



# **Judo ACT COVID Safe Event Plan**

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## Version Control

Version	Date	Reason
1.0	March 2021	Plan development
1.1	April 2021	Updated based on expected attendance numbers & ACT Health requirements

## Introduction

The Judo ACT COVID Safe Event Plan (the Plan) for the Canberra International Open (IO) 2021 identifies and seeks to minimise the risks posed by COVID-19 to our judoka, coaches, officials, volunteers, spectators, families and the broader community. This Plan does not replace or alter existing regulations and safety requirements for events in the ACT.

Under the ACT *COVID Safe Event Protocol: A Safe Return to Events* (Version 5, February 2021) it is a requirement that all ACT event organisers have in place a written COVID Safe Event Plan. Under this protocol the Canberra IO is classified as a Class B (mid-level risk) event as the expected attendance is between 501 to 1000 people (excluding workers). For Class B events:

- A COVID Safe Event Plan including a summary of risks and risk mitigation measures must be developed.
- The COVID Safe Plan and details of the event must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Health Officer.
- An approved exemption from the Chief Health Officer is not required unless the event falls outside the requirements of the current Public Health Directions.
- Event organisers must register for and use the 'Check In CBR' app to collect patron contact details of anyone aged 16 years or older. It is mandatory for patrons to check in, and organisers must use their best endeavours to ensure that patrons do so.
- Events must ensure that the one person per two square metre rule is applied to all indoor and outdoor spaces

For the purposes of this Plan:

- 'Attendees' includes all participants, officials, and spectators.
- 'Participant' means competitors and coaches.
- 'Official' means referees, table officials, medical staff, and other people involved in the running of the event.
- 'Spectator' means any other person apart from participants and officials who is at the event.

**This plan is to be read in conjunction with the following:**

- Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Basketball & Netball Centre COVID Safety Plan
- ACT Health Public Health Directions

**Core considerations**

- Ensure density limits (one person per 2 square metres) can be maintained across the event site at all times, and that physical distancing requirements (1.5 metres) can be maintained where possible and as much as possible.
- The 'Check in CBR app' to collect patron details will be used.
- Facilities will be in place to enable attendees to maintain good hygiene (hand washing/sanitising, cough and respiratory hygiene).
- Clear messaging to stay home if unwell and get tested and not to attend if they have been in a COVID affected area – for all potential attendees.
- Regular cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces will occur.

## Contingency planning

- At all times, the Plan is subject to change to meet all regulations, guidelines and directions of government and public health authorities.
- If the situation in Australia worsens and ACT restrictions are tightened in the Public Health Directions, Judo ACT will revise the plan and consider:
  - Reduction of attendee numbers.
  - Event postponement and/or cancellation.

## Responsibilities under this plan

Judo ACT (the President) is responsible for approving the Plan.

The Judo ACT Tournament Committee retains the overall responsibility for the effective management, implementation and review of this plan.

The tournament committee has designated the following person as the Canberra IO point of contact for information relating to this plan:

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## Event Details

### Location

The Canberra IO is an indoor event being held at the Australia Institute of Sport (AIS), Basketball and Netball Centre, Leverrier St, Bruce, Canberra. Applying the one person per 2 square metre of usable space density rule, the maximum capacity at any given point in time is 470 people.

### Duration

The event occurs over one and a half days. The competition and weigh-in schedules are designed to separate age and weight categories so as to:

- Avoid large queues at entry and weigh in.
- Minimise overlap and contact between division-based groups of attendees.
- Comply with the one person per 2 square metre density rule.
- Allow regular cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces.

## Management of Attendees

### General

- There will be designated Entry and Exit flow routes at the venue.
- Officials will be in place to assist attendees to queue and move around the venue safely.
- There will be a cordoned off official area on the opposite side of the competition area (the tatami) from the spectator area.
- Only officials are permitted in the official area; participants may only be in the official area if called in by an official, or for medical treatment purposes. Spectators will not be permitted in the official area.
- The 'Check in CBR' app will be utilised to keep a record of everyone attending the event.

## The Event Program

- The Event Program highlights that the event is subject to all COVID-19 related regulations, guidelines and directions of the Australian government and public health authorities.
- The event program will provide a link to the Judo ACT COVID Safe Event Plan.

## Ticketing

- Electronic ticketing will be utilised for all attendees.
  - Contact details will be held for a minimum of 28 days after the event and will be available to public health authorities to assist with contact tracing if requested.
- The entry refund policy provides for a full refund for participants and spectators:
  - If the event is cancelled.
  - Who cannot attend because of a COVID related restriction.

## Pre-Event Communications

- An email will be sent to all registered attendees before the event reminding them not to attend the competition if they:
  - Are unwell.
  - Have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
  - Have travelled overseas in the previous 14 days.
  - Have been to a COVID affected area in the previous 14 days (refer to [www.covid19.act.gov.au](http://www.covid19.act.gov.au)).
  - That the 'Check in CBR' app will be in use and to please download the app.
- A Facebook post will be placed with the above messaging before the event.
- These restrictions will also be reiterated in the **event program**, and as part of the **ticketing** process.

## Communications During the Event

- The following physical distancing messaging will occur throughout the event via signage and announcements:
  - Avoid shaking hands, hugging or kissing other people.
  - Stay 1.5m apart.
  - Where possible, attendees are to assist in compliance with the maximum capacity requirements by departing the venue upon completion of their division(s).
- The following personal hygiene messaging will occur throughout the event via signage and announcements:
  - Practice good respiratory hygiene: wash or sanitise hands, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; when you cough or sneeze cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or cough into your elbow.
  - Go home if you are unwell.

## Accreditation

- An accreditation collection schedule will be created, to avoid overcrowding.
- Marks on the floor must be positioned for social distancing (1.5 m between persons).

## Weigh-In

- The weigh-in rooms will be located in sufficiently large spaces that provide for the required physical distancing of the participants and the officials conducting weigh-ins.
- Sufficient time will be available, and a weigh in schedule created, to avoid overcrowding.
- Marks on the floor must be positioned for social distancing (1.5 m between persons).
- Provision of alcohol-based hand sanitiser stations to allow competitors to disinfect their hands and feet before the weigh-in will be provided.
- The sequencing of participants for division-based weigh-in must be respected.

## Draw

- The Draw will be carried out in a room that is large enough to enable physical distancing.
- Chairs will be placed 1.5 m apart.

## During the event

- Tatami (**competition and warm-up**) must be:
  - Thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after assembly.
  - Cleaned and disinfected before commencing each Session, with sufficient time allowed for drying prior to starting the next Session.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitiser stations will be placed so as to allow competitors to disinfect their hands and feet before entering the mat and after leaving the mat.
- Social distancing (1.5 metres) will be observed in the judogi control area, pre-staging, and when entering and leaving the competition area.
- The warm up area is reserved for athletes competing in that session and only warm up partner is allowed.
- Only one Club Coach will be allowed in the warm up area.

## Officials

- Timing and scoring keyboards must be regularly sanitised. They must also be sanitised before and after any change in official operating these keyboards.
- Officials are not required to wear a mask; however, masks will be provided for any official who wishes to wear a mask.
- Participants who are being attended by medical officials must comply with the directions of medical officials in relation to COVID safe measures to be adopted, such as wearing a mask while being attended.

## Awards and Ceremony

- Physical distancing will be maintained.
- There will be no congratulatory handshake; only a judo bow is allowed.
- Medals will be presented on a tray. Athletes will place the medal around their neck themselves.

## Physical Distancing

- The one person per 2 square metre density rule will be applied.
- The placement of furniture (tables, seating etc) will be designed to comply with physical distancing recommendations of 1.5 meters between people.
- Floor markers will be placed on the floor in queuing areas.
- Attendees will be encouraged to keep 1.5 metres away from other people/groups they do not know.
- Groups may sit together but are to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from other groups, including in seating.
- Officials will be in place to assist attendees to queue and move around the venue safely.

## Personal and Environmental Hygiene

### Personal

- Wearing a facemask is not a requirement at this event. If you are at a high risk of developing severe illness with COVID-19, or unable to keep 1.5 metres distance from groups unknown to you, you should consider wearing a face mask.

### Environmental

- When cleaning, a detergent followed by a disinfectant (or a two-in-one product with cleaning and disinfecting properties) will be used.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitiser stations will be available throughout the venue, including but not limited to all entry and exit points, competition mat areas, the official area, etc. These will be checked and re-filled regularly.
- Regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces will be undertaken, including doors, chairs, bathrooms and toilets, hand rails and food and drink facilities.

## Management of people who present with illness

- Anyone who is feeling unwell should not attend the venue. Attendees are advised of this as part of the **ticketing** process and in the **pre-event communication** email sent to all attendees 48hrs prior to the event.
- Any attendee who reports that they have, or is reported to have, COVID 19 symptoms will be asked to leave the venue and seek COVID testing. For non-local attendees, the event medical officer and/or first aid officials will be able to provide advice regarding ACT testing locations.
- If an attendee reporting or reported to have COVID 19 symptoms refuses to depart, they will be asked to leave the event, by the Judo ACT President, and advised that disciplinary action may follow.
- The event has a medical officer and first aid officials on site at all times.

## Training in COVID-safe event practices for officials

- All event officials are requested to complete the COVID-19 infection control online training available for free at <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-infection-control-training>

## Catering Arrangements

### General

- There will be no self-serve or buffet-style food service, communal snack bars or communal condiments available.
- This is an alcohol free event.
- Attendees may bring food and drink to the event; however all food and drink waste and containers must be placed in the bins provided as soon as possible after the food or drink is consumed.

### Catering for officials

- Catering staff will be aware of safe food handling practices and heightened health and hygiene policies and procedures, such as the importance of practicing good hand hygiene and regular sanitation of food preparation surfaces and equipment.
- Distributed food will be pre-packed.
- All cups / spoons / cutlery must be disposable.
- Cold drinks must be bottled.
- A coffee station will be positioned to ensure 1.5 metres social distance from the nearest official station. Sugar will be in individual sachets and not loose.

## Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies

A risk assessment has been undertaken and mitigation strategies put in place. A modified World Health Organisation (WHO) mass gathering COVID-19 risk assessment tool for sports events was used to conduct this risk assessment. The Canberra IOs overall risk of transmission and further spread of COVID -19 is considered VERY LOW. This risk assessment will be reviewed on a regular basis, and particularly if the situation within Australia deteriorates and requires further control measures need to be put in place.

## Resources

ACT Health Public Health Directions <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/what-you-can-do/act-public-health-directions>

ACT COVID Safe Event Protocol A Safe Return to Events  
[https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/1628637/PICC0032-ACT-COVID-Safe-events-protocol.pdf](https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/1628637/PICC0032-ACT-COVID-Safe-events-protocol.pdf)

ACT Government's COVID-19 website <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/>

Australian Government Coronavirus Health Alerts  
<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/coronavirus-covid-19-current-situation-and-case-numbers>

Coronavirus (COVID-19) National principles for the resumption of sport and recreation activities <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-national-principles-for-the-resumption-of-sport-and-recreation-activities>

International Judo Federation (IJF) Protocol for Resuming IJF Events During the Covid-19 Pandemic, version January 2021 [https://78884ca60822a34fb0e6-082b8fd5551e97bc65e327988b444396.ssl.cf3.rackcdn.com/up/2021/01/IJF\\_Protocol\\_for\\_resuming\\_IJF\\_-1611521508.pdf](https://78884ca60822a34fb0e6-082b8fd5551e97bc65e327988b444396.ssl.cf3.rackcdn.com/up/2021/01/IJF_Protocol_for_resuming_IJF_-1611521508.pdf)

WHO Mass gathering COVID-19 risk assessment tool – Sports events  
<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/10665-333187>