Cadet) Boys
- (vi) Intermediate (Cadet) Girls
- (vii) Junior Men
- (viii) Junior Women
- (ix) Senior Men
- (x) Senior Women

### **Eligibility**

- 35.2 Competitors must be the correct age category for the team listed, unless qualifying by grade conversion as is the case for U/10s to Junior Boys / Girls and Cadets to Junior Men / Women, and be minimum 4<sup>th</sup> kyu in the age category played..

### **Conditions:**

Weighted Junior and Senior Teams

36.1 **Junior Boys and Girls**

One competitor in each of the following weight categories:

Boys: U27, U32, U38, U46, O46kgs

Girls: U30, U35, U42, U48, O48kgs.

36.2 **Senior Boys and Girls**

One competitor in each of the following weight categories:

Boys: U36, U42, U50 U60, O60kgs

Girls: U36, U42, U48, U57, O57kg

36.3 **Junior Men and Women**

One competitor in each of the following weight categories:

Junior Men: U60, U66, U73, U81, O81kg

Junior Women: U50, U55, U65, U75, O75kg

36.4 Weight divisions for Senior Men and Senior Women are:

One competitor in each of the following weight categories:

Men: U66, U73, U81, U90, O90kg

Women: U52, U57, U63, U70, O70kg

36.5 Maximum number of five (5) competitors

36.6 Minimum to compete as a team is three (3) competitors.





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- 36.7 All competitors must be within one weight category of their respective weight bracket. E.g. the U42kg competitor could weigh U36kg but coaches and TD/TMC must apply due diligence if there is a marked difference in weights of competitors.
- 36.8 Weight divisions will be played strictly in sequence from light to heavy.
- 36.9 Forfeits will be awarded as they occur.
- 36.10 Composite teams from more than one club may compete but can not be awarded winning medals. A special composite team award may be presented if appropriate. Clubs may enter multiple teams in the same category.

### Special Provisions

- 39.1 Where a team has two members in the same weight bracket, one member MAY move into the next higher weight bracket at the discretion of the TMC/TD. However, the welfare of the competitor should be the major consideration.

### OPEN WEIGHT TEAMS.

#### Categories

- 41.1 Categories shall be:
- (i) Men Category A.
  - (ii) Women Category A
  - (iii) Men Category B
  - (iv) Women Category B

#### Eligibility

- 42.2 Men and Women Category A: minimum grade 4<sup>th</sup> kyu and above, no maximum grade; 15 years or over in the calendar year of the tournament.
- 42.3 Men and Women Category B: 4<sup>th</sup> kyu and above, maximum grade 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyu; 15 years or over in the calendar year of the tournament.

#### Conditions

##### Men:

- 42.3 Maximum of five (5) competitors per team.
- 42.4 Minimum to compete as a team is three (3).
- 42.5 No weight restrictions apply.



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### Women:

- 42.6 Maximum no. of three (3) competitors per team.
- 42.7 Minimum to compete as a team two (2).
- 42.8 No weight restrictions apply.

### Conduct

- 42.9 Both categories:
- 36.10 Composite teams from more than one club may compete but can not be awarded winning medals. A special composite team award may be presented if appropriate. Clubs may enter multiple teams.

Prior to each contest, the team captains shall be called together and a coin tossed. The winning captain shall have the choices of:

1. Nominating his/her first competitor or,
2. Inviting the opposing captain to do so.

### Scoring

- 42.11 An exception to the scoring rules apply. A SCORE OF A WAZARI OR ABOVE IS REQUIRED TO WIN, OTHERWISE HIKE-WAKI (DRAW) IS GIVEN.

### SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

#### Teams

- 43.1 Teams tournaments are held primarily for competition between clubs. However, a system was introduced to allow Common Interest Groups (CIG's) to field combined teams. This has the effect of allowing clubs with insufficient members to make up combined teams to gain experience in teams competition.
- 43.2 This grouping is only applicable for Senior Weighted teams competition.
- 43.3 Clubs belonging to Common Interest Groups who have sufficient participating competitors to field an individual team MUST DO SO before any members can compete as part of a CIG combined team.



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### Categories

44.1 Categories shall be:

- (i) Men
- (ii) Women

### Eligibility

44.2 (i) Men:

- 15 years or over in the calendar year of the tournament.
- 4<sup>th</sup> kyu and above.

44.3 (ii) Women:

- 15 years or over in the calendar year of the tournament.
- 4<sup>th</sup> kyu and above.

### Conditions

44.5 Divisions shall be:

- Kyu Grades: 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Dan Grades: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

44.6 Division will be made where there are sufficient competitors.

44.7 There are no weight divisions.

44.8 However, if there are sufficient competitors, a balance may be:

Men U73kgs and over 73kgs and women U63kgs and over 63kgs.

### Conduct

44.9 As applicable to the type of draw being used i.e. Knockout, repechage, round robin etc.

### Selection Tournaments

44.10 The special provisions relating to particular tournaments will be advised as required.

44.11 Conduct of these tournaments will depend largely on current selection policy. While the basic regulations will not be contravened, the primary aim will be to assist selectors with assessment and selection of competitors.



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44.12 On request of the relevant State Coach or the Coaching Panel, seeding of competitors will be organised.

### **Ladder Tournaments**

44.13 These are periodically arranged by the State Technical Director.

### VETERANS TOURNAMENTS.

#### **Categories**

45.1 Categories shall be:

- (i) Men
- (ii) Women

#### **Eligibility**

45.2 (i) Men and women 30 years and over;  
(ii) 4<sup>th</sup> Kyu and above.

#### **Conditions**

45.3 Men:	
30 to 34 years	(i) Kyu grades (ii) Dan grades
35 to 39 years	(i) Kyu grades (ii) Dan grades
40 to 44 years	(i) Kyu grades (ii) Dan Grades
45 to 49 years	(i) Kyu grades (ii) Dan Grades
50 to 54 years	(i) Kyu grades (ii) Dan Grades
55 to 59 years	(i) Kyu grades (ii) Dan Grades
60 to 64 years	(i) Kyu grades (ii) Dan Grades
65 to 69 years	(i) Kyu grades (ii) Dan Grades



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70 to 74 years

- (i) Kyu grades
- (ii) Dan Grades

- 45.4 Weight divisions will be organised according to entries on the day but will (where possible) align with Senior Men and Women's weight categories.
- 45.6 Where possible Age divisions will not be amalgamated.

### **Conduct**

- 45.8 As for all grades.

### **NON-TITLE HOLDERS TOURNAMENT.**

- 46.1 Open to all financial competitors 4<sup>th</sup> kyu and above who have not won first place in a National Title, State Open, Kyu Grades, All Grades, State Team Selection event or other NSW (or other) State competition in an age group in which they have competed.
- 46.2 CIG and closed tournaments are not classed as open state tournaments.
- 46.5 Juniors must not have won a title within their age categories. Seniors must not have won a title in senior ranks to be eligible.

## Codes of behaviour

### Players:

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### Parents:

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose.
- Encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## **Coaches:**

- Remember that your people participate for pleasure, and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; the 'just average' need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## **Teachers:**

- Encourage young people to develop basic skills in a variety of sports and discourage overspecialization in one event, sport or playing position.
- Create opportunities to teach appropriate sports behaviour as well as basic skills.
- Give priority to free play activities, skill learning and modified sports over highly structured competition for primary school children.
- Prepare young people for intra and inter-school competition by teaching the basic sport skills.
- Make young people aware of the positive benefits of participation in sporting activities.
- Keep up to date with coaching practices and the principles of physical growth and development. Read and use the latest coaching and teaching resources for junior sport.
- Help young people understand the differences between the junior competition they participate in and the professional sport.
- Help young people understand that playing by the rules is their responsibilities.
- Give all young people equal opportunities to participate in administration, coaching and refereeing as well as playing.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## **Administrators:**

- Involve young people in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision-making related to the activity.
- Give all young people equal opportunities to participate.
- Create pathways for young people to participate in sport, not just as a player but as a coach, referee, administrator, etc.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
- Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, rather than winning at all costs.
- Give a code of behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, and encourage them to follow it.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## **Officials:**

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes that will make participation more enjoyable.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Give all young people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.



## **Spectators:**

- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Applaud good performances and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance, regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them, there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.